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From the Principal's Desk...

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. —Benjamin Franklin

Dear esteemed Readers!

It is with great pride and a sense of accomplishment that I extend my greetings to the esteemed readers of Nilandrus, the annual newsletter of Government Degree College, Bijbehara. The past academic year has been a testament to our institution's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, co-curricular engagement, and community outreach.

The year 2024 witnessed a dynamic blend of intellectual discourses, skill-building initiatives, and sporting achievements that enriched the academic and holistic development of our students.

We organized workshops and expert talks to promote innovation and entrepreneurship, helping students acquire crucial skills for the modern professional environment. Our commitment to social responsibility was evident through impactful discussions and initiatives led by the NSS and NCC, including cleanliness drives, blood donation camps, and awareness campaigns on key issues such as mental health, gender sensitization, and environmental sustainability. These activities reinforced the values of civic engagement, service, and leadership among our students. In sports, our teams excelled in various inter-college and university competitions, earning accolades in cricket, football, badminton, and volleyball. Additionally, our college formalized a significant partnership with NSDC approved Learnet Skills India Ltd through an MoU, aimed at enhancing skill development and employability for our students. This collaboration aligns with our vision of providing holistic education that goes beyond the traditional classroom experience.

The college also made notable strides in fostering research and professional development. Several faculty members contributed to academic discourse through research publications in reputed journals, while many actively participated in Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), ensuring that our pedagogical approaches remain contemporary and impactful.

As we reflect on the milestones of this academic year, we remain committed to fostering an environment where knowledge, innovation, and social responsibility thrive. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated faculty, industrious students, and supportive stakeholders for their relentless efforts in making Government Degree College, Bijbehara, a hub of excellence. Together, we shall continue to illuminate the path of learning and progress.

With warm regards,



Prof. Yasmin Bashir
Principal,
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Convenor Newsletter Committee speaks...



Dear Readers,

Greetings from Govt. Degree College Bijbehara!

Welcome to the 2024-edition of our college newsletter!

This publication serves as a vibrant reflection of the achievements, academic, cultural, and extracurricular spirit that defines our institution, and experiences of our college community. Through these pages, we celebrate the hard work of our students, faculty, and staff, showcasing academic milestones, creative expressions, and inspiring stories.

In this issue, you'll find updates on recent events, insights into exciting projects, and a glimpse of upcoming opportunities. Whether you are a student striving for excellence, a faculty member shaping young minds, or an alumnus reminiscing about your time here, this newsletter connects us all through a shared journey of learning and growth.

I hope you find this edition engaging and inspiring. Your feedback and contributions are always welcome as we continue to make this publication a true reflection of our dynamic college community.

Happy reading!

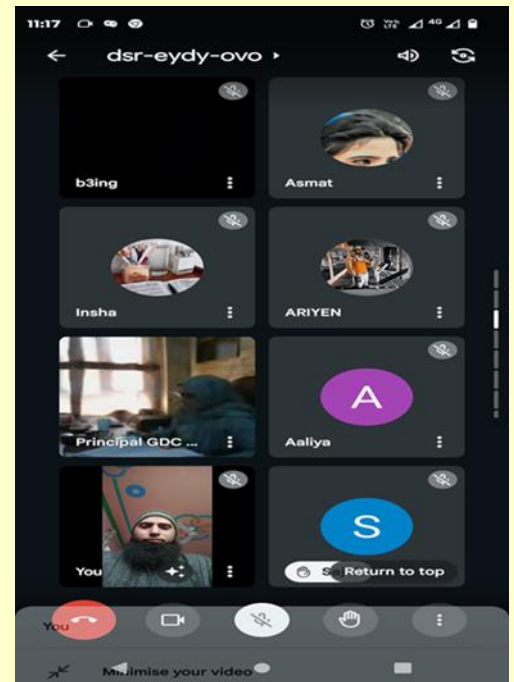
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❑ Online Seminar on National Youth Day

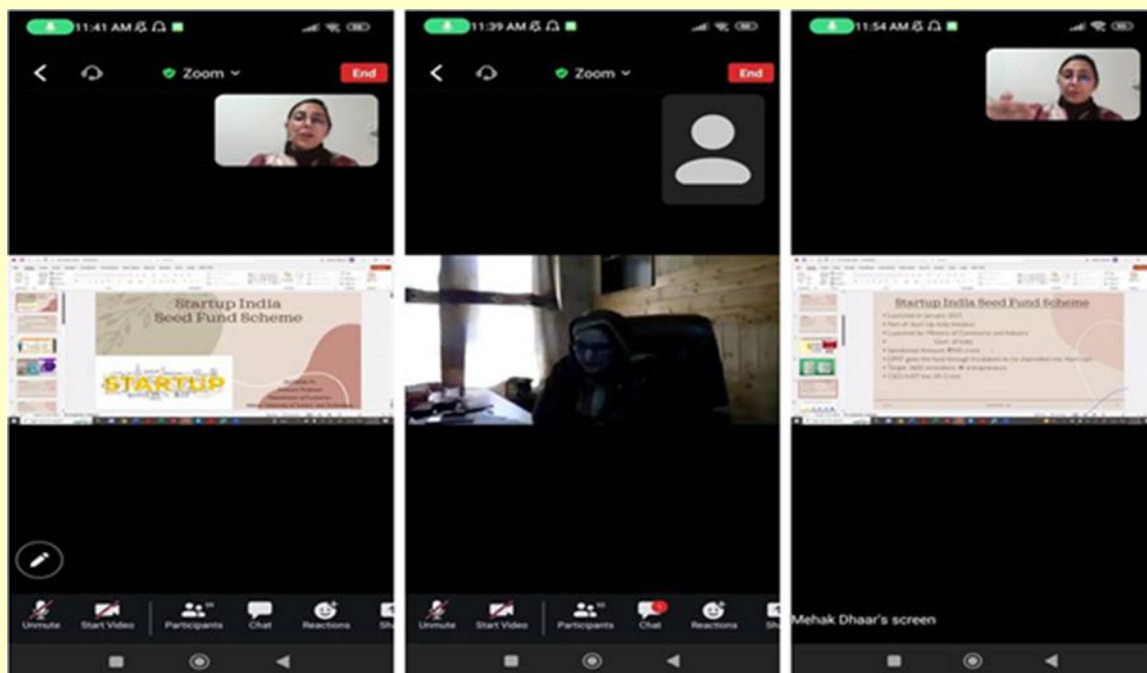
On 12th January 2024, the Department of Geography in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club organized an online Seminar on National Youth Day via Google-Meet. The seminar was attended by around 60 participants including both faculty and students of the College.

The online Seminar was a successful event. The active participation of the students, and faculty members highlighted the collective commitment to envisioning and contributing to a developed India. The seminar served as a platform for intellectual exchange and aligning with the college's role in providing the holistic education and gearing up the development of responsible and informed citizens.



❑ Online Seminar on National Start Up Day

On 16th January 2024, the Department of Economics in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) organized an online Seminar on National Startup Day under the theme 'Startup India Seed Fund Scheme' via Zoom application. The seminar was attended by around 56 to 60 participants both from the faculty and students of the different colleges.



