

# US delegation meets KU V-C

## Student exchange programmes lead to intellectual development: Prof Punjabi

**Srinagar, June 11:** The Kashmir University vice-chancellor, Prof Riyaz Punjabi on Friday stressed on the need to have more student exchange programmes between the University and other reputable institutions within and outside the country.

The student exchange programs, he said, had several advantages, including promoting students' intellectual development and providing economic resources for the state economy. "Times are changing exponentially and cross-cultural dynamics have become an important aspect to be looked into. We must prepare our students to deal with new challenges and equip them with the skills and appropriate knowledge, insight and understanding of cross-cultural issues," said Prof Punjabi in his interaction with a 22-member team from the United States.



He said, "We have so much to offer to the people coming from different parts of the world and it is simply a matter of getting an opportunity."

The delegation hosted by the Business School represented a broad spectrum of academic backgrounds and universities from California, Texas, Pennsylvania, Montana, Connecticut, and Philadelphia. Dr. Vishal Mangalwadi, faculty at

William Carey University, Pasadena, California and internationally-known writer and author of 15 books, is among the visiting delegation.

The delegation shared their views with Prof Punjabi, expressing their pleasure over an hour-long interaction. The members expressed deep appreciation over the progress the university has made over the years.

The V-C lauded the efforts of director of KU's Business School for arranging such programmes.

Earlier the director, Business School, Prof. Shabir Ahmad said, "Universities have to adapt to the emerging knowledge based economy in which new demands and expectations present significant challenges and great opportunities."

He said "the capacity to generate new ideas, and the power to transform the society should be our priority, and this is where university has to play a unique role."