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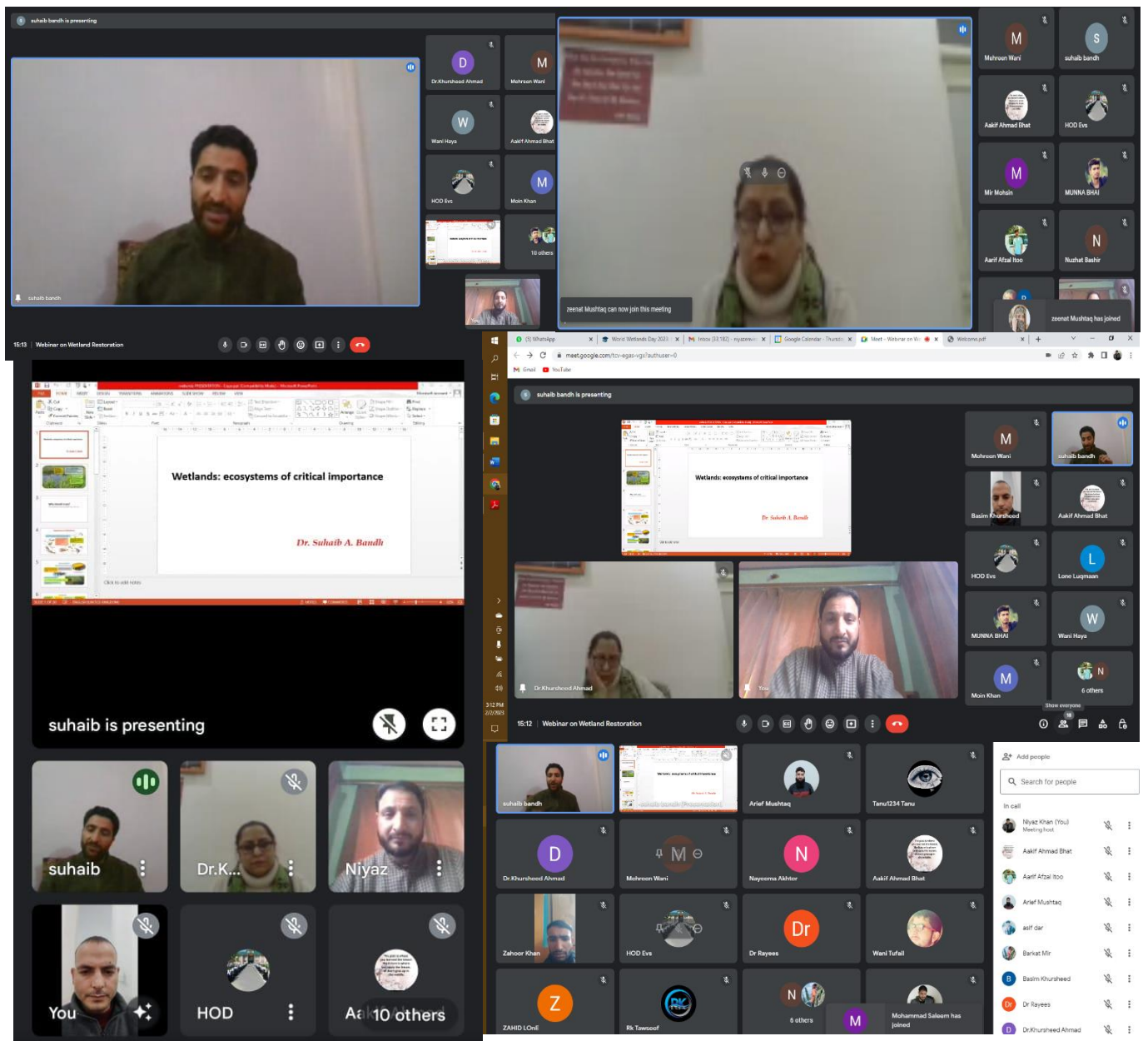
**Press Release**

**Celebrations of World Wetland Day, 2023**

Under the patronage of the worthy Principal, Prof. Dr. Yasmeen Majid Khan, the department of Environmental Sciences in collaboration with NSS, Eco club and IQAC of the College organized a Webinar on the theme "Wetland Restoration" on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 to mark the celebrations of World Wetland Day, 2023. The programme was conducted under the auspices of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Mr. Niyaz Ahmad Khan, organising secretary of the programme. Worthy Principal after formally welcoming the participants and the Guest Speaker Dr. Suhaib Ahmad Bandh, HOD Environmental Sciences GDC D.H. Pora, Kulgam, highlighted the need of organizing such programmes amid the circumstances which the humankind is going through from last several decades. She said that wetlands once widely considered as unproductive wastelands, now are considered the planets most productive ecosystems, supporting immense biodiversity, benefit people in a large number of ways. We have only one earth and we must protect all the resources present on it. She further said that preservation of these wetlands is critical for mitigating global warming and climate change. To preserve, halt and reverse the degradation of wetland ecosystems worldwide everyone has to come forward.

Resource person, Dr. Suhaib Ahmad Bandh, Head Department of Environmental Science, GDC DH Pora Kulgam in his presentation explained how we humans have disturbed the natural equilibrium by adopting an authoritarian approach instead of the utilitarian approach while harnessing the different resources from these ecosystems. Dr. Bandh pointed out the different measures for the restoration of wetland ecosystems with. He concluded his talk with the remark "ensure ecosystems in better condition, ensure better life". He further said that we have to understand the benefits of wetlands, causes of degradation only then we can think of wetland restoration. Later on, an open discussion was held between the speaker and the participants. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks.



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Principal