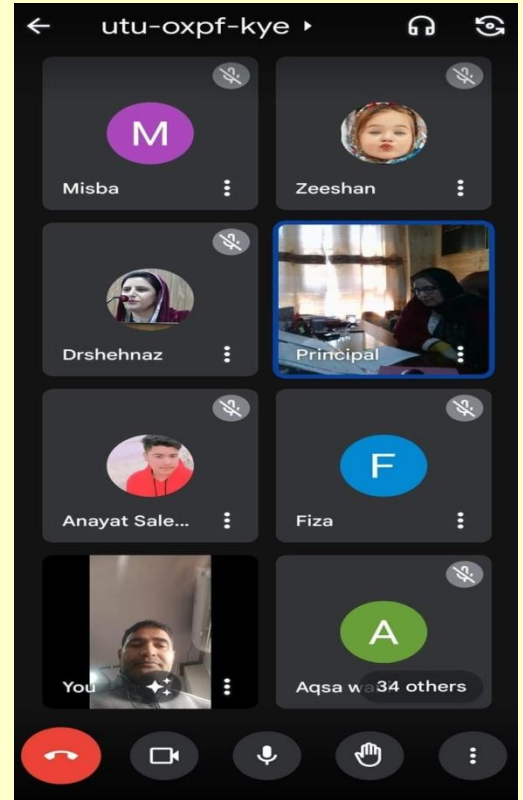
The guest speaker Dr. Mehak Majeed [Assistant Professor of Economics, IUST] gave a detailed presentation upon the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme. The online Seminar was an informative and successful event.

□ National Webinar by Department of Urdu

Under the aegis of Viksit Bharat @2047, on 24th January 2024 the Department of Urdu in collaboration with Debates and Seminar Committee, and IQAC of the College organized a national webinar on the theme 'Role of Urdu journalism on achieving independence of India' which drew maximum participation of eminent academicians, research scholars and students across the country.

The invited keynote speaker and Guest of honour Prof Shohab Inayat Malik elucidated in detail that how Urdu journalism played a significant role on achieving independence of India. Dr Shahnaz Qadri, Assistant Professor of Urdu, GDC Majalta expressed her insight-full thoughts about Urdu journalism.

Pertinent to mention that there was a healthy question answer session at the end.



□ Republic Day

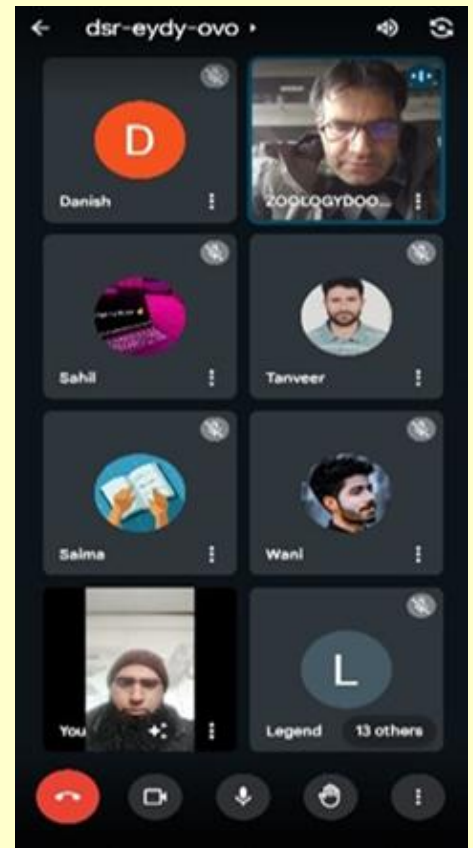
Republic day was celebrated at the College with fervor and zeal on 26th January 2024. Tiranga was unfurled and national anthem was played. Principal, Prof. Yasmin Bashir, took the salute. NCC cadets, led by Prof. Aijaz-ul-Haq [AP Political Science], participated in a march past to showcase discipline and unity.



□ Expert Talk on: The Process of Innovation Development

On 12th February 2024, the Institution's Innovation Council organized an online Expert Talk on "*The Process of Innovation Development, Technology Readiness Level (TRL); Commercialization of Lab Technologies and Tech-Transfer*" via Google Meet.

The session was attended by more than 50 participants both faculty and students of the College. The guest speaker, Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar, Assistant Professor of Zoology, GDC Dooru touched many dimensions of the given theme such as ideation, innovation, invention, tech-transfer, tech-ethics, patents, cooperation and collaboration and the like. He clearly pointed out the difference between innovation and invention. While pointing out who can contribute, he historically analyzed the role of different civilizations and communities in the field of innovations and inventions. Dr. Zargar highlighted the road map how a student can contribute in the field of innovations and how a person can transfer the technology ethically from the lab to the field. He also pointed out the role of Dr. C.V. Raman in the line.



The event was open to students and faculty members of GDC Bijbehara at 02:00 pm and continued for 3 hours.

□ Workshop on: Entrepreneurship Skill, Attitude & Behaviour Development

On 24th of February, 2024, the Department of Education in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organised a Workshop on the theme "**Entrepreneurship Skill, Attitude & Behaviour Development**".

The objectives of the workshop were:

- ✚ To create awareness about the importance of innovation and idea generation.
- ✚ To develop Positive attitude and overcome mentality.
- ✚ To develop problem solving skills of students
- ✚ To develop ideas to overcome obstacles and be proactive.



□ Visit to KVK Pulwama

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of the College organised a visit on 26th February 2024 to Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Pulwama as pre-incubation units where a group of 30 college students was given on-site practical demonstration about vermicomposting technology and its application for sustainable agriculture including various technologies like HPLC, AAS and food technology.



□ National Science Day

The Institute's Innovation Council (IIC) celebrated “**National Science Day**” on 28th February 2024, under G-20 Summit in the Conference hall of the College.

Dr. Bisma Malik and Dr. Shaheen Khurshid delivered lectures on the occasion.



More than 100 students participated in the event and the objective of the programme was to make students aware that National Science Day is all about celebrating remarkable advancements made in the field of science and encourages people to appreciate the scientific method, fostering curiosity and promoting science education.

❑ Panel Discussion on “Vote for Nation: Interpreting State-Citizen Relationship”

A Panel Discussion was organized in the Democracy Hall of the College by SVEEP, NSS, the Electoral Literacy Club, and the Debates/Seminars Committee in collaboration with the Department of Political Science on 6th of March 2024.

The theme of the discussion was “Vote for the Nation: Interpreting the State-Citizen Relationship”.



❑ Seminar on the theme “Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress”

A seminar was organized by the Debates & Seminars Committee, Women Empowerment Cell, Internal Complaints Committee, and DSW on 9th March 2024.

The seminar was based on four papers presented by specialists/experts from the college; Dr. Bisma Malik (Bio-Resources), Dr. Rafiya Nisar (Islamic Studies), Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Hajam (Geography), and Dr. Ashfaq Maqsood Ali (Political Science).

The experts discussed diverse themes to provide insights and enhance understanding about International Women's Day, as well as feminism as a theoretical framework in academia.



□ Training-cum-Awareness Program

A training and awareness program under the title “Voting and Democracy: Contributions of Liberal Political Philosophy” was organized by SVEEP, the Electoral Literacy Club, the Debates & Seminars Committee, and NSS in collaboration with the District Administration of Anantnag in the Democracy Hall of the College on 9th March 2024.

The District Administration, in the context of SVEEP, had sent a team to train students, faculty, and Campus Ambassadors of the college regarding elections and voting. The training session was enriched by the expertise of the team, who covered various aspects of voting.



□ Event Concerning Health under the theme “Campaign for Healthy Campus”

The NSS Unit and Debates & Seminars Committee organized an event “Concerning Health” in collaboration with Sub-District Hospital Bijbehara on 11th March 2024.

