

'SVEEP Campaign':

KU's Law School organises daylong voters' awareness programme

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Srinagar, April 30: To strengthen voter awareness and participation in the electoral process, the Kashmir University's School of Law, Monday hosted a daylong voters' awareness programme here. The event was part of the ongoing campaign of the varsity under the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) programme of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Themed 'Your Vote, Your Voice: Empowering Democracy', the programme featured expert lectures by distinguished faculty members of the School of Law highlighting the significance of voting in a democracy, an official statement issued here read.

On the occasion, Dean and Head of the School of Law, Prof Mohammad Hussain, emphasised the crucial role of citizens in shaping the nation's future through their electoral participation.

"India is a young country as majority of its population comprises of youth who play a crucial role in nation building, steer its development, policy and economic goals," Prof Hussain said.

He further said that the young men and women should participate in the electoral process by casting their vote and exercising their right to franchise.

"This is an opportunity to lead the nation towards achieving its goals of development and healthy governance," he reiterated, adding that the future is in the hands of the young voters who have the power to steer any democracy in the right direction.

Senior faculty, School of Law, Dr Syed Asima Refayi, Dr Mir Junaid Alam and Dr Mir Mubashir Altaf, delivered insightful talks on electoral procedures and the responsibilities of citizens in a democratic society. They also highlighted the legal framework surrounding elections, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of their voting rights and obligations under the law.

"They emphasised the importance of an informed and engaged electorate in upholding the principles of democracy," a spokesperson said in the statement.

Dr Yasir Latif Handoo, faculty at the School of Law, conducted the proceedings of the event and also delivered the vote of thanks.

The programme received an overwhelming response in terms of the participation from faculty members and students while encouraging a culture of informed and responsible citizenry, the statement added.