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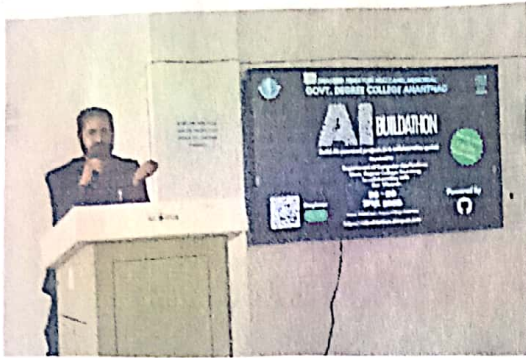
From Ideas to Innovation: AI Buildathon Successfully Wraps Up at GDC Anantnag

The Government Degree College Anantnag successfully organized a Two-Day Buildathon on Artificial Intelligence on 29th-30th April 2026. The event was conducted by the Department of Computer Applications in collaboration with Dev Wizards and sponsored by GitHub. The programme brought together undergraduate students from various higher education institutions across the Kashmir Valley, creating a vibrant platform for innovation, collaboration, and applied learning.

The Buildathon was inaugurated on the first day in a formal session presided over by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Mushtaq Ahmad Malik, who appreciated the efforts of the organizing team for initiating such a forward-looking academic activity. In his address, he emphasized the importance of integrating emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence into academic learning to prepare students for future challenges.

Prof. Ab Qayoom Sofi, Head of the Department of Computer Applications, highlighted the growing relevance of AI in shaping modern technological landscapes and stressed the need for skill-based and experiential learning. The inaugural session was graced by Dr. Assif Assad, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Islamic University of Science and Technology, who served as the Chief Guest. He underscored the transformative potential of AI and encouraged students to explore innovative ideas and utilize such platforms for enhancing their technical skills.

Following the inauguration, participants began their Buildathon journey, engaging in team formation, brainstorming, and project ideation. Over the course of two days, students actively worked on developing AI-based solutions aimed at addressing real-world challenges. The event was structured to promote hands-on experience, enabling participants to translate theoretical knowledge into practical applications. Special emphasis was laid on inclusivity, allowing even beginners with limited programming experience to participate using modern AI tools and platforms.



On the second day, the Buildathon culminated in project presentations evaluated by a panel of experts. The valedictory session was graced by Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat, Associate Professor at the Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Islamic University of Science and Technology, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of continuous upskilling and reskilling in emerging technological domains and encouraged participants to pursue collaborative research and innovation.

The Principal congratulated both the participants and the organizing committee for the successful execution of the event and reiterated the institution's commitment to fostering innovation and technical excellence. Prof. Ab Qayoom Sofi also appreciated the enthusiasm of the students and highlighted the importance of bridging the gap between theoretical concepts and practical implementation.

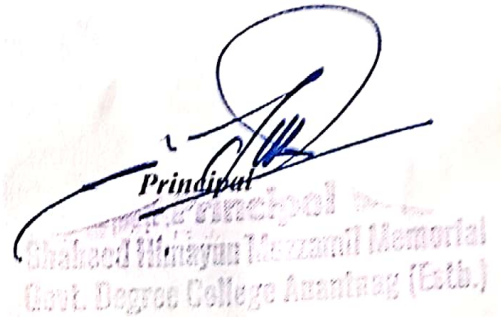
The event concluded with the announcement of the winners. The University of Kashmir secured the first position, followed by Government Degree College Anantnag in second place, and Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET), Safapora in third position. The winning teams were recognized for their creativity, technical execution, and impactful AI-driven solutions.

The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Tahir Hussain Bhat, who expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, dignitaries, organizers, participants, and sponsors for their valuable contributions.

The successful completion of the AI Buildathon marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts of Government Degree College Anantnag to promote innovation, strengthen technical competencies, and prepare students to excel in the rapidly evolving field of Artificial Intelligence. The event not only enhanced practical skills but also fostered a spirit of collaboration, creativity, and open-source contribution among students.



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