The Department of Pathology & Blood bank, HIMSR organized a CME on Transfusion Medicine at Lecture Theatre 2, First floor, HIMSR building, Jamia Hamdard on 8th August, 2017. The scientific programme was accredited by the Delhi Medical Council for 1 hour and 30 minutes CME Credit hours. The CME was attended by approximately 100 delegates apart from the invited faculty and organizing committee (12 in number). Delegates from the various Institutes of Delhi, Noida and Ghaziabad attended it.

Prof Sujata Jetley welcomed the guest speakers & the delegates, she stressed that the aim of conducting this scientific programme was primarily to update our junior specialists on recent advances & various aspects of blood banking and component therapy. Honorable Vice Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard, Dr Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain graced the occasion by his presence. He spoke about the cutting edge technologies being developed in many labs & also the role of genetics in modern medicine. He also congratulated and encouraged the organizing committee of the CME.

Both guest speakers are stalwarts and well known for their contribution to the field of transfusion medicine. Dr Bharat Singh, Director State Blood Transfusion Council, Govt of NCT, New Delhi & Consultant Pathologist, Transfusion Centre GTB Hospital and Dr RN Makroo, President, Indian Society of Transfusion Medicine & Senior Consultant Transfusion Medicine, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, were the guest speakers on this occasion.

Dr Bharat Singh spoke on “Rational Use of Blood” which was very informative to the junior doctors in the audience. He stressed on the importance of hemovigilance and ensuring efficiency of all blood banks in maintaining a safe and accessible blood supply while keeping pace with accelerating demand for blood processing.

Dr RN Makroo spoke on “Recent Advances in Component Therapy with special emphasis on Leucodepleted blood products” He discussed the fact that today whole blood is regarded as a primary source from which many components are prepared and then issued depending on the specific requirement of the patient. The role of leucodepleted blood products in specialised groups of patients was also highlighted.

Dr Zeea S Jairajpuri, the Organizing Secretary of the CME proposed the vote of thanks.