

## **GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE BARAMULLA, JAMMU & KASHMIR**

NAAC Accredited Grade "A" and College with Potential for Excellence (CPE)

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#### **GDC Baramulla observes Yuva Diwas (National Youth Day) 2022**

**January 12, 2022.** The National Service Scheme (NSS), Government Degree College, Baramulla conducted an Essay Competition on the theme '**Swami Vivekananda as a Social Reformer**' to observe and honour the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Swami Vivekananda was a spiritual leader, philosopher, and social reformist of the 19th century. He was born in present-day Kolkata into an aristocratic Bengali family on January 12, 1863. This year marks his 159th birth anniversary. He was a prolific thinker, a great orator and a passionate patriot. The event was commemorated as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (India@75)' and India's 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence.

The previously mentioned competition witnessed a whopping response from participants, including NSS volunteers and NCC contingent of the college and students from periphery colleges. The said competition was conducted in a virtual mode due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; however, roughly 50 participants took part in the competition.

A Google form was created and shared with students for uploading their write-ups on the above captioned theme, which were subsequently scrutinized and evaluated by a three-member panel of experts based on relevance, originality, and richness of content. Based on the evaluation of answer scripts, Miss Aneesa Mirchal (BBA 4<sup>th</sup> semester), Mr. Waseem Ahmad Bhat (BCA 4<sup>th</sup> semester), and Miss Ramandeep Kour (BA 6<sup>th</sup> semester), GDC Baramulla bagged first, second and third positions, respectively. These three top performers were felicitated with a cash prize besides participation certificates. Others who participated in competition were also honored with certificates of participation.

Earlier, Prof. (Dr.) Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, Principal of the college, in his message, appreciated the participants for their participation, enthusiasm and performance in the competition and remarked, "Every experience is educative and students must be the part of every academic, professional, and research enterprise for facing the challenges of changing spirit of the times in a mature and professional manner."