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GDC Baramulla observes International Youth Day 2021

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit in collaboration with NCC contingent of Government Degree College, Baramulla organized a special session to commemorate International National Youth Day (INYD)–2021 in recognition of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav (India@75). INYD is observed on August 12 every year and people celebrate it with full fervour. This day is celebrated through various events, awareness campaigns and concerts to bring to notice the socio-economic and socio-political issues that the youth in every nation face. On this day, governments and citizens across the world come together to recognise and bring attention to the problems usually faced by the youth.



Each year, UN decides a theme that is relevant to all global communities and citizens. This year's theme was "Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health". In this regard, GDC Baramulla hosted a talk show on the aforementioned theme, delivered by Prof. A. M. Chalkoo, Associate Professor of Botany and Coordinator, IQAC of the college. A good number of students, including NSS volunteers, NCC

contingent, and few faculty members of the college attended the talk in person while following all COVID-19 appropriate behaviours. Others who graced the occasion and contributed significantly in organizing the session included, Dr. Syed Masarat Geelani, NSS Program Officer (Unit III) and Prof. Tanveer Ahmad Lone, ANO, NCC contingent of the college.

At the outset, Prof. (Dr.) Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, Principal, GDC, Baramulla welcomed the speaker and participants and gave an inaugural address wherein he enlightened participants about INYD and shed light on importance and spirit of observing the day at different platforms, across the globe. He alluded to certain verses of holy Koran to emphasise the role and responsibility of today's youth towards their own selves and their fellow human beings. He also touched upon social change and anticipated youth as ambassadors of social change. Prof. A. M. Chalkoo, speaker of the day, shared some thought-provoking ideas and experiences in the light of this year's theme. He rendered a detailed account of evolution, purpose, and spirit of commemorating the day and reminded the participants, who luckily happened to be youth, their role and responsibility as productive members of a society. He thoroughly and lucidly explained a host of things associated with youth, including socio-economic and socio-political issues that the youth in every nation face. He also stressed on the need for inclusive support mechanisms to ensure that youth individually and collectively show more inclination toward restoring the planet and protect life. Prof. Chalkoo also aspired that youth be more sensitive and responsive to the current and impending challenges, such as climate change, healthcare, social inclusion, and conservation of biodiversity.



Dr. Kaiser Ahmad Dar, NSS Program Officer (Unit-I) and faculty at Department of Psychology of the college conducted proceedings of the session and presented a brief gist and importance of observing the INYD. The event reasoned out with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Arshid Ahmad Yatoo, NSS Program Officer (Unit-I) and Head, Postgraduate Department of Computer Applications of the college.