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# VERINAG





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## VISION

"To orient with the realization of 'The Self' and to equip with the passion for service unto creation".

## MISSION

- \*To equip the clientele with meaningful skills for an enviable approach to life.
- \*To work in the direction of achieving autonomy with respect to course selection, evaluation and administration.
- \*To keep the academic and non-academic faculty abreast with the changing trends vis-à-vis professional expertise.
- \*To create conditions and building infrastructure to enable the institution with a potential for excellence to become a deemed university in the near future.
- \*To focus on societal development, research and extension viable to the contemporary issues.

## From the Principal's Desk

#### Dear Reader

Welcome to Government Degree College Anantnag. The College was established on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1950 to open up the doors of Higher Education in South Kashmir. The founding Principal of the college Prof S.N. Thusoo nurtured a dream for upcoming generations of South Kashmir about an Institution that can promote traditional humanitarian and ethical values, enhancement of literacy, intellectual and all round development of the society. He hoped to attain such a philanthropic objective by means of Higher Education through Government Degree College Anantnag.



But the process of globalization coupled with the introduction of new economic and educational policies have resulted in a structural and paradigmatic change both in the realm of Higher Education as well as in popular perception about its utility. In a drastically changed global scenario, public funded Higher Education finds itself at a very critical juncture. With the passage of time and to fulfill the ever-increasing demands of the present day society, it has become a challenging task to maintain the quality and standard of Higher Education.

In globally competitive environment of Higher Education, Government Degree College Anantnag has a very clear approach. Our objective is to turn the challenges of the changing world into wisdom of opportunity for the future. In wake of present competitive society, it is our duty to provide the students a footing to compete with others at the national as well as international level. Therefore, along with the fundamental knowledge of core subjects for sustaining human civilization and values, we have equally emphasized on vocational, entrepreneurship and self sustaining courses with better job orientation under New Educational Policy.

Thus, for the success of our mission, we will strictly follow the uniform academic calendar of the country and different activities will be conducted in the college. Regular attendance, compulsory appearance in the unit tests and active participation in seminars, workshops, extension education programmes, extra-curricular activities etc will be ensured. I request guardians or parents to fully cooperate with the Teaching faculty and the college authority, for making our students' career a bright and successful one. I extend a warm welcome to the new students to the college and hope that their years in the college will be fruitful and knowledgeable.

**Prof Muzafar Ahmad Bhat** 

**Principal** 

### **PREFACE**

It gives me immense pleasure in writing a preface to this issue of "Verinag", a half-yearly Newsletter of Government Degree College Anantnag. The Newsletter always acts as a mouthpiece of the college to highlight its achievements and spread its philosophy. This is the first issue of the Newsletter after COVID 19 pandemic, as during the lockdown period the whole education system from elementary to higher levels was



thrown into chaos in India and around the world. We shifted to an alternative mode of education but that was not accessible to all. The pandemic made it crystal clear that nothing can substitute the real classroom learning. The year 2022 has been a year of activity in every field including Higher Education institutions. It is enthralling to see how, irrespective of a global crisis, GDC Anantnag still succeeded in redefining educational boundaries and bridged not only the learning gap but also conducted curricular and co-curricular activities and showed remarkable growth and advancement in every field of activity. All this gets reflected by the voluminous nature of the current issue of the Newsletter. The Newsletter consists of the sections which show all the events of the institution conducted during the first half of the year 2022 like cultural events, research endeavours, establishment of new departments, field visits, club activities, musicals, workshops, debates and seminars, sports etc. as well as news of different departments and functioning of various committees.

'To err is human'; there may be mistakes in compilation of this newsletter as well. We look forward to a healthy feedback so that we rectify the errors and improve in subsequent issues. With best wishes and great hope that everyone enjoys reading it.

#### Convener

Dr. Syed Aaamir Syeed Assistant Professor Department of English

# Growth and Development is the Hallmark of a Vibrant Institution

The Dean College Development Council, University of Kashmir, Srinagar and his team visited the college on 18th of November 2021. The purpose of the inspection was the affiliation of newly sanctioned courses in various subjects like Music, Public Administration, Psychology, Food Science & Quality Control, Biochemistry and Water Management.

In this regard, the Dean College Development Council and Principal of the College Prof. Muzafar Ahmad Bhat and his team discussed various key issues related to the affiliation of these subjects. After that, the Dean College Development Council and his team visited the concerned departments and college library regarding the verification of availability of advanced books, infrastructure, equipments and learning resources. During the inspection, the University team was satisfied with the infrastructure and learning resources available in these departments.

At the end, a short meeting was called between University inspection team and College administration and it was unanimously decided that the college should run these courses in the upcoming academic session. Once the college received the nod in affirmative, the courses were offered to the students, who showed overwhelming response in opting them. The courses began to run in a full blown manner from the beginning of the academic session 2022. These newly established Departments are actively going hand in hand with other departments on curricular as well as co curricular fronts.



## **COLLEGE RED RIBBON CLUB**

Prevention is better than cure

A Red Ribbon Club is of immense importance in a college as it is a movement through which the students receive as well as spread the awareness about the vicious disease called HIV/AIDS. The aim of the Club is to harness the potential of the youth by equipping them with correct information on HIV/AIDS, prevention, care, support and treatment. The Club also by means of different kinds of activities encourages the students to live a healthy life style and donate blood to all the needy by promoting the importance and significance of voluntary blood donation.

Since the beginning of the academic session 2022, the RRC of the College remained vibrant and conducted various programs to promote the objectives of the Club, thereby spreading the knowledge and developing the social skills of the students. Some of the activities carried out by the Club are given below:

#### Rally of Red Ribbon Club Volunteers:

As a part of spreading awareness among students about HIV/AIDS, the College Red Ribbon Club Committee organised a rally of RRC volunteers on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022. The rally was flagged off by the convener of the committee Dr Syed Aamr at 11 a.m. About twenty male and female volunteers participated the rally holding placards carrying HIV/AIDS awareness quotes. The rally set off from the Arts and Humanities Block and made a

round of the whole college campus. The rally culminated at 11:40 a.m. and the volunteers were appreciated and encouraged by the Principal of the College, Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat.

## **HIV/AIDS Awareness Program**

The College Red Ribbon Club organised an HIV/AIDS Awareness Program under the title "HIV/AIDS: Infection, Transmission and Prevention" on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 in the College Conference Hall. The program began at 02:00 p.m. and was inaugurated by the principal of the college, Prof Muzafar Ahmad Bhat. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Dr Syed Aamir. The program was attended by a large gathering of male and female students of the

college. The aim of the program was to empower and increase the awareness of students about HIV/AIDS, its impact, management, and availability of support system.

For the program the college utilized the services of two expert speakers, Dr Sadaf Rehman (Blood Bank Officer) and Ms Bilkeesa Hassan (ICTC Counsellor), deputed by the Principal Govt. Medical College, Anantnag for the said purpose. The speakers through their PPT's displayed their experience and vast practical knowledge of



the field. The experts elaborated the theme in great detail and made the participants understand the origin, transmission and finer nuances about the prevention and management of the disease. They also talked at length about how to build the students' capacity to educate others with correct, concise and adequate information about HIV/AIDS, sexuality and other related issues. Their talk and expertise was appreciated by all the participants. The program concluded at 03:30 p.m. with a vote of thanks by Dr Rafiq Ahmad Hajam.

# Seminar on the Theme "BE HUMANKIND"

The College Red Ribbon Club Committee in collaboration with NSS and NCC Units and Debates and Seminar Committee organized an Intra College Seminar as a part of the World Red Cross Day Celebrations on 11-05-2022 in the College Conference Hall. The theme of the seminar was "Be Humankind". The Seminar was formally inaugurated by the Vice Principal of the Institution Prof Syed Javid Hussain at 12 Noon.

