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A Profile

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VISION

MISSION

To be a world class University committed to create and disseminate knowledge for human development and welfare

To create an intellectually stimulating environment, promote excellence in teaching, research and extension activities and facilitate academic freedom, diversity and harmony







n the spirit of its heritage as a premier institution in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, the University of Kashmir remains committed not only to create opportunities for higher education for students of the world in general and Kashmir in particular but to form a community built upon the valued relationships among its stakehold-

ers, students, faculty, staff and alumni. With five campuses and many academic and professional colleges across Jammu and Kashmir, the university approaches its mission with a commitment to excellence and an all-inclusive ethical policy governed by the following five interdependent core values.



INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS AND EXCELLENCE

The University is committed to ensure excellence in all its endeavors through a commitment to introspection, learning and critical thinking.



INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

The University encourages innovation and creativity, the twin factors of progress and genuine transformation. We empower individuals to envision possibilities and open new frontiers.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

The University promotes diversity and inclusivity thereby ensuring collaboration, progress, empathy and social cohesion.



INTERDISCIPLINARITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The University believes in an interdisciplinary and holistic approach to building knowledge. We also foster an awareness of environmental concerns, economic viability and social well-being.

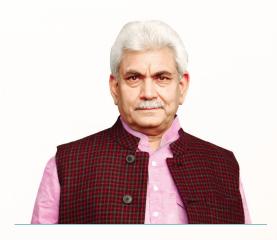


SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICAL INTEGRITY

The University is committed to impart social commitment through community engagement and instill moral and ethical principles in the university community.



CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY



hri Manoj Sinha assumed office as the second Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in August, 2020. Equipped with strong political and administrative acumen, Shri Sinha has worked consistently towards implementing administrative and developmental reforms. His road map of inclusivity and empowerment of common masses has ensured transparency, accountability and equal opportunity for all stake holders in the UT.

Shri Sinha has immense political experience and his career spans numerous important portfolios. A seasoned politician from Uttar Pradesh and a three time Member of Parliament, he became an MP for the first time in the 11th Lok Sabha in 1996. He was then elected to the 13th Lok Sabha in 1999, and served on the Standing Committee on Energy and the Committee on Government Assurances. During his third term in 2014, he was also appointed as the Minister of State for the Railways in the first set of ministers inducted in the first tenure of the NDA government. Driven by high ideals of hard work and diligence, Sh. Sinha is credited with ensuring the completion of various projects within specific timeframes during his tenure as minister. In July 2016, he was assigned charge of the Ministry of Communications. During this tenure, he ensured delivering the target of Bharat Net by connecting 1 lakh villages through broadband Internet by the end of December 2017, a task that had been pending since 2014. It was during his tenure that the much-awaited India Post Payment Bank was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August 2018 ensuring financial inclusion of a vast population in rural India. An avid agriculturalist and a Masters in Civil Engineering from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi, where he was also the President of the Student Union, Sh. Sinha is fondly called "Vikas Purush" (Development Man) for ensuring speedy growth of backward villages, which he considers a Nation Building strategy.

As Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Sinha has demonstrated effective governance and a deep understanding of policy and administrative issues. Dedicated to public service, his government is working tirelessly towards ensuring transparency and people-centric governance. Shri Sinha has a clear vision for development and transformation of the UT and has prioritized economic, social and infrastructural progress. As Chancellor of the university, Shri Sinha has focused on academic advancements and institutional reforms to align the university's objectives with emerging educational trends and regional needs. Under his patronage, the university has made impactful progress in academics, research and societal engagement.



PRO-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY



mar Abdullah is the current Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, having assumed office for the second time in October 2024. His earlier tenure as Chief Minister spanned from 2009 to 2014. He entered politics in 1998, becoming the youngest member of the Lok Sabha, a distinction he held across three successive elections. He was the Union Minister of State for External Affairs.

He became the youngest and the 11th Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir after forming a coalition government with the Indian National Congress on 5th January 2009. His leadership has been marked by efforts to modernize the state's governance while navigating its complex political landscape.

Omar Abdullah received his early education at Burn Hall School, Srinagar and later at Lawrence School in Sanawar, Himachal Pradesh. He is a Bachelor of Commerce Graduate of Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics. Before stepping into the world of politics, he was employed with ITC Limited and The Oberoi Group, where he gained experience in the corporate world.

A prominent political leader, Omar Abdullah is recognized for his vision, which combines progressive ideas with a focus on inclusivity and development. His leadership is also seen as dynamic and youthful, inspiring a new generation of political engagement. A notable aspect of his leadership has been his role as Pro-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, where he has shown a strong commitment to the growth and expansion of the institution. Under his guidance, the University has seen significant improvement in its infrastructure, academic offerings and research capabilities. His proactive support for educational initiatives in the region further underscores his dedication to building a stronger future for Jammu and Kashmir.



VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY



rof. Nilofer Khan assumed charge as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir in May, 2022 and has the distinction of being the first woman Vice-Chancellor of the university. Her appointment was hailed as a welcome step keeping in view the importance of having women's representation in institutes of higher learning. Since assuming office, Prof. Khan has worked fervently towards effective governance, student welfare and maintaining high academic standards. Under her able and dynamic leadership, the University is also making significant progress in gender equality and inclusivity.

A distinguished academician, Prof. Khan has a teaching experience of more than 37 years. In her long career as a teacher, she has supervised more than 25 Ph D scholars and 9 M Phil scholars. She held the position of Director, Institute of Home Sciences at the University of Kashmir for several years and was instrumental in introducing new courses in the curriculum which include M. Sc. in Dietetics and Clinical Nutrition and M. Sc. in Human Development. Prof. Khan has authored five books which have won both national and international acclaim. She has published extensively and has more than seventy publications in reputed national and international journals.

Prof. Khan has also served the corporate life of the University of Kashmir in several important academic and administrative capacities, including Dean, College Development Council, Registrar and Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman Dean, Students Welfare of the University and Founder Director, Centre for Women's Studies and Research. Prof. Khan has been a member of various important governing bodies of the University, including the University Council, University Syndicate, Academic Council and Finance Committee. She has also been chairperson of Students' Grievance Committee (University of Kashmir) and Chairperson Internal Complaints Committee (University of Kashmir).

During her illustrious career, Prof. Khan has visited many countries and has gained considerable exposure in the fields of academics and administration. In 2003, she visited several universities in the USA to study the academic and examination system under an international visitors' programme. She has also visited a number of universities and colleges in Australia, Malaysia, Sudan and UAE.

In her various academic and administrative positions, Prof. Khan has worked with utmost dedication and commitment towards discharging her professional responsibilities. She is a staunch supporter of women's empowerment and education especially those from marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society. Prof. Khan has served as UGC coordinator for the programme "Capacity Building of Women Academicians in Higher Education". She has also received an Award of Honor given as a recognition to women academicians working for the cause of women empowerment.

As Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Khan has embarked on a mission to make the University of Kashmir a true center of excellence both at the national and international levels. Highly aware of the need to develop high standards of education and research, Prof. Khan has consistently promoted dissemination of knowledge, cutting-edge research, multidisciplinary education and an innovative ecosystem as key goals of the institution. Alongside this ambitious vision, Prof. Khan is also committed to transforming the University into a hub of women's empowerment in all spheres including academics, research, extension education and leadership.



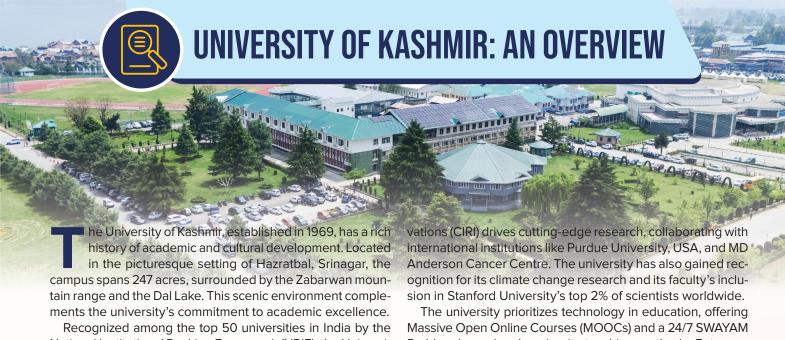
The University has consistently figured in the top 50 Universities of the country. It has also been ranked as **45**th (University category) and **14**th (State Public University) in the country as per the latest **NIRF-2024.**











Recognized among the top 50 universities in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NRIF), the University of Kashmir is ranked 14 th among State Public Universities with a score of 61.66 and 45 th in the University category with a score of 54.43 in the year 2024 by the NIRF. The university is graded A+ in Cycle III with a CGPA of 3.31 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The university is also ranked 166 th by QS rankings (South Asia) in 2024.

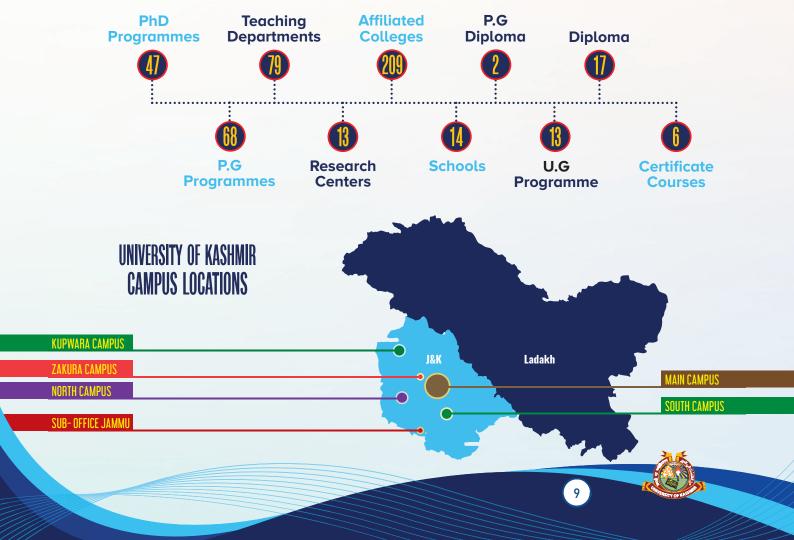
The university offers a wide range of programs, including 47 PhD, 68 postgraduate, and 13 undergraduate courses across 209 affiliated colleges. The institution has been at the forefront of implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at the undergraduate level and aims to expand it to postgraduate programs.

Research and innovation are integral to the university's mission. The Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Inno-

The university prioritizes technology in education, offering Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and a 24/7 SWAYAM Prabha channel, enhancing its teaching methods. Entrepreneurship is encouraged through the Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship (CIIE), which has already secured several patents.

With more than 60% female representation in postgraduate programs, the University of Kashmir is a leader in gender equity. Its participation in the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) project and receipt of the GATI Achievers award highlight its commitment to promoting women in STEM fields.

Under the leadership of its first female Vice-Chancellor, Prof.Nilofer Khan, the university continues to advance in academics, research, and administration, ensuring that it remains a significant force in higher education both nationally and globally.





MULTI-CAMPUS REGIONAL PRESENCE

he University of Kashmir has the distinction of being a multi-campus Higher Education institution with four satellite campuses spread across various regions of Kashmir in addition to the main campus. By ensuring a regional presence, the university has spread its reach to remote areas of J&K. This has not only resulted in the advancement of Higher education in these regions but also promoted social and economic productivity.

SOUTH CAMPUS

South Campus, University of Kashmir, was established in 2008 as the first satellite campus of the university at Fatehgarh, Anantnag in a breath-taking landscape, overlooking beautiful mountain ranges and serene valleys. The aim of establishing the campus was to make Higher education accessible to all especially students from far off and remote areas. Over the years, this campus has become a preferred destination for students belonging to diverse regions of Jammu and Kashmir, for Post Graduate degree programmes in the disciplines of Business Administration, Computer Sciences, Mathematics, English, Education, M.Ed. and Urdu.



NORTH CAMPUS



The North Campus of the University of Kashmir is operational since 2009 at upper Delina, Baramulla. Initially, two programmes – Masters in Computer Applications (MCA) and B. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering were launched which was followed by M.A English. Five years (BBA+MBA) Integrated Masters Programme in Business Administration (IMBA) was launched from June-July 2012. The campus presently focuses on job- oriented professional and non-professional courses with the aim to provide access to people living in these distant areas to Higher education. By opening this campus, the University has paid special attention to the improvement of social and economic conditions and welfare of the people dwelling in these remote areas by enhancing their intellectual, academic and cultural development through education.



KUPWARA CAMPUS

The Kupwara campus of the University of Kashmir, functional since 2023 is situated in midst of lush green forests at Wayan, a part of Kahmil watershed of the Kupwara district. The campus made a small beginning with the introduction of two Five-year integrated courses in Energy Studies and Physics. Another integrated course in Arabic has also being introduced recently. The main emphasis is to provide innovative courses with a wide range of job opportunities, marketability and societal relevance. The mission is to provide quality education at the door steps of the people living in remote corners of the valley and outside.



INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (IOT) ZAKURA



Institute of Technology, Zakura Campus, is a constituent Institute of University of Kashmir. Established in 2014 with the approval of University Council and the Govt. of J&K, Institute of Technology has achieved prominence among technical institutions of the UT of J&K in a short duration of less than a decade. The institute offers B.Tech. programme in all the major engineering branches viz. Electronics and Communication, Electrical, Mechanical and Civil Engineering, and MTech. in Electronics and Communication, Power System and Control (Electrical Engineering) and Design Engineering (Mechanical Engineering). All the courses offered at the Institute are AICTE approved. Established in 2014, the Institute of Technology (IoT) at Zakura is University of Kashmir's prestigious constituent engineering college.

For students seeking advanced studies, IoT offers Master of Technology (M.Tech.) programs in the Electronics & Communication, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. Admission is through the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) examination. In addition, IoT offers several short-term skill-based training programs through the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE).



NAAC Accredited A+ University, ranking 14th Top SPU in NIRF 2024. Located on the banks of the Dal Lake with a lush green campus of Chinar trees and well-planned green spaces, surrounded by the Zabarwan mountain range, the University provides a picturesque ambience for academic and co-curricular activities.

A multi-campus institution, with four satellite campuses spread across regions- Baramulla, Anantnag, Kupwara and Zakura campus- in addition to the Main campus at Hazratbal, Srinagar.

As an apex institute of higher learning in the geographically and climatically distinctive Himalayan region, the university is of special interest to researchers in the areas of Geology, Ecology, Biodiversity, Anthropology, Glaciology, Art, culture, history and heritage.

79 teaching departments and 13 research centres/ institutes offer 68 PG programmes, 12 UG programmes, 47 PhD programmes and 35 Diploma and Certificate courses. The University has shifted to a School system instead of a Faculty system, with 14 Schools in place to facilitate cross disciplinary learning.

The University has an independent, well-established system for student admissions, evaluation and examination, teaching and research, staff recruitment and promotion, student welfare and progression, curriculum planning and development, financial and administrative management. Most of these activities have been automated through an e-governance system.

Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA) ensures quality in the entire workflow system besides Academics, Research and Faculty development.

The University is among the first few universities of the country that have implemented the National Education Policy-2020 at the UG level and has students in their sixth semester at present with their curriculum aligned as per NEP-2020.

The University has put in place e-governance and IT-based initiatives and interventions in key sectors of administration including admissions, examination, evaluation, recruitment, promotions, research, administration and accounts to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency in the workflow system.

The University has its own official social media handles on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. The University broadcasts a weekly radio digest and a weekly video digest Quest highlighting major activities and achievements.

A good number of departments of the University comprising 25% of all the departments have been funded under central schemes like SAP, FIST, BSR, VPHD etc.

The University is the only institution in the Union Territory of J&K with NABET Accreditation for the conduct of EIA and EMP.

It is one of the few universities in the country with a well-established EMRC for the production of e-resources for teaching and learning.

The University has taken a lead in the production of e-contents, e-tutorials, open education resources (OERs) and massive open online courses (MOOCs) to supplement traditional modes of teaching and face the eventuality of unforeseen circumstances.

The University offers a diverse basket of courses under the Choice-based Credit System to meet the requirements and interests of students from diverse backgrounds which promotes flexibility and student-centric curricula.

The University promotes gender-sensitivity on campus and has structured academic courses and regulatory bodies in place to ensure its successful implementation.

The University has established formal collaborations with national and international universities in executing bilateral and multilateral international projects, national network collaborative projects and signed formal MoUs.

The University has state-of-the-art facilities in terms of laboratory infrastructure especially in Biological and Earth Science streams.

Allama Iqbal Library is the first ISO certified University Library in India, fully automatedit uses the Integrated Library Management Software "Virtua" with a diverse collection on a wide range of subjects.

The University believes in active and participatory involvement in broader matters of national and cultural integration which was evidenced by its hosting of the Y-20 event in May, 2023 as part of India's G-20 presidency.

The University of Kashmir has earned a stature in the Higher Education and research landscape of the country, and is making significant progress in its mission of pursuing academic excellence. Following is a list of some major achievements in academics and research in the recent past.

Centre for Excellence in Glaciology, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Kashmir: The Department of Earth Sciences has been awarded a Centre for Excellence in Glaciology by SERB-DST with a financial assistance of Rs. 10.00 Crores.

Centre for Himalayan biodiversity Documentation, Bioprospection and Conservation: The University, in recognition of the work done on various facets of Kashmir Himalayan Biodiversity, was awarded "Centre with Potential for Excellence in a particular Area (CPEPA)" by the UGC.

The University of Kashmir has bagged a research grant of Rs.10.00 crores under the prestigious Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE) programme of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

The University has joined the prestigious DBT-BUILDER programme and received Rs.10.00 crore DBT-BUILDER grant for promotion of interdisciplinary research and education.

Following reaccreditation of the University of Kashmir with NAAC A+ grade, the University got a Rs. 50 crores grant under component 10 of RUSA 2.0 that includes Rs. 35 crores for research and Rs. 15 crores for innovation, entrepreneurship and skill development.

Under the national brain gain initiative, the University has established a Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovations with an objective to bring back talented young Indian-origin scientists from abroad through prestigious Ramanujan and Ramalingaswami and DBT/Welcome Trust fellowships. It is an initiative to convert brain drain into brain gain and develop the University of Kashmir into a hub of scientific discovery and innovation. This initiative is already showing results as the quality of papers and number of big research grants have significantly increased.



The University has established a Centre for Advanced Instrumentation Facility which houses high-end research equipment. The centre will eventually become a centre for collaborative interdisciplinary research and raining hub for students.

National Himalayan Ice-Core Laboratory: The Department of Geology stands granted an assistance of around 8.00 crores for the establishment of this lab by the Department of Science & Technology.

SPARC Scheme: The University of Kashmir figures in the top 100 universities in the country and has become eligible for the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Collaborative Research (SPARC)- an initiative launched by the Ministry of Education.

Global Research Collaborations: The University has signed Memoranda of Understanding with several institutions of eminence both in India and abroad. The number and quality of research papers has significantly increased over the years. Around 7572 publications of the University appeared in major globally reputed databases such as Scopus and Web of Science etc. from 2015 till date with total citations of 509967 depicting the University's progress in quality research. Also, the h-index of the University in Scopus has witnessed a quantum leap and stands at 72. Prominent partner institutions include MD Anderson Cancer Center, USA, Laval University, Canada, Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Protein Research, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, University of Montreal, Canada, Baylor College of Medicine, USA, University of Dundee, UK, Sidra Hospital, Qatar, University of Edinburgh, UK, Purdue University, USA, National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad.

More than 10000 students from the University of Kashmir have qualified various competitive examinations like NET, SET, GATE, JRF etc since 2015. Further, around 1140 PhD degrees have been awarded in various disciplines since 2015.

The University has been shortlisted for Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI) programme by the Department of Science & Technology, GOI







ACADEMIC REFORMS

Faculty recruitment based on empirical credentials with minimal emphasis on interview.

Course Review Committees under the Chairmanship of respective Deans with students' representatives as members constituted to review the course completion to the satisfaction of students before the commencement of examination.

School system implemented for promoting cross-disciplinary teaching & research and facility sharing.

Performance of freshly appointed teachers and their clearance of probation linked to student feedback and defense through presentation.

In-house built student friendly mobile App developed to facilitate students' live interface with the University.

The University joined the elite club of institutions that offer Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCS) that are approved and mandated by UGC and the Ministry of Education.

The University added an e-dimension to its teaching through an in-house developed e-tutorial application that was launched live successfully through the university website, especially to compensate for the time loss of students due to unforeseen circumstances. Through this system, faculty members can add, view and delete tutorials for their assigned subjects after successfully logging into e-Tutorials while students can download subject-wise tutorials uploaded by the faculty.

The University became one of the only few institutions in the country to be completely compliant with the National Academic Depository (NAD) and a Directorate of NAD and Data Analysis was established for this purpose.

A Policy of sharing feedback of evaluation of teachers by students with the concerned faculty members through their respective Deans is strictly followed. This enables the appreciation of best performers and counselling of the relatively poor performers.



EXAMINATION REFORMS

Unit/Credit based continuous assessment has replaced traditional examinations to reduce time loss in conducting exams and ensure continuous monitoring of student performance.

Student approval for answer book evaluation mandated to make evaluation process completely transparent.

Live marks visualization system introduced to enable students to see their marks as soon as they are uploaded by evaluators.

Credit transfer policy was adopted so that students complete their requisite credits from the department/institution of their choice under the Choice Based Credit System.

Degree Certificate modernized with a number of smart features.

For timely completion of all Degrees, advance examination dates sheets are notified at the beginning of each semester in order to ensure that all the stakeholders remain aware of the time lines. Academic calendar has been restored and a uniform academic calendar notified by the UT Govt. is being followed in letter and spirit.



ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

e-Governed File Tracking System and e-Governed Office Management System has been put into practice.

Proposal submission and disposal online through e-Note/s and e-Office.

Budget Assessments and Approvals Committee (BAAC) constituted with outside University members to assess and approve budget for different expenditures purely on the basis of zero-based budgeting principle. Our University is probably the only university in the Government and semi- government sector to have introduced such zero-based budgeting system.

Well-defined and duly approved policies such as Hostel Accommodation Policy, I.T Policy, Promotion and Transfer Policy, Policy for Gold Medals, Recruitment Policy, Purchase Policy, Financial Reforms Policy, Research Policy including policy for incentivizing research grant submission, Policy for specially-abled students, Anti-plagiarism Policy etc. have been put in place.

Online application system put in place for all the positions enabling fee payment and status checking. In fact, Kashmir University became the first University in India to have e-Recruitment in tune with UGC's 4th amendment for Associate Professor and Professor positions.

Dashboard for Recruitment Section generates shortlisted candidates automatically with eligibility check by the e-Recruitment system, besides auto generation of call letters with email and SMS sending through e-Recruitment system to applicants.

Online calculation of APIs and automated short-listing has made recruitment transparent and efficient.

Concept of rolling advertisement realized to speed up the recruitment process.

Introduction of digital India initiatives viz-a-viz e-tendering, GeM portal, PFMS, DBT scheme in the University Financial Administration.





NEP (2020) IMPLEMENTATION: LEADING THE WAY

he University of Kashmir is the first Higher Education Institution in J&K to implement the New Education Policy NEP (2020) recommendations in all affiliated colleges starting August 2022. This landmark step, aimed at systemic educational reform was undertaken to encourage inclusion, critical thinking, flexibility of choice, skill-based and experiential learning as spelt out in the policy. This step will go a long way in not only ensuring educational reform but significantly altering the educational landscape of the region. The university has framed innovative, skill-based, and multidisciplinary curricula for both major and minor courses, shifting from traditional rotebased education to dynamic, student-centric, and result-oriented syllabi. At the postgraduate level,

curriculum planning in adherence to NEP (2020) is already in place. Initiatives taken include curricular flexibility, multidisciplinarity, experiential learning, respect for diversity and local context, extensive use of technology, creativity and critical thinking. The university is ready to admit the first batch of students under the newly constituted PG framework in accordance with NEP (2020) in August 2025. In May, 2024, yet another innovative step was the launch of the Four-year undergraduate DYD (Design Your Degree) program. This student-centric framework allows students to shape their academic journey and pursue their interests with freedom and flexibility. It empowers students to curate their degree, fostering self-confidence, critical thinking





and breaking down barriers between disciplines.











niversity of Kashmir is committed to addressing global, local, and regional developmental needs through its curriculum, which is meticulously designed to align with global standards while fostering intellectual exchanges among teachers, students, and researchers. The university offers a diverse range of courses across disciplines, including traditional, skill-based, entrepreneurial, and digital technology programs. It integrates practical skills into its curriculum to promote holistic student development. More than 90% programmes have components of field projects, research projects and internships. Electronic, digital media and other digital components have been incorporated in over 86% courses offered through distance learning mode.

Curriculum updates are rigorously managed by statutory bodies like the Boards of Postgraduate and Undergraduate Studies, which include external experts and student representatives. These boards regularly review the curriculum to ensure alignment with the National Curriculum Framework and competitive exams such as NET, JRF, and Civil Services. The university has implemented the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) across most undergraduate and postgraduate programs, allowing students to choose electives that foster multidisciplinary education.

In line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the university introduced a multidisciplinary curriculum for the four-year undergraduate program (FYUP) in 2022. This curriculum is aligned with the Learning Outcome-Based Curriculum Framework (LOCF)

and focuses on clearly defined Program Outcomes (POs), Course Outcomes (COs), and Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs). The curriculum is regularly updated to meet the demands of the global job market, ensuring that students are exposed to contemporary global advancements. In addition, about 24% new courses have been introduced over the past five years.

