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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KPK

It gives me great pleasure and pride to write these words for the 2nd edition of the newsletter of Govt. College Balakot, ***The Trendsetter***. Pursuit of excellence in all spheres is the key feature of Government College Balakot. Achievements of this college are greater in number. The zest shown by the staff and students in research, innovation and creativity in curricular and co-curricular domains inspires me immensely.

I am happy that the latest edition of ***The Trendsetter***, the newsletter of Government College Balakot is ready for publication. I appreciate and admire the efforts of editorial team and the Principal of GC Balakot in this regard. I pray and hope that under the guidance of the Principal, the college will continue its journey to success in future.



**Prof.  
Irshad  
Ahmad**

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR RDHE, HAZARA, ABBOTTABAD.

It is a matter of immense pleasure for me to pen down the message for the newsletter of Govt. College Balakot, ***The Trendsetter***. It is worth mentioning that our college sector is making progress in providing quality education. The insightful educational and co-curricular events to be depicted will be a testament to the collective talent and dedication of our students and faculty.

As the Director of Higher Education, Hazara Region, I wholeheartedly support and encourage such initiatives that foster intellectual growth and promote innovation among students. By publishing this edition, we are going to add another jewel to the crown of quality education.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, GOVT. COLLEGE BALAKOT.

It has always been my aspiration and foremost concern to create a multidimensional and skill-oriented educational environment, to enrich the moral and ethical values, and to enhance curricular and co-curricular engagements at Government College Balakot. My foremost goal is to create a dynamic learning environment that promotes academic achievement and essential life skills.

Simultaneously, I emphasize the significance of co-curricular activities in shaping the individuals. I intend to inculcate passion and talent beyond the classroom. My sole and ultimate aim is to bring *“Excellence in Education and Integrity...”* through collaborative efforts. The second edition of the newsletter, ***The Trendsetter*** will highlight the achievements and aspirations of vibrant students of GC Balakot.



**Prof. Syed  
Abdul Wajid  
Shah**

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As the editor, I present the latest edition of the newsletter, ***The Trendsetter*** with immense pride and honor. I am honored to share the collaborative efforts of our dedicated team in bringing you insightful events, inspiring curricular and co-curricular accomplishments, infrastructural developments, and valuable updates from our vibrant and zealous college community.

This newsletter will serve as a platform to celebrate the multifaceted talents of our students, the dedication of our faculty, and the determined leadership of our Principal. Each page reflects our commitment to deliver quality contents that also spark intellectual curiosity and ignite creativity.



**Prof.  
Sajid Hussain**



11<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH  
2023

## INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE & CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Govt. College Balakot acts as a beacon of inspiration by frequently hosting seminars and conferences like that of momentous international seminar held on March 11, 2023.

The event was graced by the distinguished presence of Prof. Bushra Iqbal Malik from Bonn University, and Prof. Dr. Jamal Malik from Erfurt University, Germany. The seminar comprised two enlightening agendas, "Opportunities for Urdu Language and Literature in Germany", and Teaching Islamic Studies and Opportunities for Students in Germany".



## HIRING OF VISITING FACULTY 2023

Visiting faculty members were carefully selected across various departments through a fair and impartial evaluation process led by respective Heads of Departments (HODs), all under the guidance of Principal Prof. Syed Abdul Wajid Shah. The emphasis was on identifying meritorious and enthusiastic lecturers who could contribute to the seamless execution of academic activities in the respective departments.



17<sup>TH</sup>  
DEC  
2023

## INAUGURATION OF NEWSLETTER & WALL CALENDAR

Since the day, the incumbent Principal took the helm of GC Balakot, his leadership has been marked by a relentless commitment to innovation across academia and co-curricular domains. Among the many notable achievements under his guidance, two prominent initiatives have left an indelible mark on the institution. Firstly, the publication of a dynamic newsletter, *The Trendsetter*. Secondly, the creation of a distinctive wall calendar has streamlined the institution's schedule and strengthened unique identity of the college within the broader community. Following the set tradition, the wall calendar for the year 2024 is also in hand.





15<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE  
2023

## CELEBRATION OF FIRST POSITION OF “THE SAIF-UL-MALOOK” FOR 2020-21 ACROSS KPK & UNVEILING CEREMONY OF THE LATEST EDITION



The 3rd Edition of magazine, *The Saif-ul-Malook* for the year 2020-21 secured the distinctive first position across public sector colleges of KPK, which is a remarkable testament to the exceptional dedication of its contributors and the most resilient spirit of its Patron-in-Chief, Prof. Syed Abdul Wajid Shah.