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Convener Red Ribbon Club Dr Syed Aamir Syeed and Ms Aalima Fayaz, a student of B. A. Honours English, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. A large gathering of college faculty members and students attended the program. A total number of eight speakers spoke on the occasion and deliberated upon various duties of human beings,



how to ensure respect for all humanity and alleviate human suffering. They focussed on the theme of kindness and how it can impact the whole world. The speakers also highlighted the role of 'World Red Cross Movement' and how it is doing wonderful things for the life and health of wounded humanity throughout the globe.

A jury of three Assistant Professors comprising of Dr Javid
Ahmad Lone, Dr Shabeer Ahmad Taing and Prof Ishfaq
Manzoor Malik judged and evaluated the content, relevance
Malik judged and evaluated the content, relevance
and other related parameters of the speakers. According to the
verdict given by the jury, Dawood Mushtaq of B.A 5<sup>th</sup>
Semester bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Asmat Ayoub of B.A
Honours Inglish 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester emerged out as the stand out

speaker of the day and got 1<sup>st</sup> position. All the participants were given certificates of appreciation and participation by

different senior faculty members of the college. The program concluded at 01:40 P.M. with a formal vote of thanks presented by Dr Rafiq Ahmad Hajam, Assistant Professor, Geography.

## **Voluntary Blood Donation**

Twelve volunteers of College Red Ribbon Club donated blood in a 'Blood Donation Camp' organised by Blood Centre Government Medical College Anantnag in collaboration with J&K Aids Control Society at Dak Bunglow, Khanabal on 14-06-2022. Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag



Mr G. H. Sheikh encouraged the students and thanked the Institution for the support.

## Rally and Speech/ Essay/Painting

Fifty volunteers of Red Ribbon Club participated in a rally on the "International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2022, raising slogans and carrying placards and banners. The rally began at 10 a.m. from the main College gate and culminated at 10:30 A.M near Khanabal Bridge. On the same day twenty two volunteers of the club participated in an Essay and Painting competition organised by District Administration Anantnag in which volunteer of the Club Ms Nowsheena Farooq bagged second position. In the main event of that District level Program, Volunteer of RRC namely Ms Aalima Fayaz and Mr Sheikh Tanzeel were declared as stand out speakers of the Day.



NEP 2020 states that "Education must move towards less content, and more towards learning about how to think critically and solve problems, how to be creative and multi disciplinary, and how to innovate, adapt, and absorb new material in novel and changing fields"

**National Education Policy - 2020** 

#### "Learner"

Education must build character, enable learners to be ethical, rational, compassionate, and caring, while at the same time prepare them for gainful, fulfilling employment.

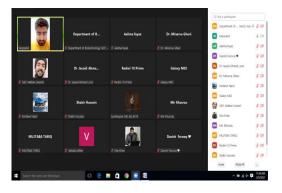
**National Education Policy - 2020** 

## **DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Biotechnology is a frontline area of science with immense potential for the benefit of the human kind. The Department of Biotechnology of the College in addition to the routine academic work carried out a number of other activities during the first half of 2022. This gist of those events is summarized below:

Essay Competition: On the occasion of National Science Day, an Inter-College Essay Writing Competition on the theme "Sustainability - A Key to Future Prosperity" was organized by the department for the students on 28th February, 2022. The department ensured wide publicity of the event well in time by electronic means. A large number of essays poured in from different colleges and Higher Secondary Institutions. Miss Mehreen from Higher Sec. School Kothibagh emerged as winner, whereas Mr. Bilal Parrey from GDC Anantnag and Ms Hadiya Khan from Higher Secondary School Amira Kadal secured 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in the competition.

Inter-College Seminar: On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Department organized a one day Inter-College Seminar on the theme "Contribution of Women in Science and Climate Change Mitigation in 21st Century" for the students of South Kashmir colleges. Different colleges presented their ace speakers for participation in the said event. In



the event, Ms Aalima Fayaz of GDC Anantnag bagged the First position, whereas Mr Fardeen Nazir of GDC Uttersoo and Mr. Muzamil Bashir got second and third position respectively.

#### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

#### A. <u>Board of Studies:</u>

**Ms Sameena Ismail** (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology) attended a meeting of Board of Undergraduate Studies in Biotechnology as member to frame and modify the undergraduate syllabus strictly in accordance with NEP-2020 at Department of Biotechnology, University of Kashmir on 08-03-2022 and 18-06-2022.

#### B. Achievements:

**Ms Sameena Ismail** (Assistant Professors, Dept. of Biotechnology) attended and presented poster in Two days International Conference on "Recent Advances in Biomedical Sciences and Regenerative Medicine" organized by SKUAST-K, University of Kashmir and IIT, Kanpur on 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

## **DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY**

#### Harbinger of Biodiversity Conservation & Platform for Plant-based Technologies

Following activities were conducted by the Department of Botany with effect from January to June 2022.

## Activity 1: Establishment of Indoor Pot House of succulents and sub-tropical plants

As part of World Environment Day (WED)-2022 celebrations, Department of Botany of the College established Indoor Pot House with the main objective to successfully acclimatize and cultivate exotic plants under controlled climatic conditions. The activity is also aimed to educate the students about the role of diverse group of plants, native, exotic or succulents in meeting our economic needs. Plants in the pot house



also make a readily available material needed for hands-on training to the students during practical work. Plants of many families are grown with a view to make the students able to identify the features unique to these families. The pot house was inaugurated by worthy Principal of the College, Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat on 09.06.2022 in presence of senior faculty members of the College and staff (Teaching & Non-teaching) of the Department. In his interactive meeting with the faculty members of the Department, the worthy Principal assured full logistic and financial support by way of procurement of Lab related items which need to be arranged on priority and providing/outsourcing of manpower for maintenance of Herbal Garden/Seed Tech Park/Botanical garden etc.

It is pertinent to mention that Pot House will serve as repository of different types of succulents and sub-tropical plants which are prescribed in the curriculum of Botany UG curriculum & agro based skill oriented courses.

#### **Activity 2: Conifer Plantation Drive**

The Department of Botany, NSS Units, Eco Club of College in collaboration with Department of Social Forestry Division Anantnag organized one day Conifer Plantation Drive on 14th June 2022 in the Miyawaki forest (Tiny forest) of College premises. The drive was aimed to sensitize and acquaint college students with



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the importance of conifer vegetation viz-a-viz ecological, aesthetic and economic aspect of such diverse group of plants. About fifty students participated in the event. The drive kick started with plantation of conifer sapling by I/C Principal of college Prof. Javid Hussain (HOD Zoology) followed by conveners of different committees and other faculty members and students. Prof. Javid impressed upon students to act as ambassadors and imbibe and inculcate teachings and training being imparted in college and class rooms. He also impressed upon students and gardeners about periodic maintenance of conifer saplings.

#### **Activity 3: Faculty Exchange Programme**

As part of institutional faculty exchange programme, senior faculty member of the Department Dr. Mohd. Suliman Dar (Assistant Professor Botany) was deputed to Govt. Degree College Kokernag on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 for a guest lecture presentation organized by host College on eve of International Biodiversity Day under the seminar theme "Building a Shared Future for All



Life". Endorsing the presentation of Dr. Mohd. Suliman Dar, host college Principal presented memento to resource person.