The programme was part of the motto of the College under the theme “Campaign for Healthy Campus.” Students and faculty joined hands to facilitate healthy environment within and around the campus while remaining committed to cleanliness and hygiene.

Ms. Yasmeena Yousuf [AP urdu], the NSS Officer briefed the students and faculty about health and hygiene. Meanwhile, the officials of the Sub-District Hospital distributed Albendazole Tablets among students and the faculty. Around 500 tablets were also handed-over to the NSS Unit of the College for further distribution.



□ Event on India's Semiconductor Mission

The Committee for Viksit Bharat, NSS and Debates & Seminars Committee organized an event and lecture in context of Honourable Prime Minister laying the foundation stone of semiconductor facility under "India's Semiconductor Mission" on 13th March 2024.

Mr. Nazir Ahmad Ganaie [AP Physics] delivered a lecture on the theme "*Significance of Semiconductors for an Advanced Nation.*"

He enlightened students and faculty with the basic understanding of the material, processing as well as functioning of semiconductors.

The event was overwhelmed with live streaming of the Honourable Prime Minister laying foundation stone of the semiconductor facilities. As the event was live via Prime Minister's YouTube Channel @NarendraModi, the faculty and students enjoyed the session with enthusiasm.



□ Poster Presentation Session

The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) organised a poster presentation session on 6th April 2024 in the conference hall of the college. The event, centered on the theme of business plans, attracted participation from both faculty members and about 60 students. The topic of the competition was "*Inspiring Innovation: A Showcase of Business Plan Creativity.*" The students' enthusiasm and creativity were evident in the diversity and quality of the posters displayed.

The objective of the competition was to create an atmosphere of interaction and discussion on ideas and how to transform these ideas into reality and the students were encouraged and their effort was appreciated by the prize distribution for the best three posters.

The adjudicated winners of the competition in descending order were:

- ✚ Midhat un Nissa
- ✚ Arbeena Mushtaq
- ✚ Sabreena Farooq



□ Mock Election Campaign

The SVEEP, ELC, Debates & Seminars Committee, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, organized a Mock Election Campaign within the College Campus on 16th April 2024.



Dr. Aijaz-ul-Haq [AP Political Science] assumed the role of Election Commissioner for the Mock Election. Guided by the expertise of Dr. Ashfaq Maqsood Ali [AP Political Science], the event aimed to provide students with skill orientation regarding political participation. A mock election was conducted for the position of Student Representative of the College.

□ World Creativity and Innovation Day

The 'World Creativity and Innovation Day' was celebrated in GDC Bijbehara on April 22nd 2024 organized by Institution's Innovation Council (IIC).

Dr. Shaheen Khurshid, Innovation Ambassador, Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) delivered his speech thereby motivating the students, bringing the importance of Innovation and Creativity to think in a unique way.

The event was a resounding success, providing a platform for the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and experiences. The event not only celebrated the innovative spirit within the academic community but also served as a catalyst for future collaborations, projects, and entrepreneurial endeavours. The enthusiasm and active participation demonstrated by students and faculty alike underscored the importance of fostering a culture of innovation within educational institutions.



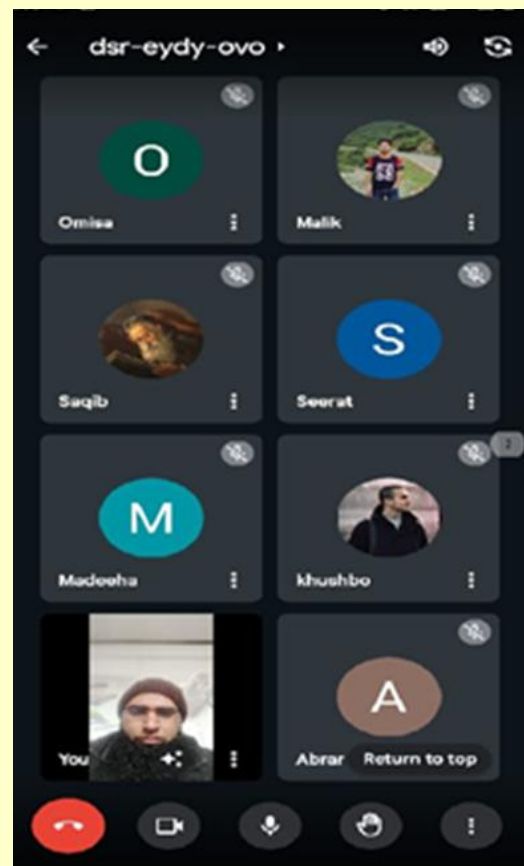
□ Visit to Indian Institute of Integrated Medicines

The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) of Government Degree College Bijbehara organised a visit on 25th April 2024 to Indian Institute of Integrated Medicines, Srinagar as pre-incubation units where students were given on-site practical demonstration about various technologies and its application for sustainable agriculture including various technologies like fermentation, HPLC, GC-MS, LC-MS, NMR-MS, animal house and others.



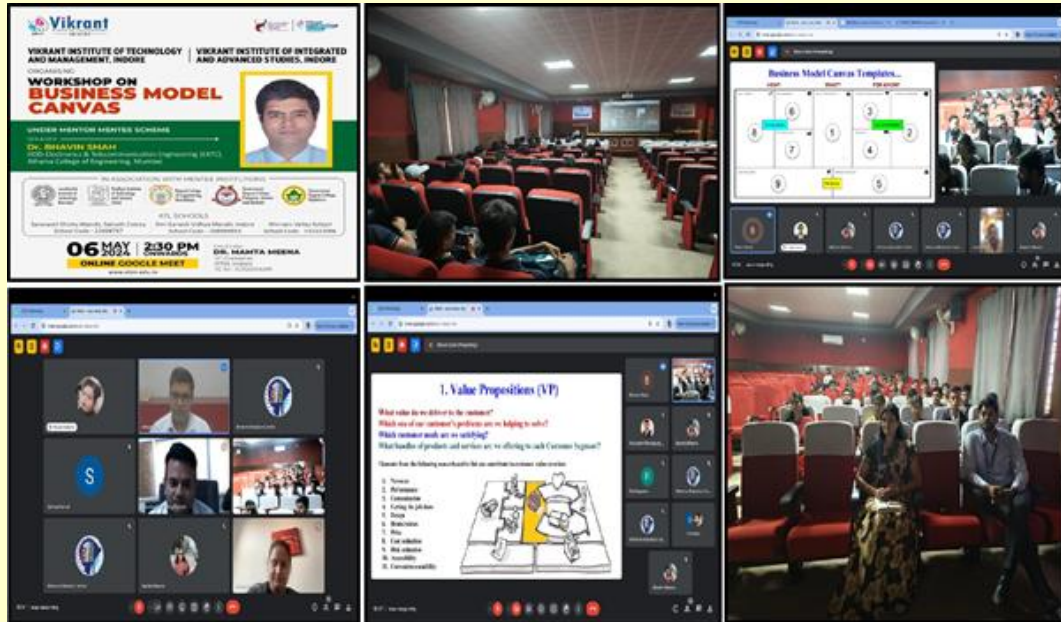
□ World Intellectual Property Day

Institution Innovation Council (IIC), Govt. Degree College Bijbehara in collaboration with Global Initiative of Academic networks (GIAN) of Kashmir Chapter of UT of Jammu & Kashmir on 26th April 2024 celebrated World Intellectual Property Day 2024 under this year's theme "IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity".



