

# **One Day Workshop on Choice Based Credit System: Issues and Challenges**

## **Overview**

In a bid to revamp higher education and bring all the Universities and Colleges under a single umbrella of grading, learning and standards in the country, the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 2014 came up with a scheme called Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with the directive that all Universities and other higher education institutions follow this program from 2015 onwards. The main intent behind the CBCS is to have the flexibility of choosing a course by students, as observed in many European and American Universities. The University of Kashmir has already introduced this scheme in its PG courses from the academic session 2014. The Colleges in J&K have started this system from the session 2016. Experts believe that if this scheme is followed and implemented the way it has been suggested in UGC guidelines, it will potentially revolutionize higher education sector and ensure bright future for our youth.

The CBCS is a flexible approach to learning in which students have a freedom to choose inter-disciplinary, intra-disciplinary and skill-oriented courses making education broad-based and on par with global standards. To complete one course, the students can study at different times, in different departments and even in different institutions. The students can learn at their own pace, take additional courses and acquire more than the required credits prescribed for completion of the degree they are pursuing. The system is based on semester pattern and entails awarding grades rather than marks. However, during the implementation of this system in higher education institutions, there are many challenges which require attention and discussion in order to put it on the right track.

In this context, Directorate of Quality Assurance, University of Kashmir is organising one day workshop on the theme **“Choice Based Credit System: Issues and Challenges”** on **25-07-2017**.

## **The objectives of the Workshop are:**

1. To understand the nature and objectives of CBCS
2. To understand the gaps, issues, limitations and concerns in its implementation at University of Kashmir.
3. To see whether the introduction of CBCS imposed an additional burden on students and teachers or has it enabled them out to prepare and involve themselves in innovative and creative pursuits in higher education
4. To have a glimpse of the path ahead and the way its implementation will change the scheme of things for higher education in the state of J&K.

**Call for Articles / papers:**

The Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA) is organizing one day workshop on **Choice Based Credit System: Issues and Challenges** on 25-07-2017. The workshop will be held in the Gandhi Bhavan, University of Kashmir. Full length articles are invited on the said theme by 15-07-2017. The acceptance of the articles shall be intimated by 18-7-2017. The selected articles shall be compiled in the form of a policy document or book for future reference and action. The articles may be mailed to [diqa.ku@gmail.com](mailto:diqa.ku@gmail.com),