## Activity 4: Awareness Lecture on Forest, Environment and Ecosystem Conservation

Dr.Mohd Suliman Dar, Assistant Prof. Botany delivered power point presentation in the college conference Hall on 13th May on occasion of lecture series on Forest, Environment and Ecosystem conservation. The session was chaired by the College Principal Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat, attended by college students and faculty members of the



College. The activity was aimed to disseminate information to students about economic, ecological and aesthetic importance of forests. Dr. Mohd. Suliman Dar enlightened students through Quranic verses about need to conserve forest ecosystem and forest bio resources.

#### **Activity 5.** Essay Competition

The Department of Botany in collaboration with the Department of Seed Technology organized Essay competition in virtual mode on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 on the topic," Invest in our Plant" on eve of World Earth Day. About 15 students from five Colleges of the valley participated in the

event. The participating students were evaluated on parameters like Creativity and content. On the basis of overall performance the following students were adjudged with cash prizes.

S. No	Name of student	Name of College			Position/Cash prize
1.	Azhar Mushtaq Dar	Govt.	Degree	College	1st Prize/Rs.1500/=
		Anantnag			
2.	Zainab Mushtaq Mir	Govt.	Degree	College	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize/Rs.1200/=
		Pulwama			
3.	Abid Sikander War	Govt.	Degree	College	3nd Prize/Rs.1000/=
		Tangmarg			

#### SUBMISSION OF DST SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECT.

The Department submitted detailed proposal to JK Science Technology and Innovation council-Department of Science and Technology (DST) UT of J and K for grant of financial support to the tune of Rs. Twelve lakh. The project entitled," Establishment of an Agropreneurship Development Center for Generation of Skill and Livelihood Opportunities in Agriculture and Allied Sector" shall be carried out under supervision of Project investigator Dr. Zahoor with Co-PI Dr.Mohd. Suliman and A. M. Chalkoo (Associate Prof. Botany).

#### Cognitive, Foundational Capacities and Higher Order Cognitive Capacities

National Education Policy 2020 lays particular emphasis on the development of the creative potential of each individual. It is based on the principle that education must develop not only cognitive capacities - both the 'foundational capacities' of literacy and numeracy and 'higher-order' cognitive capacities, such as critical thinking and problem solving — but also social, ethical, and emotional capacities and dispositions.

#### National Education Policy-2020

#### "Pedagogy"

National Education Policy 2020 states, "Pedagogy must evolve to make education more experiential, holistic, integrated, inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible, and, of course, enjoyable."

#### **National Education Policy-2020**

## **Department of Seed Technology**

Committed and Envisioned to Impart Skill, Research and Extension



Activities carried out from Jan to Jun session 2022.

01. Conducted sowing for seedling raising under polyhouse with the objective to impart practical knowhow to students.





- 02. Signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) with private seed enterprise namely *Pandit Seeds Company* through *Principle Government Degree College, Anantnag* for the period of five years with the objective to take students for field /Industrial visits for enhancing skill abilities and to take internships.
- 03. Conducted Online quiz for 3<sup>rd</sup> semester students of seed production and processing on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022, in which all 32 students enrolled for this course participated.
- 04. Conducted online Essay Competition on eve of Earth Day with the theme "Invest in our Planet" on 22<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 in Collaboration with department of Botany.
- 05. Organized one day seminar on the theme "Seed in the Kashmir: Perspective and the Opportunities Ahead" on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 in collaboration with department of Botany. The

seminar was attended by more than 50 students and faculty members. The lecture highlighted the past and future scenario of Kashmir seed industry and the opportunities for youth in employment generation which was delivered by Dr. Bilal Ahmad Wani (*Assistant Professor*) Seed Technology GDC, Anantnag.





## IGNOU- The People's University

Pursuant to the official communication received from IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar, the Study Centre 1211 (Govt. Degree College, Anantnag) organized an induction program for the learners of January 2022 in the College Conference Hall on 22/05/2022 in which Principal of the College Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat acted as the Chief Guest. The Guest of Honor was Dr. Kamlesh Meena, In-charge Director IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar. The



Induction Program for IGNOU Learners

Principal of the College welcomed the guests from Regional Centre as well as the Counsellors and students. Prof. Shabir Ahmad Rather, In-charge Coordinator of SC-1211 briefed the students about the role of the Study Centre. Dr. Kamlesh Meena had a detailed interaction with the IGNOU Learners. The induction program was held in two sessions in which nearly 400 learners participated.

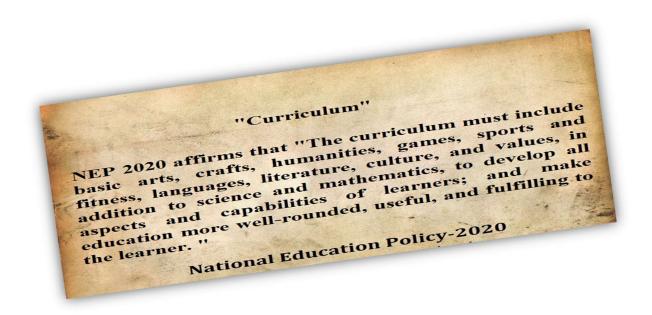
The IGNOU Study Centre 1211 on the directions of the Principal and Coordinator organized the Counselling sessions for Counsellors of the centre on 08/5/22. The purpose of the Counselling was to ascertain and authenticate the academic credentials of the Counsellors. Moreover the Counselling aimed at determining the merit of counsellors so that meritorious and deserving counsellors are engaged for Counselling.

## **Protocol and Event Management Committee**

Activities carried out from February to June 2022. The College Protocol and Event Management Committee managed and handled the protocol of all the major and minor events which were organized internally and in collaborative venture with outside agencies during the said period. The worth to mention include:-



- 1. On 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 a national level seminar on "Youth and Opportunities Ahead" was held in the College in which students and faculty participated. Majority of speakers were from outside the UT of J & K. The committee managed a light refreshment for guests as well as participants.
- 2. A three day "South Kashmir Cultural Festival" was organized by J & K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages in collaboration with the College from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. The program was attended by VIPs, dignitaries, artists from musical and folk bands of South Kashmir, highly reputed and renowned musical bands from outside the Kashmir, students from District Anantnag Colleges, NCC and NSS volunteers and teaching and non-teaching staff of the host College. The committee managed the light refreshment for all the involved for all the three days.
- 3. A two day International Musical Event in the memory of late Shiri Shiv Kumar Sharma
  Ji was organized by the College in collaboration with SPIC MACAY on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of
  June 2022. The committee managed the light refreshment for the participants and guests.
- 4. The Committee managed the refreshment for the associated staff and students who participated in the **College Annual Road Race** on 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.



## **Activity Report of Admission Committee**

'National Education Policy 2020' was announced by the Govt. of India in 2020 which promised to make Education affordable, accessible and flexible. It greater flexibility, aims disciplinary approach and at the same time equipping the students with some skills to make them self-reliant. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir from year 2020 decided to implement NEP-2020 and in pursuance of this policy the affiliating University issued notification VideNo.F(Admission-NT-



<u>Convener and Members of the Admission</u> <u>Committee while interacting with the</u> <u>students</u>

1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> Semester) Reg/KU/22: Dated 13/6/22 regarding the UG admissions. Pursuant to the issuance of the notification, the Admission Committee of the College on the directions of the Principal, Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad Baht issued Pre-Admission notification Vide No. DCA/Adm/22/1375:**Dated 16/06/2022** wherein the students were provided the Google form link to choose their Major Subjects. The institution decided to allot the Major Subjects on the basis of the choice of candidates and the merit secured by them at 12<sup>th</sup> standard.

