

## Plantation drive-cum-awareness programme held at South Campus KU



**Anantnag, Nov 15:** Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan Tuesday inaugurated a plantation drive-cum-awareness programme at the varsity's South Campus here.

The day-long programme was organised by South Campus in collaboration with J&K Forest Department, Kashmir (Forest Circle, Anantnag).

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer—who led the plantation drive by planting a tree sapling—thanked the Forest Department for collaborating with South Campus in this endeavor.

“Since South Campus is the oldest satellite campus of KU, it is the University’s determination to make it greener and eco-friendly,” Prof Nilofer said, urging the student community to come forward to participate in such programmes and carry forward the message of ‘human wellness through forests and environment’ in the society.

Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir also shared the dais and highlighted the importance of tree plantation in view of the climate change impacts felt around. He said students could be the best carriers of the message of environment protection at grassroots.

Director South Campus Prof Mukhtar A Khanday highlighted the objectives of the awareness programme at the inaugural session, which was also attended by Prof Aijaz A Wani, Provost (Boys) and former Director South Campus.

Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Mr Irfan Ali Khan, IFS, delivered the special address and vowed to make South Campus greener. He also proposed a programme to connect the south campus students with forests to acquaint them with the Valley's rich forest wealth.

Dr Nisar, Dr Khanday, Prof Aijaz and Mr Irfan Ali also planted tree saplings on the occasion.

Mr Mohammad Ramzan, DFO Anantnag, was also present at the inaugural session, where Ms Rumi Nazir delivered a talk on forest conservation involving the student community.

Dr Irfana Baba, Assistant Professor, conducted proceedings of the event .