Recently, a prestigious ceremony jubilated this enormous achievement, graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz, VC Hazara University, who served as the chief guest. During the same ceremony, the latest edition of the esteemed magazine, *The Saif-ul-Malook* 2022-23 was proudly unveiled.



15<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE  
2023

## DISTINCTIVE FIRST POSITION OF THE LATEST EDITION OF THE SAIF-UL-MALOOK 2022-23

The latest edition of *The Saif-ul-Malook* 2022-23, has once again emerged triumphant by securing the first position across public sector colleges of KPK. The remarkable achievement follows the success of the previous edition, highlighting the consistent excellence of literary endeavors of the institution. The indomitable spirit, commitment and dedication of the Patron-in-chief Prof. Syed Abdul Wajid Shah, along with the collaborative efforts of all contributors including editors, graphics & layout designer, played a pivotal role in bringing about the marvelous accomplishment. Moreover, three faculty members viz Prof. Mumtaz Hussain, Shahbaz Sarwar & Syed Aqib Shah along with three students also won the distinctive positions in Gojri section for their marvelous contributions.



17<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY  
2023

## GRAND BOOK FAIR & BOOK READING COMPETITION

Amidst numerous curricular and co-curricular activities, GC Balakot hosted a splendid book fair. This literary spectacle not only provided the students representing GC Balakot with an unparalleled opportunity to explore a diverse collection of books comprising subjects ranging from science and arts to philosophy, religion, and literature, but also extended a warm invitation to neighboring educational institutions. During the same eventful week, the college administration immersed the students in a comprehensive Book Reading Contest, wherein a distinguished jury meticulously evaluated each reader's review to discern the deserving victors. It was a week brimming with literary enrichment and intellectual fervor.



## BOARD OF STUDIES MEETINGS

In recent Board of Studies (BOS) meetings at Government College Balakot, significant progress was made in academic matters across following BS departments.

(1) Islamic Studies (2) Physics (3) Urdu (4) Zoology. All the four disciplines for the sessions 2018-22 & 2019-2023 witnessed their final year projects in BOS meetings in which the students' synopses were successfully approved by external examiners.

ISLAMIC STUDIES



PHYSICS



URDU



ZOOLOGY



## EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF THESES/VIVA VOCE

BS students of following disciplines for the batches (2018-2022 & 2019-2023) have successfully completed their theses/research projects under the guidance of their relevant supervisors. They have been achieving remarkable milestones in the diverse fields of research after due evaluation by the external evaluators since the advent of BS system.

(1) Islamic Studies (2) Physics (3) Urdu (4) Zoology.



20<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST  
2023

## MONTHLY TESTING/EVALUATION SYSTEM & CONSTITUTION OF MODEL CLASSES AT INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

The innovative approach of Principal GC Balakot to education, specifically the introduction of a monthly testing/evaluation system, has played a fundamental and vital role in enhancing the quality of education. By integrating both subjective and objective assessments, it encourages active engagement of students with the material taught and evaluated. Furthermore, the constitution of model classes at intermediate level has been really handy in promoting an atmosphere of competition among students which has led to achieve the intended academic outcomes in a befitting manner.



## SEMINAR ON LAB MANAGEMENT & SAFETY MEASURES

A highly fruitful seminar was organised by Chemistry Department to educate staff and students about lab management and safety measures. Prof. Muhammad Awais, HOD Chemistry from GPGC Mansehra was the key speaker.



## STUDENT OF THE YEAR (2023)

Among the numerous initiatives aimed at improving the quality of education, one prominent effort involves the conferral of distinctive awards, such as *Student of the Year*, based on the students' all round performance. This practice not only acknowledges their dedication but also fuels their passion to excel. Mr. Ibad-ur-Rehman from the Department of Islamic Studies, was named as well-deserving recipient of this award.



## SEMINAR ON AWARENESS AGAINST DRUGS

A seminar on "Say No to Drugs" was held at GC Balakot. Principal Prof. Syed Abdul Wajid, Prof. Sajid Hussain, Prof. Mufti Sajid Hussain and SSP Police Nazeer Khan Tanoli were the key speakers. The seminar aimed to create awareness in youth against the harmful impacts of drugs.



## DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS GROUND



GC Balakot has taken a commendable step forward by investing in the development of a state-of-the-art sports ground. Nelson Mandela once said, "Sports has the power to change the world". This newly established sports ground not only provides students with a platform to excel in various disciplines of sports & athletics, but these activities also have significant impact on physical and mental well-being of students. Moreover, worthy Assistant Commissioner Tehsil Balakot Ms. Basharat Shah has vowed to complete the leveling and development of this ground with the assistance of the offices of Tehsil administration Balakot.



MARCH  
&  
DECEMBER  
2023

## IDPL CRICKET & BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

Following the extensive renovation and development of the sports ground, the IDPL Cricket and Badminton tournaments at GC Balakot commenced with great enthusiasm and fervor in March 2023 & December 2023. Amidst the heightened anticipation, the Departments of Physics and Urdu secured a place for the grand finales in both the events consecutively, eventually leading to the heart-pounding thrillers in which The Department of Physics stood victorious. Meanwhile, the Department of Islamic Studies emerged triumphant in the Badminton tournament after beating The Department of English in a nail-biting contest. The winners and runner-ups were awarded with the medals and trophies in a gracious closing ceremony through the hands of worthy Chief Guest, Assistant Commissioner Balakot, Ms. Basharat Shah.



## CLEANLINESS WEEKS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 2023 & DECEMBER 2023

GC Balakot witnessed Cleanliness Week activities, exemplifying the institution's firm dedication and commitment to clean and renovate the college campus in the first week of January 2023 under the national policy of "**Clean & Green Pakistan**". Following the previous cleanliness week and accomplishment of the desired outcomes, our college embraced the spirit of the Holy Prophet's saying "**Cleanliness is half of the faith**" with a dedicated Cleanliness Week from December 4-9, 2023. Intermediate students and those from all six disciplines of BS actively revitalized classrooms, auditoriums, labs, library, lawns, and grounds.



The closing ceremonies of both the events were graced by the Chief Guests Prof. Mumtaz Haider & Prof. Saeed-ul-Haq, respectively. Prizes were awarded, developing a competitive atmosphere among students for achieving the distinctive positions after the meticulous judgment by the esteemed jury members allocated from different govt. colleges.



## OATH TAKING CEREMONY OF PROCTORIAL BOARD



In 2022, the commencement of the academic session at GC Balakot was marked by the solemn Oath Taking Ceremony of the Proctorial Board. This important event was arranged by Chief Proctor Prof. Waqas Ahmed. The distinguished Chief Guest for the ceremony was Principal Prof. Syed Abdul Wajid Shah. During the ceremony, the selected student proctors from both the Intermediate and BS Disciplines took their oath of responsibility, committing to maintain discipline within the college premises. The Principal, in addition to administering the oath, also presented each proctor with their respective sashes, symbolizing their authority and duty to ensure order and decorum within the institution.



14<sup>TH</sup>  
AUG  
2023

## COMMEMORATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Government College Balakot celebrated Pakistan's 76th Independence Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. Over the past five days, the college had been fervently celebrating various Independence Day activities in compliance with the directives of government and Higher Education Department, KPK. Principal emphasized the individual and collective responsibility of all citizens towards the development of nation after attaining independence.



25<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY  
2023

## GRAND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY & HEEF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

During the Grand Prize Distribution Ceremony at GC Balakot on May 25, 2023, a myriad of awards, including Medals, Cash Prizes, Distinction Certificates, Emblems and various Trophies, were presented to outstanding achievers on the basis of their exceptional performances in both curricular and co-curricular activities. The highlight of the ceremony was the distribution of Higher Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) Scholarships, offering support to meritorious & deserving students. Regional Director RDHE Abbottabad, Prof. Irshad Ahmed, graced the occasion as the esteemed Chief Guest accompanied by Prof. Mumtaz Haider & Prof. Riaz Hussain as Guests of Honor.





5<sup>TH</sup>  
FEB  
2023

5<sup>TH</sup>  
FEB  
2024

## KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY

GC Balakot commemorated **Kashmir Solidarity Day** in a display of profound commitment with innocent Kashmiri people. Adhering to the directives of the esteemed higher authorities at HED, KPK, the college administration as a routine spared no effort in motivating both faculty members and students to actively participate in Bilingual Declamation and Essay Writing activities, all centered on the significance of **Kashmir Solidarity Day**. To ensure the utmost fairness and impartiality, a distinguished panel of judges was convened to evaluate the participants in the Bilingual Declamation and Essay Writing competitions. The current year also witnessed commemoration of **Kashmir Solidarity Day** with due enthusiasm.