The College Admission Committee in Collaboration with the College Career Counselling and Placement Cell Vide notification No. DCA/Order/22/1389-90 organized six Counselling Sessions, two in a day from 17/6/22 to 20/6/22 to acquaint the students with NEP Scheme. The sessions primarily focused on imparting awareness to students regarding the credit structure, credit transfer, Academic Bank of Credits Account, dichotomy of the Subjects into Major and Minor components, the duration of Undergraduate Degree Programs and the multiple exit stages offered under the Scheme with appropriate certifications. Faculty members from all the Departments participated vibrantly in the counselling sessions and counselled the students about prospects in their respective subjects. The response from the students was overwhelming and the queries and questions that cropped up in the young minds were cleared by the concerned Faculty Members.

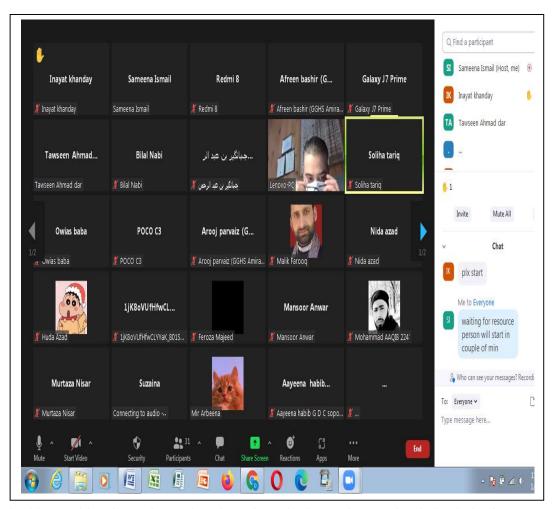
# "Not Me but You" is the motto of NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

NSS is often defined as the third dimension of Indian Higher Education System. It is after all a student community with the objective of personality development and voluntary community service. The NSS volunteers of the college actively participated in the NSS activities and took care of blood donation, cleanliness, health awareness issues and many other activities. Below mentioned are some of the activities carried out by NSS from Jan 2022 to June 2022.

- 1. **District Youth Parliament 2022:** NSS units in collaboration with NYK Anantnag organized District Level Youth Parliament-2022 in February 2022 in which volunteers from different regions of District Anantnag participated. Muzamil Bashir of GDC Anantnag emerged as the winner and was selected for Divisional Level Youth Parliament 2022.
- 2. **Inter-College Quiz:** On the occasion *of National Girl Child Day*, the NSS units held an Inter-College Quiz competition on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. 188 students from different colleges participated in the quiz. Iqbal Mohi-ud-din of GDC Khan Sahib secured 1st position in the quiz competition, while as Tawseef Ahmad Najar and Suhira Nazir of GDC Anantnag bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively.
- 3. Inter-College Slogan Writing Competition: To commemorate National Girl Child Day, an Inter-College Slogan Writing Competition was organized on 24th January 2022. In the event, Attaul Munim Zahid of GDC Anantnag bagged the first position whereas Abrara Rashid of Govt. Degree College for Women Anantnag got second and Nasir Ul Islam of GDC Anantnag got the third position. They were awarded a cash prize of Rs 1200/-, 1000/- and Rs 800/- respectively.
- 4. Webinar: On the occasion of National Voters Day, a webinar on the theme "Vote as a Tool for Transformation" was organized by the NSS on 26th February 2022. Students from different colleges attended the webinar. The Principal of the College, Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat was the Chief Guest for the event while as Prof. Khursheed Ahmad Mir acted as the resource person .Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat in his welcome address highlighted the importance of one's vote and urged the audience to participate enthusiastically in the election process for good governance. The resource person deliberated upon the different

dimensions of the theme. The lecture was followed by an interactive session wherein the resource person satisfactorily responded to the queries raised by the participants. Prof. Farooq Ahmad Malik presented the concluding remarks on the occasion. The event concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms Sameena Ismail, NSS Program Officer who also moderated the session.

5. **Inter-College Essay Writing Competition:** An Essay competition on the theme "My Vote is My Future – Power of Ones Vote" was organized by the NSS, GDC Anantnag on 26-02-2022. The essays were evaluated by the faculty of the Department of English. Tanib



Ibrahim Padder from the University of Kashmir, Mohammad Iqbal Khoja from GDC Kralpora and Suhail Sabzar from GDC Anantnag were awarded a cash prize of Rs 1200/-, Rs 1000/- and Rs 800/- for securing Ist, 2nd and 3rd position respectively in the said competition.

6. **Pariksha Pe Charcha:** In compliance to the circular issued by the Department of Higher Education, the NSS units on 01-04-2022 made all the arrangements for students, etc. to

- attend the live program "Pariksha Pe Charcha" by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji.
- 7. **NSS Enrollment Drive**: The NSS units kick-started the enrollment drive for the session 2022 w.e.f 11-04-2022.



8. **Food Packet Distribution:** Keeping in view the holy month of Ramadhan, the food packets comprising of rice, oil, sugar, milk, semolina, dates etc. were distributed among the (50) poor families of adopted area of Sheikh Mohallah Batapora, Khanabal and slum area of Uranhall, Anantnag on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. The families were all praise for the college NSS for supporting them and requested the college administration to conduct tuition classes for their children.



**Outreach Activity:** As an outreach and yearly activity, one day camp was organized by NSS at Kaaba Marg Shrine, Larkipora Anantnag on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The NSS volunteers distributed eatables and energizing drinks among the pilgrims of the Shrine. A cleanliness drive was also conducted by the volunteers on the occasion. The volunteers were accompanied by Dr. Ab. Hameed, Mr. Gazanfer Ali and Sameena Ismail. The management committee of the Shrine appreciated this gesture and efforts put in by the college NSS for helping the management every year and hoped that they will continue such programmes in the future as well.



9. Awareness **Programme:** An awareness programon the "POCSO Act and Child Sexual Abuse" organized was by NSS collaboration with SAKSHI on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Dr. Ramya Nisal was the resource person for the event. The resource person acquainted the participants with the laws that are available for protecting children from sexual offenses and highlighted the issues and stigma faced by the victims of sexual abuse.



#### 10. Achievement:

- **Mubashir Nazir,** secured **III position** in the online Essay competition on the theme "She Can Do Anything" organized by the NSS Unit and Women Empowerment Cell of Government Degree College Kilam on 24-01-2022.
- 40 NSS volunteers of GDC Anantnag have reached the level 2 Fellowship of the RAKSHIN project.

#### 11. Participation:

- NSS volunteers participated in National Youth Festival 2022 on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022
- NSS volunteers participated and provided services in the 3-day cultural event w.e.f 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.
- NSS volunteers participated in divisional level youth parliament on 19 Feb 2022
- NSS volunteers participated in Mega Plantation drive on 16-03-2022.

#### **Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee**

#### Teach Men to Respect Women

Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee now known as Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) is a mandatory committee for any organization or institution under article 21st of the Constitution of India. Sexual harassment is also considered as violation of the right to practice or to carry out any trade occupation or business. The Committee deals with issues relating to the sexual harassment. The committee is responsible for investigating every formal written complaint regarding the sexual harassment of women at workplace (prevention, prohibition and redressal) and taking appropriate remedial measures to respond to any allegation about harassment.

The college did not receive any sexual harassment complaint so far, which speaks volumes about the maintenance of discipline and adaptation of zero tolerance policy by the college to deal with any immoral activity or perversion. The college conducted awareness programs to help women employees and students to realise their rights of freedom and to safeguard the one who is victimized and to educate and train female students about their rights.

