

Press Report on the Celebration of National Children's Day 2024

On November 14, 2024, Government Degree College Shopian celebrated National Children's Day to honour the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, known for his deep affection for children and his unwavering commitment to their development. The event was organized by the Department of Education in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The celebration aimed to emphasize the importance of nurturing and empowering young minds who hold the key to a prosperous future.

Opening Address

The event commenced with a warm welcome and a thoughtful introduction by Dr. Hilal Bashir. He extended greetings to the respected Principal, faculty members, and students and provided insight into the significance of National Children's Day. Highlighting Nehru's vision for children's welfare and the values he upheld, Dr. Hilal Bashir reminded the audience of the collective responsibility to support and uplift future generations.

Inaugural Speech

The inaugural speech was delivered by the esteemed Principal of Government Degree College, Shopian, Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Shafiq. Prof. Shafiq underscored the importance of education in the holistic development of children and emphasized the role educators play in moulding responsible citizens. He encouraged the faculty and students to engage actively in initiatives that promote the welfare and growth of children.

Keynote Address

Following the inaugural speech, the keynote address was delivered by Prof. M. A. Tak, Convener of IQAC. Prof. M. A. Tak's address focused on the importance of maintaining high standards in education and the role of quality assurance in fostering an environment conducive to learning and growth. His words inspired the audience to reflect on their contributions to improving educational outcomes and supporting children's aspirations.

Lecture Session

The lecture session featured three distinguished speakers:

- Prof. Sheeraz Gull Sheikh, Head of the Department of Education, opened the session with a thought-provoking lecture on role of parents and teachers in fostering intellectual, emotional, social and psychological well-being of children.
- Prof. Iftikar Ahmad Pall delivered an insightful presentation on advancing educational practices. His lecture explored the inspiring vision of Allama Iqbal towards children and the growing concern of mental health issues.
- Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Lone concluded the lecture session by sharing his reflections on the rights of children in Islam. Dr. Lone's lecture highlighted the various cardinal rights provided by Islam for the harmonious development of children.

Among the student participants, Seerat Jan, Bazila, Rahi and Sahil Ahmad shared wonderful thoughts about National Children's Day. Their ideas were inspiring and left a memorable impression on the students.

Additionally, the college Principal distributed sweets among the students as part of National Children's Day celebrations.

Question and Answer Session

Following the lectures, an interactive question-answer session was held, providing an opportunity for attendees to engage with the speakers. The session facilitated a productive dialogue, allowing participants to seek clarification and further explore the ideas presented during the lectures.

Vote of Thanks

To conclude the formal proceedings, a vote of thanks was offered by Prof. Muneer Azad, Head of the Department of English. He expressed his gratitude to the esteemed speakers, organizers, and attendees for their participation and contributions, which made the event a success.

Closing Remarks

In his closing remarks, Dr. Hilal Bashir expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of the organizing committee to all participants for their support and involvement. He reinforced the significance of National Children's Day and called upon everyone to continue supporting and nurturing young minds.

Conclusion

The National Children's Day celebration at Government Degree College, Shopian, was a resounding success, fostering a spirit of commitment towards the growth and development of children. The event not only honoured the legacy of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru but also reaffirmed the college's dedication to promoting quality education and holistic growth for every child.





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