

REPORT ON ROAD SAFETY AWARNESS PROGRAMME

The National service Scheme **(NSS)** units of Government Degree College Sopore successfully organized a Road Safety Awareness Programme on **1**st of Feb 2025. The programme was organised in connection with National Road Safety Month, with an aim to educate the staff, students and all the volunteers about the importance of road safety, traffic rules and regulations. The event was graced by, Mr. Mauzam Ali, Assistant Regional transport Officer (ARTO) Baramulla, who delivered a special guest lecture on *Traffic Rules & Management*.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr Wahid Ahmad Sheikh (HoD, Persian & NSS programme Officer), who welcomed all the students, staff members and the chief resource person of the event. In his brief address Dr. Wahid highlighted the significance of creating a safer environment by adhering to traffic rules. He also appreciated all the NSS volunteers for their active participation and encouraged them to contribute actively in spreading awareness about Traffic rules and regulations.

The event formally started with a pledge taking ceremony where students, volunteers and faculty members vowed to follow traffic rules and promote road safety.



Pledge taking ceremony was followed by an insightful and engaging session by the **Mr. Mauzam Ali, Assistant Regional transport Officer (ARTO) Baramulla,** who in his presentation presented alarming statistics on road accidents in India. He informed the gathered audience that more than 1.50 lakh people lose their lives annually due to road accidents and 70% of accidents occur due to the negligence of drivers, like over-speeding and rash driving. He emphasized that such negligence must end to prevent majority of the accidents and all licensed drivers must wear helmets, seatbelts, follow speed limits, avoid dangerous overtaking and use of mobile phones while driving. He urged all students to become ambassadors of road safety, educate your family and friends about symbols, signs, speed and safety, to build a culture where responsibility is chosen over recklessness. He concluded his session with the words, "Let us be the change". "Let us save Lives".

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Sajad Ahmad (AP, English) and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Wahid Ahmad Sheikh (HoD, Persian & NSS programme Officer).



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