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**Department of Botany in collaboration with Department of Environmental sciences and NSS
Celebrates World Biodiversity Day with Painting and Essay Competition.**

[Sopore; 22 May 2023] – Under the Ambit of G20 presidency, the Department of Botany, GDC Sopore in collaboration with Department of Environmental sciences and NSS enthusiastically celebrated World Biodiversity Day today on 22 May 2023. To raise awareness about the significance of biodiversity conservation, the department organized a remarkable event that included a painting and essay competition. This initiative aimed to engage students and the wider community in understanding and appreciating the diverse ecosystems that sustain life on our planet.

The painting and essay competition witnessed an overwhelming response from talented students of all semesters, showcasing their creativity and knowledge about biodiversity conservation. Participants poured their passion onto canvas and paper, vividly illustrating the beauty and importance of our natural world.

Under the theme “From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity” the painting competition encouraged contestants to capture the essence of biodiversity through vibrant colors and innovative techniques. Artists showcased their talent by depicting flora, fauna, and intricate ecosystems, reminding us of the need to protect and cherish our natural heritage. In the essay competition the participant students articulated their thoughts on the importance of biodiversity conservation and its relevance to sustainable development. Participants skillfully penned their essays, exploring various aspects of biodiversity, its ecological significance, and the impact of human activities on fragile ecosystems.

A distinguished panel of judges, comprising of Prof Tariq Ahmad Wani (HOD Botany), Prof Mohd. Yousuf War (Associate Professor, Botany) Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat (Assistant Professor, Botany), Prof. Suhail Abdullah (HOD EVS) evaluated the entries based on creativity, originality, and the clarity of the conservation message conveyed. Their expertise and impartial judgment added immense value to the competition, making the selection process rigorous and fair.

The winners of the painting and essay competition were felicitated by the Worthy Principal Prof Dr. Salma Ahad. Their exceptional contributions were acknowledged, and they received commendation certificates as tokens of appreciation.

Prof Tariq Ahmad Wani, Head of the Department of Botany, expressed his delight at the overwhelming response and the high caliber of submissions received for the competition. He emphasized the importance of biodiversity conservation and highlighted the role of the younger generation in shaping a sustainable future.

Principal, Prof Dr. Salma Ahad, while interacting with the students said that "We are thrilled to witness the incredible artistic talent and profound knowledge demonstrated by the participants. Their artworks and essays serve as powerful reminders of the urgent need to preserve our planet's biodiversity. By organizing this competition, we aimed to inspire individuals of all ages to become stewards of nature and work towards sustainable solutions for a better future,"



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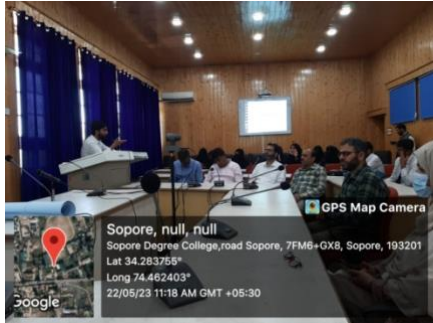
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The proceedings of the whole program were conducted by Prof. Suhail Abdullah, Head Department of Environmental Sciences.



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