

GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE SOPORE, KASHMIR

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An impressive "Inter-College Tarana Festival-2016" was organized in the college lawns on 23rd May 2016, in which as many as sixteen colleges of the valley participated. Hon'ble minister for education Jenab Syed Naeem Akhter Andrabi was the Chief Guest. Among others, who attended the Mega event include chairman JKBOSE, Director School Education, Learned Heads of almost all valley colleges, besides the Hon'ble members of civil society. Worthy Principal Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Lone welcomed the guests. In his welcome address, worthy principal deemed himself and the faculty mighty fortunate and privileged to host this Tarana Festival, which weds our nostalgic past with our promising present and connects the fond reminiscences with the aspiration of glittering future. In his presidential address Hon'ble Minister expressed his satisfaction and lauded the efforts of the principal and the faculty for organizing this successful event. Further he enjoined upon heads of the institutions and the faculty that the destiny of the nation is being shaped in the class rooms and the teachers who man these institutions of higher learning have a vital role to play in translating the national ideals into practice. The heads of the institutions as the professional managers have a unique role of integrating and coordinating working of all the components viz. teaching, non-teaching and student community to promote commitment to scholarship. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to the cause of national building through academic pursuits. He said that it gives me immense pleasure to announce prize money of Rs. 1.00 lac to each participant college as a token of love and recognition for their wonderful performances in the Tarana Festival. He further added that Sopore College is keeping pace with the latest trends and this institution has a glorious record of its performance, since the time of establishment and hence was preferred to take initiative of organizing this Tarana Festival at provincial level. Minister also declared that Tarana festival of same tune and colour shall be organised at Jammu & Ladkha, followed by a state level competition at Govt. Degree College Sopore. At the end of this brain-storming and thought provoking speech, it was proposed to the Hon'ble Minister to authorize the principals of the college to draw upon college funds to the tune of Rs. 50. Lacs, which was acceded to and Hon'ble Minister made an on-spot announcement about the same. An Urdu couplet is apt to express his readiness.

**"DEKHA TAQREER KI LAZZAT JO USS NE KAHA
MAIN NE YEH JANNA KI GOYA YEH BE MERE DIL MAIN HAI"**

The competition was adjudged by the professional musicians and singers of National repute comprising Prof. Hawa, Prof. Gurmeet Kour Prof. Kilash Mehra, Mr. Waheed Jelani and Mr. Tanha Nizami. Worthy Jury adjudged of Womens College Anantnag, Womens College Nawakadal and Amar Singh College (Joint Winners), Women's College M.A Road 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Sopore College was also given a special prize for their performance in the competition. The prizes were distributed among the winners by the Hon'ble Minister. Besides this Hon'ble Minister also released College Newsletter "Sopor" in a galaxy of learned audience. The proceedings of the function were coordinated by Prof. Meraj-ud-din (HOD Economics) and vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Ab. Rashid Dar. In his proposal, Prof. Dar applauded the efforts of the faculty in general and Dr. Shamim Ahmad (Convenor Protocol) in particular for his untiring efforts in making the function success. Prof. M.Asam Bhat (Convenor Cultural Committee), Mr. Showkat Ahamd Dar, (Deptt. Of Geography) and Prof. Tariq Ahmad Wani (HOD Botany) also did a commendable job in making the event colourful which was acknowledged by all present in the function besides Hon'ble Minister. He also thanked the local/District Administration, Media and Sopore Police for their ceaseless support in making this event a grand festival.

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