

Department of Students Welfare:

The Department of Students Welfare at the University of Kashmir has been instrumental in organizing a diverse array of events aimed at promoting student welfare and overall personality development. Here are the key highlights of our initiatives:

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024:

The department hosted an educational event called "Voting Towards Progress" at the KU Media House in March 2024. This program was designed with a specific focus on encouraging civic engagement and active participation in electoral processes. Its primary aim was to emphasize the importance of voting as a means to drive societal progress and empower individuals to contribute to the democratic process. The event sought to raise awareness among students about their role in shaping the future through responsible civic actions, particularly through voting *Coverage-link:*<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/education/voting-towards-progress-ku-hosts-awareness-program/>

North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival (January 31 - February 4, 2024)

The Department facilitated and trained a delegation of 18 students from the University of Kashmir to participate in the esteemed 37th North Zone Inter-University Youth Festival held at Punjabi University Patiala from January 31 to February 4, 2024. This initiative exemplifies our steadfast dedication to fostering youth excellence and providing students with opportunities to showcase their talents and represent our institution on a prestigious platform.

Coverage-link:<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/city/37th-north-zone-inter-university-youth-festival-student-achievement-exemplifies-artistic-aptitudes-determination-ku-vc/>

Cultural Exchange Program in Hyderabad (January 11 - January 28, 2024):

The Department orchestrated a Cultural Exchange Program in Hyderabad from January 11 to January 28, 2024. This initiative involved guiding 25 students through various universities, institutions, and historical sites in Hyderabad. The program aimed to foster global connections among students and enrich their cultural perspectives by immersing them in diverse experiences and interactions within the vibrant city of Hyderabad.

Coverage-link:

<http://risingkashmir.com/hyderabad-diary---educational-cum-cultural-youth-exchange-programme>

Sadbhawna Mission to Delhi (February 12 - February 18, 2024):

The Department led a mission to Delhi from February 12 to February 18, 2024, as part of the esteemed Sadbhawna Mission of the Indian Army. This initiative involved piloting a group of 36 students to Delhi with the aim of fostering a sense of unity, patriotism, and national pride among the youth. Through this mission, students were exposed to meaningful interactions and experiences that aimed to strengthen their connection with the values of unity and patriotism.. ***Coverage-link:***

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/kashmir/interactions-break-cultural-barriers-promote-tolerance/>

Organized Sonzal-2023 - Inter-University Youth Festival (December 7-19, 2023):

The Department took the lead in organizing Sonzal-2023, the annual Inter-University Youth Festival held from December 7 to December 19, 2023. This event provided a seamless and immersive platform for creative expression and collaborative endeavors, significantly elevating the cultural spirit and fostering a sense of community among students at the University of Kashmir. ***Event details:***

<https://www.kashmiruniversity.net/events/8620.pdf>

Viksit Bharat 2047 Initiative Events (December 2023 - January 2024):

The Department spearheaded a visionary series of events as part of the Viksit Bharat 2047 initiative, held from December 2023 to January 2024. These events made significant contributions to India's developmental trajectory, embodying our unwavering commitment to national progress and empowerment.

Coverage-link:

<http://risingkashmir.com/viksit-bharat-2047-voice-of-youth-f2872cfc-6ba8-481c-8529-8afa8dee3579>

Art Camp at the University of Kashmir (January 1 - 5, 2024):

In January 2024, the Department organized the Art Camp at the University of Kashmir under the Viksit Bharat 2047 initiative. This event aimed to nurture artistic expression and creativity among students, providing a beacon of hope and inspiration.

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<https://thekashmirimages.com/2024/01/13/a-ray-of-hope-university-of-kashmir-paves-the-way-for-artistic-expression/>

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023:

Speech Competition on "Meri Maati Mera Desh" (My Soil, My Country):

The Department organized a thought-provoking speech competition titled "Meri Maati Mera Desh" (My Soil, My Country) on August 9, 2023, centered around the theme of "Unsung Heroes." This event highlighted the importance of unity and admiration for courageous individuals whose contributions often go unrecognized.

