

Report on the Induction Programme for Semester 1 (Batch 2025)

Department of Economics, University of Kashmir

Date: August 26, 2025

Venue: Classroom I

Introduction

The Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, organized a one-day Induction Programme on August 26, 2025, for the newly admitted Semester 1 students of the postgraduate programme. The objective of the programme was to familiarize students with the curriculum, academic expectations, examination structure, available resources, and opportunities for personal and professional development.

The event brought together all faculty members of the department, who collectively guided the students through various aspects of academic life. The programme was held with sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Proceedings of the Programme

1. Welcome Address (10:00 – 10:30 a.m.)

Speaker: *Prof. Effat Yasmin, Head of the Department*

Prof. Yasmin inaugurated the programme by welcoming the fresh batch of students. In her address, she highlighted the academic legacy of the Department of Economics and emphasized the importance of discipline, academic commitment, and research orientation. She also encouraged students to actively participate in classroom discussions, seminars, and departmental activities.

2. Understanding the Curriculum and Vertical Streams (10:30 – 11:00 a.m.)

Speaker: *Dr. Javaid Iqbal Khan, Associate Professor*

Dr. Khan explained the structure of the postgraduate curriculum, including the core, elective, and specialization courses. He elaborated on different vertical streams within the programme and guided students on how to select courses strategically to align with their academic and career aspirations.

3. Examination System (11:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

Speaker: *Dr. Md. Sarafraz Equbal, Sr. Assistant Professor*

Dr. Equbal provided clarity on the examination and evaluation system, including internal assessments, end-semester examinations, grading patterns, and academic requirements for progression. His session aimed to eliminate ambiguities and ensure students understood the academic regulations thoroughly.

Tea Break (11:30 – 12:00 p.m.)

During the tea break, students were served tea and snacks, which also provided them an opportunity to interact informally with peers and faculty members. This helped in breaking the ice and fostering a sense of comfort among the new students.

4. Role of Academic Counsellor and Gender-Specific Issues (12:00 – 12:30 p.m.)

Speaker: *Ms. Elizabeth Mariam, Assistant Professor*

Ms. Mariam spoke about the mentoring role of academic counsellors and emphasized the department's commitment to inclusivity and gender sensitivity. She addressed issues related to equity, safety, and support systems available to students within the university.

5. Career Prospects after Master's in Economics (12:30 – 01:00 p.m.)

Speaker: *Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Professor*

Dr. Bhat outlined the diverse career opportunities available to economics graduates, including academia, research institutions, civil services, banking, corporate sector, and international organizations. He encouraged students to pursue internships, research projects, and skill-based training during their studies.

6. Co-Curricular Activities (01:00 – 01:30 p.m.)

Speaker: *Dr. Ghulam Mustafa, Assistant Professor*

Dr. Mustafa highlighted the importance of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in overall personality development. He mentioned departmental seminars, debates, study circles, and cultural activities as platforms for enhancing soft skills, leadership, and teamwork. He also briefed students about the role of DSW office in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of the University.

7. Library and Other Resources (01:30 – 02:00 p.m.)

Speaker: *Dr. Rahul Kundal, Assistant Professor*

Dr. Kundal introduced students to the rich resources of the departmental library, which houses more than 14,000 titles, along with access to journals, magazines like *Yojana* and *Kurukshetra*, and digital databases. He also guided students on how to optimally use university facilities, including e-resources, reading rooms, and research support tools.

Break (02:00 – 03:00 p.m.)

8. Student Introduction and Expectations (03:00 – 03:40 p.m.)

Moderated by: *All Faculty Members*

This interactive session allowed students to introduce themselves, share their academic interests, and express expectations from the course. Faculty members noted the diverse backgrounds and aspirations of the new batch, which set the tone for fostering a collaborative academic environment.

9. Tour of the Department (03:30 – 04:00 p.m.)

Coordinators: *Dr. Saeed Owais Mushtaq, Dr. Tariq Ahad Nengroo & Dr. Haider Hassan Itoo*

The induction concluded with a guided tour of the department, during which students were familiarized with classrooms, the library, computer labs, seminar halls, and other facilities. The tour aimed to make students comfortable with their new academic environment.

Conclusion

The Induction Programme 2025 successfully acquainted the fresh batch of postgraduate economics students with the academic structure, institutional resources, faculty expertise, and career possibilities. The event also fostered a sense of belonging and community among students and faculty.

Prof. Effat Yasmin, Head of the Department, expressed gratitude to all faculty members for their active participation and to the students for their enthusiastic engagement.

The programme ended on a positive note, setting the foundation for a productive and enriching academic journey.

Induction programme schedule:



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Notice

This is for information of all faculty members that a one day Induction Programme for the Semester 1st Batch 2025 students is scheduled to be held on 26th of August, 2025 in classroom I, as per the schedule given below. All students are directed to report to the department at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

Induction Programme Schedule

S.No.	Session	Faculty Member	Time
1	Welcome Address	Prof. Effat Yasmin Head of the Department	10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
2	Understanding the Curriculum / Different Vertical Streams	Dr. Javaid Iqbal Khan Associate Professor	10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
3	Details about Examination	Dr. Md. Sarafraz Equbal Assistant Professor	11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Tea Break (11:30 -12:00 p.m.)			
4	Role of the Academic Counsellor and Gender Specific Issues	Ms. Elizabeth Mariam Assistant Professor	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
5	Career Prospects after Completing Master's Degree in Economics	Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Bhat Assistant Professor	12:30 - 01:00 p.m.
6	Co-curricular Activities	Dr. Ghulam Mustafa Assistant Professor	01:00 - 01:30 p.m.
7	Library and other Resources	Dr. Rahul Kundal Assistant Professor	01:30 - 02:00 p.m.
8	Student Introduction / Expectations	All Faculty Members	03:00 - 03: 40 p.m.
9	Tour to department	Dr. Saeed Owais Mushtaq, Dr. Tariq Ahad Nengroo & Dr. Haider Hassan Itoo	03:30 - 04: 00 p.m.

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