

Inaugural Programme of Free NET JRF Coaching at Sikkim University

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The Coordination Committee for Free NET JRF Coaching at Sikkim University organized its inaugural programme at Barad Sadan Conference Hall on 24-04-2025. The programme was graced by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, as the Chief Guest. The event was attended by Deans, Heads of Departments (HoDs), faculty members, and the committee members.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by the Committee Chairperson, Prof. Swarup Roy, who outlined the initiative's objectives and its current scope. He mentioned that the programme is initially limited to final-year postgraduate students due to resource constraints and assured that it will be expanded to the second-semester students and PhD scholars in the future. He shared the current status of the registration process underscoring the varied response from the students and university departments to the expression of request notice from the committee. He expressed his gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for constituting the committee with committed and dedicated members.

Prof. Laxuman Sharma, Registrar of Sikkim University, acknowledged the swift administrative response to the Sikkim University Students Association (SUSA)'s demand for resuming free NET/JRF coaching. He extended his best wishes to the committee for ensuring the programme's success.

During an interactive session, HoDs and Deans shared valuable suggestions, including extending coaching to all interested students and incorporating students from PG extension centres in affiliated colleges.

In his inaugural address, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang emphasized the importance of this initiative. He elaborated on the key aspects of the programme. He outlined his vision for institutionalizing this

initiative through a proposed "Career Advancement Centre" that would feature dedicated infrastructure at the Yangang Campus including ICT-enabled classrooms and library facilities, supported through regular UGC funding. He stressed that this would not be limited to NET/JRF preparation but would expand to include other competitive examinations and skill development programs in a phased manner. Aligning with Prof Swarup Roy's suggestion, he also expressed his desire to establish the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) in the Yangang campus to expand this initiative to offer various training programme.

The VC concluded by urging all departments to actively participate in this university-wide initiative and requested the committee to submit periodic progress reports. He reaffirmed the administration's full support in terms of necessary resources and infrastructure development.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from a committee member, marking the official launch of this initiative.





