

# **Resonance Science Outreach Prog: Initiative to reignite passion for science among students: KU VC**



**Srinagar, Oct 10:** To foster a passion for science, exchange knowledge and highlight the benefits of multidisciplinary education among students, especially those in the local community, the University of Kashmir (KU) in collaboration with the Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS) Tuesday inaugurated the Resonance Science Outreach Programme here at the Women's College, M A Road.

This five-day event, running from October 10 to October 14, has brought together scientists, faculty members and students from across India.

Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Professor Nilofer Khan expressed her delight at hosting such an impactful outreach programme.

In her message, Prof Nilofer Khan emphasised the immense benefits the initiative could bring to the local student community, "who often find themselves isolated from the broader national scientific community".

Extending her gratitude to the invited speakers who traveled from various parts of India to participate in the programme, Prof Khan hoped that "the students will gain invaluable insights and knowledge from these accomplished individuals".

Voicing her concern about the declining interest in science, particularly in the fields of Physics and Mathematics, among local students, Prof Khan said: "Initiatives like the Resonance Science Outreach Programme can reignite the passion for science among these students."

Chairperson of the Organising Committee, Professor Manzoor Ahmad Malik underscored the significance of undergraduate education and the benefits of multidisciplinary learning.

While encouraging students to pursue their dreams with dedication and passion, Prof Malik urged them to "make the most of the presence of renowned scientists and the exciting activities lined up throughout the five-day event".

Principal of Women's College, M A Road, Srinagar, Professor Ruhi Jan Kanth expressed her happiness at hosting the programme during its initial days and assured full cooperation.

She commended the efforts to "promote gender equity and make science accessible to all".

Head, Department of Physics, University of Kashmir, Professor Basharat Wani said that "programmes like these serve as vital platforms for scientists to engage with the community, share their knowledge and simplify complex scientific concepts".

Prof B Sury from the Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore elaborated on the purpose and significance of such outreach events.

He also shed light on the philosophy behind science education journals like Resonance, of which he is the Chief Editor.