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technological input in Agriculture is the need of the hour. Universities need to closely work with this sector, facilitate mechanization and undertake value-added tasks for economic connectivity and prosperity of the villages, said the Lt Governor. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr. Dinesh Singh, Former Vice Chancellor, Delhi University; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu; Prof. Nilofar Khan, VC, University of Kashmir; Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, VC, IUST; Prof. Akbar Masood, VC BGPSU; Prof. Najma Akhtar, VC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Prof. G. Rangarajan, Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Principal ICS, Srinagar and Dr. Vishal Sharma, Principal GDC Bani attended the meeting and gave their valuable suggestions on the reforms and necessary interventions required for improving quality of learning & teaching in the Higher Education sector of the UT.

The meeting held a threadbare discussion on the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP)- 2020 in the Colleges and Universities across J&K UT; improving accountability and responsiveness in the system; encouraging research, innovation, skill development, capacity building, competitiveness; enhancing employability; integrating technology for transforming Education; Multidisciplinary Education, Flexibility & Student Mobility and increasing access through Digital Learning.

The Lt Governor said our aim is to create global cadre of skilled youth and Colleges, Universities need to make them competitive and also bridge the employable skill gap. He also sought valuable suggestions from the members of the council for better utilization of the education budget.

The Lt Governor said the government will ensure effective implementation of the recommendations of the Council. He appreciated the efforts of Dr. Dinesh Singh, eminent educationist and former Vice Chancellor, Delhi University; Prof. G. Rangarajan, Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; Dr. Kavi Arya, Professor of Computer Science, IIT Bombay; Prof. Najma Akhtar, VC, Jamia Millia Islamia, and other members of the Council for ongoing work to transform the Higher Education ecosystem of J&K.

Discussions were also held on the role of higher education in implementation of Gati Shakti, policy formation, vision 2047; conducting teacher-student exchange programmes; mapping and sharing of resources, collaborations and MoUs with International Institutions; adopting best practices; encouraging climate change study; identifying gaps and preparing actions plans accordingly.

The meeting further discussed encouraging students' participation, especially girls in sports, cultural and other such activities.

Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department presented a detailed overview of the Higher Education sector in the UT, roadmap for institutional accreditations and future readiness of the department.

He informed about the Capacity building, training and mentoring programmes; student feedback and faculty evaluation, growth and development mechanisms; gross enrolment & gender parity ratio; Aadhar-based biometric attendance system for teachers; adoption of e-Samarth in colleges and universities and registration of students with Academic Bank of Credits.

All eligible colleges will ensure NAAC Accreditation in academic year-2022-23. We are also ensuring that the Uniform Academic Calendar for the UT will be followed in letter and spirit, he added.

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sphere. Kansal made these comments while addressing a large gathering of students and faculty members after inaugurating State of Art Sports infrastructure

434 villages of J&K covered under 'Adi Adarsh Gram Vikas Yojana': Union MoS

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: As a part of special public outreach initiative to J&K UT, Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Renuka Singh on Wednesday said that Government has launched multiple initiatives for the welfare of tribal community which is evident from the fact that 434 villages of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir have been covered under PM 'Adi Adarsh Gram Vikas Yojana'.

During her address, the Minister highlighted the significance of the ambitious Jal Jeevan Mission, saying that providing tap water connections to all the households of the country is the priority of

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