REPORT

TWO DAY FREE MEDICAL HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP CONCLUDES AT GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE BARAMULLA.

The two days free health checkup camp held at Government Degree College Baramulla in collaboration with Government Medical College Baramulla concluded on 30th of May after hundreds of students and staff members took medical consultations from a team of 20 eminent doctors deputed for the purpose by Government Medical College Baramulla. The main objective of this camp was to provide medical help to students who find it difficult to take medical consultations from experts due to various reasons including lack of time and resources.

Doctors from key specializations including General Medicine, Dermatology, Psychiatry, Obstetrics and Gynecology rendered their services at the 2 day camp, which was inaugurated by Principal GDC Baramulla Prof. Dr. Muhammad Farooq Rather in the Physical Education Block of the college on 29th of May, 2023.

Prof. Rather during his inaugural address highlighted the importance of physical and mental fitness and the significance of holding such events in promoting social, mental and physical health. The closing ceremony was held in the New Conference Hall of the college in presence of dignitaries including Mr. Sheikh Abid Manzoor

(KAS), Dr. Amjad Ali Shah, Dr. Gousia Nazir among others. Principal Prof. Dr. Muhammad Faroog Rather in his presidential address deliberated on the changing paradigms of health and wellness that are fundamental to a successful life. He also expressed his gratitude towards the visiting doctors whose relentless service made the camp a success. Speaking on the occasion Vice-principal of the college Prof. Tariq Ahmad Chalkoo said that the medical and health sector has undergone a sea of change in the recent years which has lead to an increased awareness regarding physical and mental health among the masses. Dr. Amjad Ali Shah who happens to be an alumnus of the institution called for bridging the gap between academia and medical fraternity for achieving common good of the society. Mr. Sheikh Abid Manzoor (KAS) who was the guest of honour and represented GMC Baramulla reiterated their support in conducting such events in the future for the benefit of students. Mr. Abid who is also an alumnus of the college got nostalgic while talking about his student days in the institution and impressed upon the students to work harder in order to achieve their goals. Towards the end mementos and certificates were presented to the doctors who rendered their services during the two day long camp. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Shaista Qayyum. Pertinent to mention that the camp was organized jointly by the Student Support Services and Committee Against Sexual Harassment Government Degree College Baramulla (Autonomous).





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2 day free medical health check up camp concludes at GDC Baramulla

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Noor-Ud-Wali popularly known as Nund Resh at Charace-Sharief in Budgam district on Sunday for prayers to seek rainfall to end the drought season in

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The Principal, Govt. Medical Colleges, Baramulla

No. GCB/SSC/2023/ 2470

Dated: 17-05-2023

Sub.:- Conduct of Two Days Medical/Health Check-up Camp - thereof.

Sir,

This institution is a co-educational institution and caters to the education of youth of a vast catchment area. There are certain health concerns of these youth which can be addressed while they attend this institution and some of these concerns pertain to preventive and social medicine/Psychological counselling/Women related health issues etc. In this context the Student Support Services Committee in collaboration with the Committee Against Sexual Harassment college is going to organize two days Medical/Health Check-up Camp in the college campus on 29th and 30th of May, 2023 for the benefit of students and staff. It is as such requested that a team of doctors may kindly be deputed to this college from the areas of General Physician, Dermatologist, Cardiologist, Psychiatrist, Gynaecologist, ENT, Orthopaedic & Neurologist on the schedule dates.

Principal

Govt. Degree College Baramulla

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Govt. Degree College Baramulla

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting: Sexual Harassment Committee.

Date: 12 May 2023

Time: 11:30am

Venue: Department of Industrial Fish and Fisheries, GDC Baramulla

Attendees:

Dr. Romisa Gull - Convener

Dr. Nuzhat Jabeen Nuzhat

Prof. Tahseen Jan.

Prof. Tabish Majid wani.

Dr. Insha Mukhtar.

Dr. Kousar Jabeen

Dr. Muskan Ameen.

Agenda:

To create awareness about the committee and legal laws, and to discuss the future tentative calendar of events.

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson Prof Romisa Gull HOD IFF. The attendees introduced themselves, and the agenda for the meeting was discussed.

The committee discussed the importance of creating awareness about the committee and legal laws related to sexual harassment. It was suggested that the committee should organize

orkshops and seminars for students and employees to educate them about their rights and

The committee discussed the tentative calendar of events for the year. The events that were discussed included:

- A workshop on sexual harassment laws and policies. An extension lecture will be delivered by Advocate Sibtain Geelani.
- 2. A panel discussion on creating a safe workplace environment for all students and employees.
- Visit to slum areas and various schools for organising awareness programmes.

