

# KU hosts special lecture on fundamental duties

**Srinagar, Nov 27:** As part of a year-long program aimed at creating awareness on fundamental duties among students, scholars and teachers of Higher Education in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh a special lecture was organised at University of Kashmir on Wednesday.

Prof .Mehraj-ud-din Mir, Vice Chancellor Central University of Kashmir (CUK) delivered the special lecture on fundamental duties at KU's Gandhi Bhawan while as Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir (KU) Prof Talat Ahmad presided over the session.

Director EMMRC KU Dr Shahid Rasool who is the nodal officer for coordinating the activities related to the program in the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh organised the session in association with School of Law KU and Department of Students Welfare KU.

During his special lecture on fundamental duties VC CUK Prof Mehraj-ud-din Mir while tracing the history of Indian constitution said "When the constitution of India was adapted on 26 Nov, 1951 it only talked about fundamental rights and there was no mention of fundamental duties at that point of time. It was only in 1976 with the 42<sup>nd</sup> constitutional amendment that fundamental duties were added to the Indian constitution."

Deliberating upon some of the fundamental duties and their origin Prof Mir said "Some of the duties including promoting harmony and brotherhood, protection of environment and taking care of our elderly and children are enshrined in the religious scriptures of mankind and these are the values which we inherit from our families."

While maintaining that that fundamental rights and duties go together Prof Mir said "However under article 51 A fundamental duties as such are not enforceable in the court of law whereas fundamental rights are enforceable in the court of law."

In his presidential address VC KU Prof Talat Ahmad said "Our University has been nominated as nodal agency by UGC to create awareness about fundamental duties in higher educational institutions in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. However we feel it should not be confined to higher education only and programs should be held at village level also to involve the common people also in this exercise and spread awareness."

Dr Shahid Rasool presented vote of thanks on the occasion whereas Dean & Head School of Law KU Prof Mohd Ayub presented the welcome address.