

Advanced training programme for women entrepreneurs concludes at KU

'Varsity committed to empower women socially & financially'



Srinagar, 25 Nov: A 15-day advanced training programme for women entrepreneurs organized by Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir (KU) concluded here on Monday.

The programme which began on November 11, 2024 was organised under the project 'Livelihood generation of women start-ups in key sectors across the Kashmir division' in collaboration with Usha Silai School, India as the technical partner. The event was held at the Training & Production Centre, Institute of Technology (IOT), Zakura Campus, KU.

While speaking at the valedictory session, Vice-Chancellor KU Prof. Nilofer Khan, in her address, expressed happiness over the success of the training programme.

"It's glad to see how we are connecting with the community and making an impact. These hardworking women entrepreneurs have been equipped with the skills they need and we will continue to support them," she said while highlighting the university's commitment to empowering women financially & socially.

Registrar KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal encouraged the women entrepreneurs to think beyond the routine and upgrade their entrepreneurial skills as per the requirements of the industry.

“Don’t limit your focus to just one product and create innovative products to meet market demands. Your work is going to benefit society directly,” he said.

Vice President, Usha International Limited, Ms. Mary Roopa stressed that the training is just the beginning and new opportunities are in the offing.

“This is not the end of your journey but the start of unlocking new opportunities. I encourage you to keep innovating and showcase your creativity,” she remarked.

Director IOT, Zakura Campus KU Prof. Tariq Ahmad Banday, spoke about the importance of skill development.

“Skills must evolve to remain relevant in today’s market and this training is a step in that direction,” he said.

Head, Department of Social Work KU, Prof. Shazia Manzoor, emphasized the programme’s dual focus on both economic and social empowerment of women.

“We aim to provide more than just economic support to our women. We want to empower them socially as well,” she said.

Dr. Waqar Amin, faculty member at the Department of Social Work KU conducted the proceedings of the event and proposed the formal vote of thanks.

The participants shared their feedback on the occasion and expressed their satisfaction with the training programme.