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**Department of Occupational Therapy of Jamia Hamdard Celebrated World
Occupational Therapy Day, 2024 and Diwali Mela**

New Delhi, November 01, 2024: The Department of Occupational Therapy of Jamia Hamdard celebrated World Occupational Therapy Day and Diwali Mela with a week-long series of vibrant events and activities held from 21st – 28th October, 2024. This year the focus is on "**Occupational Therapy for All**" which signifies the importance of occupational therapy in facilitating and improving the ability of the individuals, communities and populations from across the world to participate in the activities that they want, need or are expected to do in their daily lives.

The event was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) M. Afshar Alam** in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Shakir Ali, Dean, School of Nursing Sciences and Allied Health and Heads of various departments of Jamia Hamdard. The programme was organized by the Head, Department of Occupational Therapy, Dr. Rashida Begum under the guidance of Dean, Prof. (Dr.) Shakir Ali. It was a successful team effort and all faculty members of the department of occupational therapy contributed with their best efforts. Students of undergraduate and postgraduate programs made the event dynamic with their presence.

On this occasion, the Department of Occupational Therapy had organised several activities such as Release of Educational Booklet – A special educational booklet aimed at computer users was unveiled by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) M. Afshar Alam. Onsite Ergonomics Screening and consultation was done. Occupational Therapy Camp was also organised at the OT wing of Rehabilitation Centre, Jamia Hamdard, Nukkad Natak (Street Play) was performed by OT students that addressed issues of mental health & occupational therapy. Several competitions were organised for the students such as Best out of Waste, Rangoli Making, Poster Making and a Quiz competitions. The students also organized various Festive stalls and activities offering food, games, live sketching, creating an atmosphere of celebration and inclusivity. Awareness walk was done to create awareness about occupational therapy among the people and also free health screening was done by the Apollo Pharmacy.

Around 600 participants attended the event which included faculty members and students of various schools of Jamia Hamdard. The celebration's theme, "**Occupational Therapy for All**," is a call to action to recognize occupational therapy's unique contribution to enhancing quality of life across diverse populations. Jamia Hamdard's Department of Occupational Therapy is proud to continue this tradition of excellence, education, and community service, reaffirming its commitment to fostering holistic health and empowerment.

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