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KU conference highlights role of corporate social responsibility

Srinagar, Feb 25: To reinforce the need for CSR initiatives that go beyond compliance to create lasting socio-economic impact, the Directorate of Lifelong Learning (DLL), University of Kashmir (KU), in partnership with REACHA organised a one-day conference on 'Kashmir CSR Dialogue -2025' here on Tuesday.

The conference brought together key stakeholders to discuss the role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in transforming Jammu & Kashmir and focused on employment, education, healthcare, skill development and environmental sustainability.

While felicitating the CSR leaders for their transformative work in the region Vice Chancellor KU Prof Nilofer Khan emphasized



the need for a structured roadmap for Kashmir's development with NGOs such as REACHA, industry and academia as key partners.

She said, "It is the collective responsibility of academia and industry to come together and contribute to nation-building. As part of its CSR initiative, the University of Kashmir has been able to reach underserved areas and populations, but muchmore needs to be done. Through meaningful collaborations with industry and NGOs such as REACHA we can bring transformative change to the lives of people at the grassroots level."

In his address, Dean College Development Council, KU Professor Khurshid

Butt, who was guest of honour on the occasion, highlighted the evolving role of corporate missions in today's world. He said, "The mission statement of corporates has changed over the years, reflecting a paradigm shift from the mere maximization of profit to the creation and delivery of superior values to shareholders, owners, and the public at large. This shift underscores the growing significance of CSR in today's business landscape."

He further emphasised the role of academia-industry collaborations in national development.

In his special remarks, Registrar KU Prof Naseer Iqbal said, "Universities have a pivotal role in driving societal progress through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. We believe that meaningful collaborations between academia, industry, and NGOs can create sustainable solutions to pressing social and economic challenges."

Earlier, Director DLL KU Prof Shazia Manzoor highlighted the aims and objectives of the one-day dialogue followed by remarks from Mr Nikhil Pant, Chairman & CEO of REACHA.

On the occasion, corporate entities such as ONGC, IIFL Foundation, Genpact, IHCL, Kesari Tours, Tata Strive, Nokia, and KPMG were recognized for their efforts. A highlight of the program was the "Voice of the Youth" segment, where young changemakers shared first-hand stories of social impact, inspiring attendees to contribute to J&K's progress.

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diseases. These seniors were adopted by Moul Mouj Foundation (MMF) under its Lifetime Privilege Card program, ensuring free medical care, medicines and investigations. Besides, several patients were diagnosed with diabetes and hypertension for the first time and were immediately placed on appropriate treatment to manage their conditions effectively.

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In her message, Vice-Chancellor, the University of Kashmir, Prof. Nilofar Khan, lauded the initiative, stating, "This medical camp reflects Kashmir University's commitment to community welfare and ensuring accessible healthcare for the elderly. Such initiatives are essential to provide awareness and holistic well-being."

Director, of the Directorate of Lifelong Learning, Prof. Shazia Manzoor, emphasised the importance of elderly healthcare awareness, adding, "Our goal is to reach underserved communities and provide them with essential healthcare and knowledge to improve their quality of life."

On the occasion, Dr Zubair said, "Many patients were undertreated for chronic illnesses, with a notable number of seniors being smokers. Key lifestyle changes—reducing salt, sugar and fat intake, eating more fruits and vegetables, quitting smoking, and maintaining at least 30 minutes of daily physical activity—are often more crucial than medication in managing and preventing chronic diseases."

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The initiative was actively supported by local volunteers, students from the Social Work Department, the University of Kashmir and interns from Moul Mouj Foundation (MMF), who played a crucial role in assisting the elderly patients and facilitating medical services.

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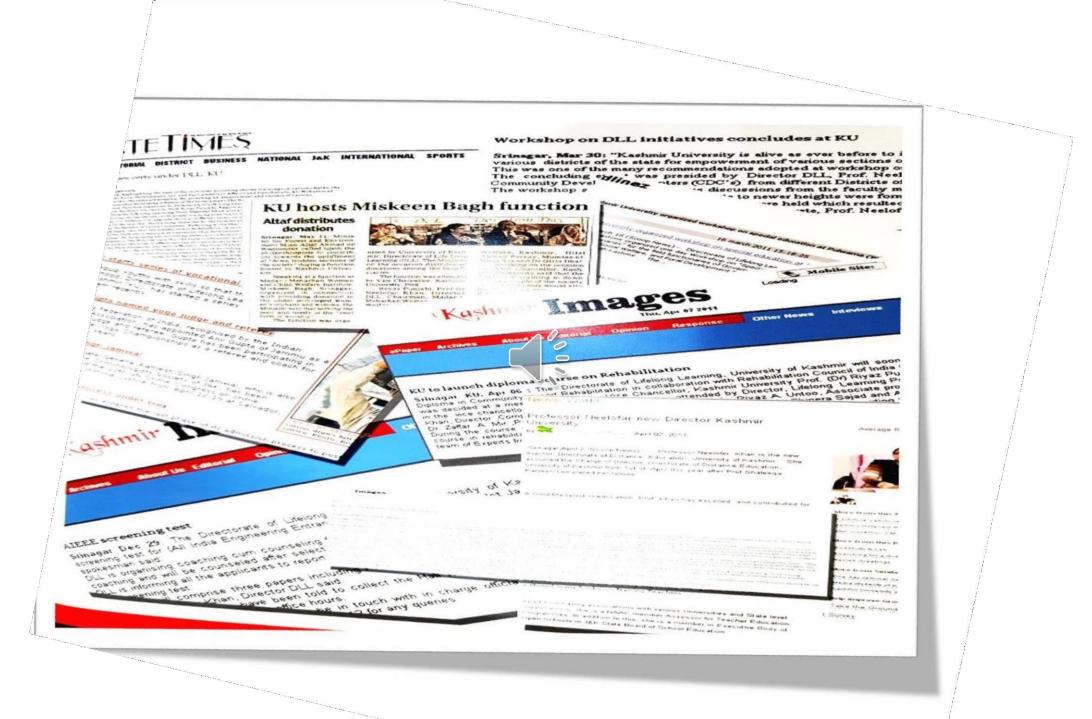
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