

REFRESHER COURSE IN SCIENCE CONCLUDES AT UGC-HRDC, KU

Srinagar, Dec 30: A valedictory function of the Refresher Course in Science organized by the UGC-Human Resource Centre, University of Kashmir from December 16 to 30, 2019 for a total of 40 Assistant Professors of various colleges and universities of Jammu and Kashmir was held on December 30th, 2019 at Gandhi Bhawan of the University.

At this occasion Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir was the Chief Guest whereas Prof. A.G. Ahangar, Director and EoSG, SKIMS, Srinagar was the Guest of Honour.

Speaking at this occasion, Prof. Talat Ahmad emphasized upon the need for conducting more such courses for upgrading and enhancing the knowledge, skills and competencies of teachers working at various colleges and universities.

Prof. Talat stated that the task of teaching and educating has become more challenging than ever given the huge amount of online information available to the students today. Prof. Talat said that in the present age of Information Technology if teachers don't keep themselves abreast with latest advances in their respective fields, they would be rendered redundant for their students.

Guest of honour, Prof. A.G. Ahangar- an internationally acclaimed cardiovascular thoracic surgeon, in his address deliberated upon the role of teachers in shaping up the society and future directions of the world. He emphasized that the teachers should continue to evolve and keep themselves abreast about latest developments in their respective fields.

Adding that the "Paradigms in the higher education sector have undergone and continue to undergo a sea change and our teachers have to be ready to face these new challenges", he stated that this is where such courses assume importance.

Welcoming the guests as well as participants of the course, Prof. Shabir Ahmad Bhat, Director, UGC-HRDC, University of Kashmir underscored the importance and need for such courses and urged upon the faculty members to keep pace with globally changing times and trends and update their teaching pedagogies, research methodologies and extension activities in tune with changing trends. He stated that if we don't keep pace with the fast changing global scenarios and trends, we shall be failing in our duties to live up to the expectations of our students.

Course Coordinator and Coordinator, HRDC, Dr. Mohammad Ishaq Geer enumerated the objectives of the course and elaborated upon the innovations adopted in its design and conduct. He expressed thanks and gratitude to the participants of the course as well as eminent resource persons who delivered lectures and interacted with the participants. He proposed the vote of thanks to the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour for accepting the invitation and making it to the valedictory function in spite of their hectic schedule.