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**Report**

Under the banner of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and under the aegis of "My College My Pride", Debates and seminar committee and Cultural Committee in Collaboration with Excise and Taxation Department, Govt. Of JK organised a one Day Seminar cum Awareness Programme on the theme "Substance Abuse And Illicit Cultivation Of Poppy/Bhung", today on 17 December 2022 in conference hall, which was attended by 100 participants comprising of faculty and students of the college.

The inaugural speech was presented by Dr.Rafiya Nisar, wherein she highlighted the role of college as a platform for familiarizing students about this menace. She appreciated the role of Principal in identifying the ongoing issues in the society and therefore organizing such programmes. The programme was moderated by Dr Bisma Malik, HoD Bioresources; and carried out the further proceedings of the program. Moreover, her anchoring skills were well appreciated by the guest department. Principal GDC Bijbehara Prof.Mushtaq Ahmad Wani in his welcome speech addressed the audience and familiarized them about the menace and its ill effects which ruin the society and has jeopardized our young minds. He also emphasized the role of various Departments such as Law Executing Agencies, Law Enforcing Agencies, and parents in curbing this evil. The co-patron of the programme Mr.Hamid Ganie highlighted the efforts and achievements made by the department in combating this social evil which has not only affected the families but has also taken the precious lives .Prof. Siraj Yousuf HOD Botany gave his expert talk and differentiated advantages and disadvantages of poppy & cannabis . He also emphasized that government should regulate the cultivation and utilization of such produces in an appropriate way. Excise and Taxation inspector, Mr Tareq Ahmad highlighted the future plans of their department for uprooting the potential threat of abuse of such substances from society in general and south Kashmir in particular for making our J&K drug free state. Prominent Poet of Kashmir Dr Shaida Mustafa (Principal HSS Arwani) recited a beautiful poem on the said theme and urged the youth to be responsible towards society and understand both the sides of the coin as happiness and sadness goes hand in hand. Dr. Sheikh Abdul Shakoor Assistant Professor from the host college, Dept of Botany in his presentation explained the mechanism how these drugs effect our brain and place a person in false euphoria.

