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Workshop on Disability Rights at Humanity Welfare Organization Helpline NGO Bijbehara.

KU's DLL reaches out to Differently Abled

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BIJBEHARA — In an effort to sensitise people for the rights of differently abled population of **Kashmir** valley, the Directorate of Life Long Learning, University of **Kashmir** and Annimaal in collaboration with the Humanity Welfare Organisation Helpline today organised one day counselling cum capacity building programme.

The one day long programme was held at Zaiba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education of south Kashmir's Bijbehara Township.

Speaking at the function, Director, Directorate of Life Long Learning, University of Kashmir, Dr G.H Mir said that the directorate was involved in multi-dimensional need based vocational courses for all sections of the community. He said they will soon offers some vocational and job orientated courses for the differently abled population of the Valley.

"We as a society have lot of responsibilities towards differently abled people of Kashmir. Our first priority should be to sanitise the society towards their rights and duties so that they are not forgotten," he said.

The Director urged the stakeholders to come up with a proposal for starting exclusive courses for the differently abled educated youth of Kashmir.

"We want to come very much closer to you by introducing various innovative and vocational courses and other updated programmes," he added.

He said that the Directorate has many advantages when compared to conventional teaching Departments as it focuses on the provision of continuing education for the changing world of work.

"We provide a series of continuing education courses, trainings programs to equip the talent with the self-employment skills to lead them to be the best entrepreneurs of the future," he said.

During the programme, the participants were counselled about various trends and innovations in the disability sector. They were also donated with the woollen sweaters and other gift items.

On the occasion, Chairman, Humanity Welfare Organisation Helpline (NGO) Bijbehara, Javeed Ahmad Tak said the status of differently abled people was dismal in the state. He said more and more productive work needs to be done to make their living better.

“We have identity crisis and government doesn’t seem to be bothered about our sufferings and rights,” Tak said.

“We have to strive hard for getting our rights. We at the same time need to sensitize the administration in bringing our demands in focus,” he said.

Stating that the already battered lot needs to create their role models and aware people at the helm of affairs about their rights, Project officer, DLL, KU, Nazir Ahmad Ganaie said “In order to make this lot productive, we have to be sensitive enough about their rights and duties”.

He said that the various institutions of the society need to pool their efforts to see smiles on their faces.

“People like you can create major difference in

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