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## Report on World Environment Day



The Department of Environmental Science and the NSS Units of GDC Handwara, in a collaborative effort with the Department of Social Forestry Division Kupwara, successfully observed World Environment Day, on 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2025. This year's globally recognized theme, "Putting an End to Plastic Pollution" underscored the urgent need to address the environmental challenges posed by plastic waste.

The program commenced with an inaugural address by Dr. Gh Nabi Najar. (HoD Environmental Science) who delivered a compelling speech highlighting the critical issue of plastic pollution and its far-reaching impacts on human health and ecosystems. Dr. Gh Nabi Najar emphasized the need for collective responsibility in reducing plastic waste and adopting sustainable practices to safeguard the environment.

The worthy Principal of GDC Handwara, Professor G.R. Ganaie enriched the discourse by expressively addressing various dimensions of plastic pollution and outlining effective mitigation measures. The Principal's emphasis on both individual responsibility and systemic change resonated strongly with the audience, fostering a sense of shared purpose in combating this global threat.

Further a distinguished representative from the Social Forestry Division, Mr. Gh. Rasool Geelani (Block Forest Officer), delivered an insightful talk. The audience listened intently, absorbing the practical advice and expert insights shared.

## Pledge for a Plastic-Free India:

A pivotal moment of the event was when Block Forest Officer led the audience in taking a solemn pledge to work diligently towards making India free from plastic pollution. This pledge underscored the commitment of all participants towards sustainable practices and environmental stewardship.

## Campus Cleanliness Drive:

The event concluded on an active note with a college campus cleanliness drive organized by all participants and NSS volunteers, and Department of Social Forestry Division. This hands-on activity not only promoted a clean environment but also fostered a sense of responsibility and community among the attendees.













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