

# **KU, CUK sign MoU on sharing of resources, expertise in legal studies**

*VCs, academic administrators highlight importance of institutional partnerships, collaborations*



**Srinagar, June 6:** The University of Kashmir and the Central University of Kashmir on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on sharing of resources and expertise in the field of legal studies.

Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofar Khan chaired the MoU-signing ceremony as chief guest, while Vice-Chancellor Central University of Kashmir Prof Farooq A Shah was a guest of honour.

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofar said it is a historic occasion to see the two premier institutions entering into a partnership which could go a long way in benefiting the students studying law in the two universities.

She said this MoU gives an opportunity to the students to widen the scope of their understanding of law by learning in an environment that offers them best expertise and resources available in the two institutions.

She complimented KU's School of Law and CUK's School of Legal Studies for formulating this MoU document which, she said, must remain fully functional, working and eventually endeavor to translate into a model MoU.

In his special address, VC CUK Prof Farooq A Shah said in today's new era of education, collaboration and partnerships are the hallmarks of excellence. He said these tie-ups lead to synergies that ensure highest level of productivity in the partnering institutions.

"Keeping in view the prime objective of offering multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary education to students under National Education Policy-2020, these MoUs can lead to sharing and pooling of resources and infrastructure

between the two institutions for the greater good of the students," Prof Shah said, describing the MoU-signing event as a momentous occasion.

Dean Academic Affairs KU Prof Farooq A Masoodi also shared the dais and highlighted how important MoUs, like the current one, can lead to bridging of gaps and knowledge-sharing. He said such pacts offer a great opportunity for the faculty and students to address issues of mutual concern in terms of achieving their academic and research goals.

Dean School of Legal Studies CUK Prof Farooq A Mir delivered the welcome address, delineating therein how the present MoU can help achieve the key objectives listed in the NEP-2020 including affordability, accessibility and quality of education that's being imparted to the students.

Registrar KU Dr Nisar A Mir and Registrar CUK Prof M Afzal Zargar also spoke on the occasion about the importance of partnerships and collaborations, especially in the context of facilitating smooth NEP-2020 implementation on ground.

Prof Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director Indian Law Institute attended the MoU-signing ceremony in online mode and shared his ideas on collaborative education and research in the contemporary world of academia.

Prof Beauty Banday, Head and Dean School of Law KU delivered the vote of thanks, and Dr Henna Basharat conducted proceedings of the event, which was attended by faculty members and students from the law departments of the two institutions, besides a galaxy of academics and researchers.

Earlier, the MoU document was signed by Dean Academic Affairs KU from the Kashmir University side and Registrar CUK from the CUK side.