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Report on Inter-College Painting Competition

District Administration Srinagar Inter-College Painting Competition
Under Annual Action Plan FY 2026–27 (Youth Empowerment and Engagement Programme)

Theme: "*Youth for Life and Nature*"

Venue: Government College of Education (IASE), Srinagar

Date: 21st May, 2026

The Government College of Education (IASE), Srinagar organized the District Administration Srinagar Inter-College Painting Competition on 21st May, 2026 under the Annual Action Plan FY 2026–27 (Youth Empowerment and Engagement Programme) on the theme "*Youth for Life and Nature.*" The programme was conducted under the supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges. The event aimed to provide a creative platform to students from various colleges of Srinagar city for expressing their ideas, concerns, and aspirations regarding life, nature, environmental protection, and youth responsibility through art and creativity.

Inaugural Session

The inaugural session commenced in the morning with the participation of students, faculty members, jury members, and representatives from different colleges across Srinagar city. The atmosphere of the institution reflected enthusiasm and artistic spirit as participants assembled for the competition.

The programme formally began with an introductory address by Mr. Muneer Ahmad, faculty from the Department of Art of the institution. In his address, he highlighted the significance of the theme "*Youth for Life and Nature*" and encouraged students to use painting as a medium of free expression and social reflection. He also briefed the participants regarding the rules and guidelines of the competition and motivated them to portray innovative and meaningful ideas through their artwork.

Thereafter, Prof. Lateef Ahmad Shah, Coordinator of the event at the college level, invited the Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, to address the gathering. In her comprehensive address, Prof. Naz elaborated upon the objectives of the Youth Empowerment and Engagement Programme initiated

under the Annual Action Plan FY 2026–27. She emphasized the importance of channelizing youth energy towards constructive and creative pursuits and highlighted the role of educational institutions in nurturing talent, awareness, and responsible citizenship among students.

She also welcomed the jury members, faculty, and participating students from different colleges and provided details regarding the venues arranged for the smooth conduct of the event, including the Art Laboratory, Conference Hall, and Multipurpose Hall. Stressing the importance of art as a means of communication and awareness generation, she encouraged participants to creatively reflect issues related to environmental conservation, sustainable living, and social responsibility.

The inaugural session was further enriched by the address of Mr. Showket Ahmad, Faculty, DPIMFA, University of Kashmir, who spoke about the transformative role of art in society. He highlighted how painting and artistic expression serve as powerful tools for sharing ideas, emotions, and social messages, especially among youth.

Following the addresses, Prof. Lateef Ahmad Shah announced the distribution of students to the designated venues. Participants were allotted one hour and thirty minutes to complete their paintings. The students enthusiastically engaged in the activity and expressed their thoughts and perspectives on the given theme through vibrant and thought-provoking artwork. Nearly 45 students from various colleges of Srinagar city participated in the competition.

Valedictory Session

The valedictory ceremony of the competition was organized at 2:00 PM in the College Auditorium. The session witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, faculty members, participants, and students. The auditorium reflected a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere as participants eagerly awaited the announcement of results.

The session was moderated by Mr. Muneer Ahmad, student of B.Ed. 3rd Semester, who conducted the proceedings smoothly and effectively. Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges, delivered the welcome address and formally felicitated the guests, jury members, and participants for their active involvement and contribution to the success of the programme.

Prof. Lateef Ahmad Shah, Convener DSC, presented the backdrop of the programme and highlighted the broader objectives of promoting creativity, awareness, and youth engagement through artistic and cultural activities. He appreciated the efforts of the participating colleges and students for making the event meaningful and successful.

During the session, a documentary prepared by the Government College of Education (IASE), Srinagar was screened for the audience. The documentary focused on awareness regarding youth responsibility, prevention of social evils, and the importance of positive engagement among young people.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Faculty DPIMFA, University of Kashmir and member of the jury panel, shared the jury observations and remarks. He appreciated the creativity, originality, and artistic abilities demonstrated by the students and encouraged them to continue participating in such creative initiatives in the future.

The Chief Guest of the occasion, Shri Akshay Labroo (IAS), Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, delivered the presidential address. In his address, he emphasized the importance of youth participation in nation-building activities and highlighted the role of creativity and awareness in promoting environmental sustainability and social responsibility. He appreciated the initiative taken by the District Administration Srinagar and the Government College of Education (IASE), Srinagar for organizing such a meaningful programme aimed at empowering youth through art and expression.

The valedictory session also witnessed the distribution of prizes and certificates among the winners and participants by the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Nodal Principal Kashmir Division Colleges, jury members, and coordinators.

