

# Program Report On “PUBLIC LECTURE ON WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY”

Organised on  
9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

held at  
**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN UNANI MEDICINE**  
(Pharmacognosy & Pharmacology)  
**JAMIA HAMDARD, NEW DELHI**



The **Department of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry**, School of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (SPER), Jamia Hamdard, in collaboration with the **Centre of Excellence in Unani Medicine** (Pharmacognosy & Pharmacology) and in association with **Cell Gen Biopharma**, organized a **Public Lecture on World No Tobacco Day** on **9th June 2026** at the Auditorium, Centre of Excellence in Unani Medicine, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. The programme was attended by around 100 participants including faculty members, non-

teaching staff, students, and healthcare professionals. The programme was organized to raise awareness regarding the harmful effects of tobacco consumption and to promote tobacco cessation and preventive healthcare initiatives.

The programme began with a welcome address by Ms. Niharika, PhD Scholar, followed by the recitation of the Holy Qur'an. The event was graced by *Janab Hammad Ahmed, Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard; Prof. (Dr.) M. Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor; Prof. (Dr.) Uma Bhandari, Dean, SPER; Prof. (Dr.) Sayeed Ahmad, Head, Department of Pharmacognosy and Director, Centre of Excellence in Unani Medicine; and Mr. Akhil Gupta, Director, Cell Gen Biopharma.*

Prof. (Dr.) Sayeed Ahmad welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of tobacco awareness and prevention. Prof. (Dr.) Uma Bhandari and Prof. (Dr.) M. Afshar Alam addressed the audience and emphasized the role of educational institutions in promoting public health and healthy lifestyles.

The keynote lecture was delivered by *Dr. Praveen Kumar Bansal, Director, Oncology Services, Metro Hospital, Faridabad.* He spoke about cancer awareness, explaining the causes, risk factors, and progression of cancer, with special emphasis on the harmful effects of tobacco use. He highlighted the link between tobacco and various cancers, the importance of early diagnosis, and the need for preventive measures and lifestyle modifications. The lecture was highly informative and created awareness among participants about the importance of adopting a tobacco-free lifestyle.

*Mr. Akhil Gupta* appreciated the initiative and reaffirmed Cell Gen Biopharma's commitment to supporting health awareness programmes. A memento was presented to Dr. Bansal in recognition of his valuable contribution.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the National Anthem, group photograph, and high tea. The event successfully raised awareness about the dangers of tobacco consumption and reinforced the importance of cancer prevention and public health advocacy.