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Editorial



IT is our great pleasure to announce the revival of the University Newsletter, in a new avatar *Panorama 2.0*. After a decade of absence, we have decided to bring back this crucial platform to keep everyone informed about the news, events, and developments taking place within the University of Kashmir. The first volume of the revised newsletter will cover events from May to December 2022, and it will be published on a quarterly basis moving forward.

As a leading higher education institution, our commitment is to keep all of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and wider community informed about the dynamic and ever-evolving landscape of our university. The newsletter serves as a space to share stories, celebrate achievements, and address the challenges we face as a community. It also provides us with an opportunity to learn about the innovative programs, research, and initiatives shaping our university. Whether you are on or off campus, *Panorama 2.0* will keep you updated on the latest news and events at the University of Kashmir.

We are proud to share that our university has been selected among 15 top academic institutions in the country to host the prestigious Youth-20 (Y20) events in conjunction with the upcoming G20 summit. This recognition showcases our university's status as a leading institution of higher education and our commitment to academic excellence and global engagement.

Over the next few months, our campus will be bustling with various activities as we host a series of programs related to the G20 summit. This grants an exceptional opening for our students and faculty to connect with leading experts and policymakers around the globe on fundamental topics such as sustainability, economic growth, technology and innovation, and gender equality.

The appointment of Prof (Dr) Nilofar Hassan Khan as the first woman Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir is a historical step towards gender equality in the academic sector. This development highlights the importance of diversity and inclusivity in the highest chair of learning and the value of diverse perspectives in decision-making. However, true gender equality requires sustained effort to address systemic barriers that prevent women from reaching their full potential.

We are taking this prospect to showcase our university to a wider audience and accentuate our research, academic programs, and commitment to student success and community engagement. Our goal is to further establish the University of Kashmir as a destination for talented students, innovative researchers, and visionary thinkers.

In addition to the G20 events, there are many other exciting initiatives and events taking place on our campus this year, including cultural festivals, sports competitions, workshops, and seminars hosted by our various departments. We are also expanding our programs in entrepreneurship, technology, and sustainability, allowing us to collaborate on research, education, and innovation and bring new perspectives and expertise to our campus. Our aim is to train our students with the skills and knowledge they need to make a constructive impact on society.

This year we are embarking on initiatives aimed at making our university an active part of society and a catalyst for youth transformation. The re-launch of *Panorama 2.0* will serve as a central source of information for all members of our community, featuring articles on upcoming events, faculty and student achievements, and news from across the university.

At the University of Kashmir, we are confident that, together, we will make this an unforgettable year filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement. We encourage you to engage with the newsletter and share your feedback with us. Your suggestions and ideas are vital to us as we aim to create a platform that is inclusive, informative, and engaging for everyone.

CURTAIN RAISER

KU and G20

With India assuming the Presidency of the G-20 Group of countries, the University of Kashmir is among 15 premier academic institutions in the country chosen to represent the nation in hosting the prestigious Youth-20 events. The Y20 events are being held in line with Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision that calls upon the country to present its experiences, learnings, and models as possible templates for others, particularly the developing world, during India's G20 Presidency.

Lieutenant Governor J&K Manoj Sinha, who is also the Honourable Chancellor of J&K universities, has called for an active participation of educational institutions in the G20 meeting to be held in J&K and asked the universities 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).

In a related significant event, the University hosted a two-day C-20 Working Group Meeting on 'Gender Equality and Disability' being held under the aegis of India's G20 Presidency on February 13-14, 2023.

Vice-Chancellor KU Prof Nilofer Khan presided over the opening session of the event.

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UN USG India, said the Working Group on Gender Equality and Disability is mandated to probe deeply into needs and fresh challenges of the most vulnerable and ensure they are heard and acknowledged.

"India has strongly advocated women's empowerment across all spheres. Our Constitution contains major provisions and courts have pronounced major landmark decisions that have radically transformed the gender landscape within the country," Mr Nambiar said.

Dr Bhavani Rao, India Co-Coordinator C20 GED Working Group and Ms Kanta Singh, Country Programme Manager, UN Women, also joined the deliberations and moderated the conversations with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) at the opening session. Registrar KU Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir formally welcomed the delegates and introduced the University of Kashmir in the context of promotion of gender equality.

Two-day C20 Working Group Meeting on 'Gender Equality and Disability' at KU





New Leadership, New Strides

MAY 20, 2022 marked a new dawn at the University of Kashmir, one of the premier academic institutions in the country, when the baton of the University's leadership was handed over to the first female Vice-Chancellor, breaking the glass ceiling. Prof Nilofer Hassan Khan, a distinguished academician and administrator, took charge of the University after having served it for more than three decades. With teaching experience of more than 30 years, Prof Nilofer has served the University's corporate life in several important academic and administrative capacities, including Dean College Development Council, Registrar, Dean Faculty of Applied Science and Technology and Director Institute of Home Sciences. 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. Soon after taking charge, Prof Nilofar listed out her foremost priorities for the University, including, primarily, welfare of the student community and implementation of NEP-2020. "The doors of my office will always be open for our students and research scholars. I shall be frequently interacting and engaging with them to address their needs and requirements vis-à-vis academics and research," she said.

