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## Report on Chinar Day, 2025



### GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE HANDWARA

GDC Handwara, in Collaboration with Department of Social Forestry Division Kupwara  
&

Forestry Division Langate Handwara

organising

Plantation Drive (Chinar Day)

on

15<sup>th</sup> March, 2025



Organised in collaboration by

Department of Forestry Kupwara

Department of Social Forestry, Handwara

NSS Units, Department of Botany and EVS of GDC Handwara

On 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, Government Degree College Handwara observed **Chinar Day** with great enthusiasm. The event was a collaborative effort of the Departments of Botany and Environmental Science and NSS Units of GDC Handwara, in collaboration with the Department of Forestry Division Kupwara and Department of Forestry Division Langate. This initiative aimed to promote environmental consciousness and highlight the importance of preserving the **Chinar tree (*Platanus orientalis*)**, which holds immense ecological and cultural significance in Jammu and Kashmir.

The event commenced with the ceremonial plantation of Chinar saplings within the college premises, led by the Department of Forestry division Kupwara and Langate. Their contribution played a pivotal role in reinforcing the commitment to afforestation and sustainable environmental practices.

Distinguished guests and faculty members, including the Worthy Principal of GDC Handwara Prof. GR Ganai, Divisional Forest Officer (Forest Department Kupwara), Dr. Nissar Ahmad (Hod Botany), Dr. Shahida Shabnum (NSS Officer Girls), Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad (Botany), and Dr. Gh Nabi Najar (HoD Botany) graced the occasion. The event also witnessed active participation from non-teaching staff, NSS volunteers all united in their commitment to environmental conservation.

NSS volunteers played an active role in the plantation drive, pledging to nurture the newly planted saplings. Their enthusiastic involvement highlighted their dedication to fostering a greener and healthier environment.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to all participants, including Forestry Departments of Kupwara & Langate, faculty members, students and other officials for their invaluable support in making Chinar Day a success.



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