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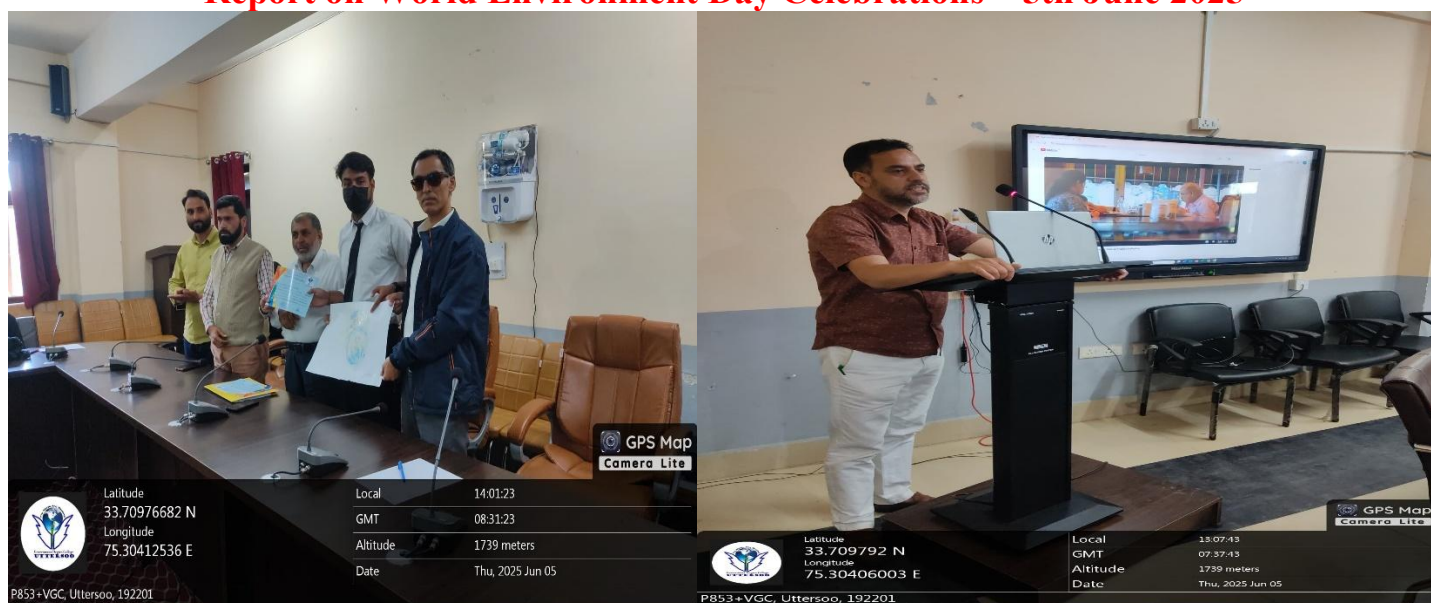
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Theme: "ENDING GLOBAL PLASTIC POLLUTION"

