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## **NSS Unit of GDC Kulgam Shines Bright: Empowering Ashura Procession with Support and Assistance at Shahoo and Shachan.**

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Kulgam, 29-07-2023: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Kulgam organized a community outreach program in support and facilitation of the Ashura Procession at two villages in District Kulgam, namely Shahoo and Shachan. The program witnessed active participation from NSS students, faculty members, and supporting staff, who provided essential assistance and amenities to ensure the smooth conduct of the procession.

The event, saw the collaboration of nearly 10 NSS students, faculty members, and supporting staff, including Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Wani, Prof. Gowhar Rashid Wani, Dr. Hashim Iqbal, Prof. Irshad Ahmad Lone, and NSS Officer Prof. Shahid Yousuf Gilkar. The volunteers reached the procession venue at 11:00 am, well-prepared to offer their services to the devotees.

One of the primary concerns during such religious processions is the provision of basic amenities to the participants. Understanding this, the NSS unit of GDC Kulgam took the initiative to offer much-needed support. Drinking water and Tang drinks were distributed to the attendees to ensure they stayed hydrated throughout the event. The volunteers also extended their help in maintaining cleanliness and providing proper assistance to those in need.

The community outreach program lasted until 5:00 pm, during which the NSS team displayed commendable dedication and organization, making the program a resounding success. Their efforts were appreciated by the locals, religious leaders, and participants, who expressed gratitude for the support provided by the NSS unit of GDC Kulgam.

Speaking about the initiative, Prof. Shahid Yousuf Gilkar, the NSS Officer, said, "Our aim was to be of service to the community and ensure the Ashura Procession proceeds smoothly. We are glad to have contributed our part and see the positive impact of our efforts on the participants."

Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Wani, one of the faculty members who participated in the event, added, "NSS always endeavors to engage in meaningful community service. This program allowed us to be there for our fellow citizens during a significant religious event, and we are pleased to have been able to assist them."

The NSS unit of GDC Kulgam is renowned for its active involvement in various social and community initiatives, striving to make a difference in people's lives through selfless service and support. Overall, the community outreach program organized by the NSS unit of GDC Kulgam showcased the true spirit of unity and compassion as they extended their assistance to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the Ashura Procession in the villages of Shahoo and Shachan.



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