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GDC Batote celebrated World Youth Skills Day

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Government Degree College (GDC) Batote in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra Ramban SKUAST, Jammu celebrated World Youth Skills Day on 15 July 2026 with great enthusiasm under the global theme, “Skills for a Shared Future.” The programme was organised to sensitise students about the significance of skill development, innovation, entrepreneurship, and lifelong learning in building an inclusive and sustainable future.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Ashaq Hussain Parray, Head, Department of English, who welcomed the distinguished resource persons, faculty members, and students. Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Manish Sharma, Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), SKUAST-Jammu, traced India's economic journey from being one of the world's largest contributors to global GDP to the severe socio-economic challenges inherited at the time of Independence in 1947. Stressing the importance of continuous learning, he encouraged students to embrace the concept of “earning while learning” and equip themselves with emerging skills to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Parveen Kumar, Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), SKUAST-Jammu, elaborated on various Government of India initiatives and schemes that provide financial assistance to farmers through credit facilities, loans, and grants to enhance agricultural productivity. He underscored the vital role of innovation and skill development in strengthening the agricultural sector's contribution to the national economy. He also advocated the adoption of organic and natural farming practices to promote sustainability, reduce input costs, and maximise agricultural output.

In her presidential address, Dr. Arti Pandoh Gupta, Principal of the College, observed that academic qualifications alone are insufficient to secure success in today's highly competitive job market. She emphasised the equal importance of hard and soft skills for enhancing employability and urged students to remain focused on skill development while steering clear of drug abuse, alcoholism, and other anti-social activities.

The proceedings of the programme were ably conducted by Prof. Leakh Raj, Head, Department of History. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Kousar Muzammil, Head, Department of Urdu, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Principal, the distinguished resource persons, faculty members, the organising committee, and the students for their active participation and valuable contributions towards the successful conduct of the programme.

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Principal