**Third lecture in the International Webinar Series organized by UGC-HRDC, KU and delivered by Prof. Sadaf Munshi from University of North Texas, USA**

Third lecture in the International Webinar Series initiated by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre of the University of Kashmir on June 28th was delivered on Monday by Dr. Sadaf Munshi, Professor and Chair, Department of Linguistics, College of Information, University of North Texas, USA on the topic, “Writing proposals for research grants”. More than 600 participants had registered for the lecture from different parts of the world that included students, scholars, teachers and researchers.

Welcoming the speaker, Director, UGC-HRDC, University of Kashmir, Prof. Shabir Ahmad Bhat in his inaugural address stated that HRDC has been engaged in capacity building of teachers and scholars over the past thirty two years and has over the period trained around 8000 teachers in various aspects of academics and research. Stressing upon the need for conducting more research methodology webinars for research scholars, Prof. Shabir underscored the importance of present lecture on writing robust proposals for obtaining research grants from national and international funding agencies. He urged all participants to derive maximum benefit from the vast experience of the invited speaker in writing and succeeding in securing research grants.

Dr. Mohammad Ishaq Geer, Coordinator, UGC-HRDC highlighted the role of HRDC in enhancing knowledge, competency, skills and motivation of scholars and teachers towards writing good research proposals and conducting quality research of international standards. He stated that the HRDC has been conducting research methodology workshops every year for research scholars belonging to diverse streams and inviting the best possible resource persons to impart training to them and the present webinar is yet another effort in that direction.

In her detailed presentation Prof. Sadaf Munshi discussed at length the important terminology and various components of research grant proposals besides importance of planning and identity of grant programmes, potential grant sources, support, benefits, limitations, risks and challenges involved in writing and seeking research grants. She hoped that the lecture will be useful to the participants in providing them a broader insight into the grant writing process and also in giving them some useful tips about writing potentially successful grant applications. Prof. Munshi was overwhelmed by the huge response that the webinar had received as well as by the positive feedback provided by the participants at the end of her lecture. Further she said that the participants were actively engaged in the session and asked many questions and expressed her desire to engage with a smaller but more involved group some time in future.Prof. Sadaf thanked the management of UGC-HRDC, University of Kashmir for organizing this international webinar in collaboration with her department at the University of North Texas, USA and said that she would be looking forward to greater collaboration in future.

Next lecture in the International Webinar Series of the UGC-HRDC, University of Kashmir shall be delivered on July 28th at 10 am (IST) by Dr. Tasaduq Hussain Mir of the UT Southwestern Medical Centres, Texas, USA on the topic, “Social prescribing: transforming doctor-patient relationship”.