

GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE PAMPORE
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Report on One Day Awareness Programme on Certificate Course
in Plant Disease Diagnostics in Horticulture Crops

A one-day awareness programme on Certificate Course in Plant Disease Diagnostics in Horticulture Crops was organized by the Research and Development Cell of Government Degree College (GDC), Pampore in collaboration with Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir through its Advanced Research Station for Saffron and Temperate Seed Spices.

The programme aimed to create awareness among students and participants about the importance of plant disease diagnostics in horticultural crops, which are of great economic importance in the region. It aimed to sensitize students about the significance of plant disease diagnostics in horticultural crops like saffron and spices.

The major objectives of the awareness programme were to create awareness about plant diseases affecting horticultural crops, introduce participants to modern techniques of disease diagnosis, highlight the importance of early detection and management of plant pathogens, provide information about the certificate course and its career prospects and strengthen collaboration between academic institutions and research organizations.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by honourable Principal Madam, Prof. Gazala Gaiys who highlighted the importance of such awareness programmes in enhancing students' knowledge and skills in the field of horticulture and plant protection.

The event featured four expert speakers from SKUAST-K who delivered insightful lectures. Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Bhat spoke on the diagnosis of major diseases of fruit crops, explaining symptoms, causes, and management practices. Dr. Javied Ahmad Dar also elaborated on the diagnosis of major diseases of fruit crops, further enriching the participants' understanding with practical examples. Dr. Bilal Ahmed Zargar delivered a lecture on Government of India schemes for farmers and rural youth, highlighting various opportunities and support systems available. Dr. G. H. Mir discussed the diagnosis of major diseases of spice crops of the area, with special reference to locally important crops. Each session was interactive, allowing participants to engage with the experts and clarify their doubts.

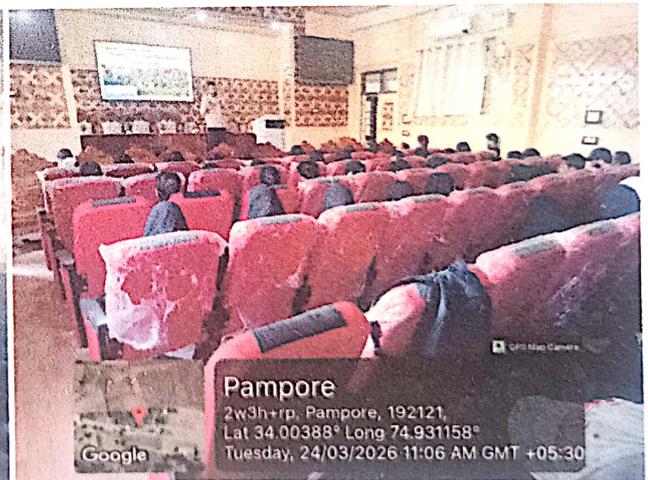
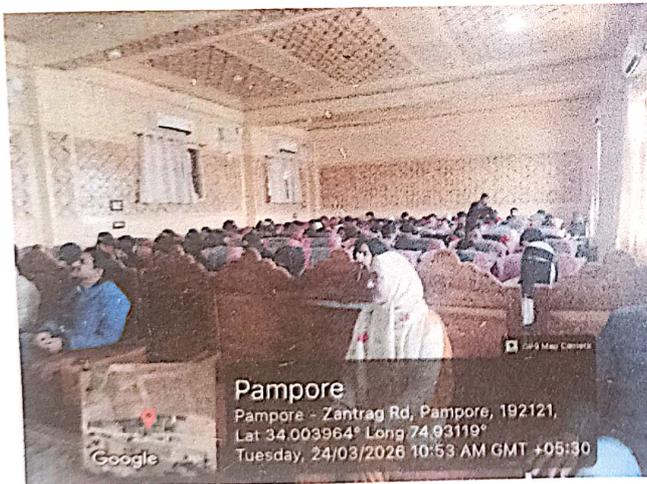
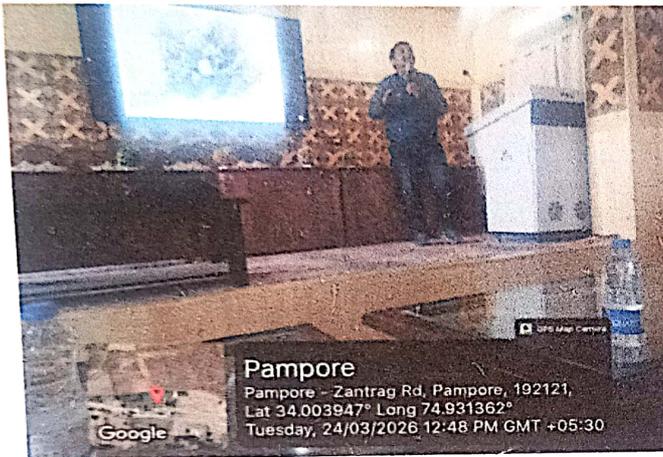
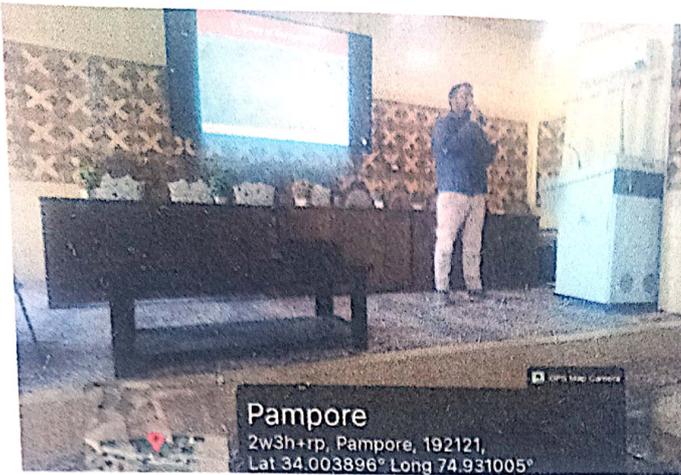
Detailed information was provided on identification and management of plant diseases. Emphasis was laid on early diagnosis to prevent crop losses. Awareness about government schemes encouraged participation of rural youth in agriculture-related activities. Special focus was given to diseases affecting fruit and spice crops in the local region. The programme was highly informative and beneficial for students and participants. It enhanced their understanding of plant disease diagnostics and highlighted the importance of scientific approaches in horticulture.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sidrat Ul Muntaha Anees, who expressed gratitude to the speakers, organizers and participants for making the event successful.


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