□ Workshop on Business Model Canvas

On 6th May, 2024, Institution's Innovation Council and Vikrant Incubation Centre of Vikrant Institute of Technology and Management, Indore and Vikrant Institute of Integrated and Advanced Studies organized a workshop on "Business Model Canvas".



□ Annual College Road Race

The Department of Physical Education and Sports organized Annual College Road Race for male students on 7th May 2024. The race was flagged off by worthy vice Principal sir Prof. Bilal Ahmad Khanday. The Race started from college premises and concluded at Kanelwan Main Market. The road race was aimed to promote physical fitness, encourage sportsmanship and foster community engagement among the students and faculty members of the college.

- ✚ Mr. Shafaqat Hussain Khatana of 4th semester finished first with the timing of 25 minutes followed by Mr Aamir Hussain Dar of 2nd semester with the timing 28 minutes, while Mr. Sameer Ahmad Kasana of 4th semester finished third with the timing of 29 minutes.



□ Debate on “Artificial Intelligence and Teaching”

The Debates & Seminars Committee in collaboration with Institute's Innovation Council (IIC) on celebrating “National Technology Day” organized a debate on the theme “*Artificial Intelligence and Teaching: Assessing the Role of Teachers in Technologically Advanced Scenario*”. The event was held on May 16, 2024, in the College Conference Hall.



□ Seminar on “How to plan for Start Up and Legal and Ethical steps”

On 17th May 2024, Department of Economics in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) organized an offline Seminar/ Lecture on the theme “*How to plan Start Up and Legal and Ethical steps*”. The seminar/ Lecture was attended by students from different streams of the college.



☐ Intra College Cricket Tournament

Department of Physical Education and Sports organized Intra College Cricket Tournament from 21st May 2024 to 6th June 2024. Female Faculty and girls from all semesters participated in this tournament. In this tournament, a total of three teams participated.



Final Match of this tournament was played on 6th June 2024.



□ Workshop on: Prototype/ Process Design, and Development

In connection with activity proposed by Institution's Innovation Council for 3rd Quarter of IIC 6.0 Activity Calendar (March-May 2024), the College organized a Workshop on "*Prototype/Process Design, and Development*" on 27th May 2024 aimed at providing participants with an in-depth understanding of the principles and practices involved in designing and developing prototypes and processes. Around 100 students from the college participated in the event.



□ Intra-Institutional Business Competition

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) hosted an Intra-Institutional Business Competition on 29th May 2024.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from more than 30 students, who formed five teams to present their innovative business ideas. The competition aimed to foster entrepreneurial spirit and creativity among students, providing them with a platform to showcase their business acumen.



□ Plantation Drive

On 5th June 2024, the NSS Unit 1 & 2, College Cultural Committee, and College NCC Unit organized a plantation drive at Padshahi-bagh Garden Bijbehara. This initiative was aimed at promoting environmental awareness and enhancing the green cover of the region. The plantation drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and faculty members.

NSS volunteers and NCC cadets displayed commendable enthusiasm and dedication throughout the event. They worked diligently, from digging holes to planting saplings and watering them. The collaboration between the students and faculty members fostered a sense of community and shared responsibility towards the environment.



□ World Environment Day

Department of Bioresources in collaboration with Institute's Innovation Council (IIC) celebrated "World Environment Day" on the theme "Our Land, Our Future" on 5th June 2024. We are #GenerationRestoration," emphasized the importance of restoring land, combating desertification, and enhancing resilience to drought.



□ Play Card Drive Celebrating World Environment Week

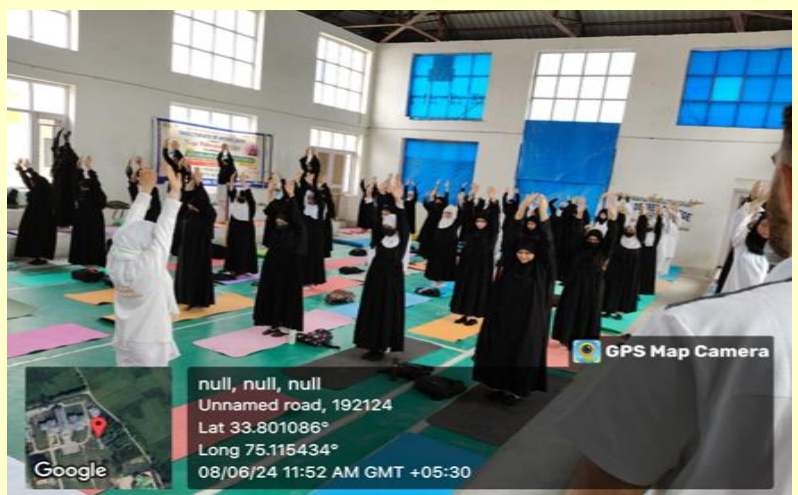
In celebration of World Environment Week 2024, the College Cultural Committee, in collaboration with NSS Unit 1 and NSS Unit 2, organized a Play Card Drive on June 6, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote eco-friendly practices among the college community. The drive featured impactful slogans such as 'Go Green,' 'Breathe Clean,' and 'Better Environment, Better Tomorrow.'



□ Yoga day

Department of Physical Education & Sports and College Women Empowerment cell in collaboration with District Ayush Officer Anantnag organized Yoga activity demonstration Program with lecture "Yoga for Women Empowerment/ Women Education" on 8th June 2024. The event aimed to highlight how yoga can contribute to the physical and mental wellbeing of women, empowering them in various aspects of life.

More than 60 participants took part in the event, engaging in various yoga asanas under the guidance of yoga instructors. The participants experienced firsthand benefits of yoga including improved flexibility, strength and mental clarity.



□ Seminar on: International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

On 29th June 2024, the Red Ribbon Club organized a Seminar on '*International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking*'. The seminar was attended by around 60 participants including both faculty and students of the College. The event was open to students and faculty members of GDC Bijbehara at 01:00 pm and continued for half an hour.



□ Panel Discussion by Department of Education

On 9th July 2024, Department of Education celebrated "Panel Discussion with Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem Enablers from the Region/ State/ National level". The students who participated in program came to know about Start-up culture, Entrepreneurship and importance of Innovations for living a self-reliable and self-sufficient life.



❑ Poster Presentation Session

The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) organized a poster presentation session on "Innovation and Critical Thinking" on 18th July 2024, offering students a platform to showcase their creativity and ingenuity. The event aimed to foster a spirit of innovation among students, allowing them to present their ideas visually and interactively. A diverse range of projects from various academic disciplines were displayed, with students demonstrating their problem-solving capabilities, research skills, and application of theoretical knowledge in real-world scenarios.



❑ Online session by IIC

An online session on "Guiding Framework for Creating and Engaging Trained Faculty and Student IIC Members, Innovation Ambassadors (IA) in IIC Institutions, and Rewarding Mechanisms for IAs" was held on 29th July 2024 to provide a structured approach to foster innovation and entrepreneurship within educational institutions. The focus was on training faculty and students, engaging Innovation Ambassadors, and establishing rewarding mechanisms to incentivize their efforts.

The session concluded with a commitment to implement the guiding framework effectively. Participants agreed on the importance of continuous engagement, proper training, and rewarding mechanisms to sustain the motivation and efforts of IIC members and Innovation Ambassadors.



□ Session on “Strengthening IIC Linkages with ATLs and SICs in Schools and the Framework for Providing Mentorship and Guidance”

An online session on "Strengthening IIC Linkages with ATLs (Atal Tinkering Labs) and SICs (School Innovation Councils) in Schools and the Framework for Providing Mentorship and Guidance" was held on 31st July 2024 to enhance the innovation ecosystem from schools to higher education institutions (HEIs). The initiative sought to create a seamless pipeline of innovation by linking the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) with school-level innovation entities.



