

Restrictions on entry of vehicles in KU campus to continue

Teachers' body extends support; administration to operate battery-operated vehicles within varsity

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Srinagar, May 6: Authorities at Kashmir University (KU) have decided to continue with restriction on entry of vehicles in the campus.

The order for parking of vehicles at designated places was issued in view of the visit of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) to the varsity. The visit concluded on Saturday.

However, the administration has now decided to continue the practice in a bid to make the campus a vehicle-free zone.

A fresh order issued by registrar KU, Nisar Ahmad Mir, stated that no vehicle should be parked at any locations other than designated parking places.

The administration has designated parking places at Sir Syed gate, Convocation Complex, Rumi gate and Zainul Abidin gate.

“The VVIP gate near convocation complex shall remain open to facilitate entry and exit of staff vehicles, parked near the complex,” the order reads.

The administration has further decided to operate bicycles and batteries-operated vehicles within the campus which will be ferrying students, staff and visitors to respective destinations.

Earlier, the Kashmir University Teachers Association (KUTA) had written to the vice chancellor (VC) and sought that the restriction should be continued in view of the support extended by majority of faculty members.

The executive committee members of KUTA also convened a meeting with Chief Proctor, resolving that restrictions on vehicle movement must continue.

The varsity administration has however been asked

to ensure smooth and hassle free implementation of this the order besides making eco-friendly transport facilities available to the varsity staff.

KUTA has demanded that designation of parking slots near convocation complex should be exclusively for the University staff and a helpline or control room should be set up for making instant transit facility available to teachers by the Chief Proctor's office.

It has agreed to contribute bicycles or electrically operated vehicles for the benefit of teachers. “Green campus campaign was launched by us in November 2017 and restricting parking of vehicles was a part of the campaign. There might be some difficulties but we hope we will overcome those pangs with the passage of time,” said president KUTA, Prof Muheet.
