

## KU hosts India Skills 2025 orientation, donation drive under Seva Parv- 2025



**Srinagar, September 19:** The University of Kashmir (KU), through its Directorate of Lifelong Learning (DLL), organised an Awareness-cum-Orientation programme on India Skills 2025.

The event was held under the banner of Seva Parv -2025 in collaboration with the Mission Directorate, J&K Skill Development Department (JKSDD), and coordinated by the Department of Students' Welfare (DSW).

The programme introduced students and trainees to the upcoming India Skills 2025 competition. It familiarised them with the selection process and highlighted the scope such platforms create for professional and career growth.

Presiding over the inaugural session, KU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nilofer Khan reaffirmed the University's commitment to strengthening skill-based learning and entrepreneurship.

"Equipping our students with modern skills is vital not only for their personal growth but also for the economic and social development of J&K. Platforms like India Skills offer our youth a chance to showcase their talent at national and international levels," she said.

In his remarks Dean Academic Affairs KU Prof. Shariefuddin Pirzada, underlined the need to integrate skill-based training within the academic system to improve innovation and employability.

Registrar KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal said that the University's various initiatives reflect its growing emphasis on preparing students for emerging job markets.

Mr. Shahzad Alam (IAS), Director JKSD, presented an overview of the India Skills 2025 competition. He also highlighted entrepreneurship as a key driver for sustainable livelihoods.

Mr. Syed Tabasum Geelani, OSD, Mission Directorate JKSD, described skill enhancement as a “visa to new opportunities” in a highly competitive environment. He encouraged students to participate in national-level skill contests to broaden their prospects.

In his welcome remarks, Director DLL KU Prof. M.I. Geer spoke about the Directorate’s initiatives to promote lifelong learning through diverse training programmes. He reiterated its commitment to strengthening industry-academia partnerships.

As part of the programme, trainers and trainees who had successfully completed DLL’s skill-based courses were felicitated.

Mr. Altaf Hussain, Education Extension Officer, DLL, conducted the proceedings of the session while Mr. Waseem Raja, Project Officer, DLL, proposed the vote of thanks.

### **Donation drive at KU**

Alongside the orientation, the Institute of Home Science launched a donation drive for clothing and stationery. Counters for books, clothes, and stationery have been set up across the campus to encourage student and staff participation.

The initiative aims to promote compassion and community service values as part of Seva Parv 2025.