

One Day Workshop on Heritage Awareness and Volunteer Training Program



A one-day workshop on “Heritage Awareness and Volunteer Training Program” was organized by Department of History on 21 May 2026 in collaboration with INTACH Kashmir Chapter. The programme was held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, heritage volunteers and academicians.





The workshop commenced with the registration of participants followed by a welcome address by Altaf Hussain, Convener, INTACH Kashmir Chapter, who highlighted the significance of heritage conservation and the role of youth participation in preserving the rich cultural legacy of Kashmir.

Ms. Purnima Datt- Principal Director HECS INTACH delivered an insightful lecture on “What is Heritage – An Overview and Understanding,” wherein she elaborated upon the meaning, scope, and importance of tangible and intangible heritage in contemporary society. An informative INTACH film was also screened by Mr. Abhishekh from HECS, acquainting participants with the organization’s initiatives in heritage conservation.

Speaking on “Volunteerism and the Need to Engage Youth for Preservation of Our Heritage,” Ms. Masarat John Head Department of History emphasized the active involvement of young people in safeguarding historical and cultural assets. Mr. Sameer Hamdani delivered a session on built heritage and conservation practices undertaken by INTACH.





Renowned heritage expert Saleem Beg spoke extensively on “Cultural Heritage: Processes and Opportunities,” stressing the need for collective responsibility in protecting Kashmir’s unique heritage traditions.

The post-lunch session included a presentation on INTACH’s volunteer initiatives by the HECS team. Mr. Billal Ahmad Pandit faculty Department of History delivered a lecture on “Heritage Volunteerism – Importance and Activities,” highlighting the importance of community participation, awareness campaigns, documentation and youth-driven heritage preservation activities.





The workshop concluded with group activities, presentations and an interactive summing-up session conducted by the INTACH team.