## **Landscape Development Committee**

#### Activities carried out from February to June 2022.

The College Landscape Development Committee carried out different activities for the overall face-lifting of the College campus including the maintenance of different lawns, parks and pathways. The main activities which also include some new additions to the campus are:



- 1. **Establishment of a Tulip Park** in the 1st week of March 2022 in front of the B-Block, with an aim to make it exclusive, aesthetic, and to add splendor to the campus.
- 2. **Establishment of a Miyawaki Forest** (Tiny Forest) on 15 March 2022 in collaboration with the Department of Social Forestry and Department of Botany at the college campus to spread awareness and elucidate the role of forests for the sustainability of planet earth. About a hundred saplings of Deodar (*Cedrus Deodara*) were planted in this tiny forest. The same was inaugurated by the worthy Principal of the college along with students, faculty and officials from the Department of Social Forestry, District Anantnag.
- 3. **Development of a Lavender Park** in the College campus in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April for which lavender saplings were obtained from the field farm of Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine Verinag Anantnag.
- 4. **Participation and collaboration** with the Department of Environment Sciences and Water Management for organizing "College Environmental Week" from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of Jun 2022.

# Department of Geography and Infrastructure Engineering

25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, the Department of infrastructure Engineering, headed by **Mr Altaf Hussain** Mir signed an **MOU** with **Roop Automotives Ltd, Gurugram Haryana** for providing industrial training to the students of Infrastructure Engineering.

- From 20<sup>th</sup> February to 06<sup>th</sup> march ,2022 Dr Mohd Iqbal, Assistant Professor in the
   Department of Geography , Government Degree College Anantnag successfully completed Two week inter-disciplinary Refresher Course on "Research methodology" organised by Teaching Learning centre , Ramanujan College, University of Delhi
- From 21-22 April ,2022 Mr Altaf Hussain Mir, Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography attended a two day international web conference on the theme "Invest in our planet" organised by Govt. PG College Rajouri.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> of May, the Department of Geography conducted **one day field tour to Sinthan Pass via Daksum** in which 30 students of 3<sup>rd</sup> semester geography participated along with faculty of Geography and Geology.







 On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Mr Altaf Hussain Mir, Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography attended Board of Studies Meeting (BOS) in the Department of Geo-informatics, University of Kashmir.

# Department of Water Management and Environmental Sciences

Awareness Program: Dr.Roufur Rafiq, Faculty of Department of Environmental Science delivered the research talk titled, "Environmental Awareness with Special Reference to Kashmir" organized by Govt. Degree College Boys Anantnag as an initiative by Higher Education Department as a part of awareness program for Forest, Ecology and Environment Conservation on 25th April 2022.

Dr. Rouf ur Rafiq highlighted various environmental issues and concerns in Kashmir Valley. The main focus was on Air pollution caused by Cement industries of khrew, brick kilns of Budgam and stone crushers of Kashmir valley. He also stressed upon the impact of pollution caused by anthropogenic activities in



different water bodies of Kashmir valley and the strategies of water resource development and various initiatives to mitigate the scarcity of water.

#### **CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT DAKSUM FOREST AREA**

Under the leadership of worthy Principal, Department of Water Management and Department of Environmental Sciences GDC Anantnag in collaboration with college Eco-Club organized plastic free and waste free campaign at Daksum Forest area on 28-05-2022 under "Van Mitra Volunteer Program", against plastic use. Forest ecosystem and adjoining wildlife sanctuary area was cleaned by students and faculty members of College Eco Club and Department of Water Management. Moreover, the local populace was sensitized about the use of plastic and its disastrous consequences. Awareness was also spread to the masses regarding plastic free life and suggesting usage of alternate means like jute bags, copper bottles, eco-friendly files and folders, eco-friendly food boxes etc. Local people were also educated about the negative impact of mass tourism.



Speech on Water Management: Dr. Sartaj Ahmad Ganie, Faculty, Department of Water Management participated in online webinar organized by Govt. Degree College Kokernag, Anantnag on "Role of Women in Water Management" on 23-04-2022.Dr. Sartaj was the guest speaker on the occasion. In his lecture, Dr. Sartaj highlighted different



areas of the management of water and the role of village women for management of water resources. The main focus was on the involvement of women in policy and decision making pertaining to the water management.



International Biodiversity Day: Dr. Sartaj Ahmad Ganie, Assistant Professor, of Department Water Management participated in "International Biodiversity Day" organized by the Department of Zoology Govt. Degree College Women, Anantnag and District Legal Services Anantnag on the eve of 'World Biodiversity Day Celebration' on 26-05-2022, Dr. Sartaj

was the resource person of the event. He talked about various biodiversity issues and his main focus was on the conservation of Kashmiri stag and the different methods adopted by the Government for the conservation of Hangul.

#### PARTCIPATION IN THE CELEBRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DAY:

Students of the Department participated in an Inter College Quiz Competition organized by the Department of Environmental Science Govt. Degree College Women, Anantnag on the eve of 'Environmental Week Celebration' on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and bagged 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the event.



## PARTCIPATION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK CELEBRATION WITH DISTRICT SOCIAL FOREST DEPARTMENT

Department of Water Management and Environmental Sciences participated in "Environmental Day Celebration" organized by the Department of Social Forestry, Anantnag on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Worthy Principal, faculty and students actively participated in the plantation drive in college campus. Student of the college, Mr. Dawood Mushtaq bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the Debate Competition of the event.



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK CELEBRATION**

Department of Water Management and Department of Environmental Sciences in collaboration with College Eco-Club, NSS, NCC, Landscape Committee and Debate & Seminar Committee organized a week-long "Environmental Awareness Program" from 13th -18th June 2022 to mark the 50th year of commencement of Environmental Day. Various awareness activities, including cleanliness drive, debate, quiz, essay competition and guest lecture were part of this week-long program. The overarching aim was to provide general awareness platform for faculty & students and to sensitize all stakeholders of college about the present environmental scenario. The awareness campaign kick-started with the Inter-College Essay Competition on 13th June, 2022, which was followed by the 'General Cleanliness & Conifer Plantation' drive on 14th June, 2022. Inter-College Quiz Competition was organized on 16th June, 2022 in

which students of different colleges from South Kashmir participated. In order to encourage awareness of environment through art, a Painting Competition was held on 17th June, 2022.

To foster the competitive spirit among the budding youth, Inter-College Debate Competition was held on the 18th June, 2022. The highlight of the programme was the guest lecture by an expert on environment and water management, Dr. Syed Javaid Ahmad Andrabi, Assistant Professor, Head Department of Water Management, S.P College, Srinagar on the last day of the program. To praise their efforts and talent, the students were given prizes, certificates and mementoes by the Principal, Professor Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat. The Principal of the College commended the commitment and the effort put in by various departments during the week-long program. The efforts and contribution by Dr. Sartaj Ahmad (Head Deptt. of Water Management), Dr.Rouf Ur Rafiq & Dr. Syed Zulifiqar (Assistant Professors, Deptt. of Environmental Science) were appreciated particularly by the Principal.









## **DEBATES AND SEMINARS**

#### Role of Gender Equality for Sustainable Environmental Management

Govt. Degree College Anantnag conducted an online Essay Competition on the theme 'Role of Gender Equality for Sustainable Environmental Management' on March 8, 2022. The aim of the event was to develop soft skill of writing among BG and PG students. More than 100 students from different colleges of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) participated in the competition and the best three essays were selected for prize by the jury of experts. The essays were evaluated by the panel of adjudicators for their content, relevance, concept, brevity and art of writing.

