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Press Release

### **Students take Integrity and Anti Ragging Pledge at JMI**

The newly admitted students of M.A. Economics, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) took Anti Ragging and Integrity Pledge on 17.08.2023 at the model class room of the department. The students and faculty took pledge to build a corruption free India. The pledge was administered by Prof. Asheref Illiyan, Head, Department of Economics, JMI as part of a glittering induction programme organized for the newly admitted students. They pledged, inter alia, to follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life: to neither take nor offer bribe: to perform all tasks in an honest and transparent manner: to lead by example exhibiting Integrity in personal behaviour and to report any incidents of corruption to the appropriate agency.

The induction programme appraised the students of JMI's policy of zero tolerance towards Ragging and various provisions of UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009. UGC Anti Ragging helpline no. 1800-180-5522 and email [helpline@antiragging.in](mailto:helpline@antiragging.in) were shared to the students. The students took Anit Ragging pledge and promised that I will not indulge in Ragging or any form of violent behaviour. Neither will I tolerate being ragged or subjected to voilence. I understand that if I am accused of Ragging, the responsibility is on me to prove that I am not guilty. I will not remain a spectator to acts of Ragging. I will report the matter immediately to authorities.

The induction programme began with opening remarks and welcome speech by Prof. Asheref Illiyan. He extended a warm welcome to the newly admitted students and emphasized how Jamia provides ample opportunity for the overall growth and development of its students. He showcased how the foundation of JMI was embedded with the Indian freedom movement and highlighted the contribution of its founding fathers. He narrated the 103 years growth trajectory of Jamia and how it has come out with flying colours emerging as third best university in India in NIRF 2022 and 2023. He appreciated the efforts of Prof. Najma Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, JMI in taking Jamia to highest grade in NAAC and national and international ranking. He also presented a brief profile and achievements of the Department.

The induction programme was highly enriching to the students as it covered wide ranging issues from course structure to students life in Jamia. Prof. Saba Ismail explained the details of the course structure and Eco Insight, Annual E- magazine of the Deptt. Prof. Halima Sadia Rizvi spoke about gender sensitization and emphasized that JMI is an equal opportunity provider and there will not be any discrimination based on gender. Prof. Moonis Shakeel stressed the need for up skilling among the students to be industry ready. Prof. Nandan Nawn discussed the significance of academic calendar, feedback form and acquainted the students with UGC Anti Ragging website. Dr Aas Mohd explained availability of various resources in the Department Library. Dr. Vasim Akram spoke about subject association and Ecocracy, the annual academic and cultural festival of the Deptt. Prof. Shahid Ashraf exhorted the students to be curious and keep their eyes and years open to learn new things. The induction programme was concluded with screening of Jamia Video.

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