The University of Kashmir, ever since its established in 1948, has withstood turbulent times and evolved as a responsible institution committed to come up to the expectations of the society. This is reflected in the evaluation and



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accreditation of this university by different national and international agencies. This University today not only figures on top of universities in the Jammu and Kashmir UT, but is also amongst top 100 universities in the country (at Rank 53 at present) as per the assessment carried out under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). This University also has to its credit Grade A+ accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), with the CGPA score of 3.31. In November 2022, the University has been ranked 110 in South Asia in the QS Asia University Rankings 2023 that feature 760 Asian universities.

The University, under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, has taken a lead in implementation of the flagship National Education Policy-2020 by framing the new curriculum



under NEP for affiliated colleges in Kashmir where the first batch of students under NEP has already been admitted and have undertaken their first examination under NEP. The University is also excelling in research with renewed focus on promoting interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research. Nine scientists from Kashmir University have made it to 2022 year's research database of the Stanford University that ranks top 2 percent of scientists worldwide. The University received significant funding through extramural projects from different funding agencies, nationally and internationally, granted on highly competitive basis. Besides, 13 departments are recognized by national funding agencies through their special support under schemes like UGC-SAP, DST-FIST and BSR etc.

Promoting extracurricular activities, skill development and innovations, facilitating placement of our students, and holding regular sports activities for them has been a priority area for the University leadership. In the last eight months alone, the University has held three important international conferences in offline mode, and more than 200 other conferences, seminars and workshops. The University also signed four Memoranda of Understanding on sharing of knowledge and resources. Recently, the students from IOT Zakura Campus have been granted a patent for Starch-Free Rice Cooker innovation.

Post-pandemic, the University has success-

fully been able to bring the examination calendar back on track. A significant reform in this direction—which has been acknowledged by the Higher Education Department—is the issuance of Advance Date-Sheets, just at the beginning of each semester. The University has also started dispatching degree certificates and transcripts of the students—within 15 days of declaration of their results—to their respective colleges. For the first time, the University has made its presence felt on the National Academic Depository (NAD) and DigiLocker to ease students in accessing their academic details online.

The University administration is placing an equal focus and emphasis on the progression of satellite campuses at Baramulla, Anantnag and Kupwara. The University is also set to make the Kupwara Campus functional by starting the class-work for the newly-admitted batch of students for integrated programmes in Energy Studies and Physics.

The University is relentless in its effort to further improve its ranking and visibility and become a true center of academic excellence and research not only at the national level, but international level too.



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NEP-2020: KU shows the way

AFTER the education policy of the country monotonously followed the same norms for 34 years, the Ministry of Education (formerly known as MHRD) did some serious amendments in it on 29 July 2020 and the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP2020) came into being. NEP 2020 is the third education policy in the history of independent India after the policy of 1968 and the second policy of 1986.

The main goal of this new policy is to improve educational outcomes so that children can learn to implement the acquired knowledge and skills in their practical life. It is believed that under this policy the changed school structure will reduce the stress of exams and will channelize students' focus towards practical skills and vocational learning. Students will have broader options to learn now. With a clear focus on equity, inclusivity and digital literacy, the reforms under NEP 2020 aim to transform India into a knowledge superpower. It brings the Indian education system on par with global practices in the segment while creating a tech-driven generation who are ready to plunge into the future workforce.

In this backdrop in the month of August, 2022 the University of Kashmir issued the advance date-sheet under the National Education Policy-2020 for undergraduate students in its government affiliated colleges, thus becoming the first academic institution in the Jammu and Kashmir UT—and amongst first institutions in the country—to do so.

Not only this University of Kashmir also became the first University in J&K UT to have followed a uniform academic calendar and conducted the exams of UG NEP in December once the UT government issued a uni-

form academic calendar according to which admission for UG first semester was to start in July, classes from August and examination in December.

Implementation of NEP-2020 also helped the University to restore the academic calendar— an effort that saw several hiccups in the previous years and University issued all UG date-sheets at the start of the semester which prepared all stakeholders like students, faculty as well as parents for the coming semester.

Besides organizing workshops, orientation programs, webinars, extension lectures and seminars on NEP-2020 University went a step ahead by releasing a documentary that aimed to familiarize the students with the National Education Policy-2020.

The documentary was released by the Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofar Khan during a review meeting of participants of a two-day workshop held on NEP-2020, on 17-18 October 2022.

The documentary, conceived and conceptualized by the Controller of Examinations, is a production by the University's Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC) and has all basic details for students pertaining to NEP-2020, including multiple entry-exit options, Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), question paper pattern, course flexibilities and DigiLocker.

Congratulating the University for this Academic Feat, former Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department JK Govt, Rohit Kansal while attending an orientation program organized by the University said that J&K UT has become first place in the country to implement the NEP-2020 and the curriculum for the UG program has been prepared by University of Kashmir.





He added that it has been an outcome of a great synergistic and symbiotic endeavour of our major stakeholders, including the University of Kashmir, that we have been able to take the first positive and definite step to implement the NEP-2020 in J&K, the first place in the country to do so.

He said the University of Kashmir has formulated the new NEP curriculum for colleges well in time, putting Kashmir ahead of all colleges and schools in the country to make this happen.

Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan said it's a moment of pride to note that our University has been leading from the front at country level to ensure smooth implementation of NEP-2020 in the

iversity and its affiliated colleges.

She said the issuance of advance date-sheets has been conceived to keep the examinees updated about their examination dates right at the start of their academic semester.

The Vice Chancellor said that the collective contribution and commitment of all stakeholders towards smooth implementation of NEP-2020 is bearing fruits and this synergy must continue so that the objectives of NEP are fully achieved.

Some important workshops, orientation programs, webinars, extension lectures and seminars organized by the University of Kashmir regarding NEP-2020 are mentioned below-

S.No.	Name of the Event	Department/Centre
01.	One day Seminar titled 'Reflection on NEP-2020'	Department of Education, South Campus K.U
02.	Two-day 'Training of Trainers workshop on NEP-2020'	NEP cell, Office of the Dean Academic Affairs K.U
03.	Orientation-cum-awareness program on NEP implementation Strategy 2020	NEP cell, Office of the Dean Academic Affairs K.U
04.	Orientation Program for Academic Counsellors NEP-2020	NEP cell, Office of the Dean Academic Affairs K.U
05.	Webinar Series on NEP-2020	UGC-HRDC, K.U
06.	Workshop of NEP-2020	Department of Social Work K.U in Collaboration with J&K School Education Department and Mission Directorate PM-POSHAN SCHEME
07.	One Day Workshop on NEP 2020	UGC-HRDC K.U
08.	National Conference of NEP-2020	Department of Management Studies, KU in collaboration with CT University Punjab
09.	Special Lecture on 'Gender Equality and NEP 2020'	UGC-HRDC, K.U
10.	Extension Lecture on NEP-2020	Department of Education ,Main Campus, K.U



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One day National Seminar 'Reflection on NEP-2020':

A one-day National seminar on 'Reflection on NEP-2020' was held on November 16, 2022 at Kashmir University's South Campus. During the Seminar which was organized by Department of Education, South Campus the speakers stressed on the need to analyze different dimensions of NEP-2020 relating to offering multi-disciplinary programs and highlighted the role of NEP-2020 in bringing reforms in the education sector.

Two-day 'Training of Trainers workshop on NEP-2020':

A two-day 'Training of Trainers workshop on National Education Policy-2020' was held from October 17, 2022 - October 18, 2022 at University of Kashmir. The workshop was organized by the varsity's NEP Cell that works under the aegis of the Dean of Academic Affairs. The two-day event saw deliberations by noted experts on varied aspects of NEP-2020 and faculty drawn from the university's teaching departments and affiliated colleges participated in the workshop.



Orientation Program for Academic Counselors on NEP-2020:

A day-long awareness-cum-orientation program on National Education Policy-2020 was held at the University of Kashmir on August 04, 2022. Organised by NEP Cell, KU academic counselors of all departments/institutes/centres/PG colleges of the University attended the event during experts drawn from various fields of higher education delivered talks on 'Introduction and Explanation of Multiple Entry and Exit System in Academic Programs under NEP-2020 and National Academic Depository (NAD)' and 'NEP-2020 Framework.'

Orientation-cum-awareness program on NEP implementation Strategy 2020:

The University of Kashmir on August, 18, 2022 held an orientation-cum-awareness program on the National Education Policy-2020 for principals of degree colleges of Kashmir. Organised by KU's NEP Cell to deliberate on the implementation strategies for NEP-2020 at the University and Col-





At the college levels the program was aimed at creating proper awareness of the policy document, its purpose and the modus-operandi for its implementation to overcome any challenges that the new policy throws for academicians and administrators.

Webinar Series on NEP-2020:

On July 30, 2022 the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) of University of Kashmir organised a webinar series to deliberate on the National Education Policy-2020. More than 100 participants from different parts of the country joined the online event and had a discussion regarding successful implementation of NEP-2020. During the webinar experts threw light on the NEP-2020 in light of opportunities and challenges for the higher educational institutions and also focused on restructuring the new curriculum such that it paves way for more employment generation.

One Day Workshop on NEP 2020:

The UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Kashmir on May 28, 2022 conducted a one-day workshop on National Education Policy (NEP)-2020. The workshop was organised to create awareness and understanding among teachers about distinction, curriculum modifications, shift in pedagogical proficiency and effective implementation of the flagship policy in higher educational institutions.

Workshop of NEP-2020:

Department of Social Work (DoSW) KU on June 07, 2022 organised a workshop on National Education Policy-2020 in collaboration with J&K School Education Department and Mission Directorate, PM-POSHAN Scheme during which audit report on PM-POSHAN scheme was also released.

During the workshop the speakers expressed hope that the recommendations of the audit report would be taken up for interventions required at the policy level that would enable the concerned Department to fill the gaps, if any, in implementation of this flagship program.

National Conference of NEP-2020:

On Mar 29, 2022 KU's Department of Management Studies organized a National Conference "NEP: bridging the skill gap and employing youth for promising future under Kashmir-Punjab education initiative KASPUN 2.0." The Conference was organised in collaboration with CT University Punjab to highlight the impact of New Education Policy on the institutions of higher learning.

