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Report on Earth Day Celebration:
Eco-Trek and Cleanliness Drive GDC Pampore
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In observance of Earth Day 2026, the Department of Geography organized a comprehensive environmental initiative titled "Eco-Trek 2026" on 22-04-2026 from Wahabkhar to Soipathar. The event was designed to move beyond traditional classroom learning, fostering a direct connection between students and the natural environment. The program was conducted in successful collaboration with the J&K Forest Department and J&K Wildlife Department, whose expertise ensured both the safety of the participants and the ecological integrity of the route.

The primary objective the Eco-Trek was to promote environmental awareness among the youth, to actively contribute to the restoration of local trails through a cleanliness drive and to study the local topography and biodiversity of the region. The programme was carried out under the esteemed guidance and motivation of the Principal of GDC Pampore, Prof. Gazala Gaiys, whose constant encouragement played a crucial role in the successful execution of the activity.

The trek commenced early in the morning at Wahabkhar, with a group of 18 enthusiastic students along with 3 faculty members representing the Department of Geography. The trek was flagged off by HOD Geography, Dr. Sidrat Ul Muntaha Anees. Government officials participating in Eco-Trek from J&K Forest Department and J&K Wildlife Department included Mohd Ashraf Kabli, Range officer Wildlife Range Khrew; Mohammad Altaf Hakeem, Range officer SC Range Pampore; Mudasir Muhi Uddin, Block officer Khrew; Bashir Ahmad Pandith, Block officer Territorial; Farooq Ahmad Iliahi, Block officer Territorial; Mohd Yousuf Ganaie, Beat Guard; Gulzar Ahmad Ganaie, Beat Guard; Mohd Hussain, Fgd territorial; Javaid Ahmad Mir, Fgd territorial; Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, Fgd territorial; Casual labours Gulzar Ahmad Sheikh and Yaseen Jatla.

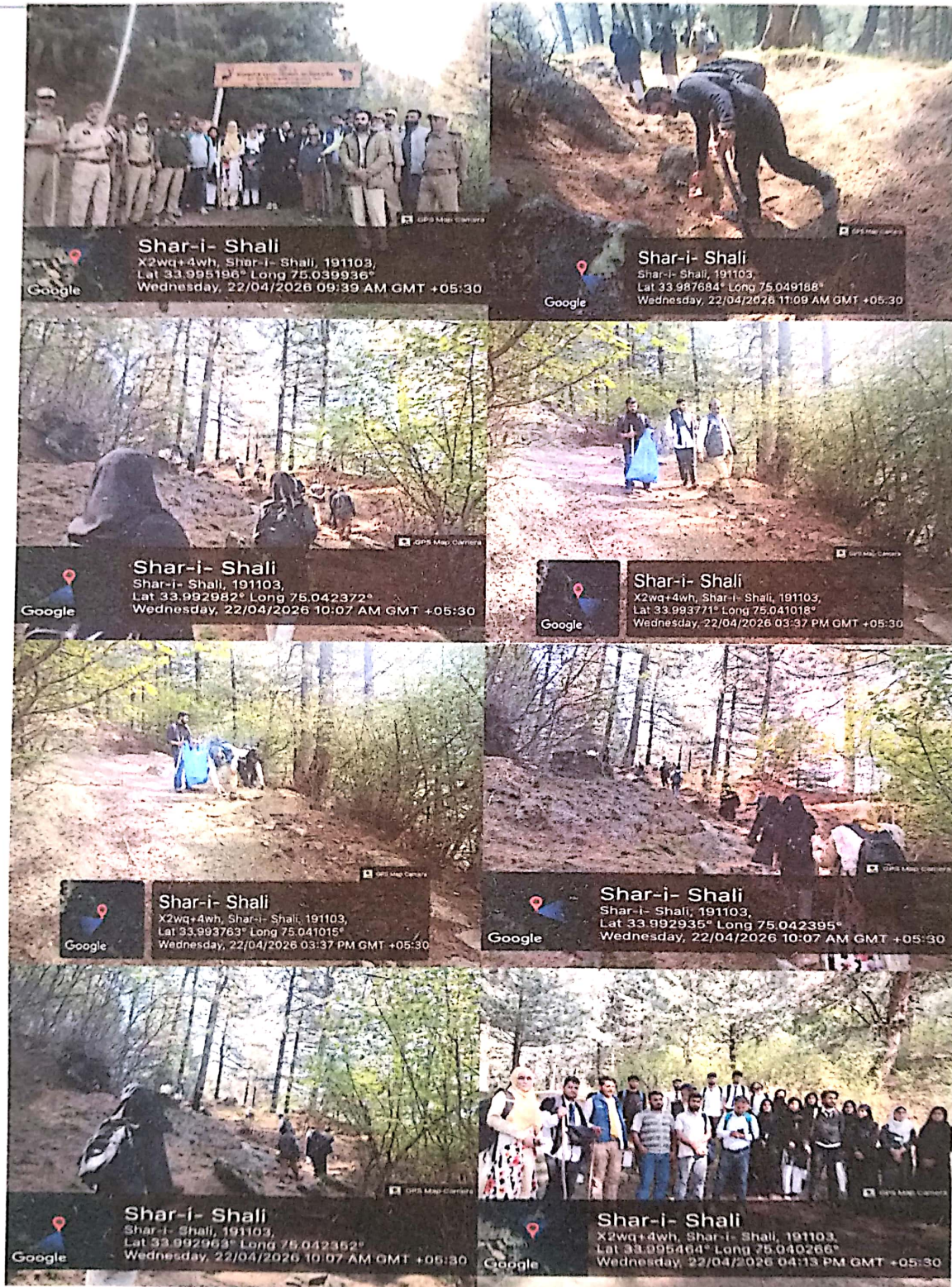
Students displayed remarkable physical endurance and discipline, navigating the mountainous terrain while observing the unique geographical features of the area. Throughout the route, students were equipped with biodegradable collection bags. They diligently collected non-biodegradable waste such as plastic bottles and wrappers left behind by previous visitors.

Representative officers from the Forest Department provided valuable insights during the trek, explaining the importance of forest conservation and the specific flora and fauna native to the Wahabkhar-Wastoorwan corridor. The synergy between the Department of Geography, GDC Pampore, J&K Forest Department and J&K Wildlife Department was a cornerstone of the Eco-Trek's success. The Forest and Wildlife Department provided the route guidance and safety protocols along with technical knowledge regarding the local ecosystem.

The Eco-Trek was not merely a physical activity but a profound learning experience. Students witnessed firsthand the impact of human littering on pristine landscapes and took active steps to rectify it. This initiative successfully combined physical fitness, academic observation and civic responsibility, making the 2026 Earth Day celebration a meaningful and impactful event for the entire college community.



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