

# Creating quality professionals

Providing prospects in pharmacy, medicine, management and social sciences, Jamia Hamdard is focusing on creating quality professionals with a thorough understanding of the industry

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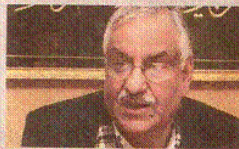
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The Jamia Hamdard campus boasts of a serene and peaceful atmosphere that starkly contrasts with its congested neighbourhood. That's not all. Archaic buildings overlooking the lush green campus make it one of the most beautiful in the city. But it wasn't like this a few years ago, informs Dr Gaurav Kumar Jain, who has spent close to a decade at the university, initially as a student and now as an assistant professor at the department of pharmaceuticals. Recollecting his days at the University, while he was a student of pharmacy, Dr Jain says, "When I opted for BPharm at Jamia Hamdard ten years ago, many confused the course with BCom and confined the university to, 'jo Rooh Afza banate hain' (Hamdard, the makers of a popular cold drink)

Many may continue to confuse it with Jamia Milia Islamia, but Jamia Hamdard is emerging from the shadows to assert its presence. The recent reaccreditation of the university by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC), in the A grade, just reinforces



The reaccreditation of the university in the 'A' grade by NAAC is a great achievement. The overall development and research published in international publications were key in getting us in the 'A' category



- Dr G N Qazi, vice chancellor, Jamia Hamdard.

the fact.

**Famous for:** Its pharmacy programmes. The faculty of pharmacy also offers a unique programme leading to PhD in pharmaceutical medicine in collaboration with Ranbaxy Research Laboratories.

**In the offing:** This year is likely to be an eventful one for the university, with a lot of firsts in the offing. Topping the list is the 'teaching hospital' being launched as part of the Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (HIMSR). The opening of this 350-bedded, fully air-conditioned medical facility will mark the centenary celebrations at the university. Other facilities will include state-of-the-art infrastructure, operation theatres and intensive care units.

Besides, the department of biotechnology has tied up with Hilleman Laboratories, a not-for-profit international organisation engaged in healthcare research for researching the science of

vaccines. Through this venture, next-gen vaccines will be developed to address challenges like shortage and portability. The research centre will be operational in the next three months.

In order to give further impetus to its aim to propagate alternate medicines, the university plans to introduce a doctoral programme in Unani medicine this year.

**Infrastructure:** The University boasts of a Campus wise Information System (CWIS), a well-stocked library, a computer centre, a convention centre, separate hostels for girls and boys, three canteens and an Amul centre.

**Extracurricular:** "The annual highlights of the university are RX Pharma Fest, Mosaic which is a cultural sports festival, Nerdz organised by FMSIT and Rendezvous an annual cultural evening for its foreign students," informs Ayesha Javed, a fourth-year BPharm student.

Jamia Hamdard traces its origin to a Unani clinic set up by Hakeem Hafiz Abdul Majeed in 1906. The legacy was carried forward by his son, Hakeem Abdul Hameed. The institutions set up by him from 1962 to 1989 amalgamated into Jamia Hamdard that was granted deemed university status

## wishlist

"Dance and music shows should be organised at regular intervals and there should be specific societies related to dance music and dramatics. Besides, a student union is also required for better communication with the management," says a student who doesn't wish to be named. While the demand for a student union didn't ring a bell with the vice chancellor, he favoured the idea of hosting events at the campus.

"Having events is a sensitive matter, but organising them once in a while is a good idea to give vent to students' energy," he says.

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