The committee also discussed the importance of having a process in place to handle complaints related to sexual harassment. The committee agreed to create a process that is fair, transparent, and confidential.

Action Items:

The committee will start working on creating materials to be distributed to all employees to create awareness about the committee and legal laws related to sexual harassment.

The committee will work on finalizing the calendar of events for the year.

The committee will create a process for handling complaints related to sexual harassment.

Vote of thanks: The meeting ended with vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Tabish Majeed

Dr. Romisa Gul

Sexual Harassment Committee







GDC Baramulla organises "Folwen Toer Gashrawin" Awareness Prog Against Child Sexual Abuse

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Folwen Toer Gashrawin Awareness Against Child Sexual Abuse organised by Government Degree College Baramulla

One Day Awareness Camp Against Child Sexual Abuse was conducted by Committee Against Sexual Harrasment in collaboration with Student Support Services Government Degree College Baramulla in Government Boys Middle School Chraligund Rafiabad on Saturday 17th of June, 2023. The main objective of the program was to create awareness among children between 5 years to 13 years of age against various forms of abuse that this age group is vulnerable to, through various audio-visual aids and hands on counselling sessions. The team of resource persons deputed for the purpose included Dr. Romisa Gull (organising secretary and convenor CASH) Dr. S.W. NawBahaar (organising secretary and convenor Student Support Services), Prof. Tehseena Jan, Prof. Tabish Majeed, Prof. Shaista Qayyum and Prof. Baljeet Singh along with students from the Department of Media Studies Government Degree College Baramulla. The experts discussed the role of teachers in preventing various forms of child abuse including physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and child neglect. Through a hands on session the participating students were taught how to respond and raise an alarm in case of any potential danger. The experts called for a wider participation of parents and all sections of society in events and activities organised for spreading awareness against child abuse including child trafficking. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Romisa Gull highlighted the need for conducting awareness programs regularly across educational institutions keeping in view the recent spike in child abuse cases across the UT. Pertinent to mention that the event was conducted as a part of Folwen Toer Gashrawin initiative by GDC Baramulla that aims at creating awareness against child abuse through a series of events and activities across various government schools.



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The Headmaster, Govt. Middle School, Chraligund Rafiabad

No. GCB/SHC/23/2717

Dated: 13-06-2023

Sub.:- Conduct of one day awareness programme on Child Sexual Abuse at your school.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above. In this connection the college Committee against Sexual Harassment (CASH) in collaboration with Student Support Services Committee are going to organize one day awareness programe on Child Sexual Abuse under the title

on 17th of June, 2023 at your school. In this connection it is requested that the faculty members may kindly be facilitated to make this event fruitful on the scheduled date and time.

Yours faithfully,

Principal,

Govt. Degree College Baramulla

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WHITE PAPER ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY KASHMIR WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

INTRODUCTION

It is unfortunate that the tape of an eight-year-old child has brought us to a point where we all realize the need for legislation that specifically addresses issues of child sexual abuse (CSA). Child sexual abuse is one of the least spoken of problems in a conservative place like Jammu and Kashmir. While the State is now considering a capital punishment for offenders, it is imperative that the more significant issue of CSA be addressed immediately, also, comprehensive legislation, rules and policy on the subject matter be put in place. According to a study conducted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2007. I in every two children is subjected to sexual abuse in one or more forms, before they reach the age of 18. Since 2015, there has been an 82% rise in the rapes of the girl child in India.

Despite the alarming rate at which child sexual abuse is increasing, there are no reliable statistics available on CSA in Jammu and Kashmir. Although there is enough evidence that CSA happens in our homes, schools and religious institutions, most people deny the occurrence of CSA in J&K. Despite the fact that Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) was enacted in 2012 as a Central Act, it does not apply to the State of J&K. Consequently, J&K is left without any effective socio-psycho-legal response to CSA cases.

INSTANCES OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE STATE IN THE ABSENCE OF HAN ENACTMENT

Ajaz Sheikh, a serial child-rapist, based in Sopore, North Kashmir, is under trial in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sopore. Ajaz, a self-declared faith-healer lured hundreds of taive 'murids' (followers) into leaving young boys from their families to stay overnight with tim. What followed was the worst kind of abuse- physical, mental and sexual according to victim accounts, more than 3000 boys were raped, beaten, forced to perform oral sex and rape each other.

