

Ex-Director IIMA talks on ‘Transforming Govt’ at KU

Srinagar, June 5: Noted Corporate Management Scholar and former Director of India’s premiere B-School, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmadabad Prof. Pradip N Khandwalla Saturday laid emphasis on accountability and efficiency in good governance saying the ‘Social Justice’ is impossible without bringing these concepts into practice.

He was delivering a lecture on ‘**Transforming Government**’ on the lines of his latest book ‘**Transforming Government through New Public Management**’ organized by Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies, University of Kashmir at Varsity’s Ibn-e-Khaldoon Auditorium.



Laying stress on need for good governance, Prof. Khandwalla in his lecture said, “Everyone is affected by quality of governance in one way or the other and better governance is in interest of all of us”. He said India was not the only country with malfunctioning in governance, but many countries around the globe had the same problem. “I do not believe in imitating other countries models of governance, instead we need to evolve our own model of governance. Besides this, we also need a global movement for better governance” he added.

Advocating a new paradigm in management ‘New Public Management’ Prof. Khandwalla said the concept needs to be adopted as the model has performed well over the years. New Public management he said “is a broad concept used to describe wave of public sector reforms throughout the world. Prof. Khandwalla said that the reform wave will lead to greater cost-efficiency for governments, without having side effects on other objectives and considerations. “Many countries are contributing to the paradigm and India too is playing its role in this global moment of improving governance.

Prof. Khandwalla also talked about 1950’s concept of ‘Inclusive Growth’ and said large chunk of money aimed at benefiting common people does not reach grassroots at all. “That is where we have to pay maximum attention” he added.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Riyaz Punjabi in his presidential address said that if we have a look at the life of earlier scholars, astronomers, and other great scientists, they would simultaneously

read poetry and literature besides their own subjects. “Basic issue with us is the issue of creativity” said VC.

Principal Secretary to chief minister J&K Khursheed A Ganai who was Chief guest at the event appreciated works of Prof. Khandwalla and said that his emphasis on creativity in his books is remarkable. Referring to his book ‘Fourth Eye: Excellence through Creativity’ he said that creativity in management was vital to good governance. He praised Business School students of KU advising them to excel in their subject. “Corporate houses would be glad to utilize your services” he said. Referring to a question on rampant corruption in the system and role of bureaucrats, he advocated changing the system rather than pointing fingers at bureaucrats. “There is an old saying that bureaucrats are good people but trapped in a bad system” while referring to the bureaucratic system here which he termed as being ‘weberian’.

Earlier while welcoming guests, Dean Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, Prof. Musaddiq A Sahaf gave a brief introduction of Prof. Khandwalla. While underlining importance of the topic of the lecture, he said that it was aimed at identifying key issues that need to be addressed related to positively transform governance in order to meet the demands of modern management systems.

While replying to a question from an MBA student, Prof. Khandwalla said “the way forward for Kashmir University is to see what you want your output to be”.

Prominent among those who took part in an interaction session after the lecture included Head, The Business School, Prof. Shabir Bhat and Prof. Mohiuddin Sangmi.

Attendees at the lecture included Registrar KU, Prof. S Fayyaz Ahmad, Controller Examinations, Prof. A M Shah, Director South Campus, Prof. Khurshid A Bhat, Chief Librarian Allama Iqbal Library, Mr. Riyaz Rufai, Prof. Nilofer Khan, Director DLL, besides faculty of various departments, research scholars and students.

Dr. Khandwalla has been Director IIM Ahmedabad from 1991-1996. He has been a consultant and trainer to many organizations like Aditya Birla Group, Alembic, BHEL, BPCL, CMC, NTPC, Pfizer, Reliance, Satyam Computers, Shell India, Tata Telecom, TELCO, Torrent, Wockhardt, World Bank, L&T, etc.