Report on World Environment Day Celebrations – 5th June 2025



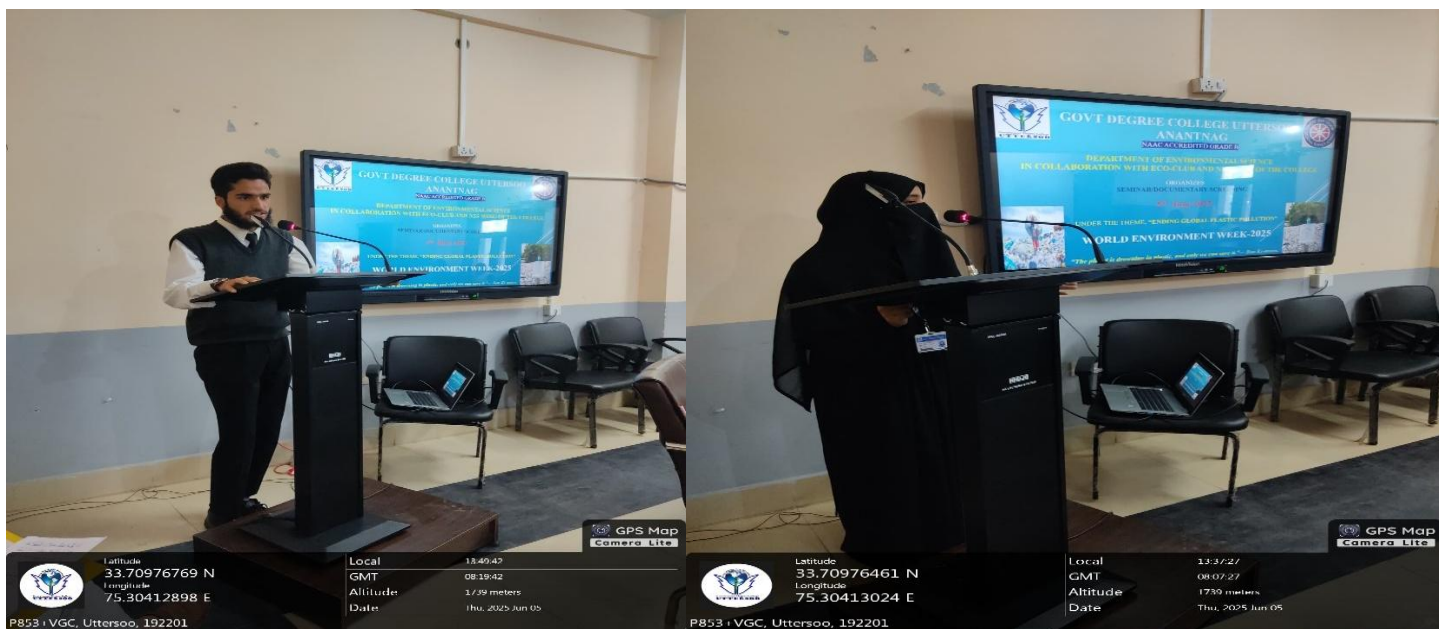
In observance of **World Environment Day 2025**, Government Degree College Uttersoo organized a comprehensive and thought-provoking programme on **5th June 2025** under the theme **"Ending Global Plastic Pollution."** The day-long event was jointly coordinated by the Department of Environmental Science, the NSS Unit, Eco-Club, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the Debates/Seminar Committee of the college in collaboration with District Administration Anantnag. The purpose of the programme was to raise awareness, engage students and faculty in meaningful discourse, and inspire action against the ever-growing menace of plastic pollution. The event was structured into two sessions — a documentary screening session followed by a formal seminar and student engagement programme.

The first session began with the screening of two impactful documentaries in the college conference hall. The first documentary demonstrated innovative and sustainable methods to repurpose and recycle plastic waste into usable products by a youth from the district of Kulgam. It showcased real-world examples of how plastic can be transformed through processes like recycling, plastic-to-fuel conversion, and the creation of eco-friendly construction materials. This visual journey offered hope and practical solutions to what is often perceived as an overwhelming problem. The second documentary focused on the alarming rate of waste generation in India, with a special emphasis on the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. It brought into perspective the urgent need for systemic reforms in waste management and the role of local authorities and communities in addressing this

challenge. Both documentaries served as a catalyst for discussion and encouraged students to think critically about their roles in creating a cleaner, greener future.

The second session commenced with an insightful inaugural address by the esteemed Principal of the college, **Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Sohil**, who spoke passionately about the gravity of plastic pollution and its long-lasting environmental, ecological, and health consequences. He emphasized the role of educational institutions in creating environmentally conscious citizens and urged students to adopt sustainable practices in their everyday lives. Following his address, **Mr. Rouoof Habib Ganie**, Lecturer in Environmental Science, delivered an engaging presentation on the significance of celebrating World Environment Day. He elaborated on the global theme for the year 2025 — **“Ending Global Plastic Pollution”** — explaining its importance in the present context and highlighting the collective efforts needed to combat this crisis at local, national, and global levels. The session then transitioned into a student seminar competition wherein several enthusiastic students presented their perspectives on plastic pollution, its effects on biodiversity, ecosystems, and human health, and the urgent need for behavioral change and policy support. Among the participants, Ms **Sabi Jan** secured the **first position**, Ms **Fiza-Binti-Nisar** secured the **second position**, and Mr **Owais Ahmad Kumar** secured the **third position**. The performance of the students was judged by a panel of esteemed jury members — **Prof. Ummar Muhammad**, Head of the Department of Computer Applications, and **Prof. Basharat Hussain**, Head of the Department of Economics. The winners were felicitated with certificates of appreciation by the Principal, who also commended their clarity of thought and commitment to environmental causes.

The programme concluded on a high note with a formal *Vote of Thanks* presented by **Prof. Basharat Hussain**, who expressed gratitude to the Principal for his continued support, to the organizing departments for their coordination, and to the students for their enthusiastic participation. He emphasized the need to convert awareness into action and encouraged students to become responsible agents of change in their communities. The event left a lasting impression on all attendees and reinforced the message that protecting the planet from plastic pollution is not just an environmental necessity, but a moral imperative.





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