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SRINAGAR, July 28: A three-day workshop series on 'Peace Journalism' was inaugurated today in the Islamic University of Science and Technology. The series includes a two-day workshop for students from different universities and colleges throughout the Valley and a one-day workshop for teachers from different universities and colleges. The workshops are being organized by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Centre for International Relations, Islamic University of Science and Technology. Students from Media Education Research Centre (University of Kashmir),

Department of Political Science (University of Kashmir), Department of Convergent Journalism (Central University of Kashmir), Degree College for Women (MA Road), Degree College (Baramulla) and students from Centre for International and Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Islamic University of Science and Technology, are taking part in the event.

The Vice Chancellor of IUST, Prof Trag was the chief guest and the Registrar, IUST was the guest of honour for the inaugural session of the workshop. In his address, Prof Trag said that media's role is very crucial in contemporary society as it has huge influences. He advised the participants of the workshop to work more responsibly to make this society a better place to live.

Prof Trag highlighted the positive role of media in a democracy in keeping the elected Governments in check. For a journalist, the service to his nation comes first and whatever he reports, he does by keeping the larger interest of his audience in consideration, he added. The chief resource person for the workshop, Prof Steven Youngblood, is the Director of the Centre for Global Peace Journalism, Park University, USA). Talking about his experiences throughout the world in academics and on the field, he expressed concern over the sensationalism in the media and said that sometimes the best thing that journalists can do is not make matters worse.

Dr Ruheela Hassan, Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, presented welcome address while Shazana Andrabi, Head, Centre for International Relations, delivered vote to thanks.

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