Inauguration of Renovated Conference Hall The Director Finance, Higher Education Department Jammu and Kashmir, Mr Abdul Majid Bhat visited the Government Degree College, Anantnag on 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 to Inaugurate the renovated Conference Hall of the



College. After the inauguration, a meeting cum interactive session was held between the worthy Director Finance and faculty members in the conference hall. The meeting started with the welcome address by the Principal of the College, Prof. Muzzafar Ahmad Bhat. In the

He congratulated the Principal and convener Development Committee for the hard work they have put in to get the job done. Prof. Farooq Ahmad Malik presented the vote of thanks on behalf of the college. At the end of the meeting, a memento was presented to the Director Finance, Mr Abdul Majid Bhat by the Principal as a token of love and appreciation.



Welcome address, the Principal highlighted the important role played by Higher Education Department in general and Director Finance in particular in the developmental activities of the college. The Principal also thanked the faculty members in general and College Development Committee in particular for getting the job done in due course of time. The welcome address was followed by a brief speech by Director Finance, Mr Abdul Majid Bhat. He assured the worthy Principal of all the support in the development of the college from Higher Education Department.

#### Environment Awareness Lecture Series Programme

Govt Degree College Anantnag under the aegis of the Principal, Prof. Muzafar Ahmad Bhat organised an awareness programme in relation to conservation of forests, Ecosystem and environment for students of the college on 25th April, 2022. The inaugural address was given by Prof Syed Javaid Hussain in which



he highlighted the importance of environmental conservation in the present scenario. The awareness lecture titled" Environmental Awareness with Special Reference to Kashmir Valley"

was delivered by Dr Rouf Ur Rafiq, Faculty member, Deptt. Of EVS. A large number of students attended this awareness programme. Later on there was interaction between students and experts from the environmental science. The programme was moderated by Dr Ummer Rashid.

#### Fasting: Spiritual, Physical and Economic Philosophy

Debates and Seminar Committee and Department of Islamic Studies, GDC Anantnag organized a seminar on 28th April 2022 under the theme "Fasting: Spiritual, Physical and Economic Philosophy". The program/Seminar, was moderated by Ms. Shaista Rasool, Lecturer Department of Islamic Studies, GDC Anantnag.

The speaker, Prof Mohammad Iqbal Malik delivered a thorough lecture on the theme. He highlighted the importance of fasting in purifying the soul of a person. He also highlighted the role of fasting in combating various diseases based on various researches carried all over the world. The beauty of the lecture was the way he linked the fasting and economic aspects associated with it. Then the floor was thrown open for question answer session and it was very fruitful. The session concluded with formal vote of thanks by Prof. Nazeer Ahmad Qadri.





### Visit of Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, J & K Higher Education Department

The Director Colleges, J and K Dr. Yasmeen Ashai visited the College on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. The worthy Director interacted with the faculty in the Conference Hall of the College. The brief session was moderated by Prof. Farooq Ahmad Malik, Secretary Academic Staff Council. The session started with welcome address by the principal of the college, Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat.



Dr. Yasmeen Ashai delivered a brief lecture about the

Higher Education system of the Union Territory of J and K. She deliberated upon the important aspects of the New Education Policy and the advantages it will bring to the table. She also

talked about the importance of regional languages and the importance given to such regional languages in the New Education Policy. The session concluded with formal vote of thanks by Prof. Kousar Ahmad Ganie, Assistant Professor Department of History.

## AWARENESS LECTURE SERIES ON FOREST, ENVIRONMENT AND ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION

Government Degree College Anantnag organised an "AWARENESS LECTURE SERIES ON FOREST, ENVIRONMENT AND ECOSYSTEM CONS ERVATION" on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. This was the part of major environmental initiatives started by GDC Anantnag as directed by the Department of Higher Education to boost various campaigns



related to forest, ecology and environment. The programme was moderated by Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology. The awareness lecture was presented by Dr. Mohd. Sulaiman Dar, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Botnay, GDC Anantnag. The guest speaker, Dr. Mohd. Sulaiman Dar gave background knowledge about forest ecosystem and highlighted the importance of forests with examples and analogies from religious scriptures, poets, philosophers and environmentalists. He impressed upon the audience to take participatory role in the environmental conservation. Later on there was healthy interaction and discussion between the expert and participants. The speakers answered all queries raised by the participants diligently.

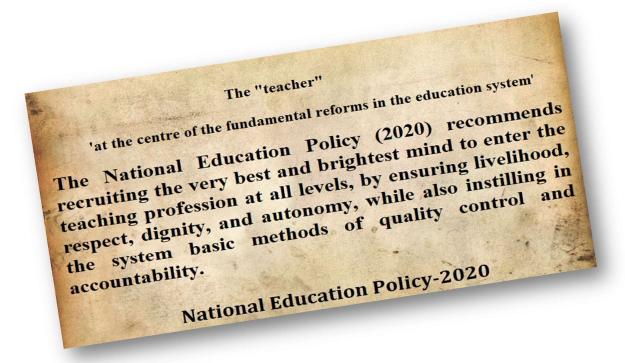
### **Environmental Day Celebrations**

The programme on 'Environmental Conservation' was jointly organised by Department of Social Forestry and Govt. Degree College Anantnag to highlight the importance of conservation of environment. The programme started at 11 AM with the welcome address by the DFO Anatnag, Ms Shamma Rohi. In her welcome address, Ms Shamma Rohi highlighted the importance of environmental conservation, its background and significance. The Principal of Govt. Degree College Anantnag, Prof Muzafar Ahmad in his address highlighted the role of responsible citizens in different conservation programmes and impressed upon the audience to 'think globally and act locally' for the welfare of the environment. Finally, the Principal sought

for collaboration and cooperation among different stakeholders for implementation of various campaigns related to forest, environment and ecosystem.

After the inaugural welcome session, there was debate competition on the topic, 'Environmental Conservation' among the students from different colleges. A jury of judges were selected to assess the best competitors of the debate competition. After the completion of debate competition, renowned journalist from Kashmir, Mr. Tasaduk Rashid addressed the audience and appreciated administration and College authorities for their role in different activities aimed at reducing the impacts of environmental pollution. DDC chairman Anantnag also addressed on the occasion and presented some important suggestions for conservation of environment in the rural areas.

The Regional Director Forestry Dr Roshan Jaggi also addressed on the occasion and pointed out the sequence of events that led to current environmental crisis. He also talked about the newly launched scheme by Govt. of India i.e. Amrit Sarovar Initiative. Guests were also felicitated with mementoes by the officials of Department of Social Forestry. The vote of thanks was presented by Mr. Mudasir, Forest Range Officer Anantnag. Later on there was plantation drive in the Alumni Park which was attended by all guests.



## RUSA COMMITTEE

# Orientation Programme cum Placement Drive for Vocational Courses under RUSA 2.0.

The programme was held in College Conference Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> of March at 10:30 am. It was hosted by the Co-ordinator RUSA committee, Dr Shabeer Ahmad Wani. The resource person for the programme was Mr. Pervaiz Ahmad Bhat



from Learned Skills Pvt. Ltd. The programme was attended by 32 students of the College who had completed the vocational courses in two subjects viz. Travel Agent (TA) & Domestic Data Entry Operator (DDEO).

After introducing the agency, Learned Skill Pvt. Ltd. and its role in providing skill training to youth, the guest speaker said that the current era is the era of skills. He emphasized that skill-based education should be our priority. He said that government has sensed the market needs and has therefore introduced skill courses in educational institutions.



