

## **NSS programme, first of its kind for school teachers, concludes at KU**



**Srinagar, Nov 14:** A week-long programme for NSS officers in colleges and higher secondary schools across Jammu and Kashmir concluded at the University of Kashmir.

This is for the first time that the varsity's office of National Service Scheme (NSS) had roped in teachers from higher secondary schools for hands-on training in key areas, including First Aid and Drug De-Addiction. The office intends to take such programmes to grassroots in real sense for better outcomes on the ground.

KU Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, who was the chief guest at the valedictory session, underlined the pioneering role of the University of Kashmir in organising such events for capacity-building of stakeholders in wide-ranging domains of NSS. He congratulated KU's NSS Coordinator Dr Musavir Ahmad and his team for leading in organising such events for college and school teachers.

Mr Irshad Ahmad, Superintendent of Police Hazratbal, who was a guest of honour on the occasion, spoke about the social responsibilities of teachers. He said the police department has been keeping a strong vigil on drug peddling and people need to be vigilant and help the law enforcement agencies in eradicating the menace of drug abuse.

30 participants from colleges and higher secondary schools of various J&K districts participated in the programme, including from Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Poonch and Srinagar.

The teachers were deputed by Directors of School Education, (Jammu/Kashmir) through Director Colleges, the Nodal Officer for NSS, J&K.

The current programme, first in the series of seven programmes to be conducted this year, was organised under the aegis of Empaneled Training Institute (ETI), Programme Coordinator, NSS, University of Kashmir. The ETI, the only one in J&K, is fully sponsored by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

At the valedictory-cum certificates distribution ceremony, Dr Musavir presented the highlights of the programme, which featured expert sessions on First-Aid and Basic Life Support, Disaster Response, Drug De-addiction and Counselling, Responsible Use of Social Media, Volunteerism, Functioning of NSS, Citizen Science and Voluntarism and Responsible Social Work.

The experts included Prof Zaffar A Reshi, Dr Yasir Rathar and his team from IMHANS Kashmir, Tariq Ahmad Wani (KPS), Er Amir Ali and his team from SDRF, Dr Itinder Pal Singh Bali, Dr Syeda Afshana and Dr Wakar Amin.

Dr Wakar conducted proceedings of the event and Dr Henna delivered a vote of thanks.