The winners of the competition were as follows:

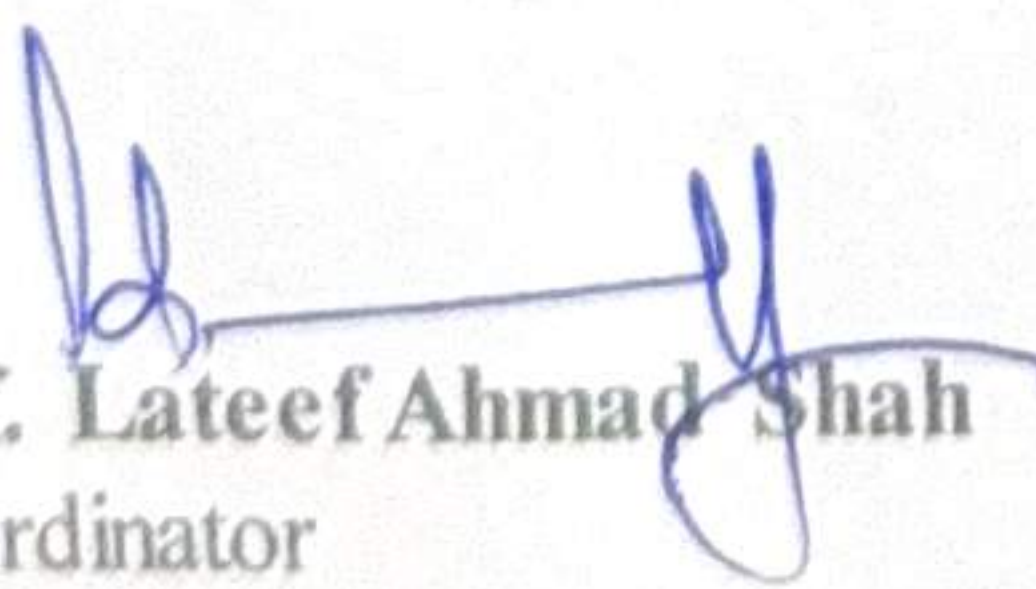
1. **First Prize:** Mrs. Noshah Qadri, Women's College M.A. Road, Srinagar
2. **Second Prize:** Mrs. Khushboo Jan, Amar Singh College, Srinagar
3. **Third Prize:** Mrs. Bushra Shafi, Islamia College, Srinagar

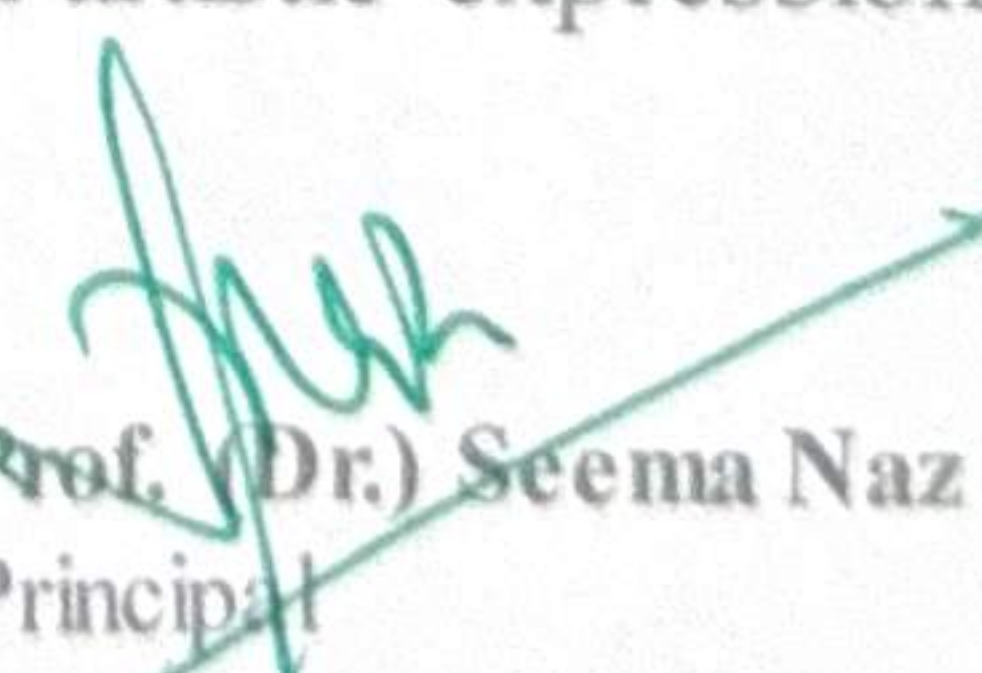
Certificates of participation were distributed among all participating students in recognition of their enthusiastic involvement and artistic contribution.

The ceremony concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by Prof. Aijaz Ahmad Dar, Member DSC, who expressed gratitude to the District Administration Srinagar, college administration, jury members, faculty, participants, organizing committee, and volunteers for their support and cooperation in making the programme successful.

The valedictory ceremony witnessed the participation of nearly 195 participants, including students, faculty members, and guests. Dr. Abdul Rashid Sheikh served as the Rapporteur for the entire session, while the preparation and coordination of certificates were managed by Prof. Abdul Gani Kumar and Mr. Zuhair Bashir.

The programme concluded on a positive and inspiring note, reflecting the collective commitment towards youth empowerment, creativity, environmental consciousness, and constructive social engagement through artistic expression.


Prof. Lateef Ahmad Shah
Coordinator


Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz
Principal

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