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LG formally transfers Leh, Kargil satellite campus' of KU to Ladakh

Srinagar, Feb 22: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has formally transferred the satellite campus of University of Kashmir located at Leh and Kargil to the Union Territory of Ladakh on "as is where is basis" along with staff.

In an order, commissioner secretary to the government, Manoj Kumar

Dwivedi (IAS), said that the Lt. Governor has transferred Leh and Kargil satellite campus' of University of Kashmir to Ladakh UT.

"In terms of section 84(3) read with section 85(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir hereby transfers the satel-



lite campus of University of Kashmir located at Leh (Taru) and Kargil (Siliskote, Khumbuthang) on 'as is where is basis' along with staff to an entity designated by Union Territory

of Ladakh," the order states. Pertinently, a high-level panel constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs in September 2019 had recommended that all immovable assets belonging to the erstwhile state should be apportioned between UTs of J&K and Ladakh based on their locations in the respective UTs on an "as is where is basis"—(KNO)

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Govt transfers KU's Leh, Kargil campuses to Ladakh UT

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Srinagar Feb 22: The J&K government has officially transferred Kashmir University's Leh and Kargil satellite campuses to Ladakh Union Territory.

The order in this regard was

issued by the Commissioner Secretary General Administration Department (GAD) Manoj Kumar Dwivedi on February 19.

"In terms of Section 8(43) read with Section 85(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu

and Kashmir hereby transfers the Satellite Campuses of University of Kashmir located at Leh (Taru) and Kargil (Siliskote, Khumbuthang) on as is where is basis along with staff to an entity designated by Union territory of Ladakh," the order reads.

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Notably, the J&K government earlier took over the administrative control of Kashmir University over its satellite campuses in Leh and Kargil.

The government also decided to start the newly established Cluster University (CU) Leh from Kashmir University's satellite campuses at Leh and Kargil districts.

"The administrative control was already taken over from University. Now the formal order has been issued for transferring the assets and the positions to Ladakh UT," an official said.

Commissioner Secretary GAD, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, said, "Yes, a formal order has been issued."

As already reported by this newspaper, the KU authorities in the last council meeting had demanded compensation of its assets and human resources in its Leh and Kargil satellite campuses.

"There are around 45 teaching and non-teaching posts sanctioned in the KUs Leh and Kargil campuses," a university official said, adding that out of total sanctioned strength only 18 posts were filled.

"We had demanded that the government should compensate the creation of posts which have been given to Ladakh UT. It would help us to strengthen the Kupwara campus. But nothing has been done in this regard," the official said.