

**RUFAIDA COLLEGE OF NURSING
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**REPORT OF THE FREE VACCINATION DRIVE CONDUCTED AT MAJEEDIA UNANI
HOSPITAL, JAMIA HAMDARD**

In the current scenario of Covid-19 and after two deadly waves of the disease in India community seems to have knowledge about the disease and despite the widespread awareness through mass media about Covid-19 vaccination many people have fear in minds about vaccine. Myths about vaccination are overweighing the facts about the vaccine and there is large population which is still not willing for vaccination. Reasons for this non-compliance are non- affordability, long queues at vaccination centers and lack of accessibility of these centers.

In light of these facts, HNF and Rotary club with the help of Jamia Hamdard started the Free Vaccination Drive at Majeedia Unani Hospital from October 8, 2021 onwards. The drive was inaugurated by Mr.Hamid Ahmed, Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard. Professor (Dr.) M. AfsharAlam, Vice- Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard presided over the function. Mr. Aggrawal, President, Rotary Club, Professor S. Alam, Chief Proctor, S.S Saud, Registrar, Ms. Veena Sharma, Principal, staff of Majeedia Unani Hospital and Rufaida College of Nursing were also present. As an aid, Government of NCT of Delhi provided the resources such as 10000 Covishield vaccine doses and the manpower to execute it. The people in catchment area were sensitized to come forward for vaccination. To make the campaign effective pamphlets were distributed in the areas around Jamia Hamdard.

B.Sc. Honors Nursing final year students of Rufaida College of Nursing under the supervision of Ms. Seema Rani, Associate Professor and Ms. Anju Hooda, Tutor participated in the camp. The target set for vaccination each day was around 300. There was overwhelming response of the people towards this campaign. First three days were dedicated to the students and staff of Jamia Hamdard. The beneficiaries got a Covid Care Kit after vaccination which comprised of hand sanitizer, soap, N-95 mask and immunity booster food items like almonds, lassi, etc.

Student nurses enthusiastically participated in this camp by displaying and explaining charts and posters on Covid-19 to all the beneficiaries of vaccine. After the formal inaugural session all the dignitaries attended to the health talks given by them along with the general public. All were appreciative of the keen interest shown by the Principal, teachers and students from College of Nursing. Student nurses are posted all through the campaign from 9 am to 4 pm for the smooth execution of vaccination drive.

The topics included for the health education were;

- Introduction to Covid-19 disease
- Ways of spreading the disease
- Sign and symptoms of Covid-19
- Diagnosis and treatment of Covid-19
- Complications of Covid-19
- Prevention of Covid-19
- Do's and Don'ts after Covid-19 vaccination

Students and the teacher addressed the queries of the people related to vaccine and preventive measures of Covid-19 like breastfeeding after vaccination and going for job after vaccination, etc. The entire health talk is repeated periodically so as to maximize the benefit of the education. Information was given related to prevention and control of Dengue in community. Overall, This is a good learning experience for the students.

