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## **Report on, 'One-Day Awareness & Hands-on Training Programme'**

..... Under the banner 'Youth Initiative' and Red Ribbon

**Programme Type:** Youth Initiative' and Red Ribbon

**Theme:** Know Your Leopards: Wildlife conservation through Youth Education

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2025

**Organisers:** Deptt. of Zoology, NSS, EVS and Eco Club

**No of Participants:** 60 students

**Faculty:** 10

### **REPORT**

A one-day Wildlife Awareness and Hands-on Training Program was jointly organized by the Department of Zoology, NSS, EVS, and Eco Club under the 'Youth Initiative' and Red Ribbon banner on February 25, 2025. This program was sponsored by the Wildlife Research Conservation Foundation (WRCF). The aim of the program was to raise awareness among students about the current status of wildlife fauna, their conservation status, identification methods, and future conservation measures. Additionally, this program was part of the 'Youth Initiative' to equip students with essential skills, preparing the youth for future challenges.

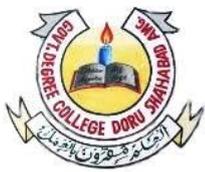
#### **Key Highlights of the programme were:-**

- Awareness talks on conservation of snow leopard
- Importance of wild life for the human welfare
- Animal -Human conflict
- Hands on training, 'How to deal with wild animals'

The program consisted of three sessions: a lecture session, an outdoor photo exhibition session, and a hands-on training session in the park. All sessions were coordinated and hosted by Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar (Head of Zoology). The co-coordinators for the sessions were Dr. Malik Yasir Ahmad, Dr. Masarat Nizam, and Dr. Salim Aejaz. The invited resource persons included Dr. Mehreen, the founder of WRCF, Dr. Tahir Gazanfar, co-founder of WRCF, and Dr. Shahid Gazi, Ph.D. from NCF.

#### **Session 1<sup>st</sup>**

The first session commenced with the inaugural session in the conference hall at 11:30 AM. The welcome address was given by Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar. In his presidential address, worthy principal, GDC Dooru, Peer Irfan Ahmad highlighted the importance of different



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initiative started by the college under 'Youth Programme'. He impressed upon the students to take active part in various activities initiated by the college in order to get maximum benefit of teaching-learning and outreach programmes. After the presidential address, Dr. Mehreen ((founder WRCF) gave detailed presentation on, "Introduction to Conservation works WRCF and NCF". In her presentation, Dr. Mehreen highlighted different initiative taken by WRFC for the conservation wild fauna in J&K. In the next presentation, Dr. Tahir Gazanfar (co-founder WRCF) delivered an interactive lecture on 'Wildlife of J&K' and also discussed about the equipment used in Wildlife Conservation. A detailed presentation on wildlife fauna of Kashmir was followed by Q&A session, in which students and faculty participated actively. At the end of this session all registered students were felicitated with certificate of appreciation. The resource persons were also felicitated with mementos and certificated by worthy Principal. MoU was also singed on this occasion between GDC Dooru and WRCF to collaborate and cooperated in the area of wildlife in future for mutual benefit. The pogramme culminated with the final remarks and vote of thanks by Dr. Malik Yasir, Head Deptt. of Economics. The first session began with the inaugural address in the conference hall at 11:30 AM. Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar delivered the welcome address. In his presidential address, Peer Irfan Ahmad, the principal of GDC Dooru, emphasized the importance of various initiatives started by the college under the 'Youth Programme.' He encouraged students to actively participate in the activities initiated by the college to maximize the benefits of teaching, learning, and outreach programs.

Following the presidential address, Dr. Mehreen, the founder of WRCF, gave a detailed presentation titled "Introduction to Conservation Works: WRCF and NCF." In her presentation, Dr. Mehreen highlighted different initiatives taken by WRCF for the conservation of wild fauna in Jammu and Kashmir.

Next, Dr. Tahir Gazanfar, co-founder of WRCF, delivered an interactive lecture on the 'Wildlife of J&K' and discussed the equipment used in wildlife conservation. This was followed by a detailed presentation on the wildlife fauna of Kashmir, which included a Q&A session where students and faculty participated actively.

