

Dear students, research scholars, colleagues– all community of University of Kashmir!

We made it again! The University of Kashmir now figures among top 500 (450-500 slot) universities in the QS Asian University Rankings, 2020, as has just been released in the QS World University Rankings. It is indeed yet another moment of pride for the University. Under the dynamic and visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Talat Ahmad, the University after being graded as A+ through NAAC accreditation in 2019, and subsequently being ranked overall at position 78 among all institutions and at position 48 among universities in the country in NIRF rankings-2020, has achieved another important milestone by proving its mettle now at the global level also. In the recent past the amount of hard work and zealously that all the stakeholders of this institution have put in, be it in the areas of academics, research, outreach, social deliverance, etc., has made us stand out among some very good institutions at the national level and now we are moving ahead at the international level also. Though we have a long way to go to achieve prominence among world universities, we are nevertheless moving in the right direction to foster a culture in our institution where soon it can stand among the top 500 universities of the world. I am hopeful that the road in future, to new heights will be treaded on with more fervor as we move on.

While there was a great deal of uncertainty as we began this year's academic session, we now have a clear understanding that when our students, staff and faculty bond together, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish even in adverse situations. I want to extend a deep and heartfelt THANK YOU to you all for what you have accomplished this year. Our University is strong because of the people that inhabit it, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with each and every one of you.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you all on the beginning of the New Academic year. Let it be interesting and innovative for you and let it bring new knowledge and discoveries, as well as new challenges. To the students I would like to wish creative, responsible approach to education and interesting, passionate, inspiring professors. Let the years at the University be brightest years of your life.

To the faculty and all the colleagues I would like to wish smart, intelligent students, open for new knowledge and ready to study in and outside the classroom.

Together, all this will take our University to new heights.

I hope that you all find the space to work, rest, recuperate and enjoy the weeks to come – you all deserve to be congratulated for the achievements this University has had to it's credit in recent times!

Sd/-
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