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Press Release

GDC Nowshera celebrated International Day of Biological Diversity under the banner of G-20 Summit.

Department of Botany in collaboration with Department of Zoology today celebrated the **International Day of Biological Diversity** under the banner of **G-20 Summit**. The day was celebrated with the theme: **“Build Back Biodiversity”**. In order to create awareness amongst the students about the major biodiversity issues, two events were organized; an awareness lecture and a speech competition. The programme started with the inaugural address of Prof. Inam Ul Haq, HOD, Zoology. He highlighted the aim behind the celebration of **International Day of Biological Diversity** and awared the students about the forthcoming G-20 Summit to be hosted by India. Prof. Pooja Devi, HOD, Botany delivered a detailed presentation in which she apprised the students about the biodiversity of local plants found in Nowshera-Sunderbani area of District Rajouri. In her awareness lecture, Prof. pooja threw light on the significance of biodiversity, its values, threats and measures to conserve biodiversity. She also motivated the students to act as ambassadors and spread the message of biodiversity conservation and contribute towards the ex-situ conservation of by enriching the botanical/herbal gardens.

A speech competition on the topic **“Let’s Conserve Biodiversity”** was also held in which 10 students expressed their views about the recent trends in biodiversity loss and the measures to be taken for its restoration. All the participants were awarded ‘Participation Certificates’. The programme was organized under the supervision of Dr. K.K. Sharma, Principal of the college. The programme was attended by a large number of students who pledged to make every effort in order to mitigate the loss of biodiversity. The programme ended with formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Gowhar Ahmed Shapoo, Lecturer in Botany.





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