

## MERC founder revisits KU after 22 years

Prof Manzur-ul-Amin recalls his stint in Kashmir



Founder and the first HoD of Media Education Research Centre (MERC), Kashmir University, Prof Manzur ul Amin revisited the department after a gap of 22 years on April 14 and interacted with students and faculty of the department.

Addressing the students and faculty at MERC, Prof Amin described Kashmir as the most beautiful place in the world. “Kashmir is not only in my eyes, but in the heart as well,” Prof Amin said.

He termed credibility, accountability, transparency, objectivity, authenticity and topicality as the essentials of good journalism.

Recalling his days as head MERC, he said, “All my memories related to this department are as fresh as ever.”

“I was in Kashmir for a job interview in mid-eighties and the place attracted and inspired me to establish this department (MERC)” he said.

All praise for Prof Amin, the HoD MERC Prof Mufeed Ahmed paid rich tributes to him for having rendered valuable services as the founder of the prestigious MERC.

Speaking on the occasion, senior faculty of MERC, Nasir Mirza termed it as a “historic day” for the department.

Saying that “Prof Amin has made a permanent place in our hearts”, Mirza described him as a ‘living legend’. “He is a great example for all teachers. He has so much to give, so much to teach,” he added.

MERC presented a memento to Prof Amin as a token of love and respect.

On the occasion, MERC alumni announced three prizes to be given to students’ write ups, features, pictures or caricatures about Prof Amin adjudged best by a five member committee constituted for the purpose.

The students of first and third semester of the department besides the alumni taught by Prof Amin attended the session.