

## Government Degree College Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir

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### GDC Baramulla Observes Human Rights Day 2021

The National Service Scheme (NSS) in collaboration with ICC/CASH and Department of Social Work, Government Degree College (GDC), Baramulla organized a special session to observe the Human Rights Day 2021. Human Rights Day is observed on 10<sup>th</sup> day of December every year, across the globe to create awareness about basic human rights. United nations

General Assembly (UNGA) adopted this day in 1948 through Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the rights, which everyone is entitled to, as a human



being, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Every year UNGA chooses/decides a theme and this year's theme is ***“EQUALITY – Reducing Inequalities, Advancing Human Rights.”*** In this regard, a special lecture titled, *‘History and Significance of Human Rights in Contemporary Times’* was held as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) to celebrate India's 75 years of independence. This year's theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and underscores the need to be more sensitive to the rights of people at every level during the recovery and rehabilitation process.

The invited speaker for the occasion was Advocate Neelofar Masood, Vice-president, Bar Association, Baramulla. Adv. Masood presented a detailed account of origin, evolution, and current understanding of human rights to the participants with special reference to challenges and opportunities set off by ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. She also talked about and

threadbare discussed the ways and means of standing up for human rights amid the challenges and crisis caused by COVID-19 pandemic. “In order to have a fair and just post-COVID world, human rights are to be prioritized at all levels of recovery and rehabilitation process”, said, Advocate Masood.

Earlier, Prof. (Dr.) Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, Principal, GDC, Baramulla welcomed the guest and attendees and presented an inaugural address wherein he enlightened participants about human rights and shed light on



importance of educating masses on basic human rights and the significance of observing the day at different platforms, across the globe. He stressed the need that we must be ambassadors and warriors to end discrimination and address inequalities of all sorts.

Dr. Kaiser Ahmad Dar, Program Officer NSS (Unit-II) introduced the theme and maneuvered the proceedings of the session. Prof. Aamira Wali, Head, Department of Social Work, introduced the guest speaker and Prof. Arshid Ahmad Yatoo, Program Officer NSS (Unit-I) proposed a vote of thanks on the occasion.