Report on One-Day Orientation Program Government Degree College Shopian UG Admissions 2026

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Government Degree College Shopian organized a comprehensive One-Day Orientation Program for prospective undergraduate students seeking admission for the academic session 2026. The program, coordinated by **Dr. Gowhar Hussain Bhat**, Head of the Department of Physics, witnessed active participation from hundreds of students and parents. The orientation aimed to provide detailed insights into academic programs, admission procedures under the National Education Policy 2020, scholarship opportunities, and career guidance.

The program commenced at 11:00 AM with **Dr. Gowhar Hussain Bhat** reciting verses from the Holy Quran followed by **Durood-i-Rasool Allah (SAWW)**. Dr. Bhat then extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries, faculty members, and aspiring students along with their parents. **Prof. Tareeq Hussain Mir**, Principal of the college, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing that the orientation program is designed to help students make informed decisions about their undergraduate studies. He assured the gathering that the institution is committed to providing quality education and supporting every student's academic journey through dedicated faculty and modern facilities. Principal of the college, highlighted the college's rich legacy since 1985 and its NAAC accreditation status.

Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Dean Students Welfare, delivered the keynote address on the transformative National Education Policy 2020. He explained that NEP 2020 is built on five core foundational pillars designed to transform the Indian education system, making it more inclusive, flexible, and high-quality. The first pillar of Access ensures that all children, regardless of background, location, or socioeconomic status, have access to quality education, with a focused target of bringing two crore out-of-school children back into the mainstream by 2030. The second pillar of Equity promotes equal opportunities for all students, with special provisions for underrepresented groups including gender inclusion funds and special education zones to bridge historical gaps in educational access. The third pillar of Quality aims to improve the standard of education by shifting from traditional rote learning to conceptual understanding, critical thinking, and holistic, multidisciplinary learning that prepares students for real-world challenges. The fourth pillar of Affordability focuses on reducing the financial burden of education on families and ensuring that high-quality education is not a privilege reserved for the few, with

the ambitious goal of achieving universal access from preschool to secondary level. The fifth pillar of Accountability establishes transparent and robust systems, including the National Assessment Centre known as PARAKH, to hold schools and educational institutions responsible for learning outcomes and ensure that quality standards are consistently met. Dr. Nazir emphasized that these pillars are designed to create a twenty-first century education system that fosters holistic development, integrates technology meaningfully, and empowers both students and teachers to reach their full potential.

Dr. Inees ul Islam, Convener Examinations, presented a detailed session on admission guidelines under NEP 2020. He explained the critical difference between CUET and Non-CUET admission processes, noting that CUET provides students with an equal national platform, reduces board-wise disparities, and offers wider choices, while Non-CUET students are considered for leftover seats after CUET allotment. Dr. Inees walked the audience through the online admission process on the JK SAMARTH portal, emphasizing that preference filling is the most crucial step where students must choose multiple colleges and majors wisely. He elaborated on the credit structure, explaining that students pursuing a four-year degree must complete one hundred seventy-four credits across eight semesters, with multiple exit options available after one year with a certificate, two years with a diploma, or three years with a degree. He also introduced the revolutionary concepts of the Academic Bank of Credits, which functions as a digital credit bank allowing students to deposit and transfer credits across institutions, and APAAR, which provides a unique student ID linked to DigiLocker for seamless access to academic records.

Prof. Tanvir Ahmad, Convener Scholarship, presented an exhaustive overview of scholarship schemes available through the National Scholarship Portal. He explained the mandatory One Time Registration process requiring an active mobile number linked with Aadhaar, followed by face authentication to generate the OTR. Students must prepare comprehensive documentation including income certificates, domicile certificates, bank passbooks with Aadhaar seeding, and category certificates where applicable. Prof. Tanvir also highlighted the college's financial assistance programs for special categories including orphan students, students from broken families, differently-abled students, and those from Economically Weaker Sections, requiring specific documentation such as death certificates, legal separation documents, and affidavits attested by a First Class Magistrate.

Following the scholarship session, Heads of various departments presented overviews of their respective disciplines. **Prof. Muneer Azad**, Head of the Department of English, emphasized that English serves as a crucial bridge language in India's multilingual landscape, enabling students to access global knowledge resources and prepare for competitive examinations where English proficiency is essential. **Dr. Innayat Rasool Bhat**, senior Faculty Member of the Department of Physics, delivered an exceptionally inspiring presentation that captured the imagination of the young audience. He began by drawing attention to the unprecedented technological revolution unfolding before our eyes, particularly the rapid advancements in artificial intelligence that are reshaping every aspect of human life, from healthcare and education to transportation and entertainment. Dr. Innayat explained that while artificial intelligence appears to be a domain dominated by computer science, its very foundations rest firmly on the bedrock of physics and mathematics. He emphasized that students who master physics and mathematics position themselves at the forefront of the AI revolution, equipped with the analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities that enable them not merely to use AI tools but

to create, innovate, and push the boundaries of what artificial intelligence can achieve. Dr. Innayat then turned the audience's attention to the remarkable achievements of the Physics Department at Government Degree College Shopian, which stand as a testament to the quality of education and mentoring provided by the faculty. He proudly announced that all nine students from the previous academic batch who completed their undergraduate physics program successfully secured admission in Kashmir University for postgraduate programs in physics and related disciplines. Even more impressively, most of the students who topped the Kashmir University entrance examination were from GDC Shopian's Physics Department, demonstrating the department's commitment to academic excellence and its ability to nurture young talent to achieve their fullest potential.

Dr. Zahid, Head of the Department of Chemistry, elaborated on the immense scope of chemistry in pharmaceutical industries, materials science, and environmental remediation, emphasizing the hands-on laboratory training provided by the department. **Dr. Waseem**, Head of the Department of Environmental Science, a special career guidance session addressed the importance of career mapping, aligning subject choices with career goals from the beginning of undergraduate studies. **Dr. Syed Azra**, Head of the Department of Economics, highlighted the role of basic mathematics in economic analysis and delivered an empowering message that girls can excel in any subject, whether mathematics or economics, and make huge contributions to society. She encouraged young women to pursue their interests fearlessly and aspire for leadership positions.

Dr. Arshid Rasool proposed the formal vote of thanks, expressing profound gratitude to Prof. Tareeq Hussain Mir for his visionary leadership, to all speakers including Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Dr. Inees ul Islam, Prof. Tanvir Ahmad, and all Heads of Departments for their insightful presentations, to the organizing team and supporting staff, and most importantly to the students and parents who attended in large numbers. He concluded by inviting students to explore the campus and embark on their academic journey at Government Degree College Shopian with confidence and enthusiasm.