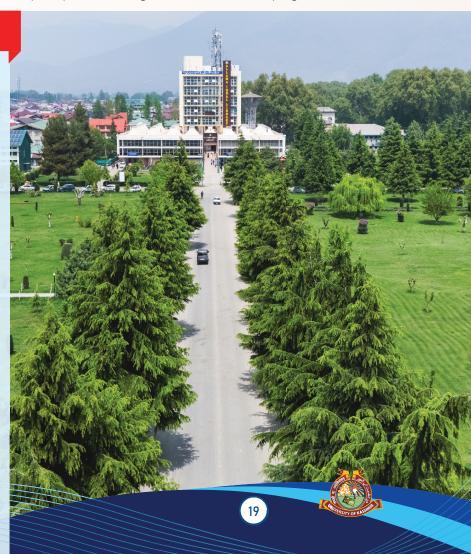
The university emphasizes employability, skill development, and entrepreneurship by integrating industry-relevant courses into its curriculum. It offers hands-on training, internships, and research opportunities through programs like B. Tech., M.Tech., MCA, and MBA. The Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovations (CIRI) and the Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) promote innovation and entrepreneurship.

The university also focuses on gender equity, environmental sustainability, and human values. It has been recognized for its efforts in promoting gender sensitivity and environmental education. The implementation of NEP 2020 across all affiliated colleges and the launch of the "Design Your Degree" (DYD) program highlight the university's commitment to creating a progressive, student-centric educational environment that values diversity and interdisciplinary learning.

The university has a structured Feedback system that allows participation and dialogue among all stakeholders including students, teachers, employers, parents, alumni etc. This not only ensures quality checks and balances but also enhances academic growth and institutional progression.

KEY POINTS

- Curricula regularly updated by Statutory bodies
- Choice-based Credit system to ensure flexibility and encourage student interest.
- Courses are aligned with the National Curriculum Framework and competitive examinations like NET, JRF and Civil Services.
- 90% programmes have components of field projects, research projects and internships
- 661 new courses introduced
- Introduction of Multidisciplinary curriculum for Four-year Undergraduate programme (FYUP)in accordance with NEP (2020) guidelines.
- 'Design your Degree' launched in May 2024.
- 86% of courses offered through the Distance mode have electronic, digital media and other digital components.





RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND EXTENSION

niversity of Kashmir has made notable advancements in research, innovation, and outreach from 2019 to 2023, driven by a comprehensive Research Promotion Policy that supports both faculty and student research initiatives. During this period, the faculty and researchers have:

- Published over 3,300 high-impact papers in SCI and Scopus-indexed journals
- Authored more than 2500 books and book chapters
- Secured eight national patents
- Received more than 50 national awards for their research contributions

Additionally, the University has achieved a significant milestone by awarding 1,027 Doctorates in the last five years. It has also successfully obtained funding for over 190 research projects, totaling more than INR 120 crores from various government and non-government sources.

To further enhance its research capabilities, the University established the Centre for Advanced Instrumentation, which strengthens the region's research ecosystem. This center features cutting-edge equipment, including:

- Orbitrap mass spectrometer
- FACS cell sorter for cell analysis
- Powder X-ray Diffraction (PXRD)
- Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GCMS)

In 2023, the university inaugurated an Intellectual Property Cell to cultivate a robust culture of intellectual property awareness and innovation.

In the realm of innovation and entrepreneurship, the university founded the Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) in 2021, which has since supported 87 innovations. CIIE has secured nine patents on behalf of students and innovators. The Center is involved in mltiple programs and activities like KAPTLJ, NISP, YUKTI, Innovation Ambassador, Impact Series, Mentor-Mentee programs, and Smart India Hackathon. The CIIE is listed

as a training centre on the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDHI) portal and nodal center for Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0

The New Gen IEDC at the University of Kashmir, backed by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) under DST, GOI, focuses on nurturing entrepreneurial skills among students and facilitating start-up creation.

The establishment of National Innovation Foundation (NIF) Cell at the University of Kashmir is to identify and promote the Indian Knowledge System and support grassroots innovation. The NIF Cell has:

- Scouted more than 11,000 innovations, traditional knowledge, and plant protection practices from J&K.
- ♦ Filed more than 73 patent applications on behalf of innovators
- Secured 12 patents to date.
- ◆ 25 innovations have been recognized at the Biennial Presidential Awards and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE Awards, and two innovators have been invited to the Rashtrapati Bhavan's Innovation Scholar-in-Residence program.

In September 2024, fourteen Professors/ Scientists from the University of Kashmir featured in the prestigious list of the world's top 2 percent most widely cited scientists for 2024 according to the research database released by Stanford University. This remarkable achievement underscores the university's commitment to academic excellence and research impact across various disciplines. It not only highlights the individual brilliance of our professors but also reinforces Kashmir University's position as a leading institution in the realm of higher education and research.

Beyond research and innovation, the university has conducted over 200 extension and outreach activities, including seminars, workshops, and training programs. These efforts, organized through NSS/NCC, Directoarte of Lifelong Learning (DLL) and the Department of Student Welfare, underscore the university's commitment to addressing contemporary scientific and societal challenges through innovation and community engagement.

KEY POINTS

- 14 Professors/Scientists featured in Stanford University's 2024 list of the world's top 2% most cited scientists.
- Over 3,300 high-impact research papers published in SCI and Scopus-indexed journals.
- More than 2,500 books and book chapters authored by faculty and researchers.
- Over 50 national awards received for outstanding research contributions.
- 1,027 PhDs awarded in diverse disciplines across five years.
- INR 120+ crores in research funding obtained for 190+ projects.
- Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) supported 87 innovations and filed 9 patents.
- National Innovation Foundation (NIF) Cell scouted 11,000+ traditional innovations and secured 12 patents.
- 200+ outreach activities conducted, fostering community engagement and societal impact.







TEACHING-LEARNING AND EVALUATION

niversity of Kashmir has established itself as a leader in innovative teaching methodologies, transforming learning into a dynamic and impactful experience. In alignment with cutting-edge, student-centered educational philosophies, the university has seamlessly integrated experiential learning, participative learning, and problem-solving strategies into its curriculum. This pioneering approach has redefined education, making it not just engaging, but profoundly practical. Experiential learning empowers students to translate theory into real-world action, bridging the critical gap between academic knowledge and its application. Participative learning drives deep collaboration and active engagement, promoting a deeper mastery of complex subjects. The problem-solving methodologies challenge students to think analytically, critically and creatively, preparing them to manage complex issues in various fields.

Our institution's concern for holistic student development is exemplified through the dynamic implementation of the Mentor-Mentee Schemes. These schemes address both the academic difficulties and psychological hurdles faced by learners. Each student is paired with a dedicated mentor who provides personalized guidance, substantiating that academic goals are met while offering crucial emotional support. This close

mentor-mentee bond inspires students, driving them toward focused academic excellence.

Moreover, the university places a strong emphasis on leveraging ICT-enabled tools and online resources to elevate the teaching-learning experience. With cutting-edge technology, faculty members utilize digital platforms, multimedia presentations and online databases for integrating content that is not only engaging but also impactful. These technological advancements augment accessibility and cater to diverse learning styles, emphasizing that every student is actively and meaningfully engaged in their educational journey.

Against this background, the university is deeply committed to evaluating its students' learning levels. To identify variations in understanding and proficiency, the varsity conducts assessments at regular intervals. Following these evaluations, special programs such as remedial classes, enrichment courses, and personalized tutoring sessions are organized to ensure that no student falls behind due to difficulty in grasping the course content.

The University is dedicated to promote an empathetic and supportive academic environment, achieved through comprehensive Mentor-Mentee Schemes, student-driven learning methods, and targeted programs designed to meet the diverse learning needs of its students.



KEY POINTS

Innovative Teaching:

- Transforms learning into a dynamic and practical experience
- Embraces student-centered educational philosophies

Integrated Teaching Methodologies:

- Experiential Learning: Connects theory to real-world application
- Participative Learning: Fosters collaboration and active engagement
- Problem-Solving Strategies: Builds critical, analytical, and creative thinking skills

Mentor-Mentee Scheme:

- Focus on holistic student development
- Each student is paired with a dedicated mentor
- Mentors support both academic goals and emotional well-being

ICT-Enabled Learning:

- Use of digital platforms, multimedia presentations, and online databases
- Enhances accessibility and engagement for diverse learning styles
- Promotes meaningful and interactive learning experiences

Learning Assessment & Support Programs:

Regular evaluation of student learning levels

Student-Centric Environment:

- Empathetic and inclusive academic ecosystem
- Emphasis on personalized learning, continuous improvement, and emotional support



Number of Awards received for Research/Innovations by the Institution/ Teachers/Research Scholars/Students during the last five years

S. No	Department	Name of the awardee	Name of the award	Name of the awarding body	Category of award (innovation/techology transfer etc)	Year of award
1	Eath Science	Prof. Shakeel A. Ramshoo	Satish Dawan Award	ISRS	Remote Sensing Innovation	2018
2	EMMRC, University of Kashmir	Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat	Darbhanga IFF Awards 2018	Darbhanga IFF	Best Documentary Film	2018
3	EMMRC, University of Kashmir	Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat	Best Documentary Film	Kashmir World Film Festival	Best Documentary Film	2018
4	Eath Science	Dr. Akther Rasool	Geochemistry Applied of Mineral Resources	Indian Society of Applied GeoChemists	Geochemistry Innovation	2018
5	Geo Informatics	Dr. Irfan Rashid	INSA Young Scientist Award 2019	INSA Young Scientist Award 2019	INSA Young Scientist Award 2019	2019
6	Botany	Dr. Bilal A. Mir	Bio Energy Award for cutting edge research by DST	Bio Energy Award for cutting edge research by DST	DST Bio Energy Award	2019
7	EMMRC, University of Kashmir	Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat	Film Competition	Kirloskar Vasundhara	Film Competition	2019
8	University of Kashmir		Institution Innovation Council (IIC)	MHRD, Innovation Cell	Institution Innovation Council (IIC)	2019
9	Electronics & IT	Dr. Shabir A. Parah	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2019
10	EMMRC, University of Kashmir	Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat	Best Film on Nature & Environment	Cosmo Film Festival	Best Film on Nature & Environment	2020
11	EMMRC, University of Kashmir	Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat	UVAA Virtual Film Festival 2020	Green Gold On Fire	Best Documentary at UVFF 2020	2020
12	University of Kashmir		Institution Innovation Council (IIC)	MOE, Innovation Cell	Institution Innovation Council (IIC)	2020
13	University of Kashmir	Mohammad Faheem UI Islam	24 th All India Children's Education Audio Video Festival & ICT 2020	CIET, NCERT	AV Fest	2020
14	University of Kashmir	Dr. Javaid Ahmad Sheikh	Best Paper Award	ETCCS - 2020	innovation	2020
15	University of Kashmir	Dr G. N. Bader	Best Paper Award by INSC (2020)	Institute of scholars- INSC awards	Research	2020
16	Bioresources	Dr Manzoor A Mir	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
17	Food Science	Dr. Adil Gani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
18	Food Science	Dr. Idrees Ahmed Wani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
19	Food Science	Prof. F. A. Masoodi	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020



20	Geo Informatics	Prof. Shakil Ramshoo	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
21	Electronics & IT	Dr. Shabir A. Parah	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
22	Earth Sciences	Dr. Ghulam Jeelani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
23	Zoology	Dr. Imtiyaz Ahmad	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
24	NanoTechnology	Dr Faheem A Sheikh	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
25	IOT	Dr. Ikhlaq Hussain	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
26	Mathematics	Dr. Firdous A Shah	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2020
27	Kashmiri	Dr Shafqat Altaf	National Translation Award by Sahetiya Academy	Standford University	National Translation Award	2021
28	Management	Dr. Tariq A. Lone	Exceptional Contribution Toycathon 2021 AICTE	Exceptional Contribution Toycathon 2021 AICTE	Exceptional Contribution Toycathon 2021 AICTE	2021
29	Physics	Dr. Naseer Iqbal	INSA Teacher Award 2021 by INSA India	INSA Teacher Award 2021 by INSA India	INSA Teacher Award 2021 by INSA India	2021
30	EMMRC, University of Kashmir	Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat	25th All India Children's Education Audio Video Festivakl	Green Gold On Fire	Best Videos Programme	2021
31	University of Kashmir		Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievement	Ministry of Education		2021
32	University of Kashmir	Dr. Shabir Ahmad Parah	Outstanding Scientist	University of Kashmir	Innovation	2021
33	University of Kashmir	Dr Nisar Ahmad Khan	Best teacher award	Institute of scholars- INSC awards	Academic	2021
34	University of Kashmir	Dr G. N. Bader	National Best Researcher award in Pharmacology	IMRF	Research	2021
35	Bioresources	Dr Manzoor A Mir	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
36	Food Science	Dr. Adil Gani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
37	Food Science	Dr. Idrees Ahmed Wani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
38	Food Science	Prof. F. A. Masoodi	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
39	Geo Informatics	Prof. Shakil Ramshoo	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
40	Electronics & IT	Dr. Shabir A. Parah	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021