Coverage-link:

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/srinagar-city/meri-maati-mera-desh-ku-pledges-strengthening-unity-respect-to-bravehearts/>

Talk by Sister Shivani at the University of Kashmir

The Department organized an inspiring talk by Sister Shivani, a renowned motivational speaker and spiritualist, at the Convocation Complex, University of Kashmir, on October 19, 2023. This event featured a panel discussion, interviews, and the presence of distinguished personalities, including the Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, and the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir. The talk was hosted by the Inner Space Centre in collaboration with the University of Kashmir, offering valuable insights and motivational discussions for attendees.

Coverage-link:

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/front-page/our-mission-should-be-to-wipe-every-tear-from-every-eye-lg/>, <http://risingkashmir.com/international-spiritual-leader-sister-shivani-to-deliver-talk-on-a-life-of-happiness-50e000c9-c32e-46d4-b819-80edf90f3882>

Harmonizing Tradition and Innovation: Calligraphy Contest at Main Campus,

The Department organized a Calligraphy Contest at the main campus on August 23, 2023, harmonizing tradition with innovation by blending traditional art forms with contemporary expressions. This event celebrated

the timeless allure of calligraphy, highlighting its rich historical significance while exploring its potential for innovative expression.

(Coverage link)

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/srinagar-city/brushes-and-brilliance-ku-hosts-calligraphy-competition/>

Welcoming the New Academic Year: Freshers' Meet at the Varsity Convocation Complex,

To mark the start of the new academic year and extend a warm welcome to incoming students embarking on their educational journey, the Department organized a Freshers' Meet at the grand Convocation Complex of the university on September 21, 2023. This event aimed to foster a sense of community and excitement among new students as they began their university experience.

<https://thekashmirhorizon.com/2023/09/22/ku-welcomes-new-students-with-grand-freshers-meet/>

Shahrul Ramadhan Festival: Celebrating Tradition and Talent

On April 19, 2023, the University of Kashmir organized the annual 'Shahrul Ramadhan Festival', a lively celebration of tradition and talent. This event featured three competitions: Traditional Calligraphy, Contemporary Calligraphy, and a 'Naat' Competition. It attracted enthusiastic participation from students eager to showcase their talents and embrace the spirit of the festival. The festival highlighted the rich cultural heritage and artistic expressions within the university community. (Coverage link)

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/srinagar/shahrul-ramadhan-talent-hunt-festival-held-at-ku/>

Leading Success at Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival

The University of Kashmir's contingent showcased remarkable success at the 36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival, 'Antarnaad', hosted by the University of Jammu. Our team secured eight awards across various categories, including Elocution, Western Vocal Solo, and Clay Modelling. This achievement not only highlighted our university's talent but also earned us qualification for the Nationals in two categories. The event took place on January 31, 2023, underscoring the dedication and skill of our participating students

(Coverage link)

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/srinagar-city/ku-contingent-bags-8-awards-in-north-zone-youth-festival/>

Cultural Exchange Program: University of Kashmir Students Explore Gujarat

The Department led a group of 30 University of Kashmir students to Gujarat for a cultural exchange program in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS) at Gujarat University. This initiative, which commenced on February 22, 2023, was part of the university's Memorandum of Understanding with IIS. Over the course of two weeks, the students visited several renowned institutions and landmarks, including ISRO Ahmedabad, IIM Ahmedabad, the Indian Institute of Sustainability, Amul Cooperative Society, Gandhi Ashram, Science City, and the Sabarmati Riverfront. This experience provided a valuable opportunity for students to engage with centers of excellence and immerse themselves in Gujarat's rich cultural and educational landscape.(Coverage link) <http://risingkashmir.com/30-ku-students-to-tour-gujarat-for-shared-learning-cultural-exchange>

Major Highlights of 2022:

