

KU organises special programme to observe IDPD-2021



Srinagar, Dec 3: The University of Kashmir on Friday organised a special programme to observe the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) 2021.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Talat Ahmad chaired the programme, organised by the Special Cell of the Department of Students Welfare (DSW).

Addressing a gathering of academics and specially-abled students and research scholars on the occasion, Prof Talat called upon all stakeholders to do whatever is possible for hand-holding of the specially-abled children in real sense.

"We must not merely talk of an inclusive society, we must ensure it in real sense by embracing the specially-abled children and ensuring that all their needs and requirements are fulfilled," he said, urging participation of specially-abled persons in various academic and social activities.

"These children with extraordinary abilities must be able to showcase their talent and live in a society that they feel is really inclusive and accessible for them," the VC said.

Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, who was a guest of honour, highlighted various initiatives taken by the university for the betterment and welfare of specially-abled students, research scholars and employees. He assured the University administration will leave no stone unturned to provide all requisite facilities and infrastructure to them for a comfortable stay on the campuses.

Dean Students Welfare Prof Raies A Qadri outlined various programmes conducted by the DSW, and also those in the pipeline, for the specially-abled students. He thanked the University authorities for their support and encouragement to holding such programmes. Cultural Officer Shahid Ali Khan conducted proceedings of the inaugural session and also highlighted the theme of this year's IDPD. Shaheel Mohammad, Coordinator Special Cell DSW delivered a vote of thanks.

Several specially-abled students interacted with the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar on the occasion and urged holding of more such programmes, sports activities and educational tours for the specially-abled.

In the technical session, Dr Bilal A Kaloo (South Campus), Dr Showkat Rashid Wani

(Distance Education) and Aliya Habib (Special Educator) delivered special lectures highlighting various themes pertaining to IDPD.