



UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR, SRINAGAR

NAAC Accredited Grade-A⁺⁺

Circular

Subject: Conferment of Category-I Status on the University of Kashmir by the University Grants Commission.

It is a matter of immense pride and gratification for the entire University fraternity that the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** has accorded the prestigious **Category-I status** to the **University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir**, under the **UGC (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018**.

The **UGC**, vide **D.O. No. 91-1/2024(SU-I)/142186** dated **29.07.2026**, has informed the University that its proposal was examined and considered by the Commission in its **598th meeting held on 06.07.2026**. Upon consideration, the Commission has decided to grade the **University of Kashmir as a Category-I University** under the aforesaid Regulations.

Consequent upon the conferment of this status, the University shall be **eligible for all the benefits stipulated under Clause 4 of the said Regulations**, relating to the dimensions of autonomy available to **Category-I Universities**.

The conferment of **Category-I status** marks a significant milestone in the University's pursuit of **academic excellence, quality education, research and innovation, institutional development and global academic engagement**. The enhanced autonomy provides greater institutional flexibility, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory provisions, to pursue academic initiatives, strengthen research and innovation, foster interdisciplinary programmes, expand international collaborations and promote emerging areas of higher education.

The achievement is a recognition of the **collective efforts, commitment and sustained contribution of the faculty, officers, administrative staff, researchers, students, alumni and other stakeholders** of the University.

The enhanced autonomy also carries with it a corresponding responsibility to uphold the highest standards of **academic integrity, quality, accountability, transparency and institutional governance**. The University shall endeavour to utilise this enhanced autonomy judiciously and purposefully to strengthen its academic and research ecosystem and further advance its position among the leading institutions of higher learning in the country.

The **Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor** conveys heartfelt congratulations to the entire University community on this landmark achievement and calls upon all stakeholders to collectively work towards leveraging this recognition to foster **innovation, excellence, research and meaningful societal engagement**.

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