

KU mourns demise of former colleague, noted academic Prof Neelofar Khan

Srinagar, August 28: The University of Kashmir (KU) mourned the demise of Prof Neelofar Khan, a distinguished scholar and former Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) and the Directorate of Lifelong Learning (DLL) during a condolence meeting held here Wednesday.

Prof Khan also served as the Coordinator of the National Service Scheme (NSS), leaving behind a legacy of significant contributions to the university and the broader academic community, an official statement issued here read.

Dean Academic Affairs, Dean Research, Dean College Development Council, besides Deans of various Schools, Heads of Departments (HODs), and other officers of the university administration, teachers, scholars and students attended the condolence meeting expressing their grief over the loss. The university observed a two-minute silence to honour Prof Neelofar Khan.



"The university community particularly the academic fraternity is deeply saddened by her passing away and expressed profound sorrow and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family," a spokesperson said in the statement.

In her condolence message, KU Vice Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan, conveyed her sympathies to the bereaved family on behalf of the entire university community, including teaching and non-teaching staff as well as students.

"Prof Neelofar Khan was not only a committed academic but also a visionary leader who significantly shaped the educational landscape at the University of Kashmir. Her dedication to expanding educational opportunities and fostering a culture of lifelong learning will continue to inspire us all," the KU Vice Chancellor said.

KU Registrar Prof Nasser Iqbal also paid tributes to the departed soul.

He said, "The University has lost a remarkable scholar and an exemplary leader. Prof Khan's contributions will remain etched in the history of our institution and her legacy will continue to guide us."

Meanwhile, a separate condolence meeting was held at the office of the Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education, where staff members, teachers, scholars and students gathered to honour the memory of Prof Khan.

The attendees shared fond memories of her impactful work and prayed for her soul to rest in eternal peace.

Director, CDOE, KU, Prof Showkat Ahmad Shah in his condolence message said: "Prof Khan's tenure at the University of Kashmir was marked by dedicated service in several key roles. Her leadership at the Centre for Distance and Online Education and the Directorate of Lifelong Learning was instrumental in expanding educational access

and promoting the principles of lifelong learning. Her contributions have left a lasting impression on the university and her influence will be felt for generations to come." The University of Kashmir mourns the loss of a beloved educator and leader and extends its deepest condolences to Prof Neelofar Khan's family, he added. "Her contributions to the academic community will be remembered with enduring respect and admiration," the statement added.