41	Earth Sciences	Dr. Ghulam Jeelani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
42	Zoology	Dr. Imtiyaz Ahmad	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
43	NanoTechnology	Dr Faheem A Sheikh	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
44	Bioresources	Dr. Manzoor Mir	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
45	Mathematics	Dr. Firdous A Shah	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2021
46	Persian	Dr. Jahangir	International Saadi Award by Iran Culture	International Saadi Award by Iran Culture	International Saadi Award by Iran Culture	2022
47	Bioresources	Dr. Manzoor Mir	Breast Cancer Awareness Award by Govt. of J&K	Breast Cancer Awareness Award by Govt. of J&K	Breast Cancer Awareness Award by Govt. of J&K	2022
48	Physics	Dr. Naseer Iqbal	Best Science Communicator Award by J&K	Best Science Communicator Award by J&K	Best Science Communicator Award by J&K	2022
49	ЮТ	Dr. Bilal Ahmad Malik	Outstanding Accomplishment in the form of Patent Grant by Lt. Gov UT J&K	Outstanding Accomplishment in the form of Patent Grant by Lt. Gov UT J&K	Outstanding Accomplishment in the form of Patent Grant by Lt. Gov UT, J&K	2022
50	IOT Zakura, University of Kashmir		Promote Innovation and Start-up in campus during the IIC	MOE, Innovation Cell	Innovation	2022
51	University of Kashmir	University of Kashmir	Institution Innovation Council (IIC)	MOE, Innovation Cell	Innovation	2022
52	University of Kashmir	Dr. Javaid Ahmad Sheikh	Best Teacher Award	University of Kashmir	Innovation	2022
53	University of Kashmir	Dr. Farooq Ahmad Khanday	Best Paper Award	IMPACT, AMU Aligarh	Innovation	2022
54	University of Kashmir	Dr. Shabir Ahmad Parah	Researcher Award	SP college Srinagar	Innovation	2022
55	University of Kashmir	Dr. Javaid Ahmad Sheikh	Best Paper Award	IMPACT, AMU Aligarh	Innovation	2022
56	University of Kashmir	Dr. Javaid Ahmad Sheikh	Best Paper Present	IEEE Indian Council	innovation	2022
57	University of Kashmir	Dr. Shabir Ahmad Parah	Best Paper Award	IBSSC-2022 Bombay	Innovation	2022
58	Bioresources	Dr Manzoor A Mir	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2022
59	Food Science	Dr. Adil Gani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2022
60	Food Science	Dr. Idrees Ahmed Wani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2022



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64	Earth Sciences	Dr. Ghulam Jeelani	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2022
65	Botany	Dr. Manzoor A Shah	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2022
66	Zoology	Dr. Imtiyaz Ahmad	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2022
67	NanoTechnology	Dr Faheem A Sheikh	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2022
68	NanoTechnology	Dr. Firdous A Shah	Listed among top 2% Scientists	Standford University	Research and Innovation	2022
69	EMMRC, University of Kashmir	Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat	Short Film on Human Rights Award Scheme	National Human Right Commission	Human Rights	2023
70	CIRI University of Kashmir	Ms Arjamand Mushtaq	Genomic Towards Better Health	CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Intregative Biology	Best Poster Award	2023
71	CIRI University of Kashmir	Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Bhat	INSA Visiting Scientist Programme	Indian National Science Academy	INSA	2023
72	CIRI University of Kashmir	MS Rakshanda Shunthoo	Genomic Towards Better Health	CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Intregative Biology	Best Poster Award	2023
73	CIRI University of Kashmir	Mr.Naveed Ahamd Khan	Genomic Towards Better Health	CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Intregative Biology	Best Poster Award	2023
74	CIRI University of Kashmir	Ms Ulfat Syed Mir	Genomic Towards Better Health	CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Intregative Biology	Best Poster Award	2023
75	University of Kashmir	University of Kashmir	NIRF	Ministry of Education	innovation	2023
76	University of Kashmir	University of Kashmir	DST-GATI Achiver	Ministry of Science and Technology	GATI Achiever	2023
77	Chemistry	Prof.Aalia Qurashi			National Competition for research excellance	2024
78	Physics	Mr. Zia UI Haq	International Symposium on Semiconductor Materials and Devices-2024	NSERB India	Best Poster Certificate	2024
79	Chemistry	Aijaz Ahmad Dar		Indian National Young Academy of Science	INSA	2024





INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEARNING RESOURCES

niversity of Kashmir is the largest and oldest university in Jammu and Kashmir. It has multiple campuses, including the main campus, Zakura Campus, Mirzabagh Campus, and three satellite campuses located over South and North Kashmir.

The main campus is spread over 247 acres of land which has known for its beauty and green cover. Our university over a period of time has developed adequate and state-of-theart physical infrastructure and other resources needed for quality teaching, learning, and research. The main campus has separate buildings for Administration, Examination, Central Library, Distance Education, Students Welfare Department, Directorate of Information Technology and Support Systems, Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Hostels, Residential Quarters, Guest Houses, Public Relations Centre, Centre for Career Planning and Counselling, Convocation Complex, Physical Education and Sports, Health Centre, Bank, Post office, Shopping Complex, and many others, besides having a good number of academic blocks.

The infrastructure includes wifi campuses, 232 smart & IT-enabled classrooms, 186 well-equipped departmental laboratories, 35 conference rooms, 11 auditoriums, 2 museums, and a botanical garden. In the past five years, 12 laboratories have been renovated under RUSA to improve infrastructure and ambiance.

The Central Library, known as Allama Iqbal Library, is one of the biggest libraries in India housing a total collection of more than 9 lakh books, e-books, journals, theses, dissertations, and manuscripts. The Central Library is fully automated using the integrated Library Management System "Virtua" and RFID technology. Besides Knimbus software is used to offer remote access to electronic resources. The other noteworthy facilities include the 24x7 Section, Rare Collection, Career Corner, Book Bank, and Visually Impaired Patrons Section.

The Directorate of Physical Education and Sports has separate playgrounds for all games and sports. A state-of-the-art gymnasium, yoga centre, athletic track, and sports hostel contribute greatly in the overall physical development of our students. Besides, an indoor stadium is under construction at the cost of Rs 22 crores.

The University Convocation Complex (seating capacity of over 2000) is the hub for cultural and academic events. Additional mini-auditoriums like Gandhi Bhawan, Ibn Khaldun Auditorium, and EMMRC Auditorium provide more venues for various events.

The university has state-of-the art infrastructure for e-content development and other resources. The university has well-equipped Audio-Visual Centre, Central Instrumentation Centre, Animal House, Museums, Moot Courts, Research/ Statistical Database, Business Lab, Art Gallery, and Centre for incubation, startup and entrepreneurship development. Besides, we have Directorate of IT&SS which has developed many in-house software's for e-governance in the university.

Above all the University has designed accessible or disabledfriendly infrastructure to be used by everyone, regardless of their physical abilities.

KEY POINTS

 Spread over 247 acres, known for its natural beauty and green cover

Hosts separate buildings for:

Administration, Examination, Central Library, Distance Education, Student Welfare, IT&SS, Hostels, Guest Houses, Residential Quarters, and many academic blocks

Modern Infrastructure:

- Fully Wi-Fi enabled campuses
- 232 smart/IT-enabled classrooms
- 186 advanced departmental laboratories
- 35 conference rooms, 11 auditoriums,
 2 museums, and a botanical garden
- 12 laboratories renovated under RUSA

Allama Iqbal Library:

- One of the largest libraries in India
- Over 9 lakh books, e-books, journals, theses, and manuscripts
- Fully automated with Virtua & RFID technology
- Special facilities: 24x7 Section, Rare Collection, Career Corner, Book Bank, Visually Impaired Section

Sports & Physical Education:

- Separate playgrounds, gymnasium, yoga centre, athletic track, and sports hostel
- Indoor stadium under construction (`22 crore project)



niversity of Kashmir exhibits a strong dedication to student support and advancement, characterized by a well-rounded framework aimed at enriching both academic and personal growth. Key to this endeavor is the provision of scholarships and free-ships, ensuring that financial limitations do not obstruct students' educational aspirations. The university also equips students with essential skills through comprehensive capacity-building programs focused on soft skills, ICT, and language proficiency, thereby preparing them for both academic and career success. At the heart of the university's support system is the Centre for Career Planning and Counselling (CCPC). The CCPC has greatly influenced student outcomes by providing coaching for competitive exams like IAS, JKAS, NEET, JEE, NET, and JRF, as well as organizing recruitment drives that have successfully placed numerous students in prestigious companies. The Centre's impact is further underscored by its provision of psychometric assessments and individualized career guidance, managed by a team of 66 skilled counselors. The university's commitment to stu-

dent welfare is also reflected in its firm stance against sexual harassment and ragging, supported by effective grievance redressal mechanisms. Moreover, the institution nurtures a dynamic campus environment, encouraging participation in sports, cultural activities, and student governance through the Student Council. However, the university faces challenges in expanding employer engagement to enhance placement rates and in aligning its educational offerings with the changing demands of the job market. Students from remote areas, in particular, encounter difficulties in accessing the full range of career services, and infrastructure constraints pose additional hurdles to the effectiveness of extracurricular programs. To overcome these challenges, the university has opportunities to extend digital counseling services, strengthen collaborations with national and international institutions, and more effectively utilize its alumni network. The University of Kashmir will further solidify its position as a leading institution in fostering student success by investing in infrastructure and improving the integration of career services with academic programs.

KEY POINTS

Financial Support

- Scholarships & Free-ships
- Skill Development

Capacity-building programs focused on:

- Soft Skills
- ICT Training
- Language Proficiency

Career Services: CCPC at the Core

Coaching for Competitive Exams:

- IAS, JKAS, NET, JRF, NEET, JEE
- Recruitment Drives

66 Professional Counselors offering:

- Career Guidance
- Psychometric Testing

Student Welfare & Safety

- Zero tolerance for sexual harassment & ragging
- Active grievance redressal mechanisms

Holistic Campus Life

- Active Student Participation
- Vibrant Sports & Cultural Activities



MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Students selected for admission to various courses/programmes in the university are eligible to receive two merit scholarships which are paid to top two merit holders. Merit scholarship in favour of previous year paid students is granted on the basis of merit in the EnteranceTest to the course and in the final year it is awarded on the basis of merit in the M.A/ M.Sc./ M.Com./ MLIS Previous/ Ist & 2nd semester examination. the scholarship is granted from the date of admission to the course upto the last date of the examination, subject to a maximunm period of 12 calendar months.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

There are four scholarships in each Department/ Research Centre awarded for carrying out research leading to the award of Ph.D./M.phil. degrees in addition to contingency grant payable annually for meeting miscellaneous expenses.

STUDENTS AID

The university has also adopted a sheme called "Student Aid Fund" under which a financial assistance is extended to students, particularly the meritorious ones who come for low income groups. The kashmir University Alumni Association also provides financial assistance to students with a poor economic background with preference being given to students who are orphans.





GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

niversity of Kashmir envisions creating intellectually stimulating environment, promoting excellence in teaching, research and extension activities and facilitating academic freedom, diversity and harmony. The university governance structure includes Board of Studies (BOS), Board of Research Studies (BORS), Finance Committee, Academic Council, Syndicate and the University Council, through which the academic and non academic policy decisions are approved for implementation towards the attainment of University vision. Under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, the University functions through Registrar, Dean Academic Affairs, Dean Research, Controller of Examination, Dean College Development Council, Dean Students Welfare, Deans of Schools, and Heads of Departments working with synergy and collectively for the realization of institutional goals. It places significant emphasis on academic autonomy and decentralized management, fostering a culture of participatory governance at all levels. The university practices e-Governance in all the possible areas of administration, academics, examination and finance. The views and suggestions of the stakeholders are considered in planning and execution of university level activities. This holistic approach to governance and management accentuates the university's commitment to continuous improvement and academic excellence as it navigates the dynamic landscape of higher education in the 21st century. The teaching faculty operates under regulations issued by the University Grants

Commission and the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Additionally, student feedback provides a holistic evaluation of teaching effectiveness, allowing students to voice their opinions on teaching methodologies and engagement levels. For non-teaching staff, performance appraisals are conducted through a transparent Annual Performance Report System, ensuring objective and consistent evaluations. The commitment to a supportive work environment is evident through the robust appraisal systems and comprehensive welfare measures, fostering a productive atmosphere where employees can thrive. Through proactive financial management and strategic partnerships, it effectively manages financial resources, supports academic excellence, and positions itself as a leader in higher education and research. In this direction more than 60% of faculty have undergone various FDPs besides more than 70% of teacher have been financially supported to participate in seminars/conferences. These initiatives underscore the university's commitment to innovation, growth, and global academic leadership within the region. It operates under a structured framework governed by financial regulations overseen by a Director of Finances appointed by the UT Government. This governance ensures meticulous management of the University's financial operations, essential for its smooth functioning and adherence to legal and regulatory standards. Regular internal and external financial audits are conducted. Further, for promoting employees academic and administrative commitment, university operates several welfare schemes for the teaching and nonteaching staff. The full-fledged Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA) ensures assurance and maintenance of quality in the university and organizes quality related workshops and seminars on regular basis besides presenting University before various ranking and grading agencies for accreditation and ranking.







INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

eveloping requisite infrastructure is crucial for any institution to flourish and is considered a hallmark of its overall progress and development. It is particularly required in contemporary times, when state-of-the-art infrastructure has become the need of the hour in light of the requirements for NAAC/NAB accreditation and assessments. Infrastructural development has been a thrust area

for the University of Kashmir ever since its inception, be it at the Main campus of the University or the development of its Satellite Campuses at Zakura, Kupwara, Baramulla and Anantnag. The University has a statutory Building Committee which has members from both within and outside the University that supervises the approval and execution of infrastructural projects.



RESEARCH HOSTEL AT ZAKURA CAMPUS



RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS (PHASE-IST) AT MAIN CAMPUS



PHASE-II OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BLOCK "A" AT ZAKURA CAMPUS



RAISING OF 2ND FLOOR OF V C SECRETARIAT



ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK TOWARDS WEST SIDE AT MAIN CAMPUS



05-STOREYED GIRLS HOSTEL AT MAIN CAMPUS



HEALTH CENTRE AT NORTH CAMPUS



ZABARWAN GUEST HOUSE



I.T INNOVATION PARK AT MAIN CAMPUS



obilisation of financial resources for higher education institutions is a crucial task which includes the diverse strategies employed, their effectiveness and the impact of these resources on the Institution's growth and development. A more challenging task is the timely and substantial utilization of these resources. However, from the financial year 2020-2021, this aspect has seen a positive change at the University, thanks to the efforts of the University administration and every possible support from the Government of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The University, at its level, has tried its best to utilise the mobilised financial resources in an optimal manner. This is obvious from the total number of approved, ongoing and completed infrastructure projects at the main campus and satellite campuses as well.



Resource mobilization of the University (both internally & externally) include:

- Plan funds (UGC)
- PMRP fund (UGC)
- Grant-in-aid (UT Government)
- UT Plan (UT Government)
- Internal Revenue Sources/Corpus Fund (Internal)

Given below are some of the principal headings/ sources for generating funds by the University:

- Student Fee, Self-Financed Seats
- Research Grants Fund for Infrastructural Development in Science and Technology (FIST)
- Special Assistance Program (SAP)
- UGC Funding under Rashtriya Uchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)
- Student/Scholar Fellowships
- Funding by Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India
- Funding by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India
- Funding by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)



he University of Kashmir has been awarded Capex budgets for various projects, including infrastructure development, construction of residential quarters, Entrepreneurship & Startup Culture and Creating Tangible Skills. In the Financial year 2024-25, the following programmes were successfully implemented under the CAPEX Budget Head:

Name of Programme	Department	Budget Sub-Head
Nursery & Post-Harvest Management of Commercially important Ornamental Plants (Phase-II)	Dept. of Botany	Entrepreneurship Programme & Promotion of Start-up Culture at Kashmir University
Setting of Portable Carp Hatchery and Conditioning Unit for an On-Farm Demonstration & Training Programme to Unemployed Youth & Fish Farmers of J&K	Dept. of Zoology	Entrepreneurship Programme & Promotion of Start-up Culture at Kashmir University
Application of Advanced Geospatial Technologies in Disaster Risk Management	Dept. of Geography & Disaster Management	Entrepreneurship Programme & Promotion of Start-up Culture at Kashmir University
Introducing Sustainability & Farm to Table Concepts	Institute of Home Science	Entrepreneurship Programme & Promotion of Start-up Culture at Kashmir University
Skill Development Programme on Cultivation & Commercialization of Edible & Medicinal Mushrooms in Kashmir (Phase-II)	Dept. of Botany	Entrepreneurship Programme & Promotion of Start-up Culture at Kashmir University'
Conservation, Cultivation & Entrepreneurship Development in Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	Dept. of Botany, North Campus	Entrepreneurship Programme & Promotion of Start-up Culture at Kashmir University
Entrepreneurship Promotion Programme for Tourist Guides	South Campus	Entrepreneurship Programme & Promotion of Start-up Culture at Kashmir University
Establishment of Engineering Kitchen at IOT, Zakura (Phase –I)	IOT, Zakura	Engineering Kitchen at Kashmir University
Mastering Innovative CNC Machining Practices	IOT, Zakura	Creating Tangible Skill Programme at Kashmir University
Digital Marketing Training Programme	Dept. of Management Studies, South Campus	Creating Tangible Skill Programme at Kashmir University
Sustainable Livelihood through Crafts & Skills	DLL	Creating Tangible Skill Programme at Kashmir University
Training Programme in Communication Skills in English Writing	Dept. of English	Creating Tangible Skill Programme at Kashmir University
Application of CAD/CAM in Arts & Crafts and Sustainable Structures	North Campus	Creating Tangible Skill Programme at Kashmir University
Drug De-addiction Counselling Training Programme	Dept. of Social Work	Creating Tangible Skill Programme at Kashmir University





INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES

niversity of Kashmir prioritizes institutional values and best practices across teaching, research, and public outreach. It promotes gender-friendly education with a higher female enrollment rate and offers courses focusing on gender equity and inclusivity. The university has a dedicated Centre for Women's Studies and Research, and initiatives like skill development courses and partnerships with national programs.

The university has adopted sustainable practices, including solar energy, energy-efficient LED appliances, and a scientific waste management system. It maintains a green campus with over 12,000 trees, a ban on single-use plastics, and promotes eco-friendly transportation. Regular environmental and energy audits are conducted, and infrastructure supports differently-abled students.

The university fosters an inclusive environment through reservations, diversity-focused curriculum, and community outreach programs. It celebrates national events and follows an Institutional Code of Conduct. Notable research facilities have been established, and interdisciplinarity is encouraged to address societal problems. Research outcomes are shared with stakeholders, and public outreach programs empower marginalized communities.

The university has made significant progress in fostering creativity and entrepreneurship, with the establishment of innovation and incubation centers leading to awarded patents and publications. These efforts demonstrate the university's commitment to mainstreaming institutional values and best practices.



Institutional Values & Best Practices

- Emphasis on teaching, research, and public outreach grounded in institutional values.
- Adherence to an Institutional Code of Conduct for students and staff.
- Celebration of national events promoting unity and civic responsibility.

Gender-Friendly and Inclusive Education

- Higher female enrollment rate and genderequity-focused courses.
- Dedicated Centre for Women's Studies and Research
- Skill development initiatives and partnerships with national programs to support women and marginalized groups.
- Reservations and inclusive curriculum reflecting diversity.

Sustainability & Eco-Friendly Practices

- Use of solar energy and energy-efficient LED appliances.
- Scientific waste management system.
- Maintenance of a green campus with 12,000+ trees.
- Ban on single-use plastics and promotion of eco-friendly transportation.
- Conducts regular environmental and energy audits.

Support for Differently-Abled Students

 Infrastructure designed for accessibility and inclusion of differently-abled individuals.

Creativity, Innovation & Entrepreneurship

- Creation of innovation and incubation centers.
- Tangible outcomes include patents and research publications.
- Promotes a culture of entrepreneurship and creative thinking.





High-end research facilities and sharing the outcome with stakeholders

Objective

University has created highly sophisticated instrumentation/ facilities to facilitate researchers working in the University and across institutions for quality research. The outcome is shared with key stakeholders in government, sister institutions, affiliated colleges, and civil society, in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The University's initiatives have led to substantial success:

- Significant increase in the collaboration network of the University, which has almost doubled its h-Index.
- A large number of hands-on training workshops conducted engaging the relevant stakeholders.
- Innovations supported by CIIE have resulted in the development of prototypes and earned University around 20 patents.
- Over 1.3 lakh NOCs were issued, and 5 lakh verifications processed using the University's IT solution.



Community Empowerment through Outreach and Engagement

Objectives

- Engage and mobilize vulnerable communities near university campuses.
- Promote social inclusion and empowerment.
- Enhance livelihood opportunities, vocational skills, and financial literacy.
- Develop employment and entrepreneurial capabilities, especially for women.

Key initiatives include:

- USHA SILAI Schools:
 Training women in tailoring, providing sewing machines, and establishing production centres.
- Project Savera:
 Empowering women through skill-building programs.
- Peace Education with Save the Children:
 Offering training in conflict resolution and socio-emotional skills.
- Sagg Eco Club:
 Promoting environmental conservation and climate action.

Evidence of Success:

- Trained 150 women in tailoring and provided sewing machines.
- Established Skill
 Centres in multiple
 trades, benefiting
 over 4,000
 individuals.
- Empowered women in Ganderbal through income-generating initiatives.





GENDER EMPOWERMENT: WORKING TOWARDS INCLUSION AND EQUALITY

he University has a dedicated Centre for Women's Studies, an effective ICC and other measures in place to ensure gender equity. In recognition of gender specific initiatives, the University has been awarded the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) award in 2023.

The University recognizes the importance of gender-related issues and promotes inclusivity and gender sensitivity on campus. Curricula are regularly updated to include gender-based courses, raising awareness on various gender aspects. Regular seminars, workshops, and events are organized to sensitize students, staff, and faculty about gender justice. The University has a full-fledged Centre for Women's Studies and Research that runs a Master's programme in Gender Studies, playing a pivotal role in disseminating gender and women's studies concepts through teaching, research, curriculum development, field and extension work, training, and continuing education. Departments in the School of Arts, Languages and Literatures, Law, Social Work, Home Science, Mass Media and Journalism, and Education also offer gender-centric courses.

In June 2023, the University of Kashmir received the 'GATI achievers' award from the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, for its contributions to gender equity and the promotion of women in all spheres of sciences, especially STEM disciplines.

The University is deeply committed to promoting gender-friendly education, a commitment evident in numerous initiatives and policies. In the academic year 2021-22, the university admitted 4,035 candidates, with 2,306 females and 1,729 males. In 2022-23, 3,926 candidates

were admitted, including 2,277 females and 1,649 males, reflecting a consistent trend towards gender equity. The University offers over 60 courses across various disciplines to promote gender equity among its stakeholders, ensuring diverse representation and fostering inclusivity. Supporting infrastructure includes four hostels for female students and scholars, providing 199 rooms with a capacity for 812 boarders. A Women-Special Bus Service aids female students commuting from home. Each department features a common room and separate washrooms for female scholars and students, ensuring privacy and a safe environment. The Central Library offers a 24/7 reading space, an electronic resource section, a common room, and a "Books on Call" facility for pregnant women. Additionally, the University Health Centre has three female doctors available 24/7 to ensure female students' well-being.

To maintain a safe and secure environment, the university has established a Women's Empowerment and Grievance Committee to prioritize and address issues concerning females. An Internal Complaints Committee handles workplace sexual harassment complaints. A female proctor on the proctorial team is dedicated to upholding gender sensitivity while maintaining campus law and order, fostering a safe and inclusive environment, and addressing gender-related concerns.

The university also had the honour of hosting "Civil-20 Gender Equality and Disability Working Group" to bring civil society's perspectives into the G20 discussions.

In order to have a transparent mechanism of working and continuous feedback, the University has undertaken audit exercises such as Academic Audit, Green Audit, Gender Audit, CAG Audit, etc.





Gender Equality and Disability





- WOMEN'S Safety & Security
- ENGAGING MEN & BOYS To Address Gender INEQUALITY





GENDER EQUITY AT THE UNIVERSITY

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

- GATI Award (2023): Received the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions award by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India.
- **GATI Achievers Recognition (June 2023):** Honoured for promoting gender equity, especially in STEM fields.

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Centre for Women's Studies and Research:
- Offers a Master's in Gender Studies.
- Active in teaching, research, training, extension work, and curriculum development.

DEPARTMENTS OFFERING GENDER-CENTRIC COURSES:

- Arts, Languages & Literatures
- Law
- Social Work
- Home Science
- Mass Media & Journalism
- Education
- Courses Promoting Gender Equity: 60+ gendersensitive courses offered across disciplines.

