

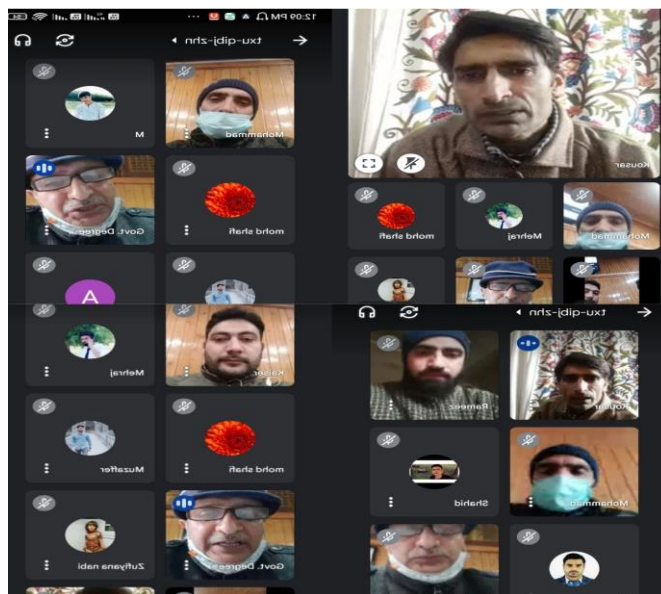
GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE BARAMULLA, JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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GDC Baramulla Observes National Voters Day 2022

January 25, 2022. In order to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process, Government Degree College (GDC), Baramulla observed the National Voters Day 2022. This day is observed on January 25 every year, across the country. Government of India established the day to mark Election Commission’s foundation day on January 25, 2011, and ever since, it is being celebrated in India. Voting gives power to a person to take control and choose the government. This year, India is celebrating the 12th National Voter’s Day.

In line with the established practice of the college, the National Service Scheme (NSS) units organized and hosted a webinar to mark the day. The theme of the webinar was *‘Participation in Electoral Process: Opportunities and Challenges’* and approximately, 100 participants including NSS



volunteers, students of the host and periphery colleges, and faculty, attended the webinar. Dr. Shahnawaz Qadri, Department of Political Science, Government Degree College, Ajas, Bandipora was the invited speaker who shed light on philosophical aspects of reforms of some of the area causes in the process of active participation in democracies. He emphasised the need to improve culture of active participation in democratic process and to improve rational thinking for the improvement of political system.

Earlier, Prof. (Dr.) Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, Principal of the college, welcomed the guest speaker and participants of the webinar. In his inaugural address, Prof. Lone highlighted the importance of participation in electoral process to increase the enrolment of voters, especially the eligible ones. He shared his understanding with the participants in the light of this year’s theme, that is, *‘Electoral Literacy for stronger Democracy.’* Prof. Lone remarked that “This (Voters) day should be observed with a resolution to raise awareness about the importance of participation in electoral process”. He stressed on the participants to spread the word with your immediate and extended contacts about active participation in electoral process.

Dr. Kaiser Ahmad Dar, Program Officer, NSS Unit–II conducted the proceedings of the webinar Dr. Syed Masarat Geelani, Program Officer, NSS Unit–III proposed a vote of thanks to the guest speaker and attendees of the webinar.