

## Inter-College Seminar on “Child Labour-a Menace to Society”

The Debates and Seminar Committee/Academic Club of the College organized an Inter-College Seminar on the theme “Child Labour-a menace to society” in the auditorium on 27-07-2019. A large gathering of students and faculty of the College attended the function besides students and escorting faculty from other colleges of South Kashmir. Around eleven speakers from eight colleges of south Kashmir participated in the said event.

The programme started with recitation of the verses of holy Quran by Sabzar Ahmad a student of BG 1<sup>st</sup> semester followed by recitation of Naat by Yawar Ahmad a student of BG 6<sup>th</sup> semester. It was followed by playing of college Tarana. Afterwards eleven student speakers from different colleges deliberated on the issue of child labour, its causes, consequences and its remedies. The speakers highlighted the reasons which are responsible for the menace of child labour and the role of society and an individual in putting a curb on this nuisance. Principal of the College Prof Bashir Ahmad Rather in his presidential address highlighted various factors which promote child labour. He pinpointed that some employers encourage child labour because of low wages which they pay to the working children. Secondly, poor background of a particular section of society forces them to push their wards into the quagmire of child labour. The principal further said that it was the duty of the society and the state to come to the rescue of the working children and eradicate the evil of child labour. He suggested that every one of us should donate some amount of money for the welfare of the poor and needy children which is also the teaching of the faith that we profess. Citing the example of the host college, he said that a system is in place in the college which takes care of the poor and destitute students. He further said that we should profess and propagate the slogan that “No to Child Labour, Yes to Education.

The student speakers were adjudged by a bench of jury members comprising of Prof Dilruba Rasool (Dept. of English), Dr Fayaz Ahmad (Dept. of Chemistry) and Prof Kaneez Fatima (Dept. of Economics). The first two positions were bagged by Himayun Ashraf of GDC Anantnag and Syed Darakhshan of GDC Shopian respectively while the third position was jointly shared by Rakhshanda Iram of GDC Kulgam and Tooba Wani of Women’s College Anantnag. Prof Sajad Ahmad Sultan proposed Vote of thanks while Prof GhMohiuddin hosted the proceedings of the event.