Special Lecture on 'Gender Equality and NEP 2020':

Kashmir University's Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) organised a special lecture on 'Gender Equality in light of NEP-2020. During the lecture the experts termed 'National Education Policy-2020' a holistic document -that puts a great emphasis on gender inclusivity in education and said that it's important to reconfigure the current education system, wherever required, to meet the objectives of this flagship policy in true sense.

Extension Lecture on NEP-2020:

The Department of Education University of Kashmir (Main Campus) on July 02, 2022 organised an extension lecture on the National Education Policy-2020 during which the experts underlined the role of academia in making this new academic model workable with inter-institutional collaborations at the university and college levels. The 'vision plan' for stakeholders to implement different recommendations of the NEP-2020 was also discussed during the one day program.



Milestones

From witnessing the appointment of first woman Vice-Chancellor to securing 110th rank in South Asia in the QS Asia University Rankings, the University of Kashmir achieved many a milestone in academics, research and extension activities. Besides hosting three international conferences in the disciplines of Food Science and Technology, Crystal Engineering and Cell Biology, the University hosted top-notch scientists from across the country for a dialogue on climate change. And the first time, Korean Ambassador to India visited the University to vow partnership in 'areas of mutual interest'. The University was also selected to participate in PM's Mission Amrit Sarovar, a flagship initiative of the Honourable Prime Minister on rejuvenation of water bodies across the country. The University has also become part of a key UN report on sustainable use of wild species.



Department of Chemistry KU in collaboration with Department of Chemical Sciences, IISER Kolkata, organised 3rd International Conference on Crystal Engineering at Pahalgam, Kashmir.



Department of Food Science and Technology organised a 3-day international conference on 'Interface between Agriculture, Food, Chemical and Biological Sciences'



Korean Ambassador to India Jae-bok Chang during his visit to University of Kashmir

Eminent scientists during the first meeting of Reconstituted Committee of Climate Change Programme of the DST at University of Kashmir



AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

The University of Kashmir actively participated in 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the countrywide commemoration of 75 years of independence, holding several events and competitions across the main and satellite campuses with overwhelming participation of faculty, research scholars and students.



Painting Competition

NSS KU organises a mega cleanliness drive



Event at South Campus

MY TOWN, MY PRIDE

The J&K administration’s flagship ‘My Town, My Pride’ initiative sparked a series of events at University of Kashmir. As part of the initiative, announced by Honourable LG, J&K (Honourable Chancellor), Shri Manoj Sinha, the Vice-Chancellor KU ordered a complete ban on entry and use of polythene in the campus.

Department of Tourism, Hospitality & Leisure Studies

Under the banner of “My Town My Pride”, the Department of Tourism, Hospitality & Leisure Studies University of Kashmir organised a "Culture & Heritage Campaign" to create awareness about the cultural and heritage resources of Srinagar City and also emphasize their importance in the urban areas.



Institute of Technology (IOT), Zakura Srinagar



Under the my town my pride, TRANSFORMING URBAN J&K initiative of the J&K UT and GOI, marketplace adjacent to Hazratbal shrine (34.1311N, 74.8421E) was selected as the problem area for beautification and decongestion. This market remains a source of livelihood to many and is thronged by thousands, thereby, remaining a prime place of congestion and pollution. A team of 10 students and 3 faculty members from the Department of Civil Engineering, Institute of Technology (IOT), University of Kashmir (UOK), Zakura, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, visited the proposed site of Market place at Hazratbal shrine .

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Vice-Chancellor flagged off a cleanliness drive-cum-traffic awareness programme, organised by the varsity’s Office of National Service Scheme (NSS), as part of the ‘My Town, My Pride’ initiative. Dean Academic Affairs Prof F A Masoodi, Media Advisor KU Dr Salima Jan, NSS Coordinator Dr Mussavir Ahmad and officials from J&K Traffic Police Department were present on the occasion.



Department of Students Welfare

The Department of Students Welfare organised an art carnival at the University Model School. More than 200 school students from adjacent areas participated in the event and sketched paintings and posters on the theme, 'Preserving Art and Culture of Jammu and Kashmir'.



Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology organised a community awareness programme against drug addiction. The department's faculty, students and research scholars held an anti-drug abuse rally at the Hazratbal market, even as the students also enacted a skit to highlight the negative impacts of drug addiction on the society's growth and development.

The Department also organised community awareness programme, on domestic violence, with its faculty, scholars and students holding a rally from the campus to the adjacent Hazratbal market. The students also performed a street-play highlighting the need to curb domestic violence.



Directorate of Lifelong Learning (DLL)

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan chaired a day-long orientation programme organised by the Directorate of Lifelong Learning (DLL) at Shanpora area, near the University's main campus, under the 'My Town, My Pride' banner. The programme discussed strategies on livelihood and financial inclusion of people, even as the Vice-Chancellor stressed on skill development of local residents with special focus on Sozni art, copper work, bridal mehendi art and tailoring to enable young boys and girls to earn a decent livelihood. More than 100 people, most women, participated in the programme.





Research Brief

Research promotion remained one of the focal areas at the University of Kashmir, with Taylor and Francis (India), one of the biggest publishing houses in the world, saying that the varsity's research output has grown 200 percent in last six years. The University held a series of workshops on research methodology across faculties and campuses to acquaint research scholars with newer research tools, techniques and skills. The University also held at least seven BORS meetings, besides awarding more than 80 PhD in a span of six months.

