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Public Lecture on Arthritis at JMI results in immediate help for a girl patient

Misconceptions about Arthritis, its causes and treatment were highlighted by noted Rheumatologist Prof.(Dr) Uma Kumar, HoD, Rheumatology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences(AIIMS), New Delhi at a Public Lecture to mark World Arthritis Day in Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) yesterday.

The lecture titled 'Arthritis & Other Musculoskeletal Problems' was jointly organised by Centre for Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation Science, Faculty of Dentistry and Dr. M.A.Ansari Health Centre and coordinated by Office of the PRO-Media Coordinator of JMI.

Highlighting several misconceptions about arthritis like it affects only old persons, leads to disability, women cannot conceive and makes people immovable; Prof. Kumar said that the disease is curable and the result of treatment is better if it is detected early.

Prof. Kumar said people fear and pay attention to diseases like cancer, diabetes, heart problem because these lead to deaths but ignore arthritis as it doesn't cause deaths and only results in making the patient immovable.

Prof. Kumar also responded to queries by various students and faculty members. The session took an emotional turn when a girl student with tears in her eyes and with chocked voice narrated the difficulties she has been facing for a long time to get an appointment for her to be treated at AIIMS. Consoling the girl Prof. Kumar asked her to come her office directly. She also asked another girl to bring her mother directly to her.

Prof. Kumar also had a nearly 30 minutes meeting with the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Najma Akhtar before delivering the lecture discussing issues relating to arthritis.

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