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**Seminar Report: 'Life and Works of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar'**

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the NSS Units of Government Degree College Handwara organized a thought-provoking seminar on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 as part of a week-long programme dedicated to celebrating the life and legacy of the great social reformer. The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Gh Nabi Najar, NSS Officer, who extended heartfelt greetings to the guests, faculty members and students.

Dr. Shahida Shabnum delivered the introductory remarks, effectively setting the context of the seminar and underscoring the importance of reflecting on Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts and vision. Worthy Principal of the college, Prof. G.R. Ganaie, addressed the gathering with an inspiring talk that paid tribute to Dr. Ambedkar's tireless efforts toward social justice, equality and education.

He emphasized the need to carry forward his legacy by promoting inclusivity and empowering the marginalized.

The seminar further featured an insightful extension lecture by Dr.

Latif Ahmad Dar, HoD Political Science, who spoke in depth about Dr. Ambedkar's socio-economic vision and his unwavering commitment to the upliftment of the underprivileged. This was followed by another enlightening lecture by Prof. Maroof Shabir Mir, HoD Anthropology. He shared scholarly perspectives on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's role in shaping India's constitution and his advocacy for rights and freedom.

The seminar also witnessed enthusiastic participation from students. Nelofer a student of 4<sup>th</sup> semester was the first to speak, delivering a moving speech on Dr. Ambedkar's fight against caste discrimination and his dream of a just society. She was followed by Imran Ashraf speech, who spoke passionately about how Dr. Ambedkar's teachings continue to inspire the youth to stand up for equality and justice. Muneebul Islam concluded the student segment by stressing the importance of adopting Ambedkar's values in day-to-day life for building a more inclusive society.

The event came to a close with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Gh Nabi Najar, who expressed sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, participants and organizing team members for making the seminar a meaningful and memorable occasion.



