## MHRD lists KU among top 50 Universities of the country

**Srinagar KU June 11:** In a major achievement University of Kashmir has been listed, by MHRD, among top 50 Universities in the country, improving its rank from 53 to 48 this time.

In the all India Ranking for 2020, assessment by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, (MHRD), the University of Kashmir (KU) got the 48th rank with a score of 46.99 points among the Indian Universities. This means KU which stood at 53rd rank last year has improved five positions this time despite all the odds.

The ranking of Indian Universities and other educational institutions in 2020 under Institutional Ranking Framework was released by the Hon'ble Minster for Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Thursday.

While terming it as a very positive development Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof Talat Ahmad said that this is another good news after the NAAC re-accredited KU as A+ University last year. "Being ranked among 50 best Universities of the country is a great achievement and the credit for this goes to joint efforts of all the teachers, scholars, students and administrative/technical staff of the University", added VC.

Prof Talat Ahmad congratulated the teaching and non-teaching staff, students, scholars of the university and also appreciated the efforts of Team DIQA for this achievement. In his message to all the stake holders he said, that "since we aspire to get recognized as an institution of excellence both at National and International level, we do not have to be complacent. We need to work harder to score higher rankings and make this institution one of the best".

Registrar University of Kashmir Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir, while congratulating the University fraternity for achieving this milestone, expressed hope that the University community works harder to make KU an Institution of excellence in near future.

Prof Anwar Hassan, Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance has also congratulated the University community and team DIQA for this great achievement. He thanked all the teaching and non-teaching fraternity of the university for their excellent cooperation during the assessment period.

Pertinent to mention that the National Institutional Ranking Framework was instituted by MHRD in 2015 and the first rankings were announced in 2016. This was the 5th Edition of NIRF rankings and the number of participating institutions in the ranking competition increased by 20%.

NIRF outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The methodology is based on a well-defined set of metrics and parameters for ranking of academic institutions, approved by Core Committee of MHRD. The parameters broadly cover 'Teaching, Learning and Resources', "Research and Professional Practices', "Graduation Outcome", "Outreach & Inclusivity" and "Perception". The KU has scored percentile points of 60.25, 18.51,79.47.49.47 and 28.82 in the parameters respectively.