But the trial has been slow to take off and has been further complicated by the fact that he has been booked under Section 327, unnatural sex and not under Section 375

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(possibly because of 275 deals only with the rape of women and not men), that deals specifically with rape. It points out the glaring lack of training and awareness amongs the prosecuting authorities about the current approaches to sexual violence against children CASE 2

The case is disturbingly similar to that of another self-styled faith healer, Gulzar Peer from Budgam district of Kashmir. He systematically created a network of followers who sent their female wards to his religious school. Two of his female associates forced these girls to his room where they were raped, beaten and mentally scarred. Even when victims came to testify against him in court, he was let off by the court for lack of evidence. Victims say he has raped hundreds of girls, including minors.

EXISTING LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Up until now the sexual offences against children in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, although very rarely reported, have been classified under 375 of the Ranbir Penal Code which has a generic definition of rape and applies to all women victims irrespective of their age. It poses some challenge prima facie because firstly the definition of 'rape' is not an exhaustive one and secondly since the Section does not categories victims into minors and adults, all sexual offences against all women are treated at par. Further, there is no specific section to deal with rape or other sexual abuse of male minors - abuse against whom is rampant within the State. Since only penetrative sex is classified as rape under the existing law, offences against male victims are usually charged under Section 377, which in our opinion is an incorrect provision to proceed within the first place.

Integrated Child Protection Scheme was implemented in 2009, but the framework is still in its infancy. Additionally, there are no functional commissions that would deal with child offences, no designated medical professionals who would deal with children who are subject to sexual assaults and most importantly there is no time frame prescribed within which such cases should be dispensed off.

Therefore, it is only logical that like other states in India, the state of J&K should also have special legislation in place to deal with sexual offences against women. In this regard, the government of J&K has passed the J&K Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Ordinance, 2018, which is awaiting Governor's assent by Article 91 of the Constitution of J&K.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We understand that the existing POCSO serves as a bare bone structure based on which the state Ordinance has been drafted. However, this should not be a blind adaptation of the current Act. In this regard, please note the following recommendations:

- The enactment must undergo at least two rounds of review by experts in this field-including judges of the HC, eminent lawyers, organizations that work for women and child development.
- There must be a timeline within which the final legislation must be passed, the current social and political environment in the State will serve as an impetus, and this can be a lasting contribution of the government to the State.
- 3. The POSCO has been criticized for not having provisions dealing with 'hostile victims'. It is a perennial issue and can be addressed by ensuring that investigation is speedy and conducted in a time bound manner. Offenders of sexual violence should not be granted bail till the inquiry, and cross-examination is not complete. It can help ensure that victim is not intimidated, and the witness are not influenced;
- 4. A large proportion of births in the state are just not registered, and therefore substantial sections of the population do not have documents like birth certificates or school leaving certificates to provide proof of age. Consequently, sometimes determining the age of victims of CSA is difficult. A hyper-technical approach should not be adopted by the State in determining the victim's age; as it was ruled by the Supreme Court in the case of BablooPasi vs the State of Jharkhand and Anv The Court should lean towards giving the benefit of the doubt to the juvenile while ensuring that the law is not being misused.
- 5. The existing definition of 'sexual assault', 'sexual harassment' should not be diluted in any manner. The state may consider the redefining of the terms by following the standard definition adopted by The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (UK), to ensure that all possible forms of abuse are covered -
 - Contact abuse which involves touching activities where an abuser makes
 physical contact with a child, including penetration. It includes.
 - sexual touching of any part of the body whether the child's wearing clothes or not

- rape or penetration by putting an object or body part inside a child's mouth, vagina or anus
- forcing or encouraging a child to take part in sexual activity
- making a child take their clothes off, touch someone else's genitals or masturbate
- Non-contact abuse involves non-touching activities, such as grooming. exploitation, persuading children to perform sexual acts over the internet and flashing. It includes:
- encouraging a child to watch or hear sexual acts
- not taking proper measures to prevent a child being exposed to sexual activities by
- meeting a child following sexual grooming with the intent of abusing them
- online abuse including making, viewing or distributing child abuse images
- allowing someone else to make, view or distribute child abuse images
- showing pornography to a child
- sexually exploiting a child for money, power or status (child exploitation)
- 6. Amicus curiae should be appointed by the court, and these should be selected based on their expertise in dealing with minors and sexual offences concerning children. The state should insist upon the training of these lawyers to sensitive them and ensure they create a conducive environment for the minor
- 7. The State Act should have mandatory provisions on sex education in schools at primary level - both for private and government schools;
- 8. Providing financial aid and compensation to victims should form an integral part of the enactment or alternately it can be brought in as an amendment to the already existing Victim Compensation Scheme (2013) which also deals with compensation to victims of sexual crimes.
- 9. Medical treatment of victims should be streamlined maintaining the privacy of the minor and also ensure complete, unbiased attention to the same. Further, if the victim refuses to provide consent for medical examination, consent of the parent should be taken (in case the victim is less than 12 years of age), or consent from both parent and victim should be sought (for victims between 12 - 18 years of age). Hospital staff, police personnel and other professionals dealing with victims of child abuse should be provided specialized training to enable them to interact with victums sensitively Additionally, the State can also consider the appointment of support workers in social

