DIQA KU holds workshop on 'Understanding Quality Benchmarks for Academics and Research'

In view of the vital issues and concerns regarding understanding of the internationally accepted benchmarks of quality for academics, research and its fallouts, the Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA) University of Kashmir organized a one -day workshop at Gandhi Bhawan on Wednesday.

During the workshop which was attended by DIQA coordinators and faculty members from various departments, schools and campuses of the University experts deliberated upon the maintenance of quality standards and appropriate procedure of filling the application form for CAS promotions under UGC Regulations-2018.

While inaugurating the workshop Registrar University of Kashmir Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir said in his special remarks "Such discourses are of paramount significance and help in creating awareness amongst the stakeholders especially teachers who sometimes unintentionally make mistakes while applying for promotions at different stages under CAS due to which the evaluation as well as the interview process gets delayed."

Stressing upon the participants to enhance the quality culture at the main and satellite campuses of the University Dr Nisar added "The faculty members need to keep

themselves abreast with the latest UGC regulations in vogue and other parameters so that they fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria as laid down by UGC while applying for their promotions under CAS which will help the administration to hold interviews on time and with a result there would be no delay in the promotions."

Earlier welcoming the participants Director DIQA Prof Manzoor A Shah outlined the difficulties and problems faced by DIQA Coordinators and experts from recruitment section of the University during evaluation of various forms due to deficiency in supporting documents produced by the applicants which hampers the overall process.

Prof Shah added "While for physical and natural sciences there are set benchmarks of quality but for the humanities, literature and arts, there is still lack of awareness amongst the stakeholders and during this workshop special deliberations would be done on that aspect also by the experts."

During the workshop hands on training was demonstrated about the most appropriate procedure for filling of application form in tune with UGC Regulations-2018.

In the technical session special presentations were made by Prof Mufti Mudasir, Dept of English KU on 'Benchmarks of Quality Research in Arts, Literature and Humanities',

Prof Ajaz Ahmad Dar, Head Dept of Chemistry KU on 'Important Considerations for Filling up of Application form' and by Prof Sumeer Gul, Librarian Allama Iqbal Library KU on 'Quality Research Indicators in light of UGC Regulation-2018.'

The technical session was followed by a panel discussion during which the experts responded to the various queries posed by the participants.

Besides officers and officials from DIQA and recruitment section of the University the workshop was also attended by Deputy Registrar Recruitment KU Mr Mushtaq Ahmad Mir and Deputy Registrar Teaching wing KU Mr Sheikh Asif Rashid.

Deputy Director DIQA Dr Aiaz Akbar Mir conducted the proceedings of the workshop and also proposed vote of thanks on the occasion while as Mr Sakib Zarger Research Assistant, API unit, DIQA coordinated the workshop.