

KU bags award for ICT implementation

Proud of having introduced IT in dealings: Prof Punjabi

Srinagar, July 23: The University of Kashmir Friday bagged an award for its role in implementation of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the education system.

The KU vice-chancellor, Prof Riyaz Punjabi received the "WISITEX-ICT Ratna 2010 award" at the Lalit Grand Palace here.



The award was presented to Prof Punjabi by the Minister for Higher Education, Abdul Gani Malik during a day long conference on "e-governance and information technology in Jammu and Kashmir", organized by the state government and Industry.

Others who received the awards for various contributions to public life included J&K Bank , STPT J&K. DOEACC J&K and NIC.

Speaking on the occasion, Malik said he was happy to see that Kashmir University had taken a lead in introducing e-governance in its dealings.

The Minister for Information Technology, Aga Syed Rohulla, highlighted the importance of e-governance in the present world. "If we have to prosper and keep pace with the fast moving

world, it is important that we take a lead on the path of e-governance," he said, calling for "capacity building" of the stakeholders "to see e-governance projects flourish."

The KU vice-chancellor, Prof Riyaz Punjabi, thanked the organizers from the State and Industry for recognizing the efforts of the university vis-à-vis ICT implementation. "It is the IT which can to a great level bring about transparency and efficiency in the system," he said. "Despite resistance at several levels, the dream of IT implementation has been accomplished in the university,"



He urged the government to declare KU as a centre of excellence in information technology. "KU has already completed its linkage with 19 valley collages and after this, we are moving to higher secondary schools for the IT implementation," he told the delegates. "Our aim is to bridge the gap between academics and industry through the establishment of Advanced Centre of Information Technology which shall also include development of the necessary support structure necessary for the development of the IT Industry."

Principal Secretary to CM, Khursheed Ahmad Ganai said that there is tendency in our state to look at government for everything. "But to see the e governance in the state become a reality, initiatives must come from the private sector as well. The massive programme of capacity building in various government departments has to done."

The J&K Bank chairman, Dr Haseeb A Drabu said technology has to be there as an enabler of business and not as an industry. He referred to the need for making use of the technology as a crisis management tool and said this can help to provide education to our children in difficult periods.

Dr Manohar Lal Sharma Minister IT also spoke on the occasion. Atal Daloo commissioner secretary, IT was also present.