

World Environment Week 2025

Theme: “ENDING GLOBAL PLASTIC POLLUTION”

Report of Cleanliness Drive in College Campus on 02/06/2025



Today, on June 2nd, 2025, the Department of Environmental Science, in collaboration with the NSS Unit and the Eco-Club of Government Degree College (GDC) Uttersoo, inaugurated a week-long series of events to commemorate **World Environment Week 2025**. This year's global theme, “**Ending Global Plastic Pollution**,” served as the focal point of the activities.

The week began with a **Cleanliness Drive** held within the college campus. The event was formally inaugurated with an insightful address by the worthy Principal, **Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Sohil**, who underscored the critical role that cleanliness plays not only in maintaining public health and aesthetics but also in ensuring a sustainable environment. He highlighted the responsibility that academicians, policymakers, staff members, and students share in environmental conservation and in fostering eco-conscious behavior.

Following the principal's address, **Prof. Rouoof Habib**, Head of the Department of Environmental Science and NSS Programme Officer, spoke in detail about the significance of **World Environment Day 2025**. He emphasized the urgent need to address plastic pollution at every level and discussed practical strategies for reducing plastic waste, especially in educational institutions.

After the inaugural session, students, and faculty members were divided into several groups, each assigned specific zones of the college campus. The participants enthusiastically engaged in the cleanliness drive by collecting various forms of plastic waste, including discarded water bottles, juice containers, polythene bags, snack wrappers,

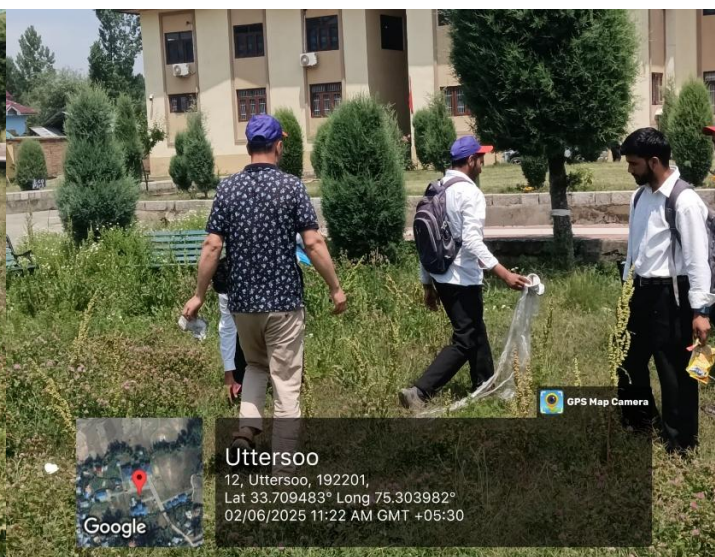
and other non-biodegradable materials. These items were systematically gathered in designated bins for proper disposal, ensuring the activity was conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.

The presence and active participation of college staff members alongside students and NSS volunteers added to the significance of the event. Their joint efforts demonstrated a unified commitment to keeping the campus clean and setting an example for environmental responsibility.

Principal Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Sohil lauded the coordinated efforts of the NSS unit, the Department of Environmental Science, and the Eco-Club, particularly appreciating Prof. Rouoof Habib for initiating and organizing such meaningful environmental activities. He encouraged the continuation of such drives to instill long-lasting environmental awareness among the youth.

The students not only cleaned the surroundings but also actively engaged with their peers to spread awareness about the harmful effects of littering and the importance of adopting environmentally sustainable habits. They urged fellow students to adopt the principle of **“Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle”** in their daily lives.

The successful launch of the Environment Week at GDC Utersoo marks a step forward in building a cleaner and greener campus and serves as a model for community-led environmental action.





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