

PRESS NOTE

CUJ Organizes Two-Day National Webinar on ‘Education and Leadership during a Crisis’

A Two-day National Webinar on ‘**Education and Leadership During A Crisis**’ organized by the School of Education, Central University of Jammu, under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) scheme of Government of India, has been inaugurated today. The key objective of this webinar is to sensitize the educational administrators and policymakers to the adopt the appropriate strategies meet the current challenges; and to orient them how to deal appropriately with this global crisis of covet-19 by playing a leading role. The inaugural session of the webinar was graced by Sh. K.K. Shrama, Advisor to the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, Ms. Anuradha Gupta, Director, School Education, Jammu, Prof. A.P. Behera, Joint Director, CIET, NCERT, New Delhi, Prof. Saroj Sharama, GGSIPU, New Delhi, Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma, University of Jammu, Dr. VPS Raju, NIEPA, New Delhi and Dr. J.N. Baliya, Central University of Jammu including Institutional leaders across the country from 24 states are participating in the webinar through online mode.

In his presidential address, Sh. K.K Sharma, Advisor to the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, opined that on-line teaching-learning is the future of our education system. He specifically emphasized that it is a great opportunity for Jammu and Kashmir to come out of all the difficulties which has risen due to the Covid-19. He also suggested various initiatives which could be undertaken by the educational institute of the region to provide best alternative in the current scenario. He also lauded the initiatives taken by the Central University of Jammu and its leadership for the academic ventures launched through online mode during this tough time even; and also appealed the educational leaders and academicians to come forward with innovative and sustainable means of teaching-learning in coming days. However, Sh. Sharma also appreciated the efforts of the teachers, heads of the institutions, administrators, and policy-makers for being techno-friendly and promoting online education. He also appreciated the participants and pointed out that joining with webinar is an indication of their commitments and sincerity for engaging themselves with technology.

Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, in his address highlighted various capacity building programmes being initiated by the faculty from Education Department of CUJ and involving all the stakeholders from different educational sectors of the region. Prof. Aima has specifically emphasized the changing role of the leadership from traditional to cooperative and collaborative with more involvement of the subordinates in decision-making of the organization which can be more fruitful to the society at large. Further, he appraised the need of academics leadership in the web of educational institutions for optimization of multiple efforts of various stakeholders of educational institutions.. He also pointed out that there is a paradigm shift in the view of leadership from working for the people to working with people. He also viewed that online learning has played key role in lessening distance among the stakeholders and

connected with all without a space argument. He congratulated Dr J N Baliya HoD, Educational Studies, CUJ and Programme Coordinator PMMMMNMTT for organising such kind of programme in which about 850 participants got registered for this Webinar.

Earlier Dr. J.N. Baliya Programme Coordinator and Convenor of the Webinar formally welcomed the guests and delegates by sharing with them that this webinar is just the beginning of various other programmes to be organised in next couple of months. Dr, Asit Mantry, faculty from Department of Educational Studies, CUJ and the Organising Secretary of the Webinar briefed the participants about outline of the webinar.

Ms. Anuradha Gupta(KAS), Director School Education, Jammu, by presenting her special remarks stated the various steps taken up by the department in providing accessible online classes to the students even in remote areas during this pandemic. She suggested that the teaching-learning during the pandemic should be provided according to the academic calendar. The students should be given proper time for complete their learning and assessment related tasks. Ms. Gupta further vehemently focused on the consolidation and centralization of academic activities is the need of the time. She further said that unity of command and understanding between the higher authorities and subordinated are the key to deal the pandemic. In addition to these, she focused on, improvement of language skills, communication skills along with the value-addition, value-chain and value-enhancement. She also congratulated the organizer of the workshop Dr. J.N. Baliya, HOD & Programme Coordinator, School of Education Central University of Jammu for taking this initiative of online Webinar on the very imperative theme, which is the need of an hour.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. A.P. Behera, Joint Director, CIET, NCERT, New Delhi. He highlighted the various ICT tools and applications for teaching-learning at school level especially at these days. He has also refereed online materials, videos; lectures are available at NCERT website at free of cost. Further, he articulated the present status of utilisation of various online platforms which are freely available such as SWAYAM, NCERT e-books, e-Pathshala, etc. Prof. Saroj Sharma from GGSIPU ,New Delhi , spoke on the decision-making which is a major issue during a crisis. She focussed on how technology can be useful in decision-making. She said that decision-making is the key to all the leaders. Dr. J.N. Baliya from Central University of Jammu, delivered his talk on Mental Health and Human Relations. He also appraised the initiatives undertaken by the PMMMMNMTT scheme to enhance the academics in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir especially. The sessions were moderated by Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Dr. Aman, Dr Kiran, Dr. Asit Mantry and Dr. Ravi Vanguri.