At the conclusion of the session, all registered students were awarded certificates of appreciation. The resource persons were also honored with mementos and certificates presented by the worthy Principal. Additionally, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was



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signed on this occasion between GDC Dooru and WRCF to collaborate in the area of wildlife conservation for mutual benefit. The program ended with final remarks and a vote of thanks from Dr. Malik Yasir, Head of the Department of Economics.

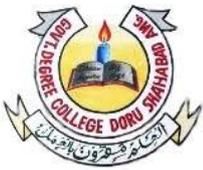
## Session 2<sup>nd</sup>

The second session, titled the 'Wildlife Photo Exhibition,' commenced in the college corridor after the completion of 1st session. Experts from WRCF demonstrated all the installed photo galleries to the students and faculty and discussed key aspects of these wildlife images. This session also included a Q&A session in which students and faculty participated actively.

## Session 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dr. Gazanfar and Dr. Shahid presented the third session in the Girls Park/Botanical Park to demonstrate the use of different equipment in wildlife research. Students were engaged in the hands-on training to upskill the students in the field of wildlife. Experts also demonstrated the use of binoculars for wildlife watching. The students were given training on different equipment in three groups to make the demonstration easy and understandable. The experts also demonstrated special skills to students. Dr. Gazanfar demonstrated the pugmark technique to the students to identify wild animals. Dr. Shahid showed the students the proper use of different instruments used in the field study. Finally, Dr. Mehreen Khaleel showed 'Nature Based Games' to the students, which was highly acknowledged and appreciated by the students.

  
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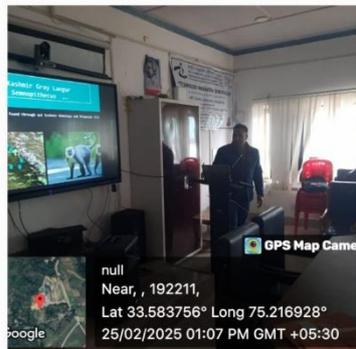
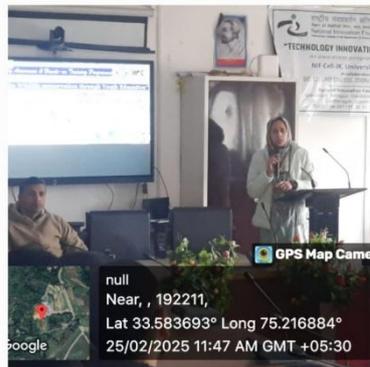
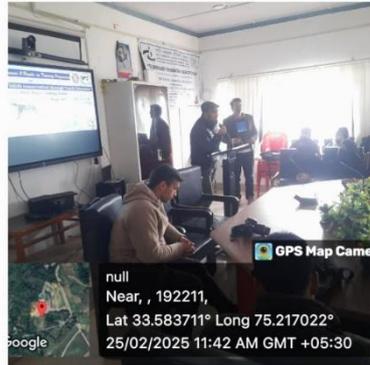
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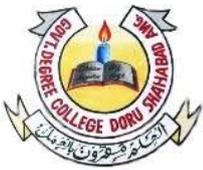
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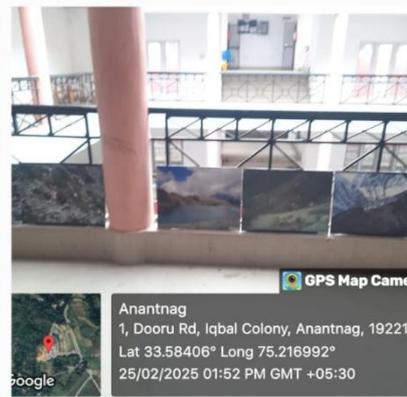
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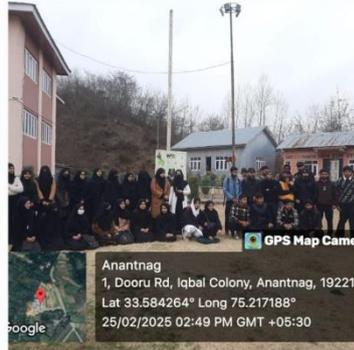
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