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over decades in North Kashmir in the garb of being a peer, a faith healer. Similarly, Gulzar Peer of Budgam raped girls at his home in the name of healing them. Asifa is just one of the rape victims whose case got highlighted and reported - many girls go through a lifetime of rape, and harassment and it goes unnoticed. And still, perpetrators are free because society is silent, laws are weak, and there's no deeper and progressive understanding of gender-based issues in a small, conflict-ridden, insecure society of Kashmir which is struggling for three decades now due to political conflict. Enacting of laws is only a little initiation, ensuring their implementation by the State is the actual challenge and any regime that holds itself accountable to the public at large will be the real champion of causes including sexual abuse of children.

Further, not only strong legislation and their stronger implementation is required, but what remains a challenge is to engage experts in the field in devising a preventive and educative model to present CSA. It can be done by the introduction of primary sexual education in schools, workshops on gender sensitization and sexual abuse and training workshops of police such that acts like POCSO are implemented in spirit. Attention is also needed on the strengthening of Domestic Violence Act by way of shelter homes and actual passage of Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act of 2013 as exists in India, instead of confining it to a few sections in RPC. Safety of women, children and other state of J&K to prove it for the existing government.

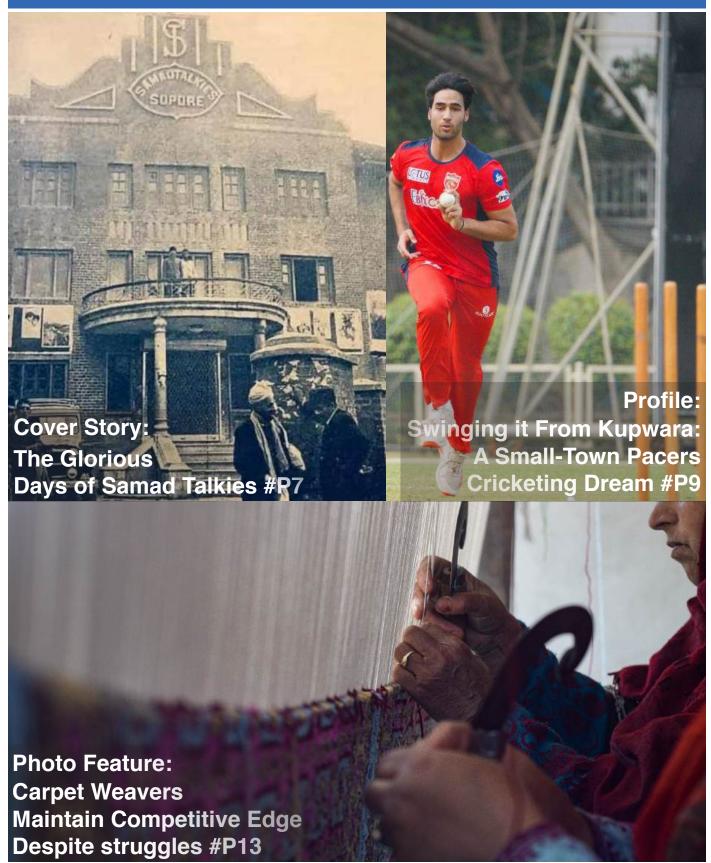


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Street Play on Eve Teasing Attracts Crowd on Campus

Department to organise more plays in future: Rounag Zahoor

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Campus: The students of Department of Media Studies Skill and Research Centre organised a street play to raise awareness about eve teasing and the harassment of women among the college students.

The play, which attracted large crowd of students, was held at three different locations-Media Lawn, Sir Syed Park and Canteen Lawn—of the campus. The play was written and directed by Mureen Shahmiri, a second semester student of the department.