□ National Anthem Singing Competition

The National Anthem Singing Competition was organized by the College Cultural Committee in collaboration with the NSS unit I and NSS unit II on 5th Aug, 2024 with notable enthusiasm and a profound sense of patriotism. This event was designed to celebrate national pride and instill a sense of patriotism among students, showcasing their vocal talents and love for the country.



- ✚ Adnan emerged as the winner, clinching 1st place, while Yawer secured 2nd place, both demonstrating exceptional vocal skills and a deep sense of patriotism. Their performances were a testament to the high level of talent present among the students.

□ Painting Competition

College Cultural committee in collaboration with NSS units 1 & 2 organized a painting competition in the college reading room on 6th Aug 2024 in celebration with 77th Independence Day. NSS volunteers and various students showed active enthusiasm and participation in the event.

✚ Miss Midhat-un-Nisa, student of 6th semester stood first in the event.



□ Expert Lecture

An expert lecture on *"Accelerators/ Incubation Opportunities for Students and Faculties: Early Stage Entrepreneurs"* was organized by the Institution's Innovation Council on the 12th August, 2024.

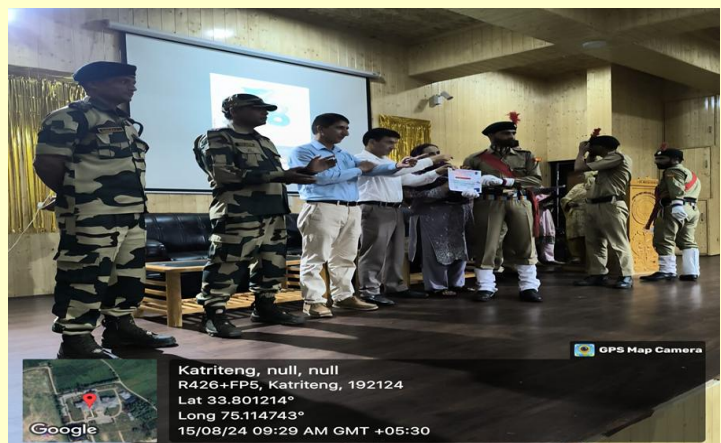
The primary objective of the event was to enlighten students and faculty members about the potential opportunities available in the entrepreneurial ecosystem and to guide them on leveraging these opportunities for their innovative ideas.



Mr. Jabir Hussain Sheikh [AP Commerce] delivered an enlightening and interactive lecture and a vibrant question-and-answer session followed the lecture.

□ Independence Day

The College celebrated the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024. The event began with the hoisting of the National Flag, accompanied by the playing of the National Anthem, in which all staff members, both teaching and non-teaching, as well as the security personnel, participated. Following the flag hoisting ceremony, the College Cultural Committee, Debates & Seminars Committee, NCC and NSS organized a program.



□ Mentoring session

On 20th August 2024, the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) organized a mentoring session on the theme “*Lean Start-up and Minimum Viable Product/Business*”. The session aimed to foster entrepreneurial skills among students by introducing them to the concepts of lean start-ups and developing minimum viable products (MVP) as a crucial business strategy.

Lectures were delivered by Dr. Bisma Malik, Prof. Zahid Gulzar and Prof. Bilal A. Khanday.

The session witnessed the enthusiastic participation of a large number of students from various semesters, reflecting the growing interest in entrepreneurship among the youth.



□ Essay Writing Competition

As a part of the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, on 25th August 2024, the Cultural Committee in collaboration with the NSS Committee organized an essay writing competition. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members, with a large audience present to support the participants.

The participants demonstrated excellent writing skills, and their presentations reflected a deep understanding of the issues at hand.

- ✚ Alvinia Hamid secured the first position, Adnan Hussain Dar the second and Rashida Nazir the third.

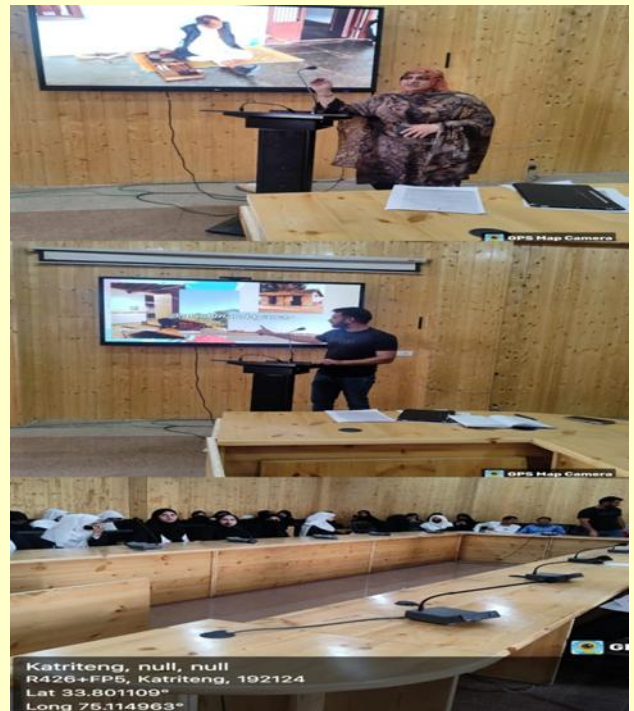


❑ Movie Screening on Mahatma Gandhi

As a part of celebrations on Gandhi Jayanti, on 25th August 2024, the Cultural Committee in collaboration with NSS organized a special screening of a movie on the life of Mahatma Gandhi. The event, held in the college conference hall, attracted a large gathering of students and faculty members, all keen to gain insights into the life and principles of the father of the nation.

The movie screening proved to be a valuable educational experience, offering students not only an opportunity to learn about Mahatma Gandhi's life but also to reflect on the timeless relevance of his philosophy of peace, non-violence, and social justice.

The event left a lasting impression on the audience and reinforced the importance of incorporating historical lessons into contemporary learning.



❑ Screening of Slideshow on Sabarmati Ashram Skit

On 25th August 2024, the Cultural Committee in collaboration with NSS Committee, as part of the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, organized an educational slideshow on the skit "Society and Truth" related to the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

The event was attended by a large gathering of students and faculty members, reflecting the keen interest of the college community in learning about historical figures who have shaped the nation.



The slideshow showcased significant moments from Gandhi's life, highlighting his early years, his role in the freedom struggle, and his advocacy for non-violence and civil rights.

❑ Rally for Peace and Non-Violence

On 26th August 2024, NSS unit in collaboration with the Cultural Committee, as a part of the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, organized a rally with the theme “Peace and Non-Violence.”

The rally, which ran through the college premises, saw students holding brightly coloured placards with impactful slogans advocating for harmony, unity, and non-violence.

Messages like “Peace is the Path to Progress,” “Choose Non-Violence, Embrace Humanity,” and “Let’s Build a World Without War” could be seen as students marched in an orderly manner.

The placards not only emphasized the values of peace but also served as a reminder of the need for tolerance and understanding in a world often divided by conflict and violence.



❑ Nasha Mukht Bharat Rally

As a part of the ongoing celebration on Gandhi Jayanti, on 26th August 2024, the NSS unit in collaboration with the Cultural Committee organized a rally themed “Nasha Mukht Bharat” (Drug-Free India).