Keeping pace with global knowledge based society the University of Kashmir not only assures research based teaching but strives towards quality and globally comparable research.

In the year 2022 some 600 research papers were published by our faculty in indexed journals notified by UGC with good impact factor.

Department of Physics University of Kashmir organised week-long 'Synergistic Training Programme Utilising the Scientific and Technological Infrastructure' in collaboration with Shivaji University, Kolhapur. It was sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.



Vice-Chancellor chairs national workshop on 'How to Publish Scholarly Books and Open Access' organised by Allama Iqbal Library (AIL) in collaboration with Taylor & Francis

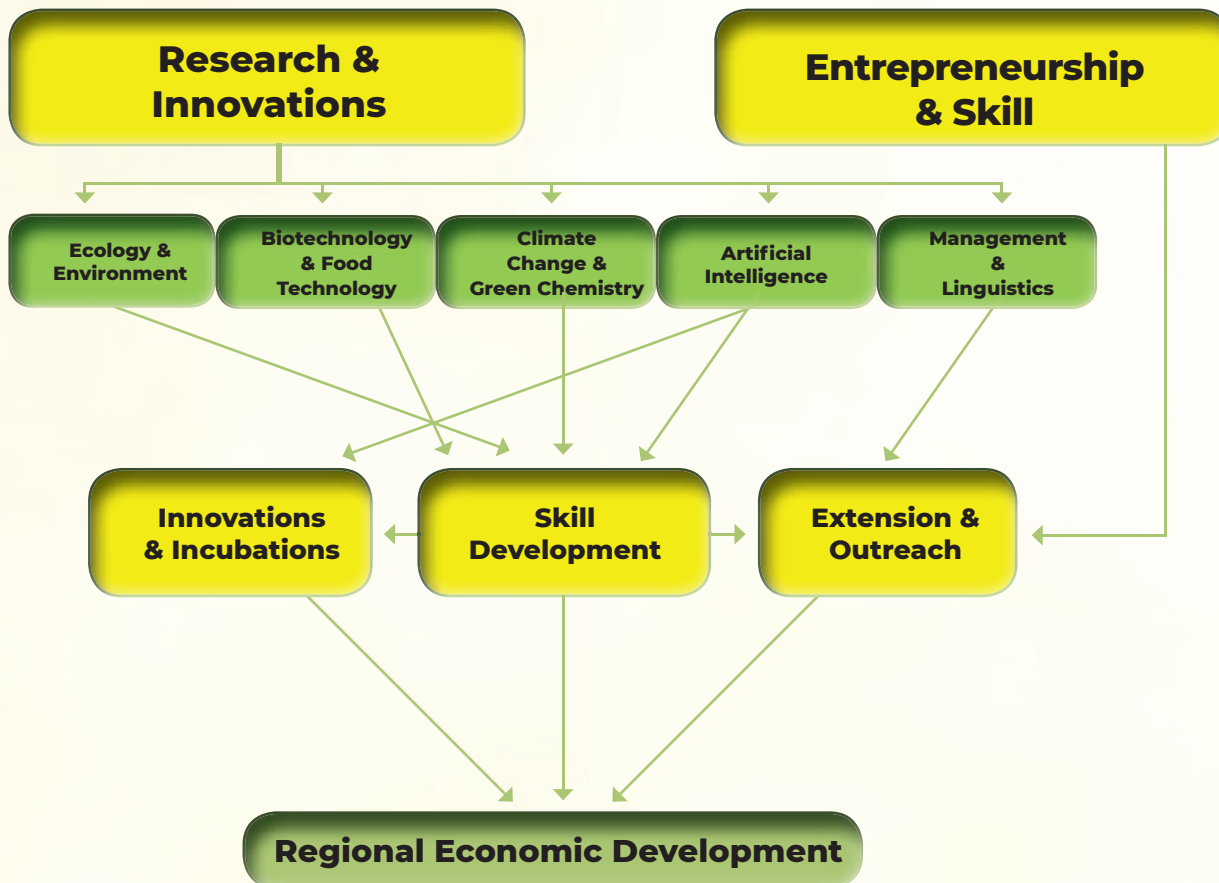




Rankings, Rewards & RUSA

In view of the University's historic transition in its accreditation status from A to A+ with CGPA of 3.31, the University was rewarded with a special grant of Rs. 50 Crores under RUSA 2.0 by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India through the Mission Directorate RUSA, Govt. of J&K. Through this grant 14 major projects are supported under 'Research and Innovation' component and 7 projects under the Entrepreneurship & Career Hub covering 21 Departments, engaging 32 Principal Investigators and Co-PIs. In these projects 31 Research Fellows, 05 Field Assistants, 21 Literacy Teachers and 03 Multi-tasking Staff members are engaged. The outcome of these projects is enormous in terms of the high-end state-of-the-art facilities created, some major research breakthroughs made, high impact papers published, patents filed/granted, extension and outreach programmes conducted.

