

The NSS Units of Govt. Degree College Kupwara led a diverse range of events, blending the celebration of Independence Day with the objectives of Swachhta Pakhwada, including cleanliness drives and ecological awareness.

In the lead-up to India's 78th Independence Day, Govt. Degree College Kupwara hosted a series of events from August 1 to August 14 that vividly encapsulated the spirit of patriotism, unity, and reverence for the nation's rich heritage. The celebrations were a harmonious blend of traditional pride and modern environmental consciousness, commencing with enthusiastic participation in the Swachhta Pakhwada campaign and culminating in a vibrant Tiranga rally. These activities were not merely symbolic gestures but heartfelt expressions of the profound love and pride that the college's students, faculty, and staff hold for their country.

Key events, such as a thought-provoking lecture on India's freedom struggle, served as poignant tributes to the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. The Plogathon, aimed at promoting cleanliness and environmental responsibility, resonated deeply with the vision of a prosperous and clean India, directly linking the nation's hard-won independence to the ongoing pursuit of a sustainable future.

The illumination of the administrative block, alongside impactful cleanliness drives at the Kehmil Stream, Masjid Sharif Tregham, and Chitragupt Temple Tregham, further reflected the college's dedication to both environmental and communal harmony. The Swachhta pledge, "Ek Ped Maa Kay Naam," and other initiatives further underscored the unity in diversity that forms the bedrock of our nation's strength.

Every event was meticulously organized, with passionate participation from the college community, transforming the celebrations into a meaningful reaffirmation of our collective commitment to the legacy of our forefathers.

These activities were not only a celebration of India's independence but also a powerful reminder of our shared resolve to honor the past, shape the present, and envision a future guided by the principles of freedom, unity, and responsibility.

Event Highlights:

1. Swachhta Pakhwada Campaign: Cleanliness Drive in College Lawn:

On August 1, 2024, the NSS units of Govt. Degree College Kupwara organized a campus-wide cleanliness drive as part of the celebrations for India's 78th Independence Day. Held on the college lawn, the event saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, who engaged in a unique combination of jogging and litter collection.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Rashid Malik inaugurated the event, emphasizing that cleanliness is a fitting tribute to the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Darzi also addressed the gathering, underscoring the importance of the initiative in promoting environmental responsibility.

Equipped with gloves and biodegradable bags, participants collected waste across the campus, demonstrating their strong commitment to maintaining a clean and sustainable environment. Spearheaded by Dr. Irshad Ahmad Lone and Dr. Khalid Bashir, the event not only enhanced the campus' cleanliness but also fostered a deep sense of unity and social responsibility among all involved.



2 "Ek Ped Maa Kay Naam" Tree-Planting Event (August 3):

The Department of Botany, in collaboration with the Landscape Committee and NSS units, organized a tree-planting event titled "**Ek Ped Maa Kay Naam.**" This initiative, which underscores the critical role of trees in environmental conservation, was inaugurated by the Head of the Botany Department. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Rashid Malik and NSS Programme Officer Dr. Khalid Bashir highlighted the event's significance in fostering sustainable practices within the college community.





3. Cleanliness Drive at Kehmil Stream (August 3):

The NSS units organized a significant cleanliness drive at the Kehmil Stream (fresh water body), where participants, including students and staff, worked together to remove waste and plant saplings. This effort not only improved the local environment but also raised awareness about the importance of environmental stewardship. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Rashid Malik emphasized the impact of a clean environment on overall well-being.



4. Swachhta Pledge Event (August 5):

In line with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the college organized a Swachhta Pledge event where participants committed to maintaining cleanliness and promoting environmental responsibility. The pledge was led by Dr. Irshad A. Lone, with Principal Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Rashid Malik and Dr. M. Iqbal Darzi reinforcing the importance of this commitment in building a cleaner and healthier society.



