

Design Your Degree and NEP-2020: Need to reform education system using technology: V-C JKHEC

‘KU to launch DYD very soon’



Srinagar, December 7: To evaluate the academic readiness of Kashmir University under the ‘Design your Degree’ (DYD) programme and to review the implementation of National Education Policy_2020, a meeting of the Vice-Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Council (JKHEC) with the Vice-Chancellor, Kashmir University was held here on Wednesday.

V-C, JKHEC, Prof Dinesh Singh shared his insights about the idea behind the “transformative” concept of making education more flexible while expressing his concerns regarding setting the timelines, framing of syllabus curriculum, etc. for the newly introduced ‘DYD’ programme.

“Today, we’ll be able to set the ball rolling to decide about the timelines and schedule to take the idea of DYD forward,” Prof Dinesh said adding that it will also help in understanding the readiness of the academic systems in terms of infrastructure and human resource.

“We have to begin from somewhere and we have to change the mindset of the society as there no bigger a technology than mind itself. We have to encourage and accept new ideas, courses and degrees for a better and healthier education ecosystem,” Prof Singh reiterated.

KU Vice-Chancellor, Prof Nilofer Khan, said that the concept of DYD has been well-received by the university and that the varsity is preparing for its timely launch.

“Since, ours is the oldest university in UT, we want to prepare well for ensuring good human resource, infrastructure and timely framing of curriculum by having interactions with experts and other stakeholders,” Prof Khan said, adding that the varsity will launch the degree “once we are 100 percent ready.”

Vice-Chancellor, IUST, Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, said that their varsity is already running the degree programme and is simultaneously handholding Islamia College of Science and commerce, Srinagar in this regard.

“We tried to overcome the initial hesitations as there were less recipients of the idea, but after collaborative faculty training and outreach programmes, we are running full-fledged courses today,” Prof Shakil said.

In his presentation on NEP-2020 implementation, Dean Academic Affairs, KU, Prof Farooq Ahmad Masoodi, said that discussions at the grassroots is very important and that transformation and investment is required to identify teachers, experts and mentors with practical knowledge and skills.

Sharing the template of the courses to be offered by KU under the ‘DYD’ programme, Dean, College Development Council, KU, Prof Khursheed Ahmad Butt, said that the aim is to orient students to be job-providers than job-seekers.

Registrar, KU, Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir, said that it is imperative that the university educates the students about the future prospects of degree which will help pass outs to settle in anywhere in the world.

Controller, Examinations, KU, Dr Majid Zaman Baba; Director, Admissions and competitive Examinations, KU, Prof M Farooq Mir; Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA), KU, Prof Manzoor Ahmad Shah, Principal, Amar Singh College, Cluster University, Srinagar, Prof Sheikh Aejaz Bashir and Special Secretary to KU VC, Dr Ashfaq Ahmad Zari also spoke on the occasion.