5<sup>TH</sup>  
AUG  
2023

## COMMEMORATION OF KASHMIR EXPLOITATION DAY

GC Balakot stands in solidarity with the innocent Kashmiri people by observing **Kashmir Exploitation Day**. This day signifies our firm condemnation of the unlawful occupation by the Indian Government and the terrible atrocities committed by Indian Forces in the region. This solemn occasion serves as a heartbreaking reminder of our firm commitment to the cause of Kashmiri people and the pursuit of justice. **Kashmir Exploitation Day** is not merely an event; it is a symbol of our enduring support for the Kashmiri people's aspirations for freedom, dignity and the right to self-determination.



27<sup>TH</sup>  
OCT  
2023

## COMMEMORATION OF KASHMIR BLACK DAY

GC Balakot solemnly observed **Kashmir Black Day** as per the directives of government and HED KPK. The college community, including both staff and students, wholeheartedly attended the ceremony with deep reverence. A remarkable feature of this event was the formation of a human chain by the students, encircling the central lawn within the college campus. In a distinctive and symbolic display of unity, the students queued up in a unique pattern to spell out the word "کشمیر". This innovative arrangement has become an iconic representation of GC Balakot's identity across the colleges of HED KPK.







18<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY  
2023

9<sup>TH</sup>  
DEC  
2023

## GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY & INAUGURATION OF ULTRA WATER FILTRATION PLANT

GC Balakot reached an extraordinary milestone on May 18, 2023 by setting the foundation of the Ultra Water Filtration Plant, with the distinguished Prof. Riaz Hussain, the JMC Coordinator and the Principal of GPGC Mansehra, gracing the event as the Chief Guest. On December 9, 2023, GC Balakot celebrated its inauguration through the hands of worthy AC Balakot, Ms. Basharat Shah, as the chief guest. The initiative guarantees provision of clean water for the college community and beyond.



## WELCOME AND FAREWELL PARTIES FOR STAFF MEMBERS

GC Balakot upholds a precious tradition of extending warm welcome to its new faculty members and bidding fond farewells to those who have been transferred or retired, to develop a sense of comradeship. The recent addition to the faculty was graciously welcomed amidst the inviting atmosphere, where they were not only greeted with open arms, but also infused with motivation and encouragement. Meanwhile, the retiring colleagues, were honored with a heartfelt farewell ceremony, with the distinguished presence of Prof. Mudassir Shah, as the chief guest.



JUNE  
2023

## STUDY TRIPS OF STUDENTS REPRESENTING VARIOUS BS DISCIPLINES

In June 2023, Government College Balakot organized a series of educational and recreational tours across the following BS disciplines. These tours provided students with valuable educational and recreational experiences.

BS Islamic Studies

BS Physics

BS Urdu

BS Zoology





21<sup>ST</sup>  
NOV  
2023

## INAUGURATION OF BOYS' HOSTEL

Principal Prof. Syed Abdul Wajid Shah led the remarkable inauguration of the College Boys' Hostel on November 21, 2022. This noteworthy struggle stemmed from the prior occupancy of the building by GGDC Balakot due to their space constraints. Following their relocation to their new premises, the daunting task of vacating, renovating, and furnishing the building to meet the specific needs of student residents stood ahead, and on the aforementioned date, the College Boys' Hostel stood proudly inaugurated. Meanwhile, the duties of Warden and Deputy Warden were assigned to Prof. Mumtaz Hussain & Prof. Khair Muhammad, respectively.



## TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGNS AT GC BALAKOT

In spring and monsoon 2023, GC Balakot took a proactive stance towards environmental protection in light of the pressing issues of Ozone Depletion and Global Warming. A robust tree-plantation campaign was initiated within its premises. The campaign witnessed an active participation from both faculty members and students, who took immense pride in being integral to these eco-friendly accomplishments. Through collaborative efforts, numerous trees were planted on the college grounds and lawns during both of the aforementioned seasons.