This initiative was a part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations to raise awareness among students about the detrimental effects of drug addiction and the importance of working collectively towards a drug-free society.

The rally was held in and around the college premises and witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members.

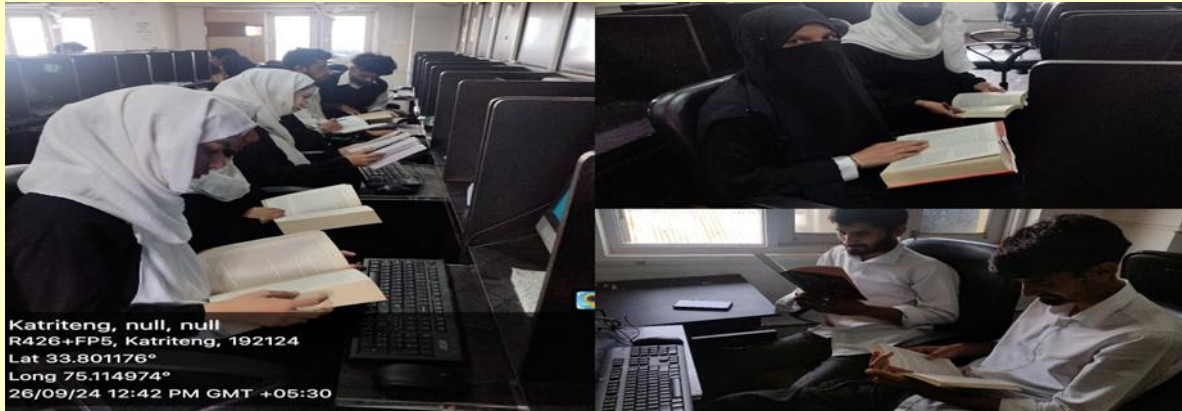
A large gathering of students took part in the rally, holding placards with slogans and messages advocating a drug-free lifestyle.



□ Book Reading Event

On 26th August 2024, the NSS unit in collaboration with Cultural Committee, as a part of the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, organized a book reading event in the college library.

The event focused on two of Mahatma Gandhi's most significant works, "My Experiments with Truth" and "All Men Are Brothers." The session attracted a large gathering of students and faculty members, providing an insightful exploration of Gandhi's life and philosophy.



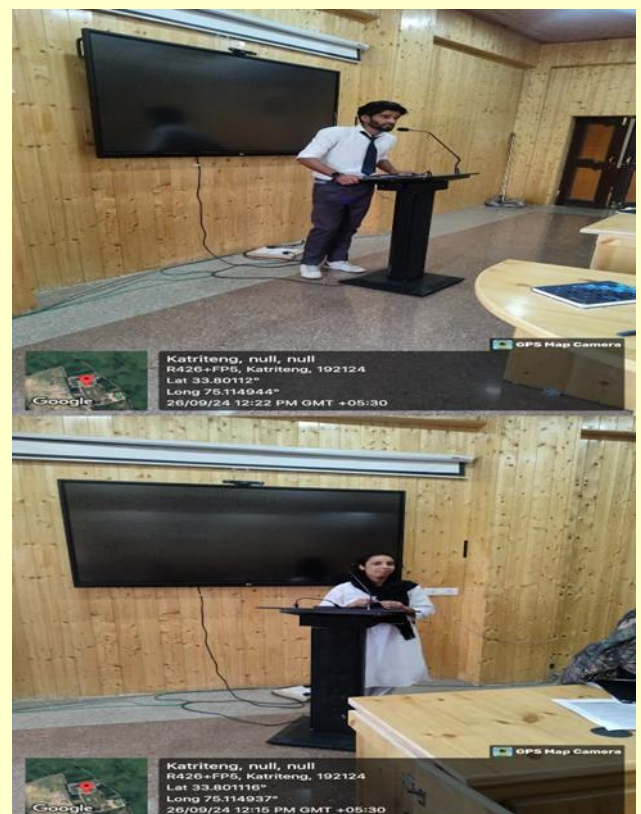
□ Singing Competition

As a part of the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, on 26th August 2024, the Cultural Committee in collaboration with NSS organized a singing competition in the college conference hall. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students and was attended by a large gathering of faculty members and students.

The competition featured a series of performances by students who passionately rendered various patriotic songs.

Each participant brought their unique style and energy, making it a memorable and inspiring event. The performances not only showcased the students' vocal talents but also their emotional connection to the theme of patriotism.

- ✚ Adnan Hussain Dar emerged as the first-place winner, impressing the judges and audience with his heartfelt performance.
- ✚ Rashiya Nazir secured the second position, delivering a performance that was equally moving and powerful.



❑ Collage-Making Competition

As a part of Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations, on 28th August 2024, the Cultural Committee in collaboration with NSS unit organized a collage-making competition in the college conference hall.

The event attracted a large gathering of students and faculty members, all eager to witness the creative talent of the participants.

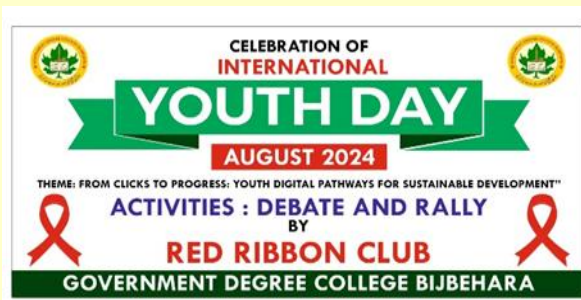
The competition provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic abilities, and the collages reflected a broad spectrum of ideas, ranging from social issues to environmental concerns and personal reflections.

- ✚ Ifra Shabir secured the first rank,
- ✚ Fiza Hussain the second and
- ✚ Muskan Yousuf the third.



❑ Debate and Rally on International Youth Day

On 29th August 2024, the Red Ribbon Club organized a debate and a rally on International Youth Day.



The program was attended by around 60 participants both faculty and students of the College. The event was open to students and faculty members of GDC Bijbehara at 11:00 am and continued for one hour.

Afterwards, four student debaters briefly and excellently spoke on the theme one by one. Two of them presented in favor of the theme *"From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development"* and the other two spoke in against.

- ✚ Mr. Musaib Majeed, a student of 3rd semester secured 1st Rank and the other three were ranked after him. Merit-cum-participation certificates were given the debating students and were encouraged to participate in the future programs to groom their skills.

☐ Angel Investment and VC Funding Opportunities

On 29th August 2024, the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) organized an informative and engaging session on “Angel Investment and Venture Capital (VC) Funding Opportunities for Early-Stage Entrepreneurs.”

The session aimed to provide budding entrepreneurs with insights into how they can secure early-stage funding for their ventures through angel investors or venture capitalists.

Prof. Zahid Gulzar and Prof. Jabir Yousuf Sheikh spoke on the occasion.



☐ Workshop on “Entrepreneurship and Innovation as a Career Opportunity”

A workshop on “Entrepreneurship and Innovation as a Career Opportunity” was organized on 9th September 2024, by the Institution’s Innovation Council.

The event aimed to inspire and equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to pursue entrepreneurship and innovation as viable career options. This initiative was designed to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurial thinking among students, faculty, and budding entrepreneurs.

By fostering a spirit of innovation and connecting participants with valuable resources, the event has laid a strong foundation for future entrepreneurial initiatives at GDC Bijbehara.



□ Botanical Tour

Department of Botany organized on a one-day botanical tour for B.Sc. Semester III students to Daksum on 14th September 2024. The purpose of the tour was to provide students with practical field knowledge about the flora of the region.

