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**REPORT ON SVEEP PROGRAMME:**

The District Election Office Anantnag's SVEEP cell and NSS Unit Government Degree College Qazigund jointly organized a SVEEP Programme on 01-04-2024, to create awareness among students about the Electoral Progress for the first time voters. The programme was organized under the patronage of the Principal Prof. G.R.Verma who emphasized the importance of elections for a healthy democracy. The program commenced with a welcome address presented by Prof. Showkat Ahmad Malik (NSS Programme officer) who briefed the students about the rich history of the electoral process of India. The programme was carried forward by the District Resource Persons of the SVEEP cell, Anantnag, Dr. Arshad Ahmad Salroo and Mir Sajid Ramzan. Dr. Salroo in his address emphasized the inclusive nature of the democratic process of elections. He highlighted the importance of voting for all categories of voters such as Persons with disabilities, elderly people amongst others. The first time voters were made aware about the importance of their votes. They were informed about the electoral process and the mechanisms that have been put in place to facilitate voters. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mir Sajid Ramzan focused on the need for Quality Education that shall ensure greater voter participation. The need to vote ethically and morally was emphasized.

The members of the organizing committee also deliberated on the Theme during the programme. Prof. Nehad Kaniz Fatima who hosted the programme highlighted the SDG with special reference to goal number 5 ; Gender Equality. She emphasized that ethical voting can help in bridging the gender gap. It would help to ensure optimal gender participation in the legislative process. A number of students also shared their views in the event.

Finally a quiz programme was also held and certificates for the same were distributed among the students who participated in the quiz. Prof. Aufaq Ahmad Zargar in his address reiterated all the eligible first time voters along with general voters should make a judicious decision while exercising their voting rights. He encouraged the students to ensure their participation in the electoral process as responsible citizens of a vibrant democracy. The programme concluded by a vote of thanks presented by Prof. Aufaq Ahmad Zargar.

