

80TH MEETING OF KU COUNCIL HELD.

KU proposes Rs 398.35 crores for augmentation of satellite Campuses.

*Chancellor Shri G C Murmu, appreciates KU for academic achievements.
VC KU Prof Talat informs about fellowship for attracting scientists to Varsity.*

Srinagar, June 06: The University of Kashmir submitted a detailed proposal, to spend a grant of 398.35 crores for further development of Physical infrastructure and man-power at Varsity's main and satellite campuses, to accommodate more students and start new courses, before the University Council. The meeting, chaired by the Varsity's Chancellor Shri G C Murmu, the LG Governor of J&K UT, was also attended by council members from various parts of the country through Video-Conferencing.

During the meeting Chancellor Shri Murmu, sought a detailed report on the activities and various initiatives taken by the University. He advised the University authorities to adopt a futuristic approach for upgradation of infrastructural facilities with latest technology and innovation. He stressed launch of various academic & research programmes on varied subjects with special focus on most recent advancements in science and technology.

The Lt Governor complimented and congratulated the University authorities for achieving high position under NIRF Ranking and securing the 53rd rank amongst the Universities, besides being the top most University in J&K. He further congratulated the faculty and students for grant of International Fellowships, Awards and Scholarships. The Chancellor was quite considerate and keen in addressing all academic, research as well as administrative issues raised by the University during the meeting.

Earlier the Vice Chancellor KU Prof Talat Ahmad welcomed the Chancellor to the first meeting of the University Council. In his online presentation the Vice Chancellor KU Prof Talat Ahmad proposed grant of Rs 398.35 crores for the University to augment the physical infrastructure and human resources, especially at the satellite campuses and convert them into specialized campuses for various courses. Highlighting the huge mismatch between demand and intake capacity of the University, the Vice Chancellor informed the council that University receives over 20,000 applications for various PG programmes and is able to accommodate hardly around 3000 students. The special proposed budget will help increase the intake capacity so that more and more students could get the opportunity of higher education at the University and also enable us to start new demand driven courses at the main and satellite campuses.

During the meeting the Vice Chancellor also informed about prestigious fellowship grants being received by the Varsity such as Rama Linga Swamy, Ramanujan, Kothari, DST inspire and DBT-Welcome Trust for attracting and facilitating return of reputed scientists and scholars, of Indian origin from all over the world, to KU for promotion of research culture at the University. The University will benefit from their rich experience. This centrally funded major project only requires a small budgetary provision from the state in terms of technical manpower and maintenance of machines.

The Vice Chancellor flagged the achievements of the institution especially in the field of scientific research, international collaborations, community outreach, use of latest technology for teaching and learning and our contribution to SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha platforms of MHRD.

The council was informed that an amount of Rs 50 crores has been approved under RUSA for research and innovative hub.

To further promote research for society and social good, the University presented proposals for establishment of Centre for Advanced Instrumentation for Research (CAIR) and Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovations (CIRI) for collaborative research. Under the project the university will also develop special labs and testing facilities for serving the society during COVID-19 like situation.

On the request of the Vice Chancellor, the council allowed conduct of interviews through Video Conferencing, during COVID19 pandemic, for the teaching and non-teaching positions in the University. Both the experts and candidates can be invited for the interview through Video Conferencing.

The University also submitted a proposal for implementation of reservation policy for various categories as mandated by law. The University also sought advice of the council for PG admissions for the year 2020. The council asked the University to take a decision, on the conduct of entrance test or otherwise, after assessing the situation by the end of June.

The meeting was also attended by Kewal Kumar Sharma, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor; Arun Kumar Mehta, Financial Commissioner, Finance department ; M Raju, Secretary to the Government, Planning, Development and Monitoring department, Talat Parvez Rohella, Secretary Higher Education; Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu; Prof. Anju Bhasin, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu; Chancellor's Nominees- Prof. Shamim Ahmad Shah, Prof. Showkat Ahmad Shah, Dr. Fehmeeda Hilal, Dr Tariq Ahmad Bhat, Prof. Jaspal Singh Sandhu and Dr. Shimla ; Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Registrar, KU.