



Report on Celebration of Himalaya Day

On **9th September 2025**, the **Himalaya Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the guidance of **Dr. Bhupender Singh Thakur**, Principal of Govt. Degree College, Theog. The event was organized by the **Department of Geography** to highlight the significance of the Himalayas in our ecosystem, culture, and daily life.

The official **Theme of Himalaya Day 2025** was: **“Zero Waste Himalaya”** with a special focus on **translating the findings from the Himalayan Cleanup into actionable policy and community initiatives**, as well as **“Himalaya and Disaster”**, which emphasized the importance of disaster management in the Himalayan region.

On this special occasion, **Prof. Rashika Sharma** and **Dr. Rajesh Kumar** from the Department of Geography conducted an insightful lecture for the students. The lecture focused on multiple important aspects, including:

- The critical need for **reducing waste and promoting sustainable practices in the Himalayas** to preserve the fragile mountain ecosystem.
- The outcomes of the **Himalayan Cleanup initiatives**, highlighting how accumulated waste affects the environment, biodiversity, and local communities.
- The necessity of translating cleanup data into **actionable policy frameworks and community-led initiatives** to achieve a **Zero Waste Himalaya**.
- The challenges posed by **natural disasters in the Himalayan region**, such as landslides, floods, and earthquakes, and the role of proper disaster preparedness and management to mitigate these risks.

The objective was to raise awareness among students about the ecological, cultural, and economic significance of the Himalayas while promoting responsible environmental behavior and disaster resilience.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion where students actively participated by asking questions, sharing ideas, and expressing their commitment to contribute toward sustainable development and disaster risk reduction in the Himalayan region.

The event was a successful step toward motivating the younger generation to take active responsibility in conserving the Himalayas as a valuable ecological and cultural heritage.



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