

Advisor to LG visits IUST to inaugurate an International Workshop

Bhatnagar assures of Govt's support on various fronts for development of IUST

Awantipora, Oct 06: Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology, a constituent college of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) Wednesday organized a Three-Day International Workshop on 'Bridging Excellence in Cardiac Nursing Practice' on the occasion of its Annual Day celebrations during which Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K (UT), Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar was the Chief Guest.

Speaking during the inaugural session, Advisor Bhatnagar lauded the role of frontline professionals, especially nurses being the first line of defense, towards the healthcare sector of any society especially during challenging situations like COVID'19. Bhatnagar also noted



their contribution in areas like cardiovascular health, during the pandemic management. He appreciated the growth of IUST and expressed his satisfaction over university's functioning. "It has been a privilege to come to IUST on my maiden visit and I see a lot of promise here", he said. Bhatnagar expressed that the vision of LG J&K is to achieve major successes in the field of higher education and new education policy is a way in this direction which will be implemented effectively in the UT. "I on behalf of the Govt of UT extend all the support in various areas including development of infrastructure like hostels, labs and other requirements for establishing the institute of excellence", he added.

Vice Chancellor IUST Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo emphasized the role of nurses with their human capital as they collaborate with a healthcare team to effectively perform treatments and medical procedures. "Health issues in general and cardiovascular in particular is among the major challenges that the world is presently facing and the task to tackle such issues is to identify the role of youth/students in understanding & tackling these issues", he added. Prof. Romshoo stressed that health care professionals especially nurses needed to work together to guide, plan, and execute the significance of different types of knowledge that can enhance the ultimate goals of health care especially cardiovascular field for saving precious lives. He also acknowledged that though disruptive technologies and AI have touched all fields but the care, humanity that nurses bring along cannot be replaced ever.



He further said, "Nurses should be well versed with the technicalities in addition to their humane touch and IUST could take lead in providing capacity building opportunities to professional from this field." "IUST is making successful attempts in creating a state-of-the-art infrastructure for developing collaborations with important institutions of national repute. IUST has made appreciable effort in health sector especially during the covid pandemic, which is evident from the fact that the university developed frugal ventilator RUHDAAR and splitters during covid pandemic, he added.

Former HOD Department of Cardiology, SKIMS, Dr. Khursheed Aslam who was the keynote speaker during the inaugural deliberated on the Cardiac Health amid Covid Pandemic with special emphasis upon the role of healthcare professionals especially during the emergency situations like COVID'19. "Millions of infection prevention and control professionals across the globe are joining hands for enhancing cardiovascular health during pandemic and all of us should give them due support in achieving their goal", he added.



Among others, Dean Academic Affairs Prof. A H Moon and Registrar IUST Prof. Naseer Iqbal were also present on the occasion. Earlier, Principal of the college Asmat Parveen welcomed the Chief Guest and all the participants and detailed report about the college and workshop. The workshop marked the Celebration of 3rd Annual Day of Nursing Colleges of IUST during which a souvenir was also released.

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