5. Pre-Independence Day Lecture; on "India's Freedom Struggle":

On August 7, 2024, Govt. Degree College Kupwara, in collaboration with NSS, hosted an engaging lecture on "India's Freedom Struggle" as part of pre-Independence Day celebrations. Dr. Khalid Bashir, Senior Assistant Professor and Head of History, delivered a detailed analysis of India's path to independence, highlighting the contributions of key figures and strategies from the mid-18th century to 1947. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Rashid Malik inaugurated the session, emphasizing the struggle's historical significance. Dr. Nuzhat Jabeen and Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Wani enriched the event, which concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Nasir Sonallah. The lecture was well-received, fostering a deeper appreciation of the nation's history and the sacrifices made for independence.





6. Illumination of Administrative block of college in view of 78th Independence Day:

To mark the 78th Independence Day, NSS units at Govt. Degree College Kupwara illuminated the administrative block with a "Unity in Diversity" theme, showcasing the national flag's colors. High-quality LED lights highlighted the building's features, and projection mapping displayed images of national leaders. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Rashid Malik inaugurated the event, emphasizing the significance of Independence Day. Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Darzi and Dr. Irshad Ahmad Lone, alongside Dr. Khalid Bashir, oversaw the project. The lighting, synchronized with patriotic music, drew widespread acclaim for

its creativity and emotional impact, setting a high standard for future celebratio



7. Swachta Plogathon:

On August 9, 2024, NSS units at Govt. Degree College Kupwara organized a "Plogathon" to celebrate India's 78th Independence Day. The event, held on the college lawn, involved a large turnout of students, faculty, and staff who jogged while picking up litter, demonstrating a strong commitment to environmental stewardship. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Rashid Malik inaugurated the event, emphasizing cleanliness as a tribute to freedom fighters. Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Darzi and Dr. Irshad Ahmad Lone, alongside Dr. Khalid Bashir, supported the initiative. The Plogathon not only improved the campus

environment but also fostered a sense of unity and civic responsibility among participants, setting a precedent for future Independence Day observances.



8. Tiranga Rally:

On August 9, a Tiranga rally was held, with college employees participating to honour the nation's heroes and promote patriotism.



9. Cleanliness Drive at Religious Sites:

On August 10, 2024, as part of India's 78th Independence Day celebrations, NSS Units of Govt. Degree College Kupwara organized a significant cleanliness drive at Masjid Sharief Tregham

and a nearby temple in Tregham, Kupwara. This event underscored communal harmony and respect for diversity, reflecting India's spirit of unity. Under the leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Rashid Malik and NSS Programme Officers Dr. Irshad Ahmad Lone and Dr. Khalid Bashir, volunteers cleaned these sacred sites, symbolizing mutual respect across religious boundaries. The initiative, marked by diligent and respectful service, showcased the core values of 'Seva' (service) and 'Sadbhavana' (goodwill), and was praised for reinforcing the communal harmony that defines Indian culture.



10. Cleanliness Drive in View of the 78th Independence Day: A Commitment to Swachhta

On August 14, 2024, Government Degree College Kupwara organized a significant cleanliness drive in honor of the 78th Independence Day, aligning with the principles of "Swachta Pakhwada." Inaugurated by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Ab. Rashid Malik, the event highlighted cleanliness as both a civic duty and a cornerstone of national development.

Led by NSS Programme Officers Dr. Irshad Ahmad Lone and Dr. Khalid Bashir, the drive saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff. The initiative covered the

entire campus, showcasing a unified commitment to hygiene and community responsibility.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Farooq Ahmad Ganaie, who praised the collective effort and reinforced the notion that cleanliness is both a civic and patriotic duty. The drive not only improved the campus environment but also strengthened unity and civic pride, setting a benchmark for future initiatives.



These events not only celebrated in view of India's 78th Independence Day but also reaffirmed the college's dedication to honoring the legacy of India's freedom fighters, promoting environmental responsibility, and fostering a sense of unity and patriotism among the students and staff.



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