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## KU VC flags -off Student Contingent for North Zone Youth Festival



**Srinagar, Jan 29:** Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir (KU), Prof. Nilofer Khan, today flagged -off a contingent of 46 students from the University of Kashmir, including participants from its satellite campuses, affiliated colleges and constituent colleges for the Inter-University North-Zone Youth Festival to be held at Panjab University, Chandigarh.#

The festival is being organized under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).#

The flag-off ceremony, held at the varsity's main campus, was also attended by Dean Research KU Prof. Mohammad Sultan Bhat and Dr. Ashfaq Zarri, Special Secretary to the Vice Chancellor.#

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Nilofer Khan expressed her pride in the students representing the KU at such a prestigious event. She encouraged the participants to put forth their best efforts in showcasing their talents and creativity on a larger platform. "This is a significant opportunity for our students to interact with peers from across the North Zone, exchange ideas, and display their cultural and literary excellence," she said.#

Dean Research KU Prof. Mohammad Sultan Bhat commended the students for their dedication and preparation, emphasizing the importance of such platforms in fostering teamwork, leadership skills, and personal growth#

The contingent is being led by Cultural Officer KU Dr. Shahid Ali Khan whileas Assistant Sports Officer Ms Surjit Kaur from DPE&S KU is also accompanying the contingent.#



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The contingent from KU will participate in a variety of cultural and literary programs during the North Zone Youth Festival. Students excelling at this event will qualify for the All-India Youth Festival, offering them a chance to compete at the national level.#

Previously, these students have been the winners of various competitions organised during the University's annual Youth festival 'Sonzal-2024' #

Meanwhile a week-long residential Orientation cum training programme, organized by the Division of Youth Affairs, DSW KU concluded here on Tuesday.#

The programme, held from January 23 to 28, aimed to prepare these 46 students for the North Zone Level Inter-University Youth Festival.#

The participants were trained in art, culture, literature, dance, theatre, and music by expert resource persons. #

Cultural Officer DSW KU and Programme Coordinator, Dr. Shahid Ali Khan, highlighted the significance of such training programs.#

"With proper mentoring, our students can achieve excellence and make a mark in cultural and artistic fields," he said. #

The programme successfully equipped participants with the skills and confidence to represent the University at the inter-university level, reaffirming the institution's dedication to holistic student development.#

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