Thereafter the speaker gave detailed information about the jobs they are going to provide to the students. Thereafter the floor was thrown open for q ueries. The students interacted with the speaker and asked questions related to salary package, job security, place of posting and other related matters. The resource person then asked the

students to fill up an application form in which the students had to fill various details related to the job. The students filled the application form on the spot and the forms were handed over to the resource person. He then told the students that they will be called for the final interview at Srinagar in coming month and they may be employed very soon. He then provided his contact details to the students and asked them to contact him directly in case of any query. The programme ended at 2:00 pm.

## NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

"Unity and Discipline is the Hallmark of NCC"

**Forest Plantation Awareness Drive & World Theater Day:** NCC Unit Cadets Participated in Forest Plantation Awareness Drive & World Theater Day Jointly organized by DIET & Forest Department Anantnag at Khundru on 26<sup>th</sup>, March-2022.



1. Republic Day Celebration at AGS Balapur:

NCC Unit Cadets Participated in republic day celebration at AGS Balapur on 26th, Jan-2022



- **3.** <u>12<sup>th</sup> National Voters Day:</u> NCC cadets along with ANO participated in celebration of 12<sup>th</sup> National Voters day on 25<sup>th</sup>Jan, 2022 through video conferencing.
- 4. Youth Festival at Panzgam: NCC ca dets participated in youth festival at Panzgam Organised by HQ 12 sector RR Panzgam on 21st, May-2022.
- 5. <u>Forest Plantation Drive</u>: NCC cadets participated in plantation drive jointly organized by Social Forestry Department in collaboration with NCC unit on 21st, March-2022

**6. Amarkantak Trek**: NCC Cadets participated in Amarkantak trek (MP) organized by NCC Directorate (MP) from 29<sup>th</sup> ,May- 05<sup>th</sup> ,June-2022.



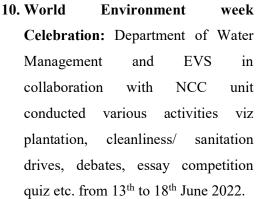
- 7. International Yoga Day: NCC cadets participated i n international yoga day organized by 108 Inf Bn(TA) Mahar at Achabal Mughal Gardens on 21st ,June-2022.
- 8. Pre-SNIC & Parallel-SNIC: NCC Cadets along with ANO participated in Pre-SNIC & Parallel-SNIC at JAKLI RC Rangreth Srinagar from 05<sup>th</sup> June -14<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 &17<sup>th</sup>June 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 respectively.





**9. CATC CBS Khrew**: NCC cadets participated in Combined Annual Training Camp which was scheduled at CBS Khrew from 24<sup>th</sup> May – 02<sup>nd</sup> June,2022











11. Two Days Musical Event: NCC Cadets Participated two-day musical event in the memory of late Shiv Kumar Sharma Ji on 9th & 10th June, 2022 organized by SPIC MACAY & GDC Anantnag.

**12. Three Day South Kashmir Cultural Festival**: NCC Cadets Participated three day South Kashmir Cultural Festival organized by J & K Art, Culture and Language in collaboration with GDC Anantnag From 29th May to 31st May- 2022.





### **Counselling / Orientation Session for Students**

An Online Counselling cum Orientation session was organized by the Department of Commerce & Management Studies, Govt. Degree College Anantnag in collaboration with ICAI (Institute of Cost Accountants of India) Srinagar Chapter for the students of "Certificate Course on GST".



Mr. Bashir Masoodi, in his speech, highlighted the objectives and intended outcomes of the course and highlighted the benefits of the course which according to him is going to improve the employability of the students. Mr. Raja Waqar Ahmad Parry, coordinator skill development, students and faculty members of commerce& management Studies participated in the programme.

## Website Committee

**Website Committee:** Mr Sharik Mushtaq Khanday, Assistant professor, Department of Computer Applications and Convener Website Committee, developed a new Responsive and Dynamic website for the College. The main features of the website are:

- Online Pre-Admission portal for various Honours courses.
- 2. Online Alumni Registration Form.
- Students can apply online for Bonafide certificate.
- 4. Separate Admin portal for uploading new information on the website.
- 5. Online Student Feedback form.
- 6. Online Student Grievance form.
- 7. Webpage and Admin portal for IGNOU Study Centre GDC Anantnag.



## **Cultural Committee**

#### "We Make Events Happen!"

The Cultural Committee of the College organized two successful events during the current session so far. The details of the events are given below:

1. A 'Three Day South Kashmir Cultural Festival' On 29<sup>th</sup> ,30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2022 in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages. The chief guest on the occasion was Prof. (Dr.) Shakeel Ahmad Romsho, Vice Chancellor, Islamic University Science and Technology, Awantipora. The renowned artists from many parts of country and UT of J&K performed and entertained the audience.









2. A "*Two Day Musical event*" in memory of legendry Santoor maestros, Late Shiv Kumar Sharma Ji and Late Bhajan Sopori Ji in collaboration with SPIC MACAY on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2022. Four 'A' graded artists mesmerized people with their magical performances.





### Keys to the Past... Gateway to the Future-Central Library, GDC Anantnag

The College Library, liaison between users and information sources offers myriad knowledge choices (Print/Digital) to its users. Adapting to new technological developments, library is redefining its services and procedures by installation of the RFID Technology that is in the final implementation phase.

Library maintains a separate reading room with Career Counseling Cell having access to competitive tests and civil service examination books, newspapers (Local/National) and periodicals procured to cater day to day information needs of users.

The day to day library housekeeping operations like acquisition, accessioning, cataloguing, classification, labeling, storage retrieval and service provision etc. of information sources is carried out by the well qualified library staff. Library is actively maintaining a user–centric approach with the inclusion of the latest services and facilities, to provide right information to the right user and at the right time.

The yearly empanelment process for financial year 2022-23 for procurement of books from suppliers/publishers/distributors was recently completed and in previous financial year 2021-22, about 1689 books were acquired and added to collection of 68836 of books already available within the library.

Users retrieve and locate information sources via OPAC kiosk installed at the Library entry point. The services like access to internet and other online e-resources like N-List (by INFLIBNET, validity updated for the year 2022-23) are provided to the users in the Browsing Centre of the library.

The daily footfall data of users including teaching/non-teaching and students is maintained by the library on daily basis and active users of the library figures round to 1807. Library also generates varied reports via KOHA Open Source Software on routine basis like acquisition, circulation (outstanding lists, patrons with most checkouts, most circulated items, items with no check-outs etc.), catalogue, and serials and so on.

Education is a great leveler and is the best tool for achieving economic and social mobility, inclusion, and equality.

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## **Department of Physical Education**

#### Sports activities organized by the Department of Physical Education.

S. No.	Name of the Activity			
01	Government Degree College Anantnag organized District Level Cricket			
	Tournament under the aegis of Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan from the month of Feb			
	2022.			
02	Department of Physical Education of the college organized Intra College Table			
	Tennis (TT) Tournament in the third week of March 2022 for students as well as for			
	staff.			
03	Organized Intra College Chess Championship (Men/Women) in 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of April			
	2022.			
04	Organized Intra College Carom Championship (Men/Women) in 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of April			
	2022.			
05	Organized Intra College Tennis Cricket Tournament for Men in 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of April			
	2022.			
06	Conducted trials for selection of players in various games from 12-05-2022 to 31-			
	05-2022.			
07	Organized a series of friendly Cricket Matches between the college teams			
	shortlisted after trials from 01-06-2022 to 15-06-2022.			
08	Participated in South Kashmir Inter College Volleyball Tournament 2022 organized			
	by GDC Kulgam from 10-06-2022 to 14-06-2022.			
09	Department of Physical Education of the college participated in South Kashmir			
	Power Lifting Competition organized by Jammu & Kashmir Power Lifting			
	Association on 12-06-2022 and bagged 3 <sup>rd</sup> position.			
10	Participated in Inter College Badminton Tournament (Women) 2022 organized by			
	Government College for Women Anantnag from 13/06/2022 to 17/06/2022.			
11	Department of Physical Education of the college celebrated International Day of			
	Yoga 2022 on 21st of June 2022. Many other activities were conducted related to			
	Yoga Day Celebration in the month of April & May 2022 before the final			
	celebration on 21st June 2022.			
12	Department of Physical Education of the college organized Annual College Road			
	Race 2022 on 25 <sup>th</sup> of June 2022.			