Gandhi Jayanti Competitions: Promoting Truth and Non-Violence in Modern Times

The Department organized competitions centered around the themes of "Truth" and "Non-Violence" for Gandhi Jayanti on September 30, 2022. These competitions included a speech contest, an essay competition, and a painting contest, drawing participation from over 150 students from the University of Kashmir and its affiliated colleges. The events were designed to underscore the enduring relevance of Gandhi's teachings in today's world, promoting principles of truth and non-violence among the student community through creative expression and thoughtful discourse. (Coverage link)

<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/srinagar/ku-kick-starts-gandhi-jayanti-celebrations/>

Shaan-e-Ramadhan Special Festival:

The Department organized the Shaan-e-Ramadhan Special Festival, which featured Azaan, Qirat, Naat, and Calligraphy Competitions. This cultural celebration took place at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir, from April 25th to April 28th, 2022. The festival provided a platform for showcasing traditional Islamic arts and cultural expressions, highlighting the significance of Ramadan and promoting artistic talents among students.

Inter-University Annual Debate Competition:

The Department organized an engaging Inter-University Annual Debate Competition on August 18, 2022, centered around the topic, "Keyboard Learning: An Alternative to Formal Education." This thought-provoking event encouraged participants to discuss the role of keyboard learning as a

potential alternative to traditional formal education, sparking insightful debates and diverse perspectives among students from various universities.(Coverage link)

<https://www.iipajkbranch.com/aiipddswks2022.php>

A Grand Welcome: Freshers' Gala and Orientation Extravaganza

The Department orchestrated a memorable event, the Freshers' Gala and Orientation Extravaganza, on September 8, 2022, to warmly welcome the University of Kashmir's newest members. Through meticulous planning and enthusiastic participation, we curated an unforgettable experience that marked the beginning of the academic session of 2022. This event not only celebrated the arrival of new students but also set the stage for a journey filled with growth, discovery, and success throughout their university experience.<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/srinagar-city/in-a-first-ku-welcomes-freshers/>

Sonzal 2022: Celebrating Diversity and Talent at University of Kashmir

Sonzal 2022, a vibrant intra-university youth festival, unfolded at the University of Kashmir from November 26, 2022. This week-long celebration featured 21 events encompassing music, art, theatre, dance, and literature, showcasing the diverse talents and creativity of our students. The festival aimed to cultivate a vibrant cultural atmosphere, celebrating diversity and fostering a sense of artistic community within the university. (Coverage link)

<https://currentaffairs.adda247.com/lieutenant-governor-inaugurates-sonzal-2022-at-kashmir/>

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

Observance of World Diabetes Day

the Department organized the observance of World Diabetes Day with a seminar themed "If Not Now, When?" held at the esteemed Science Auditorium, University of Kashmir, on November 17, 2021. This event aimed to raise awareness about diabetes and its prevention, highlighting the importance of taking action against this global health issue.

Mental Health of Emerging Generation:

An extensive outreach program focused on mental health, titled "Mental Health of Emerging Generation," was conducted on April 5, 2021, spanning six districts within the Kashmir Division. This initiative aimed to address

the mental well-being of the younger generation, emphasizing the importance of mental health awareness and support.

Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahautsov:

The Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahautsov Programmes comprised a series of transformative events, starting with a Painting Competition on Climate and Environment Change held at Gandhi Bhawan on August 10. Subsequent engagements included a Poster Competition and an Awareness Campaign on Tuberculosis, an Awareness Camp, and a Drawing Competition on Drug De-Addiction. The events culminated in an Awareness Campaign on Blood Donation, along with a Camp and Awareness on HIV-AIDS. These impactful events unfolded on August 11, 13, and 12, respectively, within the open air of the University Campus. The grand finale manifested in the Cyclolothon for Peace, Progress, and Prosperity on August 14 at the University Campus, promoting various social causes and community engagement.

Road Safety Awareness Event:

To advocate for road safety, a Bike Rally was meticulously organized under the Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha Initiative on September 30. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about road safety practices and promote safe driving habits among students and the community.

