KU's CCPC holds campus placement drive at PG Dept. of Computer Sciences

A career counselling-cum-placement drive was organized by the Centre for Career Planning and Counselling (CCPC) at the Dept. of Computer Sciences of the University of Kashmir on Thursday for B.Tech., M.Tech., MCA and MBA students of the University through Hoping Minds Pvt. Ltd. Hoping Minds is a reputed Mohali-based innovative coding school that not only trains and facilitates targeted placements for the graduates belonging to these disciplines but also arranges their internship in the industry alongwith a provision for monthly stipend for the trainees.

A team of Hoping Minds officials led by its co-founder Bhushan Bansal and Harish Chawla interacted with the students and apprised them about the career opportunities in India particularly in the fields of Management, Engineering, Information Technology and Computer Sciences. This interaction was followed by campus recruitment for a total of 23 positions of Business Development and Software Development Executives. Pay packages offered were Rs. 6 lakhs per annum for Business Development Executive and Rs. 7 lakh per annum for Software Development Executive (React Native) positions.

Welcoming the guests and the aspirants, Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Registrar of the University said that in the post-covid era market-driven training and timely placement of students in their appropriate technical roles is the need of the hour. He appreciated the career counselling and placement activities undertaken by the Centre in the recent past particularly the offer of free training followed by free-

of-cost recruitment of students in the industry through reputed organizations like HopingMinds, ClicksCampus, Codequotient, LearnDesk, ExtraMarks and StaffServing and impressed upon the Centre to continue with its efforts with greater zeal and vigour in times to come. Dr. Nisar underscored the need for skill upgradation, trust building and exploration of new opportunities by the students.

Director CCPC, Prof. Geer Mohammad Ishaq while interacting briefly with the job aspirants at the Dept. of Computer Sciences laid emphasis on the need for developing twenty first century foundational skills like information technology and language proficiency, communication skills, quantitative aptitude, work and life skills among our graduates and post-graduates in order to help them compete and sustain in the highly competitive global job markets particularly in a post-COVID world where many sectors are off-loading their workers due to economic slump yet many other sectors like IT and digital platforms are recruiting skilled workforce afresh who could prove useful in their transition to digital platforms. Prof. Geer said that the present campus placement drive was conducted on the instructions of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Nilofer Khan who has been very keen to see the pass-outs of the university getting suitably placed in the industry well in time.

Prof. Zulfiqar Ali Bhat, Head, Dept. of Computer Sciences also spoke at this occasion and discussed the changing landscape of the job markets and the need to prepare the students of the university in consonance with the fast-changing times and trends. He urged upon the students to hone their communication and work skills so as enhance their employability making them more acceptable to the recruiters. He thanked Hoping Minds team for arranging the placement drive at the department and expressed his desire to conduct more such drives in collaboration with CCPC in future. Dr. Bilal Ahmad Pandow, Consultant at CCPC, Dr. Faheem Sayeed Masoodi and Dr. Sajid Yousuf Bhat of the Dept. of Computer Sciences, who is also a Career Counsellor associated with CCPC coordinated and conducted the placement drive.