

### **7.1.9. Sensitization of students and employees of the Institution to the constitutional obligations: values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens (within 500 words).**

In recognition of Article 51A of the Constitution which urges promotion of respect for ideals and institutions of the Constitution, Jamia Hamdard has been attempting to inculcate the spirit of the Constitution in the minds of its students and employees through its educational philosophy and activities.

Activities have been organised to celebrate the Constitution day. For instance, NSS Jamia Hamdard organised a programme on 26.11. 2019 to celebrate Constitution day. The Preamble was read out and importance of Fundamental Rights was highlighted by Prof Syed Mahtab Ali, NSS Program Coordinator and Convenor of this Programme.

School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Law and School of Engineering Sciences and Technology are offering as many as fifteen courses on Constitution and issues relating to Constitution. Several lectures have been organised at the University level on constitutional issues to disseminate the true spirit of the Constitution. On July 16, 2018 Justice (Retd.) Iqbal Ahmed Ansari, Chairperson, Punjab State Human Rights Commission delivered a distinguished lecture on 'Indian Judiciary: An Arbiter of Conflicting Interests', where he emphatically talked about the role of judiciary. On December 6, 2018 Prof (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Jha, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha delivered a distinguished Lecture on 'Hindustan Ki Awaaz: Voice of India' explaining how the survival democracy is intertwined with preservation of the Constitution. Salman Khurshid, former Cabinet Minister delivered another distinguished Lecture on 'Constitutional Morality' on November 11, 2019. He eloquently spoke about the philosophy embodied in the Constitution.

Jamia Hamdard has also been making efforts to implement Constitutional directions within its limited capacity. For instance, School of Law has taken an initiative to fulfil the mandate of Article 39A which calls for providing free legal aid to the poor and needy. A Legal Services Clinic has been established in collaboration with Delhi Legal Aid Services Authority (South), where practising lawyers visit to provide free legal assistance. Several legal awareness camps and social outreach events in the neighbouring areas have been organised on issues such as domestic violence, Motor Vehicles Act, consumer awareness etc. to make people aware about

legal and constitutional remedies. A workshop on Right to Information Act was also organised on November 19, 2019 to create awareness about right to information. Two former Central Information Commissioners, Prof. Sridhar Acharya and Prof. M. M Ansari graced this occasion and spoke about ways to meaningfully exercise the right to information. Similarly, a session on 'significance of Article 39A: Equal Justice and Free Legal Aid' was held on December 16, 2021.

School of Law also organised several lectures on constitutional issues such as 'Why Constitution Matters' by advocate Karuna Nundy on November 27, 2021, 'Indian Constitution and Minority Rights' by Abdul Matin, Assistant Professor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on December 2, 2021, 'Dr. B.R Ambedkar's Contribution to Indian Constitution' by Professor Narender Kumar, Chairperson, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi on March 7, 2022 and 'Elements of Constitutionalism in Indian Constitution' by Dr. P. Puneeth, Associate Professor, JNU on March 15, 2022.