Functions of Higher Education Department

The Department of Higher Education is charged with the responsibility to monitor and regulate the dissemination of Higher Education above 10+2 level in the State by extending facilities for opening of colleges and Universities. At present there are two State universities and three private Universities in the State, besides two Central Universities. There are also 95 Government Degree Colleges and 168 Colleges (including 142 private B. ed. Colleges) / institutions in private sector. In addition to this one Government Engineering College at Jammu and three private Engineering Colleges are functioning in the State.

142 Private B. Ed. Colleges and 2 Govt. B. Ed colleges are functioning in the State of J&K.

Courses like M.Ed., BBA, BCA, MCA and MBA are also being run in selected colleges both in Jammu and Kashmir Division.

Three private Universities functioning in the State of J&K are i) Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, ii) Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah Univesity, Rajouri, and iii) Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora. Two Central Universities have also started to function in the State (One each Jammu and Kashmir).

The State Government is presently engaged in consolidation and strengthening of existing colleges both by way of providing infrastructure and manpower.

Since the Government has now decided to consolidate these colleges, a serious consideration is being given to get them NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) accreditation. Additional courses in most of the colleges and professional courses in some of the Colleges have been allowed. Post-graduate Courses have also been allowed in some of the colleges in the State.

On the faculty side, all posts of Principals have been created and referred to PSC for selection process. The posts of lecturers for newly created colleges have also been referred to PSC.

In order to ensure that there is no shortage of teachers because of non-filling of vacancies, academic arrangements are being resorted to. Modernization of libraries by way of e-Library is also being taken up. Women Study Centers and Gandhian Centers have been established.

Under National Mission on Education through ICT, broadband connectivity has been installed in many colleges in other is being installed to eventually connect them to National Knowledge Network.

The Higher Education Department is committed to achieve the objective of developing good educational infrastructure at Graduate / Post Graduate levels to ensure quality improvement in education and proper attention towards raising educational standards in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Hostel facilities are available in 22 Government Degree Colleges and 50 Colleges have been provided transport facilities.

The department is functioning on inclusion equity and quality in Higher Education and intends to make higher education more in tune with employability.