## CONDUCT OF 8TH COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

The College Council of GC Balakot assembled for the academic session 2023-24, addressing multiple agenda items. Minutes from the 8th College Council Meeting were unanimously approved, signifying the ongoing progress. Key proposals included extra funds for playground development, reallocation of research project funds for a science exhibition, organizing the first-ever convocation, procurement of office furniture, essential science lab items, and the establishment of a literary society. Additionally, the council approved staff hiring for the fall semester 2023.





**05<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OCT**  
**2023**

## CELEBRATION OF SALAAM TEACHERS' DAY

Salaam Teachers' Day was celebrated with enthusiasm across various departments of the institution, concluding in a heartfelt gathering in the Principal Office.

During this event, Principal Prof. Syed Abdul Wajid Shah personally expressed his deep appreciation and paid warm homage to the commitment and dedication of the teachers for their invaluable contributions to achieve excellence in education and upholding integrity within the institution.



## INAUGURAL CONVOCATION OF GOVT. COLLEGE BALAKOT

**NOVEMBER 23, 2023**

GC Balakot organized its inaugural convocation on November 23, 2023, for award of degrees to 200 graduates across four disciplines, including three gold medalists. The Chief Guest, VC HU, Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz, awarded gold medals and degrees, as a representative of Governor KPK. The Principal expressed his gratitude for the support of the administration and faculty of Hazara University Mansehra, for their assistance in organizing the momentous event, the guests from various spheres of life for their presence, and the media personnel for the extensive coverage of the event. The convocation marked a historic chapter, blending academic excellence and promise for the academic success in future endeavors.



## ORIENTATION SESSION OF NEWLY ENROLLED INTERMEDIATE & BS STUDENTS 2023

A very informative and enlightening Orientation Session for newly enrolled Intermediate and BS students was organized at GC Balakot, presided over by the reverend Principal, Prof. Syed Abdul Wajid Shah. The wide-ranging and productive guidelines, covering the intricate realms of academics, discipline, and co-curricular activities, were organized.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 01 GRAND SCIENCE & ART EXHIBITION

A Grand Science & Art Exhibition is on the horizon, with the primary aim of offering students a platform to exhibit their creativity. The event will feature the precisely crafted models, projects and activities spanning diverse areas of science and arts. Additionally, the neighboring educational institutions will be extended invitations, encouraging a valuable learning experience. Prizes and distinctions await the winners to promote a conducive and creative learning environment.

## 02 SEERAT-E-TAYYIBA (SAW) CONFERENCE

A grand conference on Seerat-e-Tayyiba (SAW), covering various facets of the Holy Prophet's life including social, domestic, political, and professional, is scheduled to take place at GC Balakot. Distinguished religious scholars will illuminate these dimensions, aiming to enlighten students about the life of the Holy Prophet (SAW).

## 03 GRAND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

In anticipation of recognizing academic and co-curricular achievements, Government College Balakot is set to host a grand prize distribution ceremony on March 9, 2024. This event aims to celebrate and encourage the accomplishments of achievers across various domains throughout the year.

## OUR GOLD MEDALISTS



**Mushahid Hussain**  
Batch I, BS Phycsis  
CGPA: 3.89



**Mehmoona Saeed**  
Batch I, BS Islamic Studies  
CGPA: 3.94



**Jawad Hussain Shah**  
Batch II, Physics  
CGPA: 3.97

## OUR TOPPERS



**Rasam Matloob**  
Isl.Std. CGPA: 3.71



**Pakeeza Bibi**  
Physics CGPA: 3.83



**Mohsin Javed**  
Urdu CGPA: 3.93



**Kinza Bukhari**  
Zoology CGPA: 3.98



**Sajjad Mian**  
848-A (2022)  
Intermeditate



**M. Huzaifa**  
887-A1 (2023)  
Intermeditate

## BEHIND THE SCENES: THE TRENDSETTER 2024

The comprehensive growth in various educational sectors is summarized in the Newsletter, a product requiring significant skill and dedication for regular publication. The invaluable contributions of its patron-in-chief, editor, skilled faculty members, specifically Mr. Shahzada-Gulfam, Mr. Zahid Hussain, and Mr. Zeeshan, play a pivotal role in crafting state-of-the-art educational products. These individuals, working behind the scenes, elevate the quality of publications of GC Balakot viz its top ranking magazine *The Saif-ul-Malook*, newsletter *The Trendsetter* and iconic *Wall Calendar*.

