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## Report

### Skill development awareness program held at GDC Shopian

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024, an awareness program was organized by Skill Development Committee in collaboration with the Government Industrial training Institute Shopian at Science Conference Hall, GDC Shopian. This program was attended by various faculties of both the institutions along with the students.

Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Shafiq, Worthy Principal GDC Shopian, highlighted the importance of skill development programs in Shopian, Kashmir, which are crucial for the region's socio-economic development. He encouraged the students for active participation in the skill courses of their choice. He addressed the prevalent issue of the skill gap, where there is a mismatch between the skills possessed by graduates and those required by employers.

Dr. Aashiq Hussain Lone, Convener Skill Development Committee anchored the program. He emphasized the crucial role of different skill programs which are established in our college like mushroom culture, IT, welding technology skill courses. He provided valuable insights into the significance of skill development and the various government schemes supporting this initiative. He highlighted how acquiring practical skills, in addition to academic knowledge, enhances employability and prepares students for real-world challenges. He stressed the need for a curriculum that integrates theoretical learning with hands-on training; ensuring students are well-equipped to meet industry demands.

The resource person from Government ITI began by emphasizing the critical role of skill development in today's job market. The emphasis on bridging the skill gap, leveraging government schemes, and addressing implementation challenges resonated well with the audience. He advocated for close collaboration between educational institutions and industries to design training programs that are aligned with current market needs and future trends.

The resource person provided a comprehensive overview of various government schemes aimed at promoting skill development across the country. Some of the key schemes discussed include:

- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):** This flagship program aims to provide industry-relevant skill training to youth, leading to increased employment opportunities.
- **Skill India Mission:** An initiative to equip over 40 crore people with various skills by 2022, focusing on different sectors and regions.
- **National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS):** This scheme promotes apprenticeship training and provides financial support to establishments engaging apprentices.

The event concluded with a Q&A session, where participants engaged in a lively discussion, reflecting the keen interest and commitment to advancing skill development in the region.

Senior faculty members including Prof. Mahmood Ahmad Tak, and other faculty members (Dr. Nusrat Masood, Dept. of Biotechnology, Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Rather, Dept. of Clinical Biochemistry, Mr. Tashook, Faculty Computer Science etc) graced the occasion. The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Aashiq Hussain Lone

Concluding, we firmly believe that organizing such an awareness programs will significantly contribute to the overall development of students. Skill development in colleges is crucial for bridging the gap between academic knowledge and real-world requirements. It prepares students for the job market, enhances their employability, and contributes to overall economic growth.



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