



# FOUNTAINHEAD

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# Motto

**“Character is supreme”**

## Vision

The college is envisioned to be an institution that offers academic quality learning; produce graduates contributing to the nation and to the community to reduce poverty, improve growth, to ensure sustainability and to prepare individuals of the highest moral fiber.

## Mission

- ☞ To spread knowledge to students for collective emancipation and prosperity.
- ☞ To cultivate resolute moral values.
- ☞ To develop and enhance the value of human resources.
- ☞ To improve quality of life.
- ☞ To equip students with synthetic ability to recognize relevant patterns in unfamiliar environment.
- ☞ To equip students with psychomotor capacity to move, perceive and apply physical skills.
- ☞ To strive for all round development with activity base learning as well as co-curricular and sports.
- ☞ To develop spirit of national integration.



**Principal along with Staff**



## *From the Desk of Principal*



It is a matter of great pride for this college to release second issue of college newsletter” Fountainhead. The news letter is an effective medium of keeping the students informed about the important happenings inside and outside the college as the college provides not only academic education to the students but also works for overall development of the students through their participation in

curricular, co- curricular and extra- curricular activities along with career counseling.

In September 2014 the State of J&K witnessed the worst ever flood ravage disaster in the living memory of its residents. The ravaging floods coupled with devastating landslides caused unimaginable sufferings to the people and extensive damage to property and infrastructure. Due to this natural disaster the entire education system was put on hold resulting in to the curtailment of working days for the students and restricting the college to focus more on syllabus than to on curricular and extra-curricular activities. Still efforts were made to participate in such activities for the general development of the students.

Through this newsletter, I hope the students will come to know about the active and successful college life as Newsletter reflects adequate preparations, able execution, persistence and strong will power and dedication of the students and the faculty for glowing success. In the end I congratulate the staff who inspired and prepared the students with their relentless and dedicated efforts to attain the heights of success and also thank my staff and students for their support.

**Dr. Anil Gupta**  
**Principal**

## *Construction work of GDC Building 2014*

Govt. Degree College, Banihal began its operation from the dilapidated portion of GHHS (Boys), Banihal in 2008. In terms of infrastructure, the college at GHSS is an apology as no new subject can be introduced. Good news is that the construction work at the selected college site was started in April 2014 by JKPCCL, Ltd and the construction work is going on at good speed. Rs 2.45 crore have been released for the construction of the college building out of the estimated total cost of Rs. 1167/- crore.

## *International Women's Day*



Every year March 8 is celebrated as International Women's Day in different countries of the world. The year 2014 marks 104 years of the declaration and observance of International Women's Day. This day was also celebrated by this college. Speakers on this occasion presented their views and said that in recent decades,

much progress has been made in providing Women's access to Education, Healthcare and Employment has increased. A wide range of career is now open. Principal, Dr. Anil Gupta was the chief guest. He in his speech said that the declaration and celebration of a day dedicated to women was the culmination of several years of protest by women in different countries of the world. Now they are not the greater victim of violence as there are legislations for equal opportunities and rights for women. They are actively participating in policy making segments like business and politics. Today's women live in an equal world and make the point they are committed to change the situation. The faculty members Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Sohail and Dr. Shafiq Ahmad Katoch also presented their views and highlighted the issues relating to socio-economic advancement of women.



## Environmental Awareness



NSS Volunteers

National Service Scheme unit of the college observed World Environment Day on June 5, 2014 to create awareness to keep our environment neat and clean. Large number of students participated in this drive. The drive was carried out in the college campus which

was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Gupta, Principal in presence of Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Sohil, NSS Programme Officer, faculty member Dr. Shafiq Ahmad Katoch and students. To bring students closer to nature and to explore the hidden gifts of nature, students were encouraged to look after the plants planted in the college campus and also to remove the weeds.

On this day, message was conveyed to the staff and students that everyone's participation should count for making the environment clean and green. We should not forget our duty towards our Mother Earth. So we should plant and nurture the trees to protect and preserve the environment and ecology for sustaining life on earth. A pledge was also taken that each one shall plant one tree for enhancing green cover.

## Sweep Activities



Principal Dr. Anil Gupta Addressing Students about SWEEP Programme

Govt. Degree College, Banihal organized SVEEP Activities (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation) in the college campus under the College Election Officer, Dr. Shafiq Ahmad Katoch during General Election of 2014 and Legislative Assembly Election of the State 2014. For

effective and meaningful participation in the electoral process, Dr. Katoch motivated the students to get them enrolled to the voters list in order to strengthen the process of election by maximum participation.

Dr. Anil Gupta, Principal while addressing the gathering of the freshly enrolled voters (College students) impressed upon the significance of exercising their franchise. He said that the objective of getting registered as voters is to maximize the participation in the electoral process for making a stronger democracy. He also highlighted the process of Easy Correction and Easy Registration under the guidance of the college electoral officer.

