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REPORT

“Wildlife Week 2026 Celebrated at Government Degree College for Women, Kathua”

The Department of Zoology, in collaboration with the Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC), Government Degree College for Women, Kathua, celebrated Wildlife Week 2026 with enthusiasm and active participation of students and faculty members. The programme was organised under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Jaipal Singh to create awareness among students about wildlife conservation, biodiversity, habitat protection, and ecological sustainability. The theme of Wildlife Week 2026, **“Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife,”** emphasised the significance of protecting and restoring interconnected natural habitats for the survival and well-being of wildlife. The theme highlighted the need for collective efforts towards conserving ecosystems and maintaining ecological balance.

As part of the celebrations, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Assistant Professor in Zoology, GDC Billawar served as the Resource Person and delivered an insightful lecture on wildlife conservation and biodiversity. He elaborated on the ecological significance of wildlife and explained how connected and healthy habitats provide essential food, shelter, breeding grounds, and movement corridors for different species. He also sensitised the students about major threats to wildlife, including habitat fragmentation, deforestation, pollution, climate change, and other human-induced activities. He emphasised that effective wildlife conservation requires protection of not only individual species but also the habitats and ecological corridors on which they depend.

Principal Dr. Jaipal Singh appreciated the initiative undertaken by the Department of Zoology and IIC. He stressed the important role of educational institutions in promoting awareness about wildlife and environmental conservation and encouraged students to become responsible towards of nature. The lecture proved highly informative and engaging, providing students with valuable insights into the relationship between habitat connectivity and wildlife conservation. Dr. Poonam Sambyal, HOD Zoology and Prof. Manjot Singh, Assistant Professor highlighted the importance of Wildlife Week celebrations in sensitising students towards the rich biodiversity of the region and the urgent need for its conservation. They encouraged students to develop a deeper understanding of wildlife and adopt environmentally responsible practices.

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GDC for Women Kathua celebrates Wildlife Week 2026, highlights habitat conservation

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The programme was organised under the guidance of Principal Dr. Jaipal Singh. This year's theme, "Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife," highlighted the importance of protecting interconnected habitats.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Assistant Professor of



Faculty and students during the event.

Zoology, GDC Billawar, attended as resource person and delivered a lecture on wildlife conservation. He explained how connected habitats provide food, shelter, breeding grounds and movement corridors for species.

He also discussed threats

including habitat fragmentation, deforestation, pollution, climate change and other human activities, stressing that species protection must go hand in hand with conserving natural habitats.

Principal Dr. Jaipal Singh appreciated the Department

of Zoology and IIC for organising the programme and encouraged students to become responsible citizens and contribute to environmental protection.

Dr. Poonam Sambyal, Head of the Department of Zoology, and Prof. Manjot Singh, Assistant Professor, highlighted the importance of Wildlife Week in raising awareness about the region's biodiversity and the urgent need to protect it.

The programme provided students with insights into habitat connectivity and encouraged environmentally responsible practices for a sustainable future.

