



New college at Hamdard

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JAMIA Hamdard University has been re-accredited with an 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Commenting on it, GN Qazi, vice-chancellor, Jamia Hamdard University, said, "With time, more people will become conscious of the grading system and will value it. The quantum of grants provided by the UGC to an 'A' grade college/university is more and 'A' grade colleges get precedence over other colleges. An 'A' grade university can get up to one crore as grant for all its departments through the special assistance programme (SAP). NAAC is slowly internationalising and so when students seek admission in a foreign university, they will not face a problem."

Jamia Hamdard is also setting up a medical college and two hospitals under the Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (HIMSR). "We have a traditional unani medicine college for undergraduate and postgraduate studies and we wanted to run a parallel modern medicine college," said Qazi. The two hospitals will focus on cancer and cardiovascular diseases. Both the hospitals will provide primary and secondary healthcare services. "Recruitment of staff is on. We have picked up 70 people last month. In the next two weeks, we will be hiring 20 more people to fulfil the minimum requirement by the Medical Council of India (MCI)," he added.

Talking about the admission criteria for students to the new medical college, Qazi said, "We will consider the all India entrance test marks and have 50% reservation for minorities as per the law." The courses offered in the new college will be MBBS and the university plans to launch other medical courses too when they get permission. "We will admit 100 students per-year," he added.

The super-specialty hospital on campus, which started with 150 beds, has increased to 350 beds. "In this hospital, patients pay Rs 30 as entry fee, 20 tests are done free of charge and 40 drugs are sold free. The total cost per-day is about one tenth of any reputed corporate hospital in Delhi," said Qazi.

Talking about future plans, he said, "We want to set up another campus in Haryana. The new campus would cater to developing skills among school dropouts, matriculates and among the uneducated. Traditionally the Muslim community has been a skilled community of artisans, craftsmen and carpet weavers but over a period of time, it got diluted. We would like to bring them back to the mainstream. The country needs a skilled workforce. Our workforce is not well educated and through the new venture, we want to provide them with rigorous vocational training."