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Relevance of Teachings of Hazrat Shaikh Ul Alam (RA) in Contemporary Times

A Report

On 7th of December 2024, debates and seminar committee in collaboration with the Department of Kashmiri of GDC Tral organised a daylong seminar titled "*Relevance of Hazrat Sheikhul Alam's Teachings in Contemporary Times*". The programme was held at the mini auditorium of the college, featuring Prof. Shad Ramzan as the esteemed



Resource person. The event aimed to explore the enduring significance of Sheikhul Alam (R.A.), a prominent Sufi saint and poet, whose teachings continue to resonate within the cultural and spiritual landscape of Kashmir and beyond. On the occasion principal host college, prof. (Dr.) Mushtaq Ahmad Malik, in his inaugural address welcomed the guests and set the tone of the event. He stressed the need of organizing

such programmes so as to acquaint the younger generations of the region of their rich glorious literary heritage.

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Kumar, Assistant professor Kashmiri, in his keynote address highlighted the key objectives of the seminar. He said that the primary objective of the seminar is to critically analyze the core teachings of Sheikhul Alam and their applicability to contemporary ethical and moral dilemmas.



The seminar attracted a diverse audience, including scholars, students, and faculty members, all eager to engage with the profound insights offered by Sheikhul Alam. Prof. Ramzan elucidated how Sheikhul Alam's poetry, known as vakhs or shruks, served as a powerful medium for disseminating his message to the masses. He analyzed the symbolic language and metaphors particularly idiom employed by the saint, drawing connections to contemporary social issues. Specific examples of vakhs were cited and interpreted, demonstrating their relevance to modern-day concerns such



as environmental degradation, social inequality, and the pursuit of material wealth. Furthermore, Prof. Ramzan discussed the significance of Sheikhul Alam's teachings in promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding. He emphasized the saint's message of universal love and tolerance, which transcends religious boundaries and fosters a spirit of peaceful coexistence.

Following Prof. Ramzan's address, an interactive session ensued, providing attendees with an opportunity to engage with the speaker and delve deeper into specific aspects of Sheikhul Alam's teachings. Questions posed by the audience ranged from the interpretation of specific vakhs to the practical application of the saint's philosophy in contemporary life. Prof. Ramzan responded thoughtfully to each query, fostering a lively and enriching discussion.

The seminar concluded with a strong call to action for participants to integrate Sheikhul Alam's teachings into their daily lives and community practices. Prof. Ramzan reiterated that the relevance of these teachings extends beyond academic discourse; they offer practical guidance for ethical living, social responsibility, and spiritual fulfillment in contemporary times. The programme culminated with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Aashaq Hussain Zargar, convener Debates & Seminars, while the proceedings of the event was conducted by Dr. Samiullah Head Department of Kashmiri.

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