

# **KU mourns former vice chancellor Prof Abdul Wahid Qureshi's demise**

*'His contributions to region's higher education, student welfare, academic advancement profound'*

**Srinagar, November 17:** With profound grief and a heavy heart, the University of Kashmir is mourning the sad demise of former Vice Chancellor (VC), University of Kashmir (KU), Prof Abdul Wahid Qureshi.

Prof Qureshi passed away Sunday due to cardiac arrest at a hospital in Srinagar.

A distinguished academic and senior professor, Prof Qureshi served as KU Vice Chancellor from 2004 to 2008.

In a heartfelt message, KU Vice Chancellor, Prof Nilofer Khan, expressed her deep sorrow and offered her condolences.

"Prof Abdul Wahid Qureshi's passing is an irreplaceable loss for the academic community. His leadership and visionary contributions have left a lasting impression on the University of Kashmir," she said, adding that Prof Qureshi's work will be remembered by generations.

"His legacy of dedication and compassion will continue to inspire us. May Almighty Allah grant him the highest place in Jannah," Prof Khan said in a statement issued here.

KU Registrar, Prof Naseer Iqbal, on behalf of the KU administration, extended his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

"Prof Qureshi's profound impact on higher education in Jammu and Kashmir, his commitment to student welfare and his tireless efforts for academic advancement will remain forever in our hearts," he said, reiterating that the region has lost a mentor and revered academician.

The university community, including faculty, students, scholars and staff, joined in collective mourning for Prof Qureshi praying for eternal peace to his soul.

Teachers and students remembered him as an inspiring figure whose contributions strengthened the foundation of the institution and enriched the lives of countless individuals.

Scholars reflected on his mentorship and expressed gratitude for his dedication to education and learning.

"In this moment of grief, the University of Kashmir stands in solidarity with Prof Qureshi's family. May Almighty Allah grant him the highest place in Jannah and bestow patience and forbearance upon his family to bear this irreparable loss," a spokesperson said in the statement.

To pay homage to the departed soul, KU scheduled a condolence meeting on 18th November (today) at 11 am in the main campus, added the statement.