Anti-Corruption Day Seminars:

Seminars held significant prominence in our engagements. On December 9, a seminar observing Anti-Corruption Day under the theme "Say No to Corruption" was meticulously organized at the esteemed Science Auditorium, University of Kashmir. Additionally, on December 14, a seminar dedicated to the observance of Conservation of Energy unfolded under the resonating theme "Save Energy, Save Planet." These seminars aimed to raise awareness about critical issues and promote ethical practices within society.

Annual Youth Festival Sonzal:

The Department demonstrated its commitment to cultural and literary enrichment through the organization of the Annual Youth Festival Sonzal. This grand celebration featured a diverse range of events in Art, Culture, Music, Dance, Theater, and Literature. It took place amidst the refreshing ambiance of the Open Air at Zabarwan Guest House Lawns from March 23 to 30, showcasing the vibrant talents and creative expressions of our university's students.

National Literary Festival "Virsa-2021":

Further contributing to the literary landscape, the Department initiated and organized the National Literary Festival "Virsa-2021" at the Science Auditorium, University of Kashmir. This festival, spanning from September 21 to 23, provided a platform for literary enthusiasts to engage in meaningful discussions, workshops, and presentations, enriching the cultural and intellectual ethos of our academic community.

Celebration of Iconic Week Festival:

As part of the Celebration of Iconic Week Festival on October 24, a multifaceted event unfolded. It featured a Multi-lingual Mushaira on Hazrat Sheikhil Aalam and Sufayana, complemented by Orchestra, Folk, and Classical Presentations within the esteemed confines of the Gandhi Bhawan, showcasing the richness of our cultural heritage.

Plantation Drive:

A Plantation Drive, titled "Make Your Tomorrow Better with More Trees," was organized at the University Campus and Zakura Campus on March 10. This initiative, aligned with the Shikshit Bharat and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Initiative, aimed to promote environmental sustainability and contribute to a greener future for our campus community.

Cleanliness Drive:

To champion the cause of cleanliness and hygiene, a 3-day Outreach Awareness Campaign Cleanliness Drive was conducted around Hazratbal and the Dal Lake area, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a clean environment. Specific dates for this commendable effort are yet to be added.

Observance of International Day of Disabled:

The department organised an impactful event on the Observance of International Day of Disabled on December 3 at Gandhi Bhawan. This event focused on the theme "Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post-COVID-19 world." As part of this initiative, a Special Marathon, Distribution of Aids and Appliances, and Para Cricket were also organized on September 28 for differently-abled students of the University and affiliated colleges.

Social Service Camp:

A Social Service Camp was organized on October 22 at the Sir Syed Gate of the University of Kashmir, emphasizing community engagement and social responsibility.

Inter-University/Inter-College Debate:

In the field of intellectual discourse, the Department spearheaded an Inter-University/Inter-College Debate on the theme "Technology prevents more crime," fostering critical thinking and dialogue among students.

Art Carnival/Art Exhibition:

To celebrate creativity and artistic expression, We curated an Art Carnival/Art Exhibition with the theme "Carving a Creative Paradise" at the Zabarwan Guest House lawns from March 23 to 30, 2021, providing a platform for students to showcase their talents and innovative artworks.

Major Highlights of 2020:

Seminar on International Women's Day:

The Department Collaborated with the Women's Studies Center and Research, UoK, to organize a seminar on the occasion of International Women's Day at the Ibn-e-Khaldoun Auditorium on March 8, 2020, with the theme "Breaking of Stereotypes." This event aimed to challenge stereotypes and celebrate the achievements and contributions of women.

National Webinar on World Diabetes Day: "Nurses Make the Difference":

Conducted a national webinar on World Diabetes Day titled "Nurses Make the Difference" on November 18, 2020, leveraging online platforms to reach a wider audience and highlight the critical role of nurses in diabetes care and management.

