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Govt Degree College Kulgam celebrated International Mother language Day today on 21 February 2023. The event was organized by Debates & Seminar / Cultural Committee and Department of Kashmiri moderated by Dr Nisar Ahmad Bhat. The introductory remarks were given by Principal, Prof (Dr) Manzoor Ahmad Lone stressing the importance of mother tongue as a medium to understand the scientific concepts in simplified way. He further welcomed the invited guests on the occasion with mementoes and bouquets. The keynote address was delivered by the chief guest Mr Showkat Hussain, ADDC Kulgam stressing the importance of mother tongue an essential indicator of our identity. He pointed out that the richness of the language is indicated through the words borrowed from other language in its original form without getting it translated to the target language suggesting that we can introduce Kashmiri expressions in other languages of science and literature. Dr Tanveer Hayat (Scholar), in his remarks said Language is the homeland of ideas. Without language, thought is homeless and homeless is always meaningless.

If meaning is to be created, one needs an identity for it. Kashmiri language is subconsciously powerful but consciously very poor.

Language is not only a means of communication but it also represents a diverse cultural and intellectual heritage. Some musical performances were also held during the event where there have been performances of students in Kashmiri and Pahari language. The event was concluded by Vote of thanks given by Dr Hashim Iqbal Malik.