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Report of the Seminar on Rampant Substance Abuse/ Illicit cultivation of BHUNG/ POPPY

In view of growing menace of drugs and to spread awareness among the students about ill effects of substance abuse, National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of the college organised a one-day Awareness cum interactive session/ Seminar on “Rampant Substance Abuse/ Illicit cultivation of BHUNG and POPPY” in collaboration with the Department of Excise and Taxation, South Kashmir Range on 27th December, 2022. The event started at 11:50 am and was conducted partly in Girls Park and partly in the College Conference Hall. The event saw the participation of around 60 NSS volunteers besides members from the faculty and officials from the department of Excise and Taxation. The event was moderated by NSS Programme officer, Dr Safer Ahmed Bhat, who introduced the theme and brought forth the rationale of the event. Honourable principal of the college Prof Dr Manzoor Ahmad Lone presented the Welcome Address and formally inaugurated the proceedings of the seminar. He held that “It is the duty of every conscious citizen to help in fighting the drug menace and Government Degree College Kulgam will leave no stone unturned to generate awareness.”

The Keynote speaker on the occasion, Mr Tariq Ahmad, Excise and Taxation inspector (ETI) deliberated on the broader aspects of the theme. The resource person spoke on the causes and consequences of substance abuse, de-addiction process, drug trafficking and about some provisions of the (NDPS) Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. It was accentuated that the Department of Excise and Taxation has been working proactively to curb this menace and has been successful in destructing the Illicit cultivation of BHUNG and POPPY (Papaver somniferum) in various parts of South Kashmir Range. The guest of honour, Mr. Hamid Ganie, ETO from the said department also deliberated upon the various facets of the drug abuse problem and emphasized the need to improve understanding of the issue for countering its impact on the overall physical and mental wellbeing of humans. He urged the students to stay away from drugs and inform the legal and the concerned authorities, if they found anyone involved in drug peddling in their locality. A question-answer session followed as well. A



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felicitation ceremony was also conducted where the senior faculty and the guests were felicitated. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by Dr M. Iqbal Rather.

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