The University over the past few years has consistently been nationally ranked amongst top 50 University's and in 2022 ranking under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India it has been ranked at 53. In the QS South Asia Ranking 2023, the University figured at 110th rank.



Connectivity of work elements & activities under RUSA 2.0

Youth Engagement

Year 2022, which was declared as the “Year of Academic Transformation” by the J&K Administration following disruptions caused to the education by the Covid19 pandemic, saw the University of Kashmir engaging students from teaching departments, satellite campuses and affiliated colleges in different extra-curricular activities, awareness programmes and outreach initiatives. These events offered an opportunity for the students to showcase their creative abilities in different forms of art, culture, music and fine arts, besides developing a passion of innovations and entrepreneurship to become self-reliant. NSS volunteers were actively engaged in several important outreach initiatives, including Clean India Campaign 2.0.



Honourable Chancellor inaugurates Sonzal-2022, organised by Department of Students' Welfare, at Convocation Complex, University of Kashmir, in presence of Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan. Honourable Vice-Chancellor, IUST, Prof Shakil A Romshoo was the guest of honour.

Vice-Chancellor inaugurates TechFest Roshnaas, organised by Institute of Technology, Zakura Campus.



500 NSS volunteers joined Clean India Campaign 2.0 at University of Kashmir

NSS student volunteers donate blood during a blood donation camp organised to mark World Blood Donation Day





Commemoration

In sync with the University's commitment to promote the message and significance of commemorations, a number of programmes were organised at the University to commemorate national events, international days, national personalities and happenings. Faculty, research students and students from teaching departments across campuses joined the commemorative events to reinforce their societal and environmental commitments. Prominent among commemorative events included celebrations related to National Unity Day, Teachers' Day, International Women's Day, Gandhi Jayanti, International Yoga Day and the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan leads National Flag Hoisting Ceremony at University of Kashmir on the occasion of country's 75th Independence Day



Celebrations related to National Unity Day at Main, South Campus



Students and faculty during Teachers' Day celebrations at KU's Main, South campuses



Eminent Lectures

To provide regular opportunities to students and research scholars to learn from renowned experts from different fields of study and research, the University of Kashmir hosted eminent academics and researchers. As a new initiative, the Office of Dean Academic Affairs initiated 'Know the Nobel Laureate' lecture series to acquaint students with the life and works of Nobel Laureates and encourage them to draw inspiration from them.



Department of English, as part of the lecture series, organised lecture by Dr Siddharta, faculty, Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University, on Annie Ernaux, the recipient of Nobel Prize in Literature (2022).



Padma Shri Dr Mukesh Batra delivers lecture at University of Kashmir



Directorate of Distance Education organised 7th Hamidi Kashmiri Memorial Lecture



Author Vineeta Bakshi during an interaction session with students of Department of English



Campus Life

Ending a long hiatus of disruptions caused by the Covid19 disruptions, life returned to the campuses in full bloom. The University welcomed the freshers at a special reception ceremony, conceptualised by the Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan, at the varsity's sprawling Convocation Complex. The Vice-Chancellor struck a chord with the students, saying they are the University's lifeline and most-valuable asset. A mega cultural and food festival at the main campus added more flavor to the campus life.



Vice-Chancellor addresses freshers during the Freshers' Meet

Eid Saal-2022, a cultural-cum-food festival organised by The Department of Management Studies, saw massive participation of students at the main campus



Linkages

In order to meet the challenge of linking academia with the Industry and other institutions of national importance, the University of Kashmir signed important pacts during 2022 in areas of legal studies, innovations and scientific collaborations. Shared learning and exchange of ideas and expertise is one of the thrust areas of National Education Policy-2020.



KU signs MoU with IIS, Gujarat University, to promote innovations and action-oriented research



A glimpse from MoU-signing ceremony between KU and J&K Science Technology and Innovations Council (JKST&IC)



Alumni Meetings

Realising the importance of a strong student-institution relationship, a number of alumni meets were held at the University of Kashmir on directions of Vice-Chancellor. One of the important parameters in the universities' NAAC assessment is the number of alumni meets held and engagement of the former students with the institution.



'Milan-2022': KU's Urdu Department organises its first alumni meet



Eminent academics in attendance at KU Botany Department alumni meet



KU's Social Work Department organises alumni meet



Alumni meet held at KU's Distance Education



Alumni meet held at KU's South Campus



KU's Sociology Department organises maiden alumni meet

Environment

The University of Kashmir continued to hold environment protection campaigns, events and seminars at the main and satellite campuses. In view of the importance of engaging students in disaster management programmes, the University laid added focus on disaster risk reduction. The University of Kashmir also bagged the Union Education Ministry's 'District Green Champions' Award 2021-22.



Department of Social Work, NSS and NIDM organise joint workshop on 'Engaging Youth and Adolescents' in Disaster Risk Reduction



Department of Environmental Sciences and JKST&IC organised series of events on 'Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature as There is Only One Earth'.



Laurels

KU awards its outstanding teachers, scientists



The awardees in the Outstanding Scientists category are the varsity's teachers who have recently figured in the research database of the Stanford University that ranks the top 2 percent of scientists worldwide. These include Prof Farooq A Masoodi, Dean Academic Affairs and Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology; Prof Shakil A Romshoo, Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology, and Professor, Department of Earth Sciences; Prof Ghulam Jeelani, Department of Earth Sciences; Dr Imtiyaz A Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology; Dr Adil Gani, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and

Technology; Dr Shabir Ahmad Parrah, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Instrumentation Technology; Dr Idrees A Wani, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology and Dr Ikhlaz Hussain, Assistant Professor, IOT Zakura Campus.