"It was my first experience to perform and direct a street play in the college. I am thankful to my mentor, Sajid Reshi, a theatre artist, who introduced me to the world of theatre. I believe it is important to talk about issues like eve teasing and harassment among the students of the college," Shahmiri said.

The college principal, Professor Mohammad Farooq Rather, appreciated the students for organising the street play. He said that the events like these are a good opportunity for college students to showcase their talent and raise awareness about sensitive issues prevalent in Kashmir.

"I am proud of my students and the hard work that they have put into this play. It was an opportunity for them to showcase their creativity and talent. We are thrilled with the response we have received from the audience,"

ganise these events in future as well.

The Head of the Department, Dr.



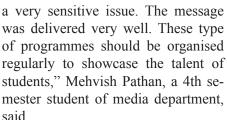
Students of GDC Baramulla watching street play.

Kashmir," he said.

Danish Nabi, said that the motive of the play was to train the students and highlight the social issues. "The aim of organising the street play was to train the students of our department to highlight social issues prevalent in

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The play was enacted under the supervision of Rounag Zahoor, faculty member of the media department. She said that they got a good response from audience. "We would love to perform more plays in future,"



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The artists were appreciated by the faculty members for performing in front of the crowd. "The open theatre show was the first experiment to showcase the talent of our students. It was really good to see the performers with vibrant energy delivering their message. The play attracted audiences in good numbers, who enjoyed the performance of young artists," Akhter Neyaz, faculty, media department,

The student artist said the play exposed them to the world of theatre. "We worked together to create something truly special. It taught me the importance of teamwork and collaboration," Jaffar Bin Bashir, a student of media department, who acted in the play, said.

The students of the college said that such events should be organised in college. "It was a great way to bring the college community together and celebrate the talent and creativity of our students. I hope that we can continue to organize events like this in the future," Mohammad Junaid, a student of the college, said.



Professor Rather said.

He said the college would provide every possible support to orshe said.

The initiative was appreciated by the students of the college, who said

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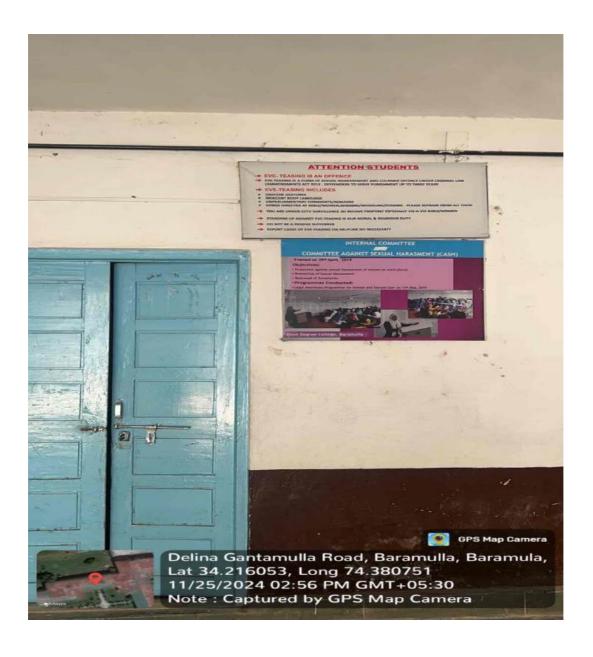












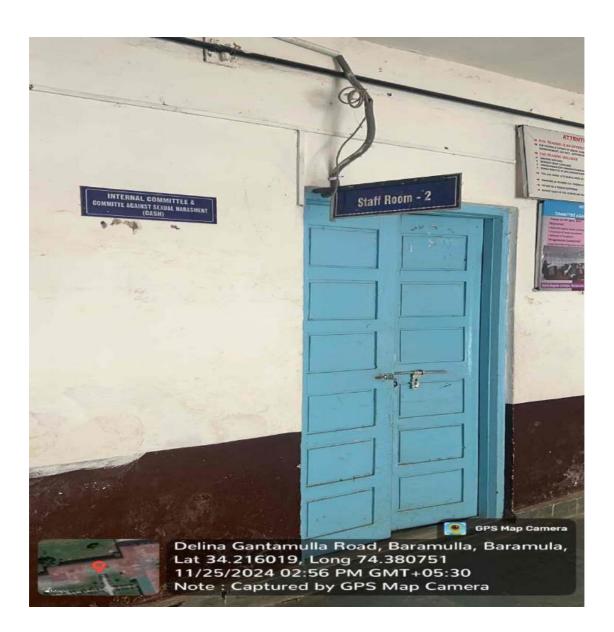




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