

GDC Kargil organises Interactive Program on "Confronting the Climate Challenges in the Indian Himalayas"

Kargil, July 13, 2025 – Government Degree College (GDC) Kargil in collaboration with HSC University St. Petersburg Russia, PGDAV College University of Delhi and Badarwah Campus of Jammu University held an interactive session on "Confronting the Climate Change in the Indian Himalayas, Pathways to Resilience" on Saturday in the seminar hall of GDC Kargil.

Principal GDC Kargil, Prof. Disket Angmo welcomed the guest speakers from Russia and other universities to the college. In her welcome address, Prof. Disket Angmo said that Ladakh stands at the front line of climate change and the region is defined as resilience in terms of mountains, ecosystems and most importantly the people. She expressed her commitment that GDC Kargil stands firm towards resilience, sustainability and shared learning rooted in regional realities of Ladakh.

Dr. Tsering Tundup (Organising Secretary) of this summer school program presented the introductory speech. Dr Pradeep Singh (Convener) of the program suggested to explore local solutions to mitigate the problems at local level. He further emphasized the students not to stick to the definitions and terminologies only regarding the climate issues rather than they need to think out of box for solving local climate issues on micro level.

Prof. Alexander Sorokin (Dean Social Sciences) from HSE University St. Petersburg Russia laid emphasis on the need to boost and revive local practices that could be useful to help further research at international level. Prof. Sorokin presented a comparative analysis of Altai Region of Russia and that of Ladakh and presented his observations regarding challenges, similarities and ecological conflicts in both the regions.

Dr. Fayaz Ahmed Kacho, Research Scholar University of St. Andrews Scotland also addressed the gathering. His assertion to be intact with the traditional best practices can help a great extent to manifest resilience against the challenges in places like Ladakh. He said that we shouldn't be ashamed of revival and adoption of such local practices for the sake of a sustainable ecosystem in this era of climate change.

Dr. Richa Agarwal from PGDAV University of Delhi also laid emphasis on believing in local solutions towards the climate challenge and resilience. She suggested the local students to explore local economic solutions for livelihood and entrepreneurship in the future time in order to preserve the fragile ecosystem of Ladakh.

Mr. Egor Petrov, a Naval Architecture Graduate and student of the summer school also expressed his takeaways from this trip.

Around 100 students attended the program and it concluded with an engaging Q&A session followed by vote of thanks by Sakina Mehak, a student of 1st Semester of the college.

Mr. Mohammad Ali Shabir (Assistant Professor English) coordinated the arrangements of this interactive session along with other concerned committees of the college.