In the Best Teacher category, the awards were presented to Prof Manzoor A Shah, Department of Botany; Prof Bashir A Ganai, Centre of Research for Development (CORD) and Dr Javaid Ahmad Sheikh, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Instrumentation Technology. Dr Shafqat Altaf, Department of Kashmiri, was awarded in the category for 'Prestigious Awardees'.



KU teacher bags SERB-POWER Fellowship



KU Scientist Elected Member of National Academy of Sciences



2 faculty members awarded at KashmirExpo-2022





Groundwork

•NAAC Re-Accreditation



The University of Kashmir is due for assessment by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2024. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has chaired several meetings to review the varsity's preparedness for the NAAC re-accreditation and impressed upon the deans of faculties, heads of departments, directors of satellite campuses and officers of the Registry to gear up in advance to meet the NAAC requirements. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has emphasised the need to further improve upon the University's rankings and visibility with active cooperation of all stakeholders.

•Youth20 Event



Registrar KU participated in Youth20 Initiation Workshop at IIM Raipur



The University of Kashmir has been chosen among 15 premier institutions in the country to host Youth20 events as part of the country's G20 Presidency. The Y20 event at the University of Kashmir will focus on "Climate Change Mitigation", one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by G20 Group of Countries under India's Presidency. The event is scheduled to be attended by 25 delegates from G20 countries, 25 national-level delegates, 12 national speakers and 08 international speakers. Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and top officials from the Ministry are expected to grace the occasion.

The University of Kashmir has already constituted several committees, which are being personally supervised by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, for necessary arrangements and preparedness in this regard. The theme of the Youth20 event was chosen in view of the climate change which is reported to be impacting the human life and biodiversity in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). The University has already participated in the initiation workshop for Y20 Summit held at IIM Raipur.



Prof. Manzoor A Shah with Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports at Youth 20 Inception Meeting at Guwahati

•NBA Accreditation



The University of Kashmir is gearing up to have its key technical education programmes accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA). Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan chaired a high-level meeting in December 2022 to review the status of programmes being offered by the departments including Management Studies, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Computer Sciences, besides Institute of Technology Zakura Campus, which fall within the ambit of proposed NBA accreditation.



The NBA is an autonomous body that assesses technical education programmes to ensure their relevance to the market needs. Emphasising the need to have these technical programmes assessed and accredited by NBA at the earliest, Prof Nilofer said such an exercise will help the University to evolve standards and benchmarks in technical education as per the national standards and requirements of the future. This, she said, will in turn help the students passing out from these departments in securing better job prospects. The NBA accreditation will also enable the University to secure better rankings in NIRF and NAAC, and resultantly, better visibility at the national and international level, the VC said.



Community Outreach

The University's community outreach initiatives gained greater pace during 2022, covering a wide range of emerging issues and concerns in diverse areas of high social importance. These, among others, included mental health, women's health and hygiene, breast cancer and drug de-addiction.



Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan inaugurates breast cancer awareness programme, organised by Department of Bioresources, across colleges in the Kashmir Valley

A mental health awareness programme at Institute of Technology, Zakura Campus



CWSR organised several outreach programmes on women's health and hygiene in different areas of Kashmir

Gender Equality

Goal 5 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. Realising the significance of the Goal, the University of Kashmir led from the front to take a slew of initiatives and hold programmes to promote the cause of gender equality. While the University continued to pursue the flagship Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) of the Department of Science and Technology to create an enabling gender climate in the institution, 'Gender Champions' were nominated by the University for the Gender Champions Club to strengthen the resolve of youth to promote gender equality. The University's HRDC organised an exclusive refresher course on 'Gender and Development Studies' to further the cause of gender equality.



Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan chairs meeting of GATI Pilot Programme



A glimpse from meeting of Gender Champions Club





Sports

Having significantly added new infrastructure and facilities in the area of sports, the engagement of students from teaching departments and affiliated colleges in different sports events at the local and national level gained pace during the academic year 2021-22. Besides tournaments in Cricket, Football, Volleyball and Badminton, the University organised a Para Cricket Match to mark the World White Cane Day. In these tournaments, the participation of girl students from teaching departments and affiliated colleges was significantly visible.



Vice Chancellor flags off student teams for Inter University North Zone tournaments



50 girl students participated in Inter-College KU Inter-College Cycle Race



Specially-abled students participate in Para Cricket Match on the occasion of World White Cane Day

KU in Press

INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY

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KU set to host C-20 Working Group Meeting

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PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY

G20 Working Group Meeting at KU makes slew of recommendations

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Srinagar, Feb 14: Top-notch experts on Tuesday proposed a slew of recommendations to promote gender equality as they wrapped up the two-day deliberations at the C20 Working Group Meeting hosted by the University of Kashmir.

