

## KU observes Seva Parv -2025 with Cultural Exhibition, Eye Camp & Student Welfare Initiatives



**Srinagar, Sept 17:** The University of Kashmir (KU) joined the nationwide observance of Seva Parv 2025—a week-long celebration of service and community welfare—with a series of events coordinated by the Department of Students' Welfare (DSW). The celebrations included an exhibition on Indian Knowledge Systems, a two-day free eye screening camp for students and staff and a fruit distribution drive.

### **Exhibition on Indian Knowledge System**

The Centre of Central Asian Studies (CCAS), KU, hosted an exhibition at the Central Asian Museum, Allama Iqbal Library, highlighting India's rich intellectual traditions and cross-cultural exchanges.

Inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor KU Prof Nilofer Khan the exhibition featured ancient coins, bronzes, manuscripts, rare texts, and artifacts from India and Kashmir, as well as exhibits showcasing historic linkages with Tajikistan, China, and Samarkand.

The Vice Chancellor said that the initiative aimed to raise awareness among students and scholars about India's enduring knowledge systems and its deep-rooted cultural connections with Central Asia.

Director CCAS Prof Wahid Nasru highlighted the significance of such exhibitions on the occasion.

### **Free Eye Screening Camp**

A two-day Eye Screening-cum-Awareness Camp was organised at the University Health Centre in collaboration with Kashmir Eye Hospital. More than 600 students, scholars, faculty members, and staff—including women and persons with disabilities—benefited from free services such as vision testing, auto refraction, keratometry, intraocular pressure measurement, slit-lamp examination, and dilated fundus examination.

Specialists also guided participants on preventive eye care, early detection of vision problems, and healthy lifestyle practices to maintain good vision.

### **Fruit Distribution Drive at KUMHS\***

Vice-Chancellor, KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan, distributed fruits among students of the Kashmir University Model High School (KUMHS) at Naseem Bagh. Wishing the Prime Minister on his birthday, she said: "The University is committed to nurturing values of care and compassion among students. Such small gestures instill in them the importance of sharing and empathy."

The event was attended by Registrar KU Prof. Naseer Iqbal, Dean Students' Welfare KU Prof. Pervez Ahmad, Chairman KUMHS Prof. Adil Amin Kak, and Cultural Officer DSW KU Dr. Shahid Ali Khan.

Part of a countrywide initiative, Seva Parv (Festival of Service) is observed annually to mark Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's birthday. Across India, the celebrations emphasize volunteerism, compassion, and community engagement, encouraging citizens and institutions alike to contribute to the greater social good.