Mental Health Programme:

Organised a week-long mental health awareness initiative in 2020 titled "Mental Health of Emerging Generation: Issues, Challenges, and Remedies." This groundbreaking initiative extended its impact to six districts of the Kashmir Valley, involving collaboration with affiliated and constituent colleges to address mental health issues and promote well-being.

Mass Awareness Campaign on Diabetes:

In November 2020, the Department organized a mass awareness campaign on diabetes in collaboration with the Sheri Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar. Through various events and activities, the campaign aimed to educate and empower individuals about diabetes prevention and management, fostering a proactive approach to healthcare within the community.

Social Service Camp:

The Department Organized a one-day Social Service Camp on November 15, 2019, encouraging students to engage in community service by serving devotees at the Hazratbal Shrine, promoting a spirit of volunteerism and empathy.

Celebration of Constitution Day:

Organized an event commemorating Constitution Day with a special lecture on "Fundamental Duties" on November 27, 2019, emphasizing civic responsibilities and constitutional values among students.

Shaan-e-Ramadhan:

Organized the annual inter-university special festival, Shaan-e-Ramadhan, from 2018 to 2021 during the Holy Month of Ramadan. This festival was dedicated to promoting tolerance, peace, and brotherhood through cultural activities and community engagement.

Cultural Programme for NAAC Peer Team:

In April 2019, spearheaded the curation of a cultural extravaganza to honor the esteemed NAAC Peer Team, showcasing the university's cultural heritage and hospitality through a memorable event.

Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahautsov Programmes:

Under the Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahautsov Programmes commemorating India's 75th Independence anniversary from August to December 2021, orchestrated a series of impactful initiatives:

Painting competition addressing Climate and Environment Change

Poster Competition and awareness campaign on tuberculosis

Awareness camp and drawing competition focused on Drug de-Addiction

Awareness campaign on Blood Donation and HIV-AIDS

Bike Rally under the Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha initiative

Marathon and special cricket match for physically disabled students

Seminars on observance of Anti-Corruption Day and Conservation of Energy

Seminar on International day for persons with disabilities

Cyclothon, a cycling event promoting health and sustainability

Cultural & Literary Festivals:

In 2020, the Department orchestrated the annual inter-University Youth Festival, "Sonzal," providing students with a dynamic platform to showcase their talents and creativity through diverse cultural and literary activities. Actively promoted student participation across various disciplines, enriching the festivals with vibrant energy and creativity.

Outreach Campaigns and Programs:

Led a series of impactful awareness campaigns across 10 districts of the Kashmir Division, which included:

- Initiatives focused on Drug De-addiction awareness to combat substance abuse.
- Suicide Prevention campaigns aimed at raising awareness and providing support.
- Advocacy for Mental Health to promote well-being and reduce stigma.
- Distribution of safety kits for COVID-19 prevention and awareness, contributing to public health efforts.
- Health and Hygiene programs around the Dal Lake area, promoting cleanliness and sanitation within the community.

Celebration of Iconic Week Festival:

The Department Organized a vibrant multi-lingual mushaira, providing students with a platform to recite poetry by Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Aalam. Additionally, curated a cultural program showcasing poetry performances in Sufiyana, orchestra, folk, and classical forms, celebrating the profound literary legacy of Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Aalam. This event embraced the rich cultural heritage and artistic expressions associated with this iconic figure.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

3rd Annual North Zone Declamation Contest

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The Kashmir University Debating Team participated in the Debate competition at Jammu University on January 17, 2018, securing a resounding victory with unparalleled eloquence and insightful discourse. The team's exceptional performance highlighted our commitment to intellectual excellence and debating prowess.

Igniting Discourse: IIPA Intra-University Debate 2018

The IIPA Intra-University Debate 2018, organized by the department, facilitated a thought-provoking dialogue on September 20 at the University of Kashmir. The event focused on the theme "Our Youth's Untapped

Potential in the Realm of Online Information Systems," aiming to promote intellectual exchange and critical thinking among participants. This discourse highlighted the evolving role of youth in harnessing and leveraging online information systems to drive innovation and positive change.

