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## Report Awareness Workshop on "Together for a Better Internet"

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GDC Kulgam, 11-02-2025:-The Department of Computer Applications organized one day workshop on Safer Internet day celebrated at Govt. Degree College Kulgam. Safer Internet Day is a global event held annually to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile devices. On February 11, 2025, Govt. Degree College Kulgam celebrated Safer Internet Day to raise awareness among students, faculty, and staff about the importance of Internet and responsible digital behaviour. This event aimed to foster a safer and more ethical digital space by engaging the college community in discussions and activities focused on internet security. The Theme for this year is "Together for a Better Internet."

The event began at 10:00 AM with a welcoming speech by Principal Prof Syed Eazaz Hussain Rizivi, who emphasized the significance of internet safety in today's digitally connected world. The event featured a series of engaging workshops, expert talks, interactive sessions, and hands-on activities to provide students with the knowledge and tools needed to stay safe online.

The main objectives of the Safer Internet Day celebration at College were:

- 1. To raise awareness about the potential risks and threats in the digital world, including cyber bullying, identity theft, and online scams.
- 2. To educate participants about the importance of protecting personal information and practicing responsible online behaviour.
- 3. To encourage students to create and promote a safer online community through shared knowledge and actions.

## **Activities and Sessions:**

- 1. Workshop on Cyber security Basics: The first session was an interactive workshop led by Prof Nisar Ahmad Malik, a cyber-security expert. Students learned how to identify online threats like phishing, malware, and social engineering. The workshop also covered best practices for creating strong passwords and safeguarding personal information.
- 2. **Interactive Demonstrations:** The Computer Application department conducted live demonstrations on how to secure social media accounts, spot phishing emails, and avoid common online scams. Students were shown practical steps to take in order to protect their digital identities.
- 3. **Poster Making and Awareness Campaign:** A creative poster competition was held, where students created awareness posters on themes such as "Think before You Click" and "Protect Your Privacy Online." The winning posters were displayed around campus to reinforce the message of online safety.
- 4. **Social Media Challenge:** To encourage participation and spread the message of online safety, students took part in a

- social media challenge using the hashtag #SaferInternetDay2025. Students shared their tips for staying safe online, helping to reach a wider audience beyond the campus.
- 5. Students, along with several faculty members, participated in the event. The workshops and sessions were well-received, with students actively engaging in discussions and asking questions. The social media challenge was particularly successful, with numerous posts highlighting the key themes of Safer Internet Day.

At the conclusion of the event, a **Vote of Thanks** was delivered by Prof Aadil Hamid, who expressed gratitude to all those who contributed students/Faculty to the event's success.









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