

GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE BARAMULLA, JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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GDC Baramulla observes World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2022

March 24, 2022. The Red Ribbon Club (RRC) in collaboration with National Service Scheme (NSS), and National Cadet Corps (NCC) of Government Degree College, Baramulla hosted a special lecture on eve of observance of World Tuberculosis (TB) Day as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM). Prof. (Dr.) Abdul

Majeed Ganie, Head and Dean, Community Medicine, Government Medical College, Baramulla was the invited speaker on the occasion, heard and appreciated by approximately 100 participants, including NSS volunteers, NCC contingent,



students, and teaching faculty of the host-college.

Prof. (Dr.) Fahmeeda Hilal, Principal of the college, formally welcomed the guest speaker and participants of the session. While addressing the participants, she underscored the importance of conducting webinars and awareness programmes on TB in order to eliminate and eradicate it from the grassroots level to have a TB free society. She also shared an anecdote with participants about the untimely demise of her maternal uncles in 1950s who died due to TB at the ages of 24 and 29, respectively. "Contributing and extending help in whatever form to eliminate and eradicate the TB could be a real service to the humanity", said, Prof. Fahmeeda.

Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Majeed Ganie presented a detailed account of TB in the light of this year's theme, "*Invest to End TB. Save Lives*". Dr. Ganie asserted that TB is undoubtedly a deadly but preventable and curable disease. He stated that each day, over 4100 people die of TB and close to 28000 people fall in the trap of this disease. However, he was quick to add that the numbers could be higher than what is being projected due to the faulty registration system and allied factors. Prof. Ganie vehemently invoked the responsibility of all stakeholders and community as a unit in the fight against TB. He also alluded to a variety of national and international forums and

their mandate, targets, and challenges, in the face of TB. Prof. Ganie appreciated the target set by India to eradicate TB in the country by 2025 against the world target of 2030. Nevertheless, he underscored the need for all stakeholders that they must gear up and prepare at war footing basis in all respects for accomplishing the



target and end TB. Prof. Ganie, based on his accumulative expertise and experiences, suggested some prominent areas such as, awareness for stakeholders, development of basic infrastructure, capacity building programmes, detection,

diagnosis, and defeat, education, field-fighting, and research on genetic factors, among other things where investment should be made to end TB.

His lecture was followed by a threadbare discussion on the theme noted above and a lively question/answer session. All the queries raised by participants were answered to the highest level of satisfaction.

Earlier, Dr. Kaiser Ahmad Dar, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Program Officer, NSS (Unit-II) of the college provided a brief gist of World TB Day and its significance in the light of this year's theme. He introduced the guest speaker to the participants, announced the modalities of the session, and formally invited the speaker for the lecture/presentation.

The session culminated with vote of thanks offered by Prof. Arshad Ahmad Yattoo, Head, Department of Computer Applications and Program Officer, NSS (Unit-III) of the college.