**GLIMPSES OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES** 

# "Intellectual Growth Should Commence at Birth and Cease only at Death."

#### Workshops/Training/ Seminars/Webinars/Research Publications by Faculty Members

The teaching faculty is the lifeblood of any institution. Teachers are directly responsible for delivering the top-of-the-line knowledge and training that an Institution provides to its students. College teachers have been and continue to be, expert researchers. These scholars are some of the best minds in their respective fields. Teachers bring their expertise to their classroom and by actively sharing the knowledge they have gained through research and training, they build a professional community and shape the minds within that community. But with technology and learning experiences evolving each year, it is unreasonable to expect even from a higher education teacher to keep himself/herself abreast with all latest trends and teaching strategies without the proper training, interaction, research and preparation. The teaching faculty of GDC Anantnag realising the rapidly evolving Higher Education pedagogies, continuously keep themselves involved and updated by carrying out quality research and participating in Faculty Development Programs, Workshops, Seminars, webinars and other training programs. Below is the mention of few such activities carried out in the first half of Academic Session 2022:

Mrs Sameena Ismail & Dr. Minerva Ghani (Assistant Professors, Department of Biotechnology) attended/participated:

- e-workshop on "Research Paper Writing" organized by Commacad w.e.f 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2022.
- ➤ Science Communication Workshop organized by DBT/Welcome Trust on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- ➤ Workshop on "National Education Policy (NEP)-2020" organized by HRDC, University of Kashmir on 28th May, 2022.
- ➤ UGC sponsored webinar on "MOOCs Development & Delivery" organized by UGC-HRDC University of Kashmir held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- ➤ Webinar series on NEP 2020 organized by HRDC, AMU Aligarh from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>
  June 2022.

Bilal A. Wani, Azad Hussain Khan, M. Shafi Parrey, Bahar A. Mir, Nuzhat Jabeen, M. Suliman Dar, Mir Khusroo and Afreen J. Lolu, Faculty members, Department of Botany published research paper entitled "Principles and Quality Parameters of Seed Certification in Some Important Seed Spice Crops" in Research Journal of Agriculture science (2022) 13: 744-747...

Mrs. Sabiha Zehra Rizvi, Librarian attended many webinars on themes like "International Webinar on Publishing Research Articles" organized by UGC-HRDC, University of Kashmir on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

- ➤ "Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education Institutions" organized by UGC-HRDC, University of Kashmir on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.
- ➤ "Research Data Management Landscape: what Librarians and Researchers need to know"? organized by DELNET (Developing Library Network) on 31st May, 2022.

#### Mr. Mudasir Ahmad Bhat (Assistant Professor Mathematics)

- ➤ Participated in Teachers' Enrichment Workshop on "Real Analysis, Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra" hosted by the Department of Mathematics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru from January 17 February 5, 2022.
- ➤ Participated in One Day Workshop on "National Education Policy- 2020" organized by UGC- Human Resource Development Centre, the University of Kashmir on 28th of May, 2022.
- Participated in Teacher's Enrichment Workshop on "Differential Equations and Mathematical Modelling" organised by the Department of Mathematics, Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, Noida, Uttar Pradesh during. February 14-27, 2022.

**Dr. Waheed Ahmad Khanday**, Assistant Professor Chemistry published five (05) articles in highly reputed and high impact factor Journals of Elsevier & Springer during the first half of 2022. These articles are:

- ➤ Catalytic efficiency of various ion-exchanged forms of Erionite zeolite for the synthesis of 2-methylquinoxaline. Journal: Applied Surface Science Advances
- Preparation and characterization of banana trunk activated carbon using H3PO4 activation: A rotatable central composite design approach. Journal: Materials Chemistry and Physics.
- Porous carbon-based material from fish scales for the adsorption of tetracycline antibiotics. Journal: Biomass Conversion and Biorefinery
- Novel green adsorbents for removal of aniline from industrial effluents: A review.

- Journal: Journal of Molecular Liquids
- ➤ Continuous biodiesel production: A review of advances in catalysis, microfluidic and cavitation reactors. Journal: Fuel

Mr. Ummer Rashid Zargar (Assistant Professor Zoology) published two (02) articles in highly reputed Journals during the first half of 2022. These articles are:

- ➤ Evaluating the hemato-biochemical indices in relation to the different etiologies of chronic diarrhea in dairy cattle and buffalo. Journal: Comparative Clinical Pathology
- Parasites as an Emerging Ecological Signatures: Promises and Pitfalls. Published in Conference Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, India Section B: Biological Sciences.

#### **Dr Mohd Suliman Dar (**Sr. Assistant Professor Department of Botany)

- ➢ Presented a paper entitled "Dependence of Migratory Tribes of Gujjars and Bakarwalas on Traditional Medicines in Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary of Kashmir Himalayas (J & K) India" in National Seminar on Plant Taxonomy and Traditional Knowledge in the Himalayas and Northeast India & Annual Conference of East Himalayan Society for Spermatophyte Taxonomy (EHSST), scheduled on February 21-22, 2022
- ➤ Participated Successfully in the UGC-SPONSORED Webinar (Online) On "Leadership, Ethics & Values". Organized on 23 March 2022,
- ➤ Participated Successfully in the UGC-SPONSORED Webinar (Online) On "Holistic Health: Yoga & Wellness" Organized by UGC-HRDC Jai Narain Vyas University Jodhpur Rajasthan on 28 March 2022.
- ➤ Participated in International Web Conference on "Invest in Our Planet" on 21-22 April, 2022 organized by R&D Cell, Govt. P. G. College Rajouri and Pir Panjal Environment and Eco-Development Society, Poonch.
- ➤ Delivered an expert lecture on the title "Forest a Promise to the Sustenance of Planet Earth" in the seminar on the theme "Forest, Environment and Ecosystem Conservation" held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 organized by Department of Environment, Department of Water management and Eco-Club, Govt. Degree College Anantnag.

- Delivered an expert lecture on the title "Biodiversity" in the seminar on the theme
- ➢ "Building a Shared Future for all Life" held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 organized by Department of Botany, Govt. Degree College Kokernag
- Actively participated in the two days Online Skill Development Program "DATA INTERPRETATION OF GCMS & LCMS" on 09 10 of April, 2022 organized by CytoGene Research & Development, Lucknow
- Participated in week long FDP "National Virtual Workshop on Human Values, Human Excellence and Higher Education" Organised by Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat in collaboration with Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, Kalaburgi From 25th- 29th April, 2022
- Actively participated in the one-day online workshop on "National Education Policy (NEP)-2020" on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 organized by UGC-HRDC University of Kashmir.

## New education policy 2020



- New education policy 2020 approved by the Union cabinet of India on 29 July 2020, outlines the vision of India's new education system.
- The new policy replaces the previous National policy on education, 1986
- This policy is a comprehensive framework for elementary education to higher education
- This policy aims to transform India's education system by 2030
- The NEP 2020 enacts numerous changes in India's education policy
- It aims to increase state expenditure on education from around 4-6% as soon as policy

