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### **Report of the Inter-College Seminar on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti**

As part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of the College organised South Kashmir Inter-College Seminar on the theme, 'Relevance of Gandhian Teachings in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. Eleven Degree Colleges, including the host College, of South Kashmir participated in the said competition. Each College was represented by one student speaker. The Seminar started at 11:30 am in the College Conference Hall and was moderated by Dr. Safeer Ahmad Bhat, NSS Programme Officer. Dr. Mohd. Younes Bhat, Sr. Assistant Professor (Political Science) from the host College formally welcomed the guests and brought home the importance of the theme. Principal of the College, Dr. Nazir Ahmad Simnani, who was the Chief Guest of the occasion, presented the keynote address and inaugurated the proceedings of the Seminar. In his introductory remarks he shed light on the rich legacy of Indian National Movement and the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi in it, whose ideals of Satyagrah and Ahimsa were important ideals for bringing peace to the Universe. He stressed on the need to imbibe Gandhian values among the younger generation. Dr. Shahzada Ashraf, Mr. Iftikar Ahmad Pall (Faculty members from the host College) and Ms. Ambreen Gull (Assistant Professor, Political Science at GDC Women, Anantnag) performed their duty as jury.

Student speakers from different Colleges spoke on the myriad aspects of Gandhian philosophy and ideology and their relevance to the contemporary world. It was held that while the world faced challenges at different levels- in the form of social evils, economic disparities and racism, adoption of Gandhian ideals could mitigate the evils to a large extent and make the world a better place to live in. Every speaker talked about the Gandhian ideals of communal and social harmony and stressed on the need to imbibe those values. At the conclusion of the Seminar a felicitation ceremony was held, presided by the Principal of the College, in which the participants were awarded with trophies and participation certificates. The best speaker award was given to Rakhshanda Iram (GDC Kulgam) whereas the second and third positions were given to Ishrat Jan (GDC Women, Pulwama) and Zainab Naushad (GDC Kulgam) respectively. The Seminar concluded with a vote of thanks, presented by Dr. Hashim Iqbal Malik, Assistant Professor, History.

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