Prof. Nazir Ahmad Malla [Associate Professor of Botany] explained the altitudinal distribution patterns of gymnosperms and angiosperms

and discussed the health of the forest. He also highlighted the factors contributing to the loss of valuable plant biodiversity in the region.



□ Drawing Competition

As part of the ongoing activities to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, the Cultural Committee in collaboration with the NSS, organized a drawing competition on 25th September 2024. A significant number of students and faculty members gathered to participate and witness the creative expressions of the students, inspired by the life and values of Mahatma Gandhi.

Each participant was allotted a specific time frame to complete their artwork. After a detailed evaluation, the following students were declared winners in descending order:

- ✚ Nisar Ahmad (5th Sem)
- ✚ Salman (3rd Sem)
- ✚ Mantasha (3rd Sem)



□ Session on “The MIC Programs and Schemes”

IIC organized an online session on “THE MIC PROGRAMS AND SCHEMES” on 23rd October, 2024 in which Dr. Abhay Jere, VCM, AICTE and CIO of the MoE's Innovation Cell, Govt. of India delivered a lecture.

From engaging investors and promoting intellectual property rights (IPR) to fostering cross-institutional collaboration and leveraging national platforms like the YUKTI repository, the session outlined a roadmap for building robust innovation ecosystems.

By integrating these strategies, institutions can empower students and faculty to think creatively, work collaboratively, and develop solutions that not only enhance institutional growth but also contribute to society at large.



□ Annual Literary Conference Of Maraaz Adbi Sangam

Departments of Urdu and Kashmiri hosted Annual Literary conference of Maraaz Adbi Sangam on 24th October 2024 which drew maximum participation of distinguished scholars, writers and poets to celebrate Kashmiri literature and culture. The conference recognized significant contributions to the literary field while discussing the current challenges faced by the Kashmiri language.

The conference witnessed the release of the annual literary Magazine Wathe Aagur and the college's annual publication Chinar.

A debate was also held on the topic '*pedagogical system and the Kashmiri language and modern challenges*'. Panelists included Prof Shoq, Dr Farooq Fayaz and Ayaz Nazki while the debate was moderated by Shamshaad Kralwari.

The conference concluded with a vibrant multilingual poetic symposium, featuring contribution from both young and senior poets.

Other prominent figures who graced the occasion were vice president of Maraaz Adbi Sangam Dr. Mohammad Shafi Ayaz, Yousuf jehangir, Dr Suhan Lal kol, Shabir Hussain Shabir, Nasir Munawar, Dr Bashir Ahmad Veeri MLA Bijbehara, Gh Nabi Aatish, Prof. Shaad Ramzan, Gh. Hassan Gamgeen, Ali Shaida and Prof. Farooq Fayaz.

25 to 31 October 2024

شعبہ ادبیات و سہ ماہی

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مرزا ادبی سنگم کی ڈگری کالج بجبھارہ میں سالانہ کانفرنس کا انعقاد

تقریب میں پروفیسر شفیق شوق کوشان مرزا، ڈاکٹر سوہن کول کوثر مرزا، ناصر منور کوشا پارہ مرزا اور شبیر حسین شبیر کوثر مرزا سے نوازا گیا



انیت ناگ/اندائے کشمیر/ گورنمنٹ ڈگری کالج بجبھارہ میں آج مرزا ادبی سنگم کی سالانہ کانفرنس کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ یہ کانفرنس منعقد کرنے میں گورنمنٹ ڈگری کالج بجبھارہ کا مشترک شامل تھا۔ کانفرنس کی پہلی نشست میں صدارت کے فرائض پروفیسر شاد رمضان نے انجام دیے جبکہ ایوان صدارت میں غلام نبی آتش، پرنسپل ڈگری کالج بجبھارہ پروفیسر یاسمین بشیر، پروفیسر فاروق فیاض، صدر مرزا ادبی سنگم علی شیدا اور

ڈاکٹر بشیر احمد ویری شامل تھے۔ تقریب کا افتتاح سجاد سلطان نے کیا۔ نشست میں ڈاکٹر محمد شفیع ایاز نے خطبہ استقبالیہ پیش کیا۔ یوسف جہانگیر نے کانفرنس کے حوالے سے قلمی خطبہ پیش کیا۔ تقریب میں پروفیسر شفیق شوق کوشان مرزا، ڈاکٹر سوہن کول کوثر مرزا، ناصر منور کوشا پارہ مرزا اور شبیر حسین شبیر کوثر مرزا سے نوازا گیا۔ پروفیسر شاد رمضان کو بھی توفیقی سند سے نوازا

نے کی۔ مباحثہ میں پروفیسر فاروق فیاض، ایاز رسول نازی، ڈاکٹر شوکت شفیع اور شہباز ہاکباری نے شرکت کی۔ شمشاد کراواری نے مباحثہ میں نظامت کے فرائض انجام دیے۔ تقریب کے اختتام پر ایک مشاعرہ کا انعقاد ہوا۔ مشاعرہ کی صدارت غلام حسن عمکین نے کی۔ جبکہ ایوان صدارت میں ڈاکٹر محمد شفیع ایاز بھی شامل تھے۔ مشاعرے میں نظامت کے فرائض میسر ناشاد نے انجام دیے۔

تقریب میں ڈاکٹر بشیر احمد ویری، پروفیسر شاد رمضان، پروفیسر فاروق فیاض، پروفیسر یاسمین بشیر، علی شیدا اور غلام نبی آتش نے کشمیری زبان و ادب کے موجودہ صورتحال پر روشنی ڈالی۔ تقریب میں ریاض انزونی نے نظامت کے فرائض انجام دیے۔ تقریب کی دوسری نشست میں کشمیری زبان کے موجودہ تدریسی منظر نامہ اور عصری تقاضوں پر ایک مباحثہ ہوا۔ نشست کی صدارت پروفیسر شفیق شوق

□ Career Counseling Session

The Career Counselling and Placement Cell of the college in collaboration with University of Kashmir organized a Career Counselling Session titled “*Negotiating Career: Aptitude, Opportunities and Prospectus*” on 29th October 2024 in the Conference Hall of the College.

Resource persons from EMRC and Career Counselling Cell of University of Kashmir deliberated upon various career opportunities available to the students with regard to University of Kashmir and other higher educational institutions in India.



Prominent resource persons on this occasion spoke on following issues:

- ✚ Prof. Ajaz ul Haq (Sr. Producer EMRC, KU) - Career Choice: Dealing with the confusion.
- ✚ Dr. Tariq Abdullah (Sr. Producer EMRC, KU) - Importance of online Education and SWAYAM initiative)
- ✚ Mr. Zubair Abdullah (Counselor KU) - Careers at KU and Outside.

Students across all the semesters and streams besides faculty members participated in this counselling session.

❑ Volleyball Tournament

Under the esteemed guidance and supervision of the Principal, Government Degree College Bijbehara Prof. Yasmin Bashir, the Department of Physical Education has been making strenuous efforts to bring the college on the forefront in various Games and sports competitions.

Government Degree College (GDC) Bijbehara faced a tough challenge in the semifinal of the Inter-College Volleyball Tournament held at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar on 31st Oct 2024.

Despite a spirited performance, GDC Bijbehara was defeated by GDC Pulwama, in a hard-fought match that ended with a score line of 13-15.



Irfan Yousuf Bhat from GDC Bijbehara, a standout performer throughout the tournament, played a crucial role in both offense and defense, scoring several crucial points. His exceptional serves and spikes were key in keeping the team in the game.

