

## GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE BARAMULLA, JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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

### Azadi Ka Amrit Mahatsov (India@75)

#### GDC Baramulla hosts talk show on 'India since Independence: A Model of Development

The National Service Scheme (NSS) in collaboration with NCC contingent, Government Degree College (GDC), Baramulla hosted a talk show titled 'India since Independence: A Model of Development', second in the series of weeklong activities/events, under the banner, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (India@75) and Independence Day\_2021. Prof. Riyaz Ahmad Wani, Head, Department of Political Science, GDC, Baramulla was the speaker on the occasion, heard and appreciated by roughly 70 participants, including NSS volunteers, NCC contingent, teaching and non-teaching faculty of the host-college.



Prof. (Dr.) Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, Principal of the college, formally opened up the event and welcomed the guest speaker and participants of the programme. While addressing the participants, he underscored the importance of conducting seminars, webinars, talk shows, cultural activities, and other relevant events to celebrate India's 75<sup>th</sup> year of independence (India@75). He highlighted certain historical and political events of supreme significance in India's struggle for independence from colonial powers. While highlighting India's exemplary achievements post-independence, he alluded to and drew parallels between India and other South Asian countries.



Prof. Riyaz Ahmad wani began his speech by reminding the struggle, blood and sacrifices that our freedom fighters rendered to give us this independence of life. He very succinctly explained the enormous achievements made by India in various fields during the last 75 years. A comparative analysis of different South-Asian countries was presented in his argument to highlight India's success

story that was really inspiring and motivational. To further their enthusiasm towards nation, the speaker stated

different reasons beneath this upward trajectory that has uplifted millions out of poverty and miseries. He stressed the role of Indian Constitution in this regard as unparalleled with its novel principles and ideals of democracy, socialism and secularism. "Directive Principles of Indian Constitution, enshrined in Part-III have consistently guided the agents of the state toward establishing a more egalitarian and progressive society", said,



Prof. Wani. The speaker ended his speech by reminding the audiences that the phenomena of good governance is the result of reciprocity between the state institutions and public. "Wholehearted support and constructive criticism should be the approach of every citizen in judging the performance of the state so that it will be able to serve its people in a better and productive way", remarked, Prof. Wani.

His lecture was followed by a threadbare discussion on the issue noted above and a lively question/answer session, wherein the participants posed a volley of questions. All the queries raised by participants were answered to the highest level of satisfaction.

Earlier, Dr. Kaiser Ahmad Dar, Assistant Professor of Psychology and NSS, Program Officer (Unit-II) of the college provided a brief gist of the talk show and contextualized the theme selected thereof.



He hosted the session, introduced the speaker to the participants, announced the modalities of the session, and formally invited the speaker for the talk/presentation.

The session culminated with vote of thanks offered by Dr. Syed Masarat Geelani, Head, Department of Urdu and NSS Program Officer (Unit-III) of the college. She thanked the speaker for agreeing to deliver the lecture on a short notice. She also expressed her sincere thanks to worthy Principal for his unclenched support in organising this session.