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REPORT

Virsa-e-Dogra Celebrates the Soulful Bond of Dogri and Music

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Government Degree College for Women, Kathua witnessed a vibrant celebration of Dogra culture through the event “Virsa-e-Dogra,” organized jointly by the Department of Dogri and the Department of Music under the able guidance of the esteemed Principal of the college. The programme was based on the theme “Dogri and Music,” highlighting the deep-rooted connection between language, melody, and cultural heritage.

The event aimed to promote and preserve the rich legacy of the Dogri language and its musical traditions, which form the cultural backbone of the Duggar region. The programme beautifully showcased how Dogri literature finds expressive power through music, folk traditions, and performance arts. The celebration also featured “Dogri Dishes – Pakwane Da Mela,” adding a traditional culinary touch to the cultural festivities.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. (Dr.) Jaipal Singh, Principal of the college, as the Guest of Honour. In his address, he appreciated the efforts of the Departments of Dogri and Music for organizing such a meaningful cultural programme and emphasized the importance of preserving regional language and heritage through artistic platforms.

The event also featured a Special Guest and Performer of the Day, Shri **Vijay Sharma**, a National Awardee of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar (2019) in Dogri and a renowned satirical poet, who has also served as a Retired AEE. His presence and literary performance added intellectual depth and cultural richness to the programme.

The cultural segment further featured captivating performances by distinguished artists. Mr. Rishi Kapoor, a noted accompanist and a Doordarshan and Radio artist, enthralled the audience with his musical expertise and soulful accompaniment. The programme was enriched by the melodious performances of Mr. Pankaj Bhagat, a renowned singer and Radio artist, whose presentation of Dogri songs received great appreciation from the audience.

Adding vibrancy to the celebration, the students of the college presented an energetic and graceful Dogra folk dance, reflecting the colorful traditions and festive spirit of the Duggar

region. Their performance was widely applauded and showcased the enthusiasm of the younger generation in keeping cultural traditions alive.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Sonika Jasrotia from the Department of Dogri and Dr. Vibha from the Department of Music, whose dedicated efforts ensured the grand success of the programme.

The event also served as a stress-relieving and rejuvenating session for faculty members and students. The faculty appreciated the sincere efforts of the organizers in successfully conducting the programme.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Guest of Honour, Special Guest, invited artists, faculty members, and students for making “Virsa-e-Dogra” a memorable celebration of Dogri language and music.

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