

Government Degree College Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir

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GDC Baramulla observes ‘Cyber Jagrukta Diwas’

The National Service Scheme (NSS), Government Degree College (GDC), Baramulla observed a *Cyber Jagrukta Diwas* as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) to mark 75 years of India’s independence (India@75). *Cyber Jagrukta Diwas* is observed to raise awareness about cybercrime and how to deal with it. The UGC has directed that *Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)* to observe *Cyber Jagrukta Diwas* on the first Wednesday of each month.

Dr. A. R. Malik, Head, Department of Botany of the college in his inaugural address welcomed the student participants



and faculty for coming over to the college despite winter vacations and inclement weather conditions. He shared his understanding with the audience about the current scenario of cyber-attacks across the globe. Dr. Malik stressed the need of creating more awareness among the youth about cybercrime and measures to deal with it. The seminar witnessed a satisfactory attendance of approximately 70 participants including students and staff.

Prof. Tanveer Ahmad Lone, Nodal Officer, Cyber Crime Cell of the college was the lead speaker on the occasion. He presented a detailed account of the cybercrime and cyber-attacks and delineated the different dimensions of cyber-attacks in a lucid and plan manner. He started

with a very interesting incident/story to contextualize the theme of the lecture. Prof. Lone reminded the participants that we are, knowingly or unknowingly, part of the larger world owing to frequent use of ICT gadgets and internet connectivity, and therefore, immune to cyber-attacks. He also discussed different categories of cybercrimes and their probable causes. The most prominent ones include *Phishing, Vishing, and Smishing, Ransomware, Malware, Data Breach, Distributed Denial of Service Attack, Man in the Middle Attack*, among others. Prof. Lone also deliberated upon some tested measures against the cyber-attacks/frauds and demonstrated the same to the audience using audio-visual equipment.

The lecture was followed by a lively question-answer session wherein the participants' queries/doubts were cleared to their utmost satisfaction.

The lecture was held on January 05 (Wednesday), 2022 in a chamber housing the IQAC of the college. Dr. Kaiser Ahmad Dar, Program Officer, NSS (Unit-II) introduced the theme of the seminar and maneuvered the proceedings of the session. Prof. A. M. Chalkoo, Secretary, Staff Council of the college proposed a vote of thanks to reason out the session.

The programme was a part of the celebrations of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)' to mark India's 75 years of independence (India@75). The purpose of organizing this programme was to create awareness for prevention of cyber-crimes/attacks.