GENDER REPRESENTATION IN ADMISSIONS:

2021-22: Total: 4,035

Female: 2,306 (57%) Male: 1,729 (43%)

2022-23: Total: 3,926

Female: 2,277 (58%) Male: 1,649 (42%)

GENDER-FRIENDLY INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Women's Hostels: 4 hostels with 199 rooms and capacity for 812 boarders.
- Women-Special Bus Service: Dedicated commuting support for female students.
- **Department Facilities:** Common rooms and separate washrooms for female scholars/ students in every de-partment.
- **Central Library:**
 - 24/7 reading space
 - "Books on Call" service for pregnant women
 - Dedicated electronic resources and common room for women

HEALTH & SAFETY:

- **University Health Centre:** 3 female doctors available 24/7.
- **Committees & Mechanisms:**
- Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)
- Women's Empowerment and Grievance Committee
- Female proctor as part of the proctorial team for campus security and gender sensitivity

GLOBAL & POLICY INITIATIVES:

- Hosted the "Civil-20 Gender Equality and Disability Working Group" - part of G20 civil society engagement.
- Conducts regular Academic, Gender, Green, and CAG Audits to ensure transparency and continuous improve-ment.

CAPACITY BUILDING & AWARENESS:

- Regular seminars, workshops, and events focused on gender justice and sensitivity.
- Gender-based curriculum updates implemented periodically across disciplines.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

he University of Kashmir stands as a beacon of community engagement and social awareness and is dedicated to fostering holistic growth among its students and extending its positive influence to the wider society. Through a diverse array of community outreach initiatives, it brings together students, scholarsand communities

from various backgrounds to celebrate culture, advocate for health, promote social awareness and enhance personal and professional skills. These endeavours showcase the University's unwavering commitment to holistic education and its vital role as a catalyst for positive change in Kashmir Valley and beyond.





the nation's rich cultural and traditional heritage. Union Minister of Minority Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju, announced this ahead of the grand inauguration of across the country. Reflecting the spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', the Parv aims to promote traditional crafts, cuisines, and culture.



CULTURAL ACTIVITES

he University of Kashmir stands out for its impactful community outreach initiatives and unwavering support for student growth. One standout event is *Sonzal*, the University Youth Festival, a vibrant annual gathering that not only involves students from the university but also draws participants from affiliated colleges, teaching departments and satellite campuses. *Sonzal* is a cultural extravaganza that introduces the region's youth to the rich cultural tap-

estry of Jammu and Kashmir. This festival provides an invaluable platform for cultural exchange, fostering unity and celebrating the diverse heritage of the community. Moreover, the winners get a remarkable opportunity to represent the university at prestigious inter-university events, such as the North Zone, National and South Asian University Youth Festivals. These representations showcase the university's abundant talent and vibrant culture on a much broader scale.



















he University of Kashmir is deeply committed to promoting a vibrant sports culture on its campus, investing in both indoor and outdoor sports infrastructure. The University has a full-fledged Directorate of Physical Education and Sports which organizes a number of sports activities at regional, state and national levels throughout the year. The University has adequate facilities for sports and cultural activities. The Directorate of Physical Education & Sports of the

University of Kashmir has been established with an avowed objective of promoting sports culture among the youth for overall development of their physique and personality.

Sports events being organized under the auspices of the Directorate at UT and national level go a long way in promoting cultural integration amongst the people belonging to different geographical settings and socio-economic backgrounds besides helping sports tourism in Kashmir.

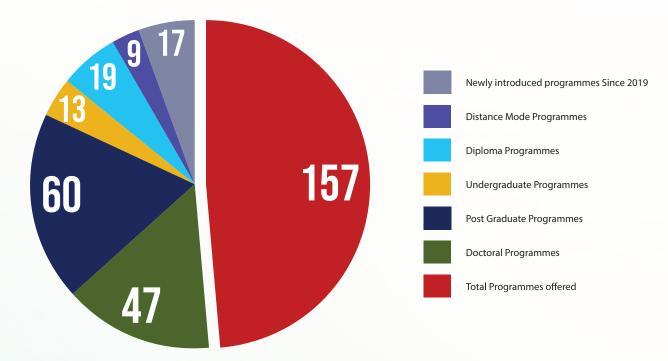












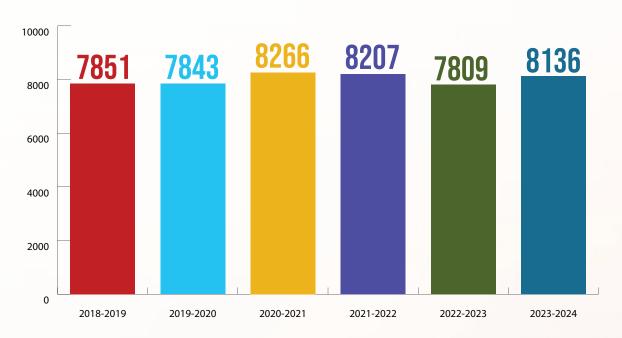


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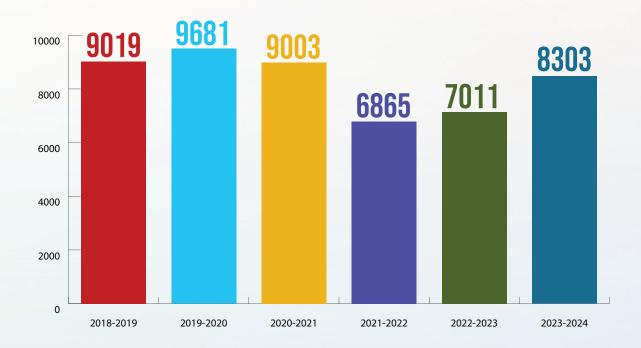




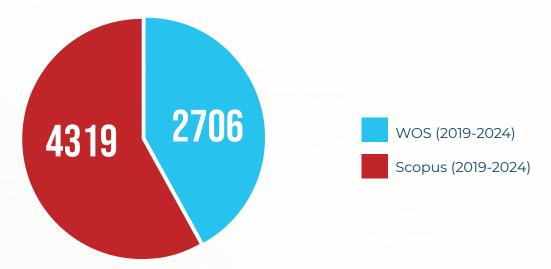
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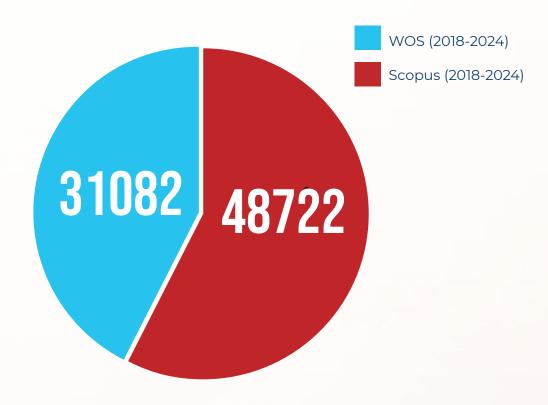


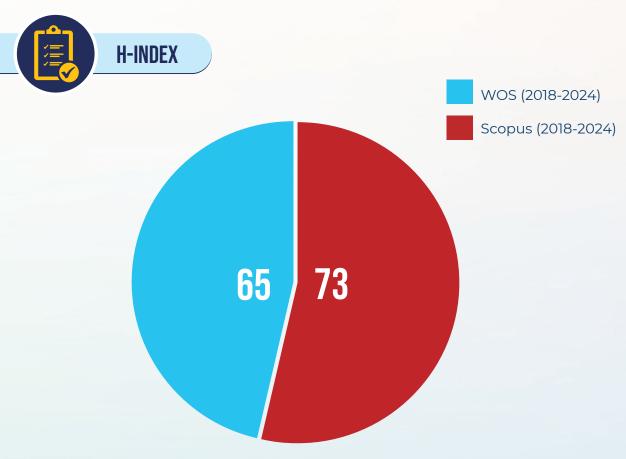


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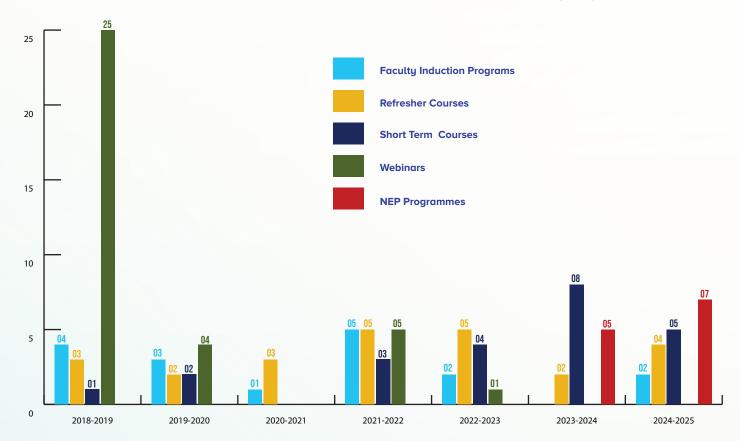


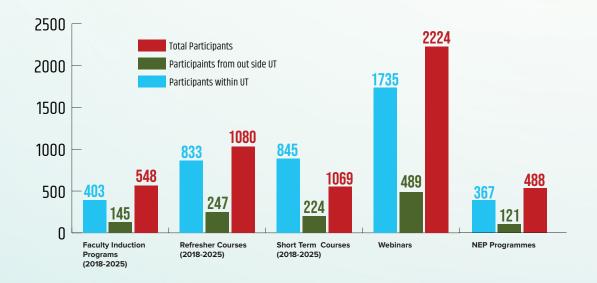


HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

MALAVIYA Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), formerly Human Resource Development Centre, at the University of Kashmir provides training to teachers, researchers and other professionals in

order to create a community of potential leaders in various academic disciplines. The Centre has a long tradition of conducting regular Orientation, Refresher and other training programmes.





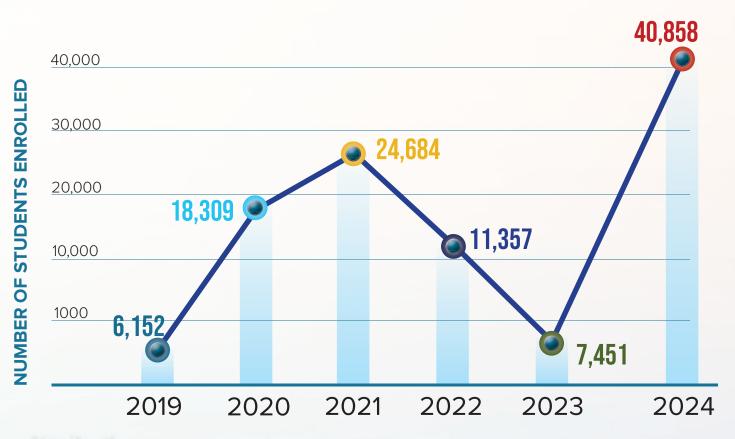


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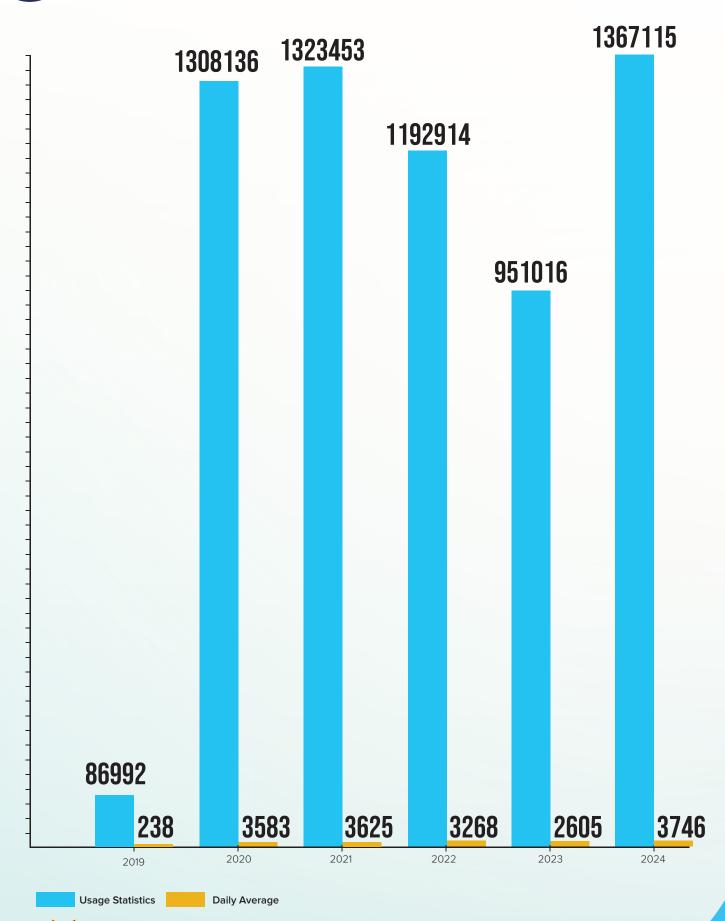
EMMRC, University of Kashmir, is one of the 22 EMMRCs set up by University Grants Commission (UGC) across the country under the umbrella of Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC). The Centre is involved in the production of educational content for students. It provides an excellent opportunity for teachers to generate educational content

in the form of ETV programmes, documentaries, multimedia and learning objects and helps students to benefit from vast educational resources available within and outside the state. The Centre has been given additional responsibility to develop MOOCs (Massive Open Online courses) which are available on SWAYAM web portal.

