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**Dear Colleagues,**

After joining today as Dean Research of our University, I thought of seeking your suggestions, ideas and cooperation for developing the focus and future direction of our extramural and academic research in the University. Over the years, the university has conducted scores of research projects and participated in several collaborations and research partnerships with reputed laboratories, industry and other universities in India and worldwide. Our faculty members' excellence in research is demonstrated by the scholarly contributions made in various fields. The University has competence and demonstrated leadership and excellence in several areas of research which stands recognized. Therefore, as our University's Dean for Research, I invite you to join and pursue joint endeavours in myriad research and development programs available at the national and international level for an optimal and impactful outcome. There are vast opportunities for extramural funding for your good research ideas in the country and beyond which shall be soon identified for developing network and consortia research projects with inter- and intra-university partnerships. We need to strengthen the existing and hunt for new collaborations in the country and abroad.

Most of us individually and collaboratively investigate a vast array of disciplinary and interdisciplinary research subjects. But how many of our sponsored research projects have dealt with societal and other cutting edge issues? In addition to the basic science research, we need to address, on priority, the issues of societal importance across various disciplines. We will have to strike a balance between the translational research and basic science research. Other than the sponsored research, we at the university do quite a bit of academic research leading to Ph. D. degrees. This research, in my opinion needs to be more focused to yield a significant impact. I thought it would be prudent, if, we focus on linking the academic research in applied subjects across all the faculties in the university to inform the policies for addressing the issues and problems that the J&K faces. Therefore, the research questions that need to be asked by our investigators should lead us to high levels of knowledge generation that guides policymaking and facilitates the translation of knowledge into practice by addressing the burning issues facing the masses.

Many of you have made commendable research contributions in your respective fields but somehow it is not optimally recognized in the society and therefore there are sometimes misplaced public perceptions about our contribution in improving the human development and welfare of the society. Therefore, in order to have the desired multiplier impact of our research outcomes, it needs to be properly marketed and sold. We together need to find the ways and means of outreach for highlighting our work. The fingerprint of the University needs to be visible everywhere; society, government, state, country and international.

Though, there is no doubt that the University of Kashmir is the torchbearer for other Universities in the Jammu and Kashmir but in the competing world of research and academics today, we will have to compete with competitors all over the country to maintain and improve our standing. I believe that only our shared efforts and experience shall give us an edge over the others in the competition; be it NIRF, NAAC ranking, any other national recognition or competing for limited financial resources for research infrastructure development. For making a leap advance in research development, it is therefore important for us to instil a spirit and culture of cooperation and support among colleagues, peers, research staff and other supporting employees.

The office of the Dean Research would always support research efforts of all faculty members and would mentor and facilitate the smooth conduct of research in the University by improving research administration. However, as Deans and Heads, we are the leading stakeholders of the university and therefore need to take bigger responsibility for its good health and growth. You are all in my team and will always find me supportive of your ideas and suggestions for taking research in the University to new highs by transforming it into a thinking university, knowledge churning and policy informer.

Warm regards,

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