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Rufaida College of Nursing, Jamia Hamdard Hosts 27th Lamp Lighting & Oath Taking Ceremony for Nursing Students.

New Delhi, March 3, 2025: Rufaida College of Nursing, Jamia Hamdard, proudly celebrated the 27th Lamp Lighting & Oath Taking Ceremony on February 27, 2025, at the Convention Centre, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. The event marked a significant milestone for 126 B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing and Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery (DGNM) 1st-year students, symbolizing their formal induction into the noble profession of nursing.

The ceremony, which honours the legacy of Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of modern nursing and "The Lady with the Lamp," was graced by distinguished guests from across the healthcare and legal sectors. **Dr. Anju Rathi Rana, Additional Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India, was the Chief Guest, while Dr. Deepika Cecil Khakha, Nursing Advisor, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, served as the Guest of Honour.**

The event was presided over by **Prof. (Dr.) M. Afshar Alam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard**, who in his address, celebrated the significance of nursing in healthcare and expressed pride in the students' decision to embark on this noble path. He highlighted Jamia Hamdard's rich history of educational excellence and emphasized the continuing legacy of Rufaida College of Nursing, founded by Janab Hakeem Abdul Hameed Saheb in 1983.

Prof. (Dr.) Shakir Ali, Dean, School of Nursing Sciences & Allied Health, Jamia Hamdard, welcomed the new nursing students, urging them to embrace the challenges of their profession with dedication and passion. He emphasized that the lamp lighting ceremony signifies a student's transition into the compassionate and transformative field of nursing, where hard work and commitment know no bounds.

During the ceremony, **Prof. Veena Sharma, Principal, Rufaida College of Nursing**, presented the annual report, reflecting on the college's accomplishments in academics and research. Following the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, the light was passed to the students by Ms. Saba Hashmi (Assistant Professor, Rufaida College of Nursing) and Ms. Rajlaxmi, (Tutor, Rufaida College of Nursing). The Florence Nightingale pledge was administered by Dr. Anjali Kaushik, Assistant Professor, Rufaida College of Nursing, marking the students' official entry into the profession.

The Guest of Honour, **Dr. Deepika Cecil Khakha**, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the essential role of nurses in providing compassionate, patient-centered care. She urged students to approach their nursing journey with resilience and a deep sense of responsibility, knowing the profound impact they can make on healthcare outcomes.

The Chief Guest **Dr. Anju Rathi Rana** highlighted the holistic nature of nursing, which goes beyond medical care to encompass compassion, emotional support, and patient comfort. She spoke about the important role nurses play in achieving the goal of a Healthy India, contributing to the vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2027.

Dr. M.A. Sikandar, Registrar of Jamia Hamdard, congratulated the students for choosing nursing as their profession, a path that embodies selflessness and a deep commitment to humanity. He expressed confidence in their ability to contribute significantly to the future of healthcare.

In her address, **Dr. Heena Parveen**, an esteemed Educationist, underscored the diverse roles nurses play in patient care, emphasizing empathy, dignity, and dedication.

The ceremony concluded with the national anthem, as the newly inducted nursing students embarked on their journey to becoming skilled, compassionate, and dedicated professionals in the healthcare sector.

Md. Tauhid Alam