Shahr-u-Ramadhan Festival 2018:

the department curated and orchestrated a vibrant 6-day festival, "Shahr-u-Ramadhan," held from June 4th to 9th, 2018, within the premises of the University of Kashmir. This celebration provided a platform for artistic expression, fostering a sense of unity and joy among participants and spectators alike.

Naropa Fellowship Programme Awareness Event:

To catalyze educational aspirations, the department organised an insightful orientation and awareness program on the esteemed Naropa Fellowship Programme. This impactful session, held on June 6th, 2018, aimed to illuminate the path for students in the Kashmir Division, fostering a broader perspective on academic and professional growth opportunities.

Health & Wellness Spotlight:

The Department organized a special guest lecture on 'Healthy Student, Healthy Society' featuring Dr. Ibrahim Masoodi, a renowned Gastroenterologist from Taif University, Saudi Arabia. The insightful session, held on July 19th, 2018, aimed to promote holistic well-being within the University of Kashmir community.

Cultural Fusion Workshop:

The department organized a dynamic three-day workshop at the University of Kashmir, intertwining the realms of Theatre, Music, Literary Arts, Folk Dance, and Folk Orchestra. This multidisciplinary event, held from August 25th to 26th, 2018, fostered a creative synergy among participants, enriching the cultural tapestry of the university.

Culminating the Year in Youth Extravaganza:

The department organized "Kashmir Biggest Youth Festival Sonzal-2018," an immersive eight-day celebration held from December 12th to 20th at the University of Kashmir. This dynamic event seamlessly integrated Theatre, Literary Arts, Fine Arts, and Music, embodying the diverse creative spirit of the youth.

Major Highlights of 2017

32nd North India Level Youth Festival

Guided and supervised a group of 40 Valley students to Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, actively participating in the esteemed 32nd North India Level Youth Festival. This notable event, organized in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities and the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, transpired from January 2nd to 6th, 2017.

National Workshop and Orientation on Youth Parliament

Participated in the National Workshop and Orientation Program on Youth Parliament Competitions at Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, organized by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, Government of India, from January 12th to 14th, 2017. The program focused on preparing students for youth parliament competitions, providing insights into parliamentary procedures, and familiarizing them with the workings of the parliament, with a special emphasis on Lok Sabha sessions.

32nd National Youth Festival,

Led a team of 4 students from the Valley to Shivaji University, Kolhapur, for active participation in the All India Level 32nd National Youth Festival, "SHIVOTSAV-2017." This grand event, organized by the Association of Indian Universities in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, took place from February 10th to 14th, 2017.

Spring Youth Festival 2017

Brought together 800 young minds from different universities and colleges in J&K for a 5-day Spring Intra and Inter-University Youth Festival at the University of Kashmir. It was a celebration of talent, diversity, and unity from March 20th to 24th, 2017.

Panel Discussion at J&K Medical Science Congress

organised a thought-provoking panel discussion during the 2nd J&K Medical Science Congress at the University of Kashmir, fostering intellectual dialogue on May 13, 2017,

Campus Blood Donation Drive

Marked a day of generosity on May 24, 2017, by organizing a campus-wide blood donation camp, reflecting our commitment to community well-being.

Payam-e-Ramadhan Festival 2017

Organized calligraphy and Naat / Qirat competitions during the 2nd edition of Payam-e-Ramadhan. It was a joyous celebration uniting students from various institutions from June 16th to 20th, 2017

IIPA Debate Competition 2017

organized a spirited Inter-College/Inter-University debate on the theme "Present Education System has failed to achieve Desirable Results," providing students a platform for critical discourse On August 24, 2017,

Youth Expressions: Sonzal-2017 Festival

I organized Sonzal-2017, the State's largest Youth Festival. It showcased the artistic talents of Kashmiri youth through events in Art, Culture, Music, Theatre, and Fine Arts from December 11th to 16th, 2017.