

KU holds condolence meet over demise of ex-VC Prof Riyaz Punjabi

Srinagar, Apr 8: The University of Kashmir Thursday organised a meeting to condole the demise of former varsity Vice-Chancellor Prof Riyaz Punjabi.

The condolence meeting, chaired by in-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof Neelofar Khan, was attended by top university officers and functionaries including Dean Academic Affairs Prof Shabir A Bhat, Dean Research Prof Shakil A Romshoo, Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, Deans of various Faculties on the Campus, Heads of Teaching Departments, Directors of various centres, Officers of the Registry and members from KUTA, KUMSA and KUOA.

Academics and officers who spoke at the condolence meeting recalled the contributions of Prof Punjabi as VC KU from 2008 to 2011 as well as his rich academic and literary pursuits. These included Prof Neelofar Khan, Prof Shabir A Bhat, Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir, Prof M Y Ganai, Prof Mushtaq Ahmad and others.

'Fateha' prayers were also offered to the departed soul on the occasion.

Earlier, Vice-Chancellor Prof Talat Ahmad, who is out of station at present, condoled the demise of Prof Punjabi and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul. He also expressed his deep sympathies and solidarity with the bereaved family in this hour of grief.

"Prof Punjabi's contributions to the growth and development of this university will always be remembered and recalled," Prof Talat said in his condolence message.

A separate condolence meet was organised in the Directorate of Distance Education (DDE) under the chairmanship of its Director Prof Tariq Ahmad Chisthi. The DDE faculty expressed their grief and recalled the significant contribution of Prof Punjabi in putting the University of Kashmir on growth trajectory during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor and Director, DDE.

Meanwhile, KUTA Presidium convened a condolence meeting presided over by its President and expressed shock over the demise of Prof Punjabi. The KUTA recalled Prof Punjabi's vast contributions as teacher, researcher and academic leader.

KUMSA office-bearers also convened a condolence meeting over Prof Punjabi's demise. The members prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and expressed their solidarity with the bereaved family.