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## Press Release

## JMI's Faculty of Dentistry conducts Induction Programme for BDS Batch of 2025

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The Faculty of Dentistry, Jamia Millia Islamia yesterday organized the Inaugural Session of the three-day Student Induction Programme, DEEKSHRAMBH -2025 for the BDS Batch of 2025 at the FTK-CIT Hall, Centenary Gate, JMI. Held under the patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, the Registrar, Prof.Mohd. Mahtab Alam Rizvi and the guidance of Prof. Keya Sircar, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, JMI, the programme was meticulously planned to introduce the newly admitted students to Jamia's academic and cultural ethos.

The session commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and the Jamia Tarana. Prof. Keya Sircar welcomed the dignitaries, faculty, students, and parents, congratulating the new batch for joining one of the country's premier dental faculties. She encouraged them to pursue learning with sincerity and empathy, noting that the Faculty is *on track to start postgraduate programmes (MDS)* in all nine dental specialties, advancing JMI's vision of academic growth and excellence.

Prof. Neelofer Afzal, Dean, Students' Welfare, highlighted the importance of holistic development and urged students to balance academics with participation in cultural and outreach activities. Prof. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Controller of Examinations, introduced students to JMI's examination systems, emphasizing discipline, regularity, and academic honesty.

Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, shared his own experiences of facing uncertainty while choosing his career path, inspiring students to face challenges with determination and self-belief. He encouraged them to uphold Jamia's values of integrity, inclusivity, and service while making the most of the opportunities ahead. The Chief Guest of the session was Prof. C. B. Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Vinoba Bhave University. A luminary academician, Prof. Sharma has been instrumental in shaping the National Education Policy 2020. In his motivational address, he urged the students to focus on their academic goals as well as on their co-curricular activities. He made them aware that true education lies in respecting cultural diversities and nurturing long- lasting friendships. Congratulating the Faculty, he reminded students that the white coat symbolizes purity, service, and responsibility.

The White Coat Ceremony, conducted by Prof. Keya Sircar, saw the new students don their white coats and take the Physician's Pledge, symbolizing their formal entry into the dental profession and commitment to ethical practice.

In his Presidential Address, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mazhar Asif, commended the Faculty for its progress and vision. He sensitised the students to respect women and highlighted that Jamia Millia Islamia has zero tolerance to gender bias and ragging. He emphasised the need to cultivate empathy towards patients as well as colleagues. He urged students to embrace

curiosity, discipline, and compassion, emphasizing that true education must be rooted in humanism, positivity, and social responsibility. He encouraged them to approach learning with optimism and a spirit of service, striving to become professionals who bring meaningful change to society.

The session was moderated by Prof. Anuradha Sharma, Prof. Deepika Bablani Popli, Prof. Mohd. Saleem and Prof. Mohd. Asad.

The event concluded with the vote of thanks by the Coordinator, Prof. Rana Noor, on behalf of all coordinators, Prof. Sazina Muzammil, Prof. Poonam Patnaik and Prof. Kashif Ali.

The inaugural session culminated with the soulful rendition of the national anthem.

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