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REPORT

INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE TWO DAYS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTEGRATING AI AND 21ST CENTURY SKILLS IN EDUCATION

The inaugural session of the Two-Days National Conference on **"Integrating AI and 21st Century Skills in Education"** was organized by the **Innovation and Action Research Cell/IQAC** of the **Government College of Education (IASE), Cluster University Srinagar**, in collaboration with the **School Education Department, Kashmir** on 29th October 2025**.** The session commenced with the registration of participants at 9:30 a.m. followed by the formal inaugural proceedings at 10:00 a.m. in the college auditorium.

The session began with the felicitation of the guests and the welcome address by **Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges and Principal, GCOE/IASE**, who warmly welcomed the dignitaries and participants. She highlighted the importance of integrating artificial intelligence and 21st-century skills in education to make learning more dynamic and future-ready. This was followed by the Backdrop of the Programme presented by **Mr. Fazl Illahi, Coordinator, Innovation and Action Research Cell**, who provided an overview of the conference objectives and themes.

The Keynote Address was delivered by **Prof. K. Srinivas, Head, ICT and Project Management, NIEPA, Ministry of Education, New Delhi.** He emphasized the transformative role of AI in modern education systems and the necessity for educators to embrace digital innovation. **Dr. G. N. Itoo, Director, School Education Department, Kashmir Division**, spoke as the Collaborating Partner, underlining the department's commitment to enhancing digital competency among teachers and students alike. A series of Special Addresses followed. **Prof. (Dr.) Sheikh Aijaz Bashir, Director Colleges**, UT of J&K, highlighted the growing significance of AI-driven pedagogies in Higher Education. **Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar,** appreciated the initiative and encouraged interdisciplinary collaboration to meet NEP-2020 goals. **Shri Shantmanu (IAS), Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary, HED),** also addressed the gathering, emphasizing policy-level perspectives and administrative efforts to integrate AI into educational planning.

The Chief Guest, **Ms. Sakina Masood Itoo, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Health, Medical Education, and Social Welfare, UT of J&K**, delivered the inaugural address. She lauded the institution's efforts in organizing such a forward-looking conference and formally released the "IASE Mentorbot", an AI-based educational chatbot designed to support learners and teachers. She also inaugurated the newly constructed Science Block in the college campus.

The session concluded with the Vote of Thanks proposed by **Prof. Syed Shabana Shabir (Faculty, IASE),** who expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, collaborators, and participants for their valuable presence and contributions. The inaugural session was followed by a visit to the AI/Robotics Exhibition, where the Chief Guest and dignitaries explored innovative AI-based educational tools and projects displayed by students and researchers. The proceedings of the inaugural session were documented by **Dr. Shabina and Prof. Shawana Manzoor (Faculty IASE).**

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