



# Hassan Khoyihami Memorial Degree College Bandipora

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## **Counselling Session for 6<sup>th</sup> Semester Students Regarding Continuation into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Semesters under NEP 2020**

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

The Admission Committee of HKM Government Degree College Bandipora conducted a **Counselling Session** on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025 for the 6<sup>th</sup> Semester students. The purpose of the session was to inform and guide students interested in continuing their studies into the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semesters at the college under the framework of **Honours and Research**, as envisaged by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The session was convened by Prof. Tariq Ahmad Bhat, Convener of the Admission Committee. In his comprehensive address, Prof. Bhat explained in detail the structure and objectives of the NEP 2020, particularly its implementation in higher education. He emphasised the benefits of opting for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semesters at the college, such as continuity in learning, development of research aptitude at the undergraduate level, and the opportunity to earn an Honours degree with research experience. He also elaborated on the pros and cons of the policy, particularly in the local academic context, and addressed the institutional readiness for offering quality research opportunities at the undergraduate level.

One of the key areas of discussion during the session was the flexibility provided under the NEP 2020, especially the provision for multiple entry and exit points. Students showed keen interest and raised pertinent questions regarding the viability of continuing research at the college compared to enrolling in a university for the same. Concerns were also expressed about the availability of research guidance, academic resources, and institutional collaborations necessary for meaningful undergraduate research. Prof. Bhat addressed these concerns by highlighting the college's plans to strengthen its research ecosystem, including faculty mentoring, library resources, and possible research linkages. Dr. Mubashir Hamid, Head of the Department of Physics, also interacted with the students during the interactive session.

The event was coordinated by Prof. Shahid Shafi, Head of the Department of Economics. The session was well-received by the student participants and witnessed an engaging and productive interaction. Dr. Ghulam Mohammad Khan, faculty member from the Department of English, served as the rapporteur for the session.



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