

NSS Unit of GDC Bhaderwah Launches 7-Day Winter Camp 2026

Bhaderwah, J&K – February 17, 2026 – The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Bhaderwah kicked off its highly anticipated 7-Day Winter Camp 2026 today with a vibrant inaugural session, combined NSS orientation program, and a focused awareness drive on social responsibilities. The camp was organised under the able guidance of Principal, Prof. Mohd. Farooq Mirza. The camp, running from February 17 to February 23, 2026, aims to foster volunteerism, community service, and civic engagement among students.

The inaugural ceremony commenced at 10:00 AM in the college campus, graced by faculty members, alongside NSS Programme Officer, Prof. Mohd Yaseen Sirwal, and enthusiastic NSS volunteers. The session highlighted the theme "Youth for Social Transformation," emphasizing the role of youth in addressing local challenges like environmental conservation, health awareness, and rural development in the Bhaderwah region.

A comprehensive NSS orientation program included an interactive awareness session on social responsibilities, featuring expert talks on topics such as gender equality, disaster preparedness, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and digital citizenship. Resource persons from college faculty include Prof. Mohd Maqbool Pala, Dr Ajaz Ahmed Wani and Dr Bharat Singh who shared real-world examples, inspiring volunteers to commit to 100 hours of community service during the camp. Key activities planned include tree plantation drives, cleanliness drives, awareness lectures on HIV/ Aids and rally on drug de-addiction.

Prof. M. M. Pala, in his address, commended the NSS Unit for its proactive role in holistic student development. "This winter camp is more than an event—it's a call to action for our youth to become change-makers in society," he stated. NSS Programme officer, Prof. Mohd Yaseen Sirwal added, "Through this camp, we aim to instill values of empathy and responsibility, aligning with the NSS motto 'Not Me, But You.'"

Finally, the program concluded with vote of thanks by NSS PO who thanked Principal, staff members and volunteers for their support in making this event a successful one.