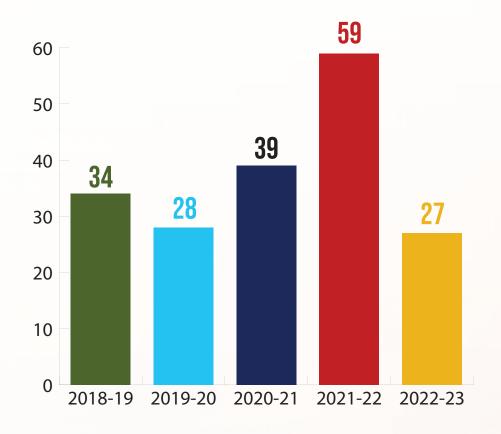
MOOCS offered by EMRC, Srinagar from 2019-2024



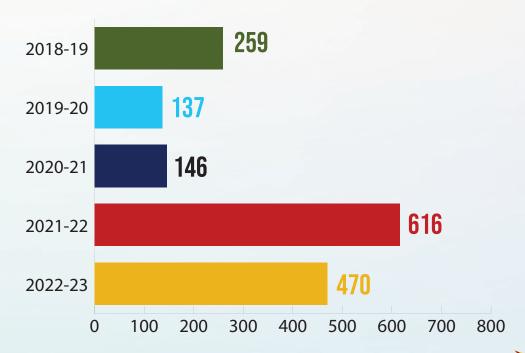


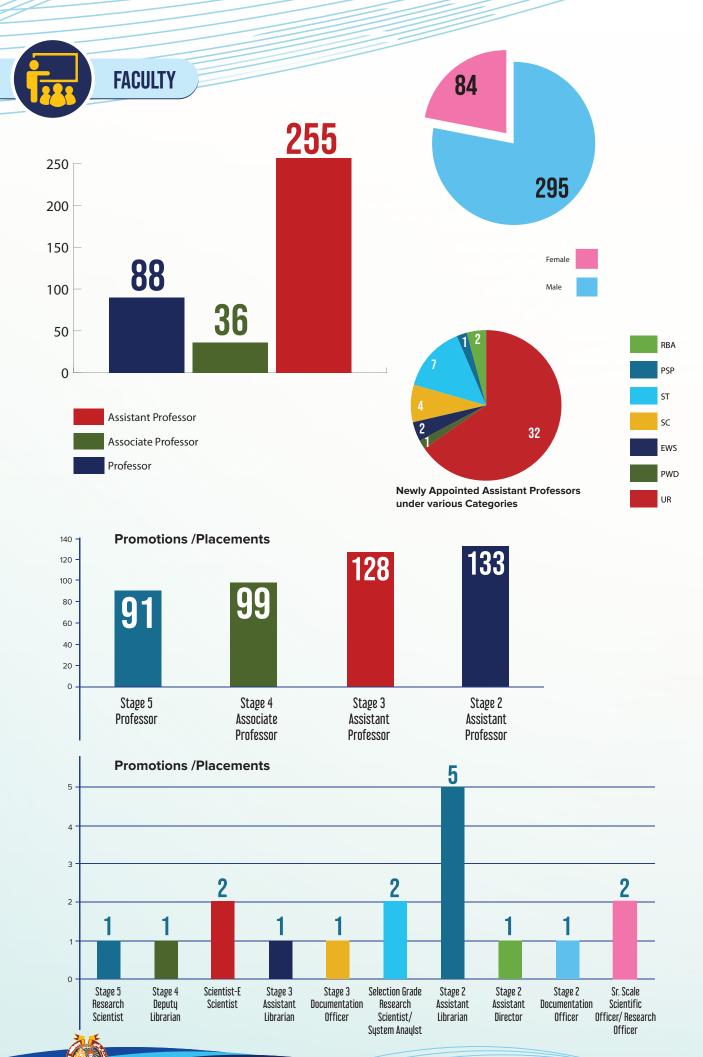




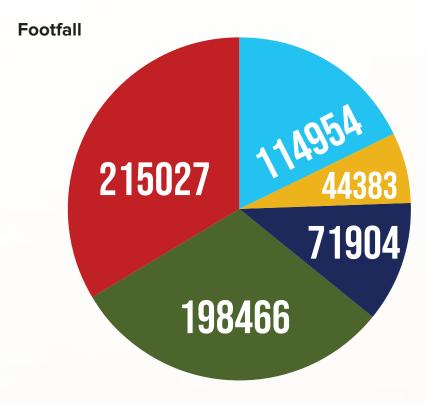


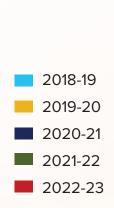




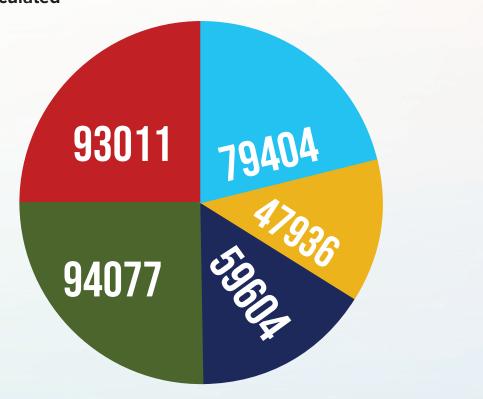








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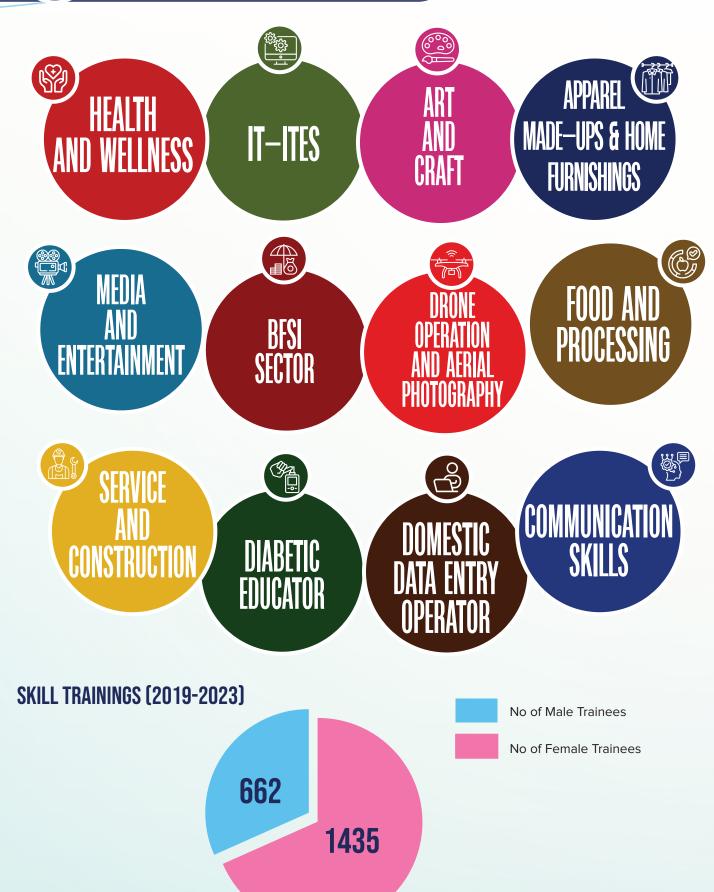


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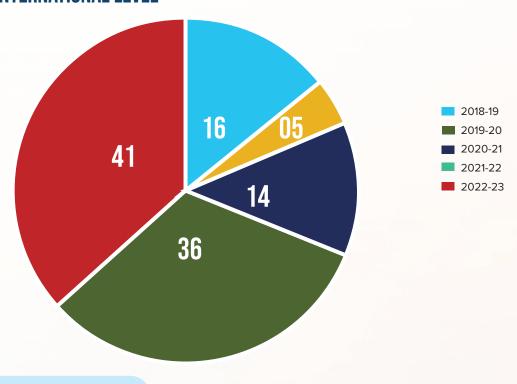
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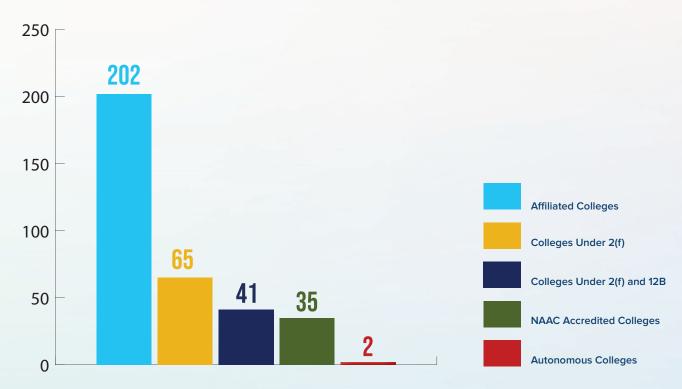


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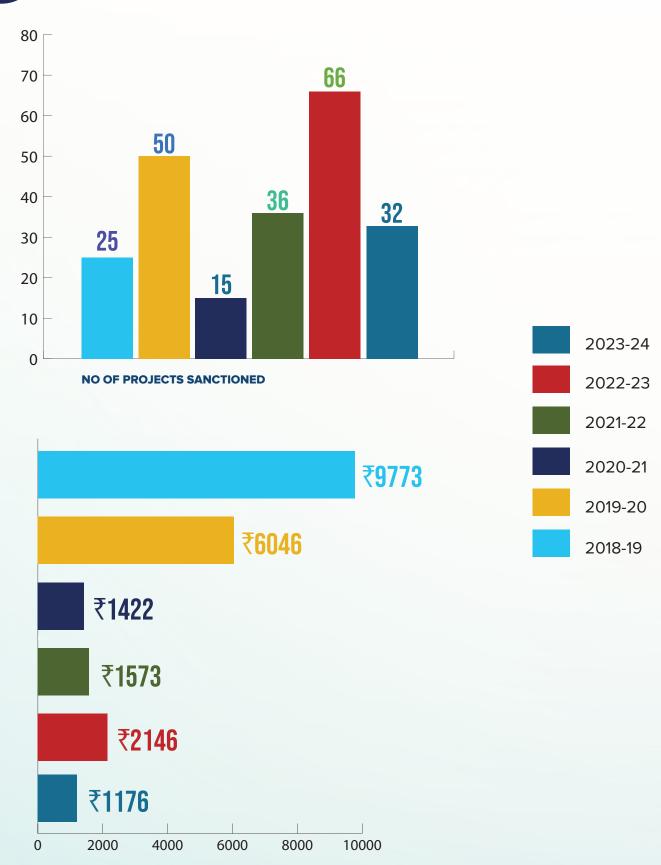
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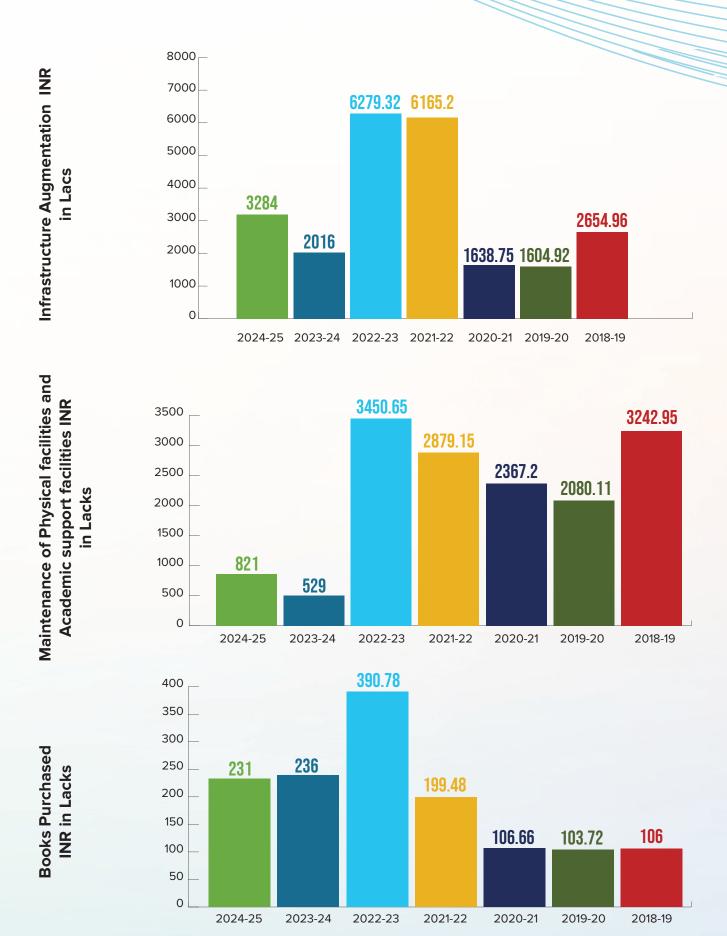




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Kashmir University's G-20 leap

In an exclusive chat with Greater Kashmir, the Kashmir University Vice-Chancellor says the varsity's association with G20 events is an important milestone

SYED RIZWAN GEELANI

he Kashmir University (KU) is grabbing headlines these days. The University has been chosen as one of the destinations in the country where Youth20 and Civil20 events are being held in connection with India's G20 Presidency. The University authorities, faculty and students have all good reasons to cheer about this news. According to KU officials, the University of Kashmir has been chosen among 15 institutions in the country for Youth 20 events which are nationally very important. India has assumed G20 Presidency for the year 2023 and is holding many big events especially in selected

universities.