### *NSS Activities*



Prof. Mushtaq A. Sohil along with NSS Volunteers

National Service Scheme volunteers of Govt. Degree College; Banihal organized a cleanliness drive in the college campus to mark the NSS Day on 24-9-2014 under the supervision of Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Sohil, NSS Programme Officer. In this cleanliness drive about 50 male students and 30 female students took part with the motive to aware all other students about the benefits of such activities. All members of the college staff were present on this occasion. Dr. Anil Gupta, Principal of the college while speaking on the occasion appreciated the efforts of the participants.

In addition to the regular NSS activities, the volunteers constructed Kacha stair cases in the college campus leading to class rooms constructed on the hillock.

## Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan



With slogans Broom and Nudge, Develop culture of cleanliness, the NSS volunteers of this college paid true tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and Former Prime Minister of India Sh. Lal Badhur Shastri on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014. The Swachh Bharat programme began with special assembly in the college campus in which Principal, Staff and students of the college took an oath for the fulfillment of the mission "Swachh Bharat" and to ensure their contribution towards the cleanliness of the surroundings. Dr. Anil Gupta, Principal of the college emphasized on the importance of such programmes. While addressing the students the college



Greater participation for Cleanliness

Principal emphasized the need for keeping our homes, workplace and surroundings clean as it is vital for good health. But doing the cleaning symbolically for one day achieves little. A culture of cleanliness must be developed. Living in an insanitary environment is a curse and social stigma. So mere campaign will not yield fruitful results. If we care and campaign more with honesty, we will soon have quality environment around us.



## Awareness Rally on World Aid Day



On worlds AIDS Day i.e 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2014, Red ribbon Club of Govt. Degree College Banihal organized a rally from college campus which passed through Banihal town to create awareness about this killer disease. Both boys and girls held placards in their hands with slogans to create awareness about the effects of AIDS. Around three hundred college boys and girls took out the rally. While passing through the streets of Banihal town the students educated every passerby about this dreadful disease, viz, AIDS.

Dr. Anil Gupta, the Principal of the college addressed the students before the rally was flagged off. He highlighted the causes and symptoms of AIDS. He also raised the issue to give awareness to common masses so that people will take proper prophylaxes in future.

Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed Sohil, NSS programme officer also impressed upon the students to take all possible precautions to save human lives and spread the message not to indulge in any activity that causes AIDS.

All staff members also participated enthusiastically in the rally with the same objective in view.

The rally taken-out by the college students culminated at Banihal Main Bazar with expectation to exhibit proper consequences and their efforts to create awareness among the masses.

## Extra-Curricular Activities



### Cricket:

There is no Physical Education Teacher/ Instructor in the college. Students under the guidance of faculty members participated in the cricket events organized by local clubs and played brilliantly against the teams which were coached by experts.





### College Picnic:

A one day picnic was organised for the college students at a famous tourist place “Chashma Verinaag” on 15-11-2014. On their way to the picnic spot the students also enjoyed the scenic beauty of peer panjal Mountains wherefrom Jawahar Tunnel is constructed as gateway of Kashmir. At Verinaag the students had a glimpse of famous water spring and enjoyed the beauties of nature.

### *Beautification Drive*



On 30th September 2014, Department of Environmental Science organized a beautification drive on the college campus in which about 50 students of the college took part. The students were led by Dr. Anil Gupta, Principal, Dr. Najeeb Ahmad Bhat (Lecturer Environmental Science) and Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Sohail (NSS Programme officer)



## *New Initiative*

As we know NCC is the noble task of nurturing the youth of our State into worthy citizens. Considering the aim of National Cadet Corps i.e. Character building, Contribution towards Nation Building, Contribution in promoting secularism and National Integration, the college shall start the process of imparting NCC training to college students from the academic session 2015-16.

## *Release of Maiden Issue of Newsletter*



Dr. Anil Gupta, Principal of the college released the Maiden Issue of the College Newsletter "Fountain Head" in presence of the Staff and Students of the college on 25-3-2014. He congratulated the students and the staff for their achievement and said that the College Newsletter is a source of encouragement for the students as it reflects their participation in various activities during the academic session.



**Farewell to Third Year Student on 31st Dec. 2014**

# LET'S PLANT TREES !

Deserts are spreading in many parts of the world. Halt the desertification ! Plant more trees.



**We enjoy planting and caring for trees simply because we like to see them grow**

## **Reasons for PLANTING TREES**

1. Trees act as carbon "sinks".
2. Trees prevent or reduce soil erosion and water pollution.
3. Trees help recharge ground water and sustain stream flow.
4. Properly placed screens of trees and shrubs bring down noise pollution.
5. Properly placed trees act as field windbreaks. They reduced wind and heat stress on the crop even as they prevent topsoil loss and soil moisture losses.
6. Trees add beauty and grace to any community setting. They make life more enjoyable, peaceful, relaxing and offer rich inheritance for future generations.
7. Trees help reduce stress in the work place and hasten recovery of hospital patient.
8. Shades of trees cool hot city streets and parking lots.



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# *Glimpses.....*

