

GDC Drass Hosts 'Meet the Expert'; Receives Trekking Gear Worth ₹1.5 Lakh Under Sponsorship

Drass, October 03, 2025 — Government Degree College Drass successfully hosted a “Meet the Expert” programme for students of the High Altitude Trekking Guide Course, featuring Captain Pushya Mitra, Founder and Director of Tirupati Adventurous Trekkers, Tirupati Nature Society, and Tirupati Runners.

The event began with a warm welcome by Principal Nasir Shabani, who greeted the distinguished guest with traditional khatak and underlined the significance of professional trekking equipment in strengthening the Skill Centre’s capacity for safe, experiential learning in the region’s challenging terrain.

In his engaging address, Captain Pushya Mitra shared inspiring personal mountaineering experiences, highlighted the nuances of high-altitude trekking, and spoke on the growing scope of adventure tourism as a career path. He particularly emphasized the role of technical equipment and safety training for aspiring mountaineers.

A major highlight of the day was the formal handover and takeover of high-altitude trekking equipment amounting Rs 1.5 Lakh sponsored by Tirupati Adventurous Trekkers, to the college’s Skill Centre.

The donated gear including ropes, harnesses, mountaineering shoes, caps, and other essential tools — will directly support student training in alpine and expedition environments. Captain Mitra also demonstrated the use of select equipment, offering students hands-on insights into their application during training and expeditions.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Javed Mohammad Iqbal, UT Nodal Officer for Skill Courses, Ladakh, he extended heartfelt gratitude to all the generous sponsors of the high altitude trek gears. He also acknowledged the key role of Mr. Suhail Ahmed in facilitating the programme/ sponsorship.

The sponsors and contributors of the mountaineering equipment are Tirupati Adventurous Trekkers Ms. Saritha Soppa – High Altitude Trekker, Captain Pushya Mitra – Trekker, Entrepreneur, Founder of Tirupati Nature Society & Tirupati Runners, Ms. T. Sindhu – Business Leader & Entrepreneur

Mr. Jaya Krishna – Business Supporter & Philanthropist.

The entire event was successfully conducted and anchored by Ms. Parveen Fatima, Assistant Professor of English, GDC Drass.