According to Vice Chancellor of Kashmir University, Prof Nilofer Khan, the Kashmir University's leadership for events like Y20 and C20, which are a part of the country's G20 Presidency, is "an important milestone in the journey of the University to contribute towards advancing the national aspirations, policies and

programmes".

"It is one of the important mandates of the University to position its programmes and policies in sync with the present and future needs of the society, and our asso-ciation with G20 events is a giant

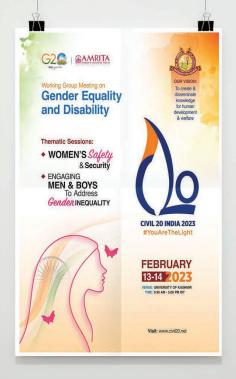


leap in that direction," she said in an exclusive chat with Greater Kashmir on Sunday

Prof Nilofer Khan said that during the country's G20 Presidency, 17 important Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been identified for attainment and in this regard, the University of Kashmir is "responding to the clarion call of our Honourable Prime Minister to engage stu-dents and youth to help advance the country's G20 goals."
"Our Honourable Chancellor

has also directed for holding varinas also directed for notding vari-ous events and competitions in Universities to raise awareness on the 17 SDGs," she said. As per a press release issued by Kashmir University on Satur-

day, the two-day Civil 20 or C20 event is being held at Gandhi Bhawan on February 13-14. C20 is an Official Engagement Group of G20 providing a platform for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organisa-tions and Government representatives to engage important stakeholders for discussion on



selected themes. The theme for KU's Working Group Meeting on 'Gender Equality and Disability'

is 'Women's Safety' and 'Engag-ing Men and Boys.'
"The C20 Working Group Meeting being hosted by the Uni-versity on February 13-14 focuses on Gender Equality and Disability to understand the gender con-cerns and needs of specially-abled women from underprivileged and marginalised sections of soci-ety and formulate Policy White Papers in this regard," the Vice Chancellor said. The Kashmir University is also

in May this year. "Our Youth-20 event will focus on Climate Change mitigation, which has been one of the important agendas of the country's leadership in the last nearly one decade," Prof Neelofer Khan said.

The Vice Chancellor is confident that such important national events are a great opportunity to events are a great opportunity to engage with the government, civil society organisations, youth and policy planners and "contribute to nation-building, which is ulti-mately the goal and mandate of Universities."

"We are confident that our

association with such events will position our University as a centre of excellence at the national and international level. It is an opportunity for us to excel fur-

ther and secure more such events of national importance in future, she said.

The Vice Chancellor is not wrong for being optimistic because India's G20 Presidency is a big event in the history of the country. The active participation of Kashmir University faculty and students in Y20 and C20 events will give them an inter-University of Kashmir excel fur-ther, as the VC of the University

rightly believes. Everyone in the society has to contribute towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The two themes chosen by the Kashmir University like Gender Disability and Climate Change are very important for discussions at the G20 forum.

The physical presence of del-

egates from G20 countries in such vents being held at the Kashmir University campus is in itself a big thing. The University has created the right perception in the country that the faculty and students can contribute to G20 discussions. Authorities in the Government of Jammu and Kashmir should lend full support to the Kashmir University authorities so that such events are held successfully. The VC of KU deserves full credit for making this happen. She is right in calling it an "important milestone."



Y20 Consultation at KU

Youth should synergise ideas to preserve natural resources in JK: LG

Says J&K planted in past year

Vision of India's **620** Presidency focuses to protect climate & promote sustainable development

Green cover has increased to 55 %

IRFAN YATTOO

Srinagar, May 11:Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha stated on Thursday that youth will lead the globe in providing realistic answers to the 21st century's climate and global concerns. He further asserted that



under the leadership PMModi. India will lead the world in developing a sustainable society.
Addressing the Youth 20(Y20) consultation meet on climate change under India's C20pressidency at University of Kashmir, LG Sinha youth have to synergise innovative ideas and actions to preserve natural and actions to preserve natural officymaking for sustainable develop-

KU hosts two-day Y20 Consultation Summit on Climate Change

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G20 Presidency

KU set to host C-20 Working Group Meeting

BK News Service
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Vice-Chancellor KU Prof Nilofor
Khan, who is personally monitoring the arrangements, said it is a
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"It is recognition of the University
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the country's (269 goals and objectives,' she said.
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Youth delegates from G20 countries are scheduled to attend the
Youth20 event in the second week
of May 3023 at the University's
main campus.

KU among 15 institutions in country to host Youth-20 events

GK NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 24: With cy of the G-20 Group of countries, the University of Kash-mir (KU) would be among the 15 premier academic institutions in the country to represent the nation in hosting the prestigious Youth-20 events. The Y20 events are being held in line with Prime Minster Narendra Modi's vision at calls upon the country

esent its experiences, es, and models as pos-plates for others, the developing India's G20

cational institutions in the G20 meeting to be held in J&K and asked the univer-sities to conduct seminars and discussions on the G20 conference. KU Vice Chancellor, Prof

Nilofer Khan said that it was an honour for KU to be part of the Youth-20 events being held under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS). a statement of the KU issued here said.

The VC said that KU had already geared up to host the proposed university-level

A high-level committee has already been constituted at KU for necessary prepations and arrangements to the Y20 event.

LG calls for active participation of educational institutes

Honour for KU to be part of Youth-20 events: VC

with all relevant stakeholders so that we are able to wider public at grassroots.

Additional our mandate with The ministry has entere all determination and sucss," she said urging the varsity's faculty to contrib- KU for organis ute in advancing the G-20 mit ever agenda among the students

through community engage

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KU is joining the 'Initiating Workshop for Y20 Events' being held at IIM Raipur on January 28, 2023.

The Youth-20 is a G-20 ent group consti tuted in the run up to Youth 20 Summit to be held at Varanasi in June 2023 and the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has decided to hold various seminars in universities across the country to disseminate the country's G-20 agenda to the

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G20 Working Group Meeting at KU makes slew of recommendations

GK NEWS NETWORK

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Governmental Organisations called for greater awareness Srinagar, Feb 14: Top-notch on gender equality, unhindered

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A Milestone of Achievements: Honoring the Dedication and Perseverance of our Students





India proud of responsible Kashmiri youth: Prez

ncourages youth to embrace

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Urges **KU** to work on preserving the Himalayan ecosystem

J&K sets an example with NEP implementation

55% students at KU are girls

Srinagar, Oct 11: President Droupadi Murmu, in her address at the 20th convocation of the University of Kashmir in Srinagar, underscored the pivotal role of youth in nurturing peace, prosperity, and discipline. She urged the youth of Kashmir to embrace education and peace as guiding lights, illuminating

the path to the nation's progress.
President of India Droupadi
Murmu is on a two-day visit to
the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

During her speech, the President lauded the responsible youth of Kashmir, acknowledging their pivotal role in shaping a bright-er future. She stressed the sigprosperity, and discipline as essential elementsforthenation's development. Addressing the 20th convoca-

tion of the University of Kashmir in Srinagar, the President said that the society and country whose youth follow the path of development and discipline, move forward on the path of progress and prosperity.

President began her speech with the words "Ye Che Mouj Kasheer," (This is Mother Kashmir) receiving an enthusiastic response from the audience. She praised the beauty of the KU

praised the beauty or the Rocampus and noted its historical connection with Hazra-thal.

"Country is proud daughters' self-cor

urged students to actively par-ticipate in social service along with their studies," she said add ing that by doing this, they could bring social change and set an example.

President Murmu said that she was happy to note that alumni have brought glory to this uni-versity by serving the country.

She commended the accom plishments of local youth, such as Kifayatullah, who partici-pated in the Republic Day parade in 2023 and engaged in social services.

Sheencouraged Kashmir University students to combine higher education with community service, aiming for positive

Prez Murmu lauds "New Kashmir" on its path to prosperity & peace

J&K admin hosts civic reception in honour of Prez

Kashmir's cultural legacy & the journey towards a self-reliant India by 2047

SHGs make strides transformation in J&K

of India, Droupadi Murmu, was welcomed at a grand Civic Reception held in her honour at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar. In her heartfelt address during the event, she expressed gratitude for the warm reception accorded to her during her

inaugural visit to Kashmir

s the President of India

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phasised the historical significance of Kashmiras a hub of art, culture, and education that dates back to the 4th Buddhist Cour cil held in Kashmir

urages Youth To Play Their Role In Lasting Peace, Development & Discipline

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KD NEWS SERVICE

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President of India, Droupadi

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New Kashmir inching towards peace & prosperity: Prez Murmu



New Kashmir has taken a new turn; heading towards peace & prosperity : Prez Murmu

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KU student receives presticus President's awa holistic development: VC

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(KU), who is a deu. volunteer, has been conferred

with the NSS Award by the

President of India, Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on Friday for his exemplary social service. The volunteer, Kifayatullah Malik has contributed to education, environment, women

empowerment, drug de-addiction, blood donation, cleanli-

ness, and health and hygiene.

In recognition of his com-

mendable social service through the National Service

Scheme (NSS), Malik has been

awarded with the National

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CCPC-EduAccess initiative to guide potential learners on education, job opportunities in UK, US

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mentoring workshop on 'study abroad'

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DP begins at KU's Zakura Camp

KU hosts SWAYAM

outreach workshop to enhance digital learning



Digital learning is crucial in today's rapidly evolving world: Secretary

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LG addresses 'National Science Day' seminar at KU

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KU hosts seminar on

'Bharatiya Bhasha Parivar'



and discussion on the linguistic diversity of North
India, the Department of
Linguistics and Department of Utun, University
of Kashmir (KU), in collaboration with Bharatiya
Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of
Education, Government of
India organised a seminar
var: Linguistic Scenario of
North India with Special
Reference to Lesser-Known

learning experience, she said.Earlier, Prof. Iffat Maqbool, Head, Depart-ment of English KU, in her welcome address, stressed welcome address, stressed onthe growing importance of soft skills and effective communication in today's fast-evolving world. The workshop features handsontraining and interactive sessions by experts covering various aspects of creative andacademic writing. It includes participations

Workshop on creative writing, soft skills begins at KU fairs KU, Prof.Shariefuddin Pirzada, highlightedthe significance of the workshop in enhancing students' and

skills and professional communication, the Depart-ment of English, University (Kashmir(KU), in collab-ation with the Centre for tion with the Centre for tingand Pedagogy, Krea rsity, AndhraPradesh, urated a one-week op on 'Creative & Writingand Soft opment' at the

Srinagar, Dec 6: Multiple activities related to celebration of J&K administration's My Town, My Pride' initiative continued to be organised by the University of Kashmir for the second consective day Tuesday.

A statement of KU issued here said that Vice Chancellor of KU Prof Nilofer Khanchaired a day-long orientation.

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will help the workshop wi refine their cor skills. Soft skills develop-ment is a key focus

instructured and impactful writing.
"Effective writing is a vital skill that enhances academic excellence and professional success," he said. Resource person of the workshop, Dr. Annaya Dasgupta, Director. Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University, under inset the importance of writing is shown in the production of writing in the profession.

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the importance of language preservation and its alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
"This seminar reflects the vision of NEP 2020 which strongly emphasizes promoting regional languages and their role in education and cultural Pad mashr! Chamu Krishna Shastry, an Indian Educationist, in his special online address, underscored the role of languages in communication and cultural bonding.

istry of Education (MoE), Government of India. Additional Chief Secre-tary (ACS), Higher Educa-tion J&K, Shantmanu (IAS), in his virtual address to the participants, highlighted the need for continuous research to ensure that students are equipped with

occasion.

Earlier, Dean Academic
Affairs KU, Prof. Shariefuddin Pirzada, formally welcomed the dignitaries and
participants to the workshop. The event was coordinated by Director EMRC
KU, Dr. Salima Jan and her
team.

tors in shaping future-ready graduates.
Speaking on the occa-sion, Vice-Chancellor Forest Research Institute (Deemed to be univer-sity), Dehradun, Dr. Renu Singh, highlighted that the SWAYAM platform pro-vides an excellent opportu-nity for expanding access to quality education and skill development.

development.
Members of the Higher Education Council J&K, Prof. Shobha Bagai and Prof. Kavi Arya, also shared their insights on the

















