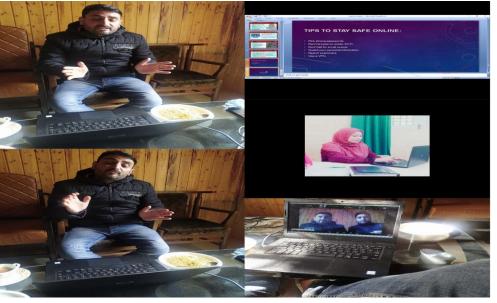**GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE BARAMULLA, JAMMU AND KASHMIR**
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GDC Baramulla observes 'Safer Internet Day' 2022 as a part of Cyber Jagrukta

February 08, 2022. In an attempt to promote safer and better online experience, National Service Scheme (NSS), Government Degree College (GDC), Baramulla observed Internet Day (SID) 2022 as a part of Cyber Jagrukta. It is observed every year on the second Tuesday of February with an aim to create a better online world. SID was celebrated for the first time in 2005. This year, its theme is

'Together for a better internet'. The initiative calls upon all stakeholders to join to make the internet a safer and better place for all. In this backdrop, GDC Baramulla organized a webinar on "Safer Internet: Measures Thereof", which witnessed the attendance of approximately, 100 participants including NSS volunteers, students and faculty of the host and other colleges. Dr. Naseer Ahmad Lone, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications of the college was the lead speaker who shared his understanding with the participants on different dimensions of internet use and suggested a host of safety measures for healthy and secure online experience. He also tabled a chain of events in regard to the emergence of SID, which eventually led to an initiative of the European Union's (EU's) Safe Borders project in 2004, which was taken up by the Insafe network as one of its earliest actions in 2005. Dr. Lone presented a detailed account of the chronology of events in context of internet use, which could be potentially detrimental and land users in different forms of trouble. He alluded to the recent statistics and different scholarly inputs to demonstrate the ever-increasing trend of cybercrime cases in India and other parts of the globe. Dr. Lone, specifically, stressed on the need that parents have to be mindful and accountable to

their children's internet use besides finding ways to minimise the potential harm in the face of unsafe online experience. He suggested and deliberated on certain safety measures for young people and the parents to use with their children for secure and healthier internet use.

The lecture was followed by a lively question/answer session, where in faculty as well as students posed a volley of questions vis-à-vis safe and healthy online experience. All the queries raised by participants were answered to the highest level of satisfaction.

Earlier Dr. Kaiser Ahmad Dar, Programme Officer, NSS (Unit-II) welcomed the participants of the webinar and presented a concept note to highlight the significance of observing the SID and creating awareness among young people and children about secure, better, and joyful online experience. He also introduced the speaker and maneuvered the proceedings of the webinar. Dr. Syed Masarat Geelani, Programme Officer, NSS (Unit-III) proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and attendees of the webinar and drew this informative and meaningful session to a close.