India's G20 Presidency

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Gender equality: C20 meet makes slew of recommendations

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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

BY ED RIZWAN GELANI
In Kashmir University's (KU) 75th anniversary celebrations, the varsity's association with the G20 Working Group Meeting on Gender Equality and Disability is an important milestone.



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KU holds multiple outreach activities under 'My Town, My Pride'

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Srinagar, Dec 8: Multiple outreach activities related to the celebration of J&K administration's 'My Town, My Pride' initiative continued to be organised by the University of Kashmir for the second consecutive day Tuesday.

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Upcoming Events

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Two-Day National Seminar On Interfaith Dialogue and Communal Harmony: Challenges and Prospects

Organized by: Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies
University of Kashmir

Career Counselling Programme

Organized by: Students Counseling & Guidance Cell,
Public Relations Centre, University of Kashmir

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Two-Day National Seminar On Creating Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Spaces: Urbanisation and Urban Planning in India with Special Reference to Kashmir

Organized by: Department of Political Science, University of Kashmir

International Conference on "Recent Advances in Business, Management & Data Analytics"

Organized by: Department of Management Studies, University of Kashmir

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APR
25- May 04

TEN DAY ONLINE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (FDP) ON Artificial Intelligence and its Role in Future Communications, Signal Processing and Computing Applications

Organized by: Electronics & ICT Academy, NIT Warangal
in association with University of Kashmir



YOUTH20 CONSULTATION Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life

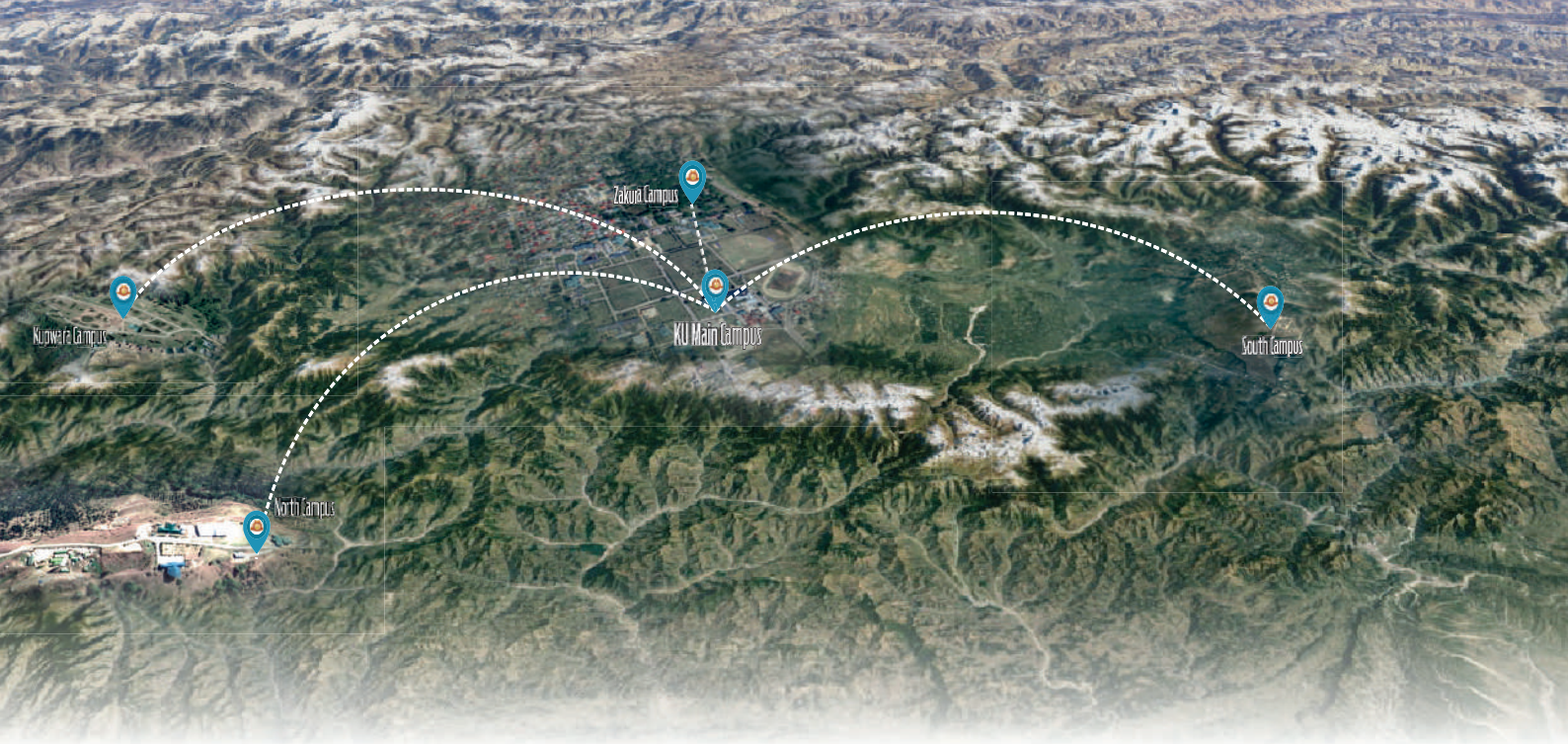
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National Seminar on Role of Universities in Social Transformation

Organized by: Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir





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