Report of activities held at GDC (Boys) Pulwama during the celebrations of week- long "Digital Mela" w.e.f 31st August to 6th September 2023

The digital Week celebrations-2023 were kick started by Hon'ble Chief Secretary, UT of J&K on 31st of August 2023 through video conferencing mode across the UT of J&K. In district Pulwama, the main event was held at Town Hall Pulwama with the inauguration of stalls set up by various departments was done by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pulwama. The event witnessed massive participation of public, PRIs and students. During the event, different departments set up their stalls to display numerous online services offered by them. The Nodal officers of the respective departments motivated the public to avail the benefits of the same. District Information Centre Pulwama have installed a large size LED screen in the Town hall for live broadcasting of the inaugural event.

In sync with the celebrations all over the UT of J&K, week-long activities were organized w.e.f 31st August, 2023 to September 6th 2023 in Government Degree College Pulwama. The day-wise brief report of the activities is as under:
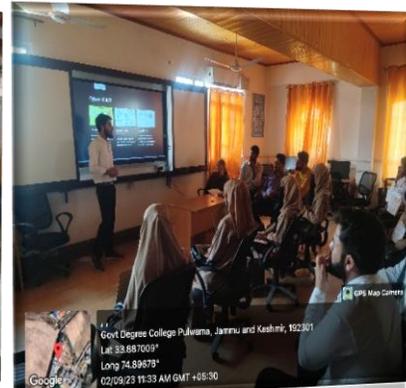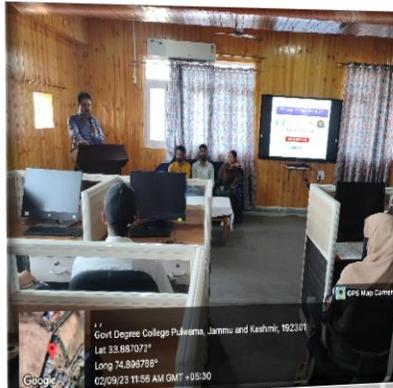
- **31-08-2023 (Thursday):** The student presentation event was conducted in the department of Computer Applications in which 50 students from different departments participated. The students gave presentations on various topics related to digital technology. The presentations were informative and engaging, and they helped to raise awareness about the importance of digital technology. Prof. **Asif Iqbal Kawoosa** Head, Department of Computer Applications & Prof. **Farooq Ahmad Pandith** Sr. Assistant Professor Conducted the session.

01-09-2023 (Friday): An essay competition was held for the students on the topic "How Digital Technology Can Be Used to Improve Education". The essays were judged by a panel of experts, and the winners were awarded certificates by the worthy Principal of the College, Dr. Haris Izhar Tantray on 4th September 2023. In this event thirty-five students of the college participated. Prof. **Asif Iqbal Kawoosa** Head, Department of Computer Applications and Prof. Ajaz Ahmad Wani teaching Assistant conducted the session.

- **02-09-2023 (Saturday):** A debate on the topic "The Impact of Digital Technology on Society" was held on 2nd September 2023 in which students of various steams participated. The debate was well-attended by the students, and the participants put forth their arguments in a clear and concise manner. A quiz competition was also held on theme "the capacity to learn" in the college under Digital J&K Week 2023. The quiz was divided into three rounds, and the top three teams were awarded Certificates. Prof. **Farooq Ahmad Pandith & Prof. Imtiyaz Ahmad Ganie Conducted the session**

- **04-09-2023 (Monday): Painting Competition, Marathon, and Awareness Camp:** The painting competition was held for the students on the theme "**Digital India**". The paintings were judged by a panel of Professors, and the winners were awarded certificates on the same day. A rally was organized inside the college campus. The rally was flagged off by the Principal, Dr. Haris Izhar and was participated by students, faculty members, and the non-teaching staff. The rally was aimed at creating awareness about the importance of digitalization. On the same day, stalls were set up by different committees of the College and other government departments to showcase their online services. The stalls were visited by students and faculty members who got to learn about the various online services available in Higher Education and other Departments. **Prof**. **Asif Iqbal Kawoosa, Prof**. **Farooq Ahmad Pandith, Prof**. **Ajaz Ahmad Wani, Prof. Imtiyaz Ahmad Ganie and Prof. Maroofa Akhter of the Computer Sciences Department conducted the session of quiz and Marathon Competitions, While Prof. Imran Ahmad, Prof. Mohd. Shafi, Prof. Nisar Ahmad and Prof. Mudasir Altaf conducted Painting completion. Jury for adjudging the winners of painting completion were Prof. Shahid-e-Murtaza and Prof. Sadaf Nisar.**

05-09-2023, Quiz competition and debates: The events that were held on 5th September 2023 include an Online Quiz on "Use of artificial intelligence in teaching learning" Advantages of AI tools in articles writing, office automation, cyber security and eradication of corruption in public services. These events emphasize the importance of digital transformation and cyber security in today's world.

06-09-2023: On the last day of the week-long celebrations, an Online Quiz on "Artificial Intelligence and Digital Literacy" was held by the Computer Science Department. Three groups comprising of five students each participated in the quiz, Group A secured the 1st Position and was awarded a Certificate of merit. In addition to the events mentioned above, there were also several other activities held during the Digital Week celebrations. These activities included:

- A workshop on digital literacy

- A talk on cyber security

- A screening of a documentary on the impact of digitalization on society

The Digital Week celebrations were a great success. They helped to raise awareness about the importance of digital technology and its potential to improve the lives of people. The events were also a lot of fun, and they helped to promote a sense of camaraderie among the students.

The following are some of the key takeaways from the Digital J&K Week-2023 celebrations:

- Digital technology is a powerful tool that can be used to improve the lives of people in many ways.

- Digital technology can be used to improve education, healthcare, communication, and many other aspects of life.

- It is important to be aware of the potential risks of digital technology, such as cybercrime and addiction.

- It is also important to use digital technology responsibly and ethically.

The Digital Week celebrations were a valuable opportunity for the students of Government Degree College Pulwama to learn more about digital technology and its potential to improve their lives. The events helped to raise awareness about the importance of digital literacy and the need to use digital technology responsibly.

Principal,
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