❑ National Education Day

The Department of Education and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) celebrated National Education Day on aforementioned date & venue.

In his introductory remarks, Professor Arshid Ahmad Thoker, Department of Education, highlighted the historical background of National Education Day.

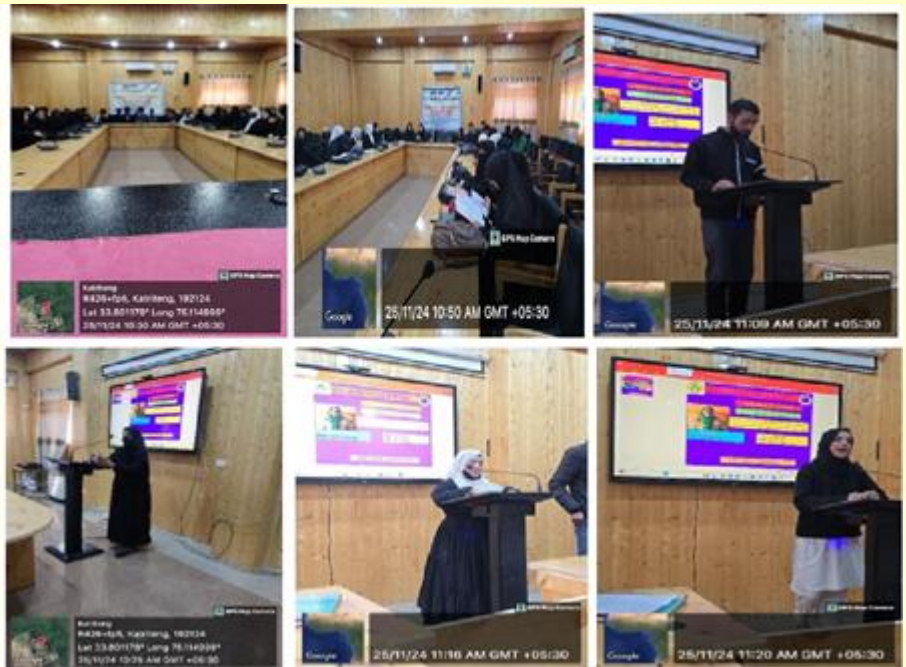
National Education Day, celebrated on November 11 each year in India, honors the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, an influential freedom fighter, scholar, and the first Minister of Education in independent India.



□ Workshop on: Basics of Intellectual Property Rights

Department of Education organized a Workshop under IIC Activity Calendar 7.0 on the theme “Basics of Intellectual Property Rights and its importance for innovators and Entrepreneurs” on 25th Nov 2024.

Dr. Tanveer Ahmad Bhat, Head Department of Education, gave presentation on the topic “Skill India” wherein he highlighted the main objectives viz. enhancing employability, promoting entrepreneurship, strengthening infrastructure and creation of awareness with regard to skill India.



□ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Govt. Degree College Bijbehara signed a MoU with Learnet Skills India Ltd. on 4th of December 2024.

The MoU aims to offer training and placement opportunities to the outgoing students of the college in areas like Communication Skills, Digital Technology, Marketing etc. through a course called “Graduate Employability Enhancement Training (GEET)” which shall be conducted by the training partner (Learnet Skills India Ltd.) and shall be completely free of cost.

After the MoU signing ceremony, worthy Principal of the College along with Regional Head Learnet Skills India Ltd. inaugurated the first batch of the course “Graduate Employability Enhancement Training (GEET)” comprising of 30 students of the college.



□ Faculty Development Programs

Dr. Bisma Malik, Assistant Professor of Bioresources

- Participated in Two Weeks Faculty Entrepreneurship Development Programme (FEDP) organized by ACIC RISE Association, Chandigarh Engineering College, Landran, Mohali on 26 February-9th March, 2024.
- Participated and successfully completed Five Day International FDP on "Recent Trends and Best Practices in Teaching in Higher Education Institutions: "Integrating Values and Skills" Organised by Department of Humanities and Basic Sciences, Sri Indu College of Engineering and Technology Sheriguda, Hyderabad on 12-16 August 2024.
- Completed One-Week National Level FDP on "Generative AI and Advanced Tools for Academic Research" on 23-29 September, 2024.



Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Hajam, Assistant Professor of Geography

- Attended Regional Capacity Building Training Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction at University of Kashmir organized by Department of Geography and Disaster Management, and NIDM (National Institute of Disaster Management), New Delhi on 3-7 June 2024.



Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Dar, Assistant Professor of English

- Participated in the Refresher Course in English Language and Literature conducted by the UGC-MMTTC, University of Calicut, Kerala from 16-10-2024 to 29-20-2024.
- Participated in NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme of UGC, organized by UGC-MMTTC, University of Kashmir, Srinagar from 1st to 15th January, 2024.
- Participated in seven Day Workshop on Preparation of SSR from 15-01-2024 to 23-01-2024, organized by IQAC, SCS Government Degree College Mendhar.



Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Wani, Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies

- Completed online GURU-DAKSHTA Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants commission (UGC) Organized by "MM-TTC: Ramanujan College, Delhi from December 16, 2024 to January 14, 2025

**Dr. Suraya Jan, Assistant Professor of English**

- Participated in the UHC sponsored 182nd Faculty Induction program organized by UGC-MMTTC, University of Kerala from 19-07-2024 to 17-08-2024 with grade A+.
- Presented a paper entitled "Echoes of the Divine: Sufism in the Poetry of Lal Ded and Sheikh-ul-Alam" in the two-day National conference organized by the Department of English, South Campus, University of Kashmir in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi from 11-12 December 2024.

**Ms. Yasmeena Yousuf, Assistant Professor of Urdu**

- Presented a paper entitled "Echoes of the Divine: Sufism in the Poetry of Lal Ded and Sheikh-ul-Alam" in the two-day National conference organized by the Department of English, South Campus, University of Kashmir in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi from 11-12 December 2024.

**Mr. Nazir Ahmad Ganaie, Assistant Professor of Physics**

- Got provisional admission in Part-Time PhD program in Department of Physics, NIT Srinagar.



□ Distinguished Achievements / Events

Government Degree College Bijbehara has played a significant role in hosting and facilitating various important examinations and electoral processes during the year 2024. The institution has served as an Examination Centre for prestigious recruitment and entrance tests and has also contributed to the democratic process by functioning as a key polling and collection centre. The details of these events are as follows:

✚ NEET Examination



15th May 2024

- The College served as an examination centre for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), a crucial medical entrance examination conducted at the national level.

✚ JKSSB Exams for Home Department Recruitment



1st December 2024, 8th December 2024, and 22nd December 2024

- The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted recruitment examinations for the Home Department at our institution, ensuring a smooth and secure environment for the candidates.

Role in Electoral Process

✚ Lok Sabha Elections



Date: 25th May 2024

- The College served as both a Distribution and Collection Centre for election-related materials and logistics.

✚ Legislative Assembly Elections



18th September 2024

- Details: The institution once again played a key role in the Assembly Elections, serving as a Distribution and Collection Centre for election materials.
- ✚ Exclusive Female Polling Booth
 - In addition to its role in handling election logistics, a Pink Polling Booth—an exclusive polling booth for female voters was established within the college premises, ensuring greater accessibility and participation of women in the democratic process.

These events highlight the college's commitment to facilitating academic and administrative responsibilities, contributing to both the educational and democratic processes in the region.





Teaching staff of GDC Bijbehara along-with the Principal