

## Press Release: Goa Liberation Day



(Principal Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Parvez Al-Usmani and Headmistress Mrs. Siddhi Sarvesh Kanolkar with GMFC Staff Members)

Staff members of S.P.E.S's Goa Multi-Faculty College and staff members of Govt. High School, Dayanandnagar, Dharbandora, Goa, assembled together on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 8:15 a.m. to celebrate 60 Years of Goa's Liberation.

Mrs. Siddhi Sarvesh Kanolkar, Headmistress of Govt. High School, Dayanandnagar, Dharbandora, commenced the celebration by unfurling the tricolour. This was followed by singing of the National Anthem, the *Jhanda Geet* and chanting of slogans to honour the patriotic spirit of the day.

Later, the Students of Govt. High School, Dayanandnagar, Dharbandora, delivered moving speeches about the significance of the Goa Liberation Day and Mr. Akhil Naik from the Third Year Bachelor of Computer Applications course at Goa Multi-Faculty College, sang an inspiring song to honour the contribution of everyone who were instrumental in our State acquiring its freedom.

Next, the Principal of GMFC, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Parvez Al-Usmani, spoke about the importance of the day. He reminded everyone of the great progressive strides made by our State in diverse areas and gave credit to the visionary Goan leaders from the political and social arena who stimulated such positive change in the State that allowed Goa to recover from the ravages of the colonial era. He also referred to the things that are yet to be done. The Principal also touched upon the NEP and the present and future challenges that educationists are likely to face. The Principal concluded his speech by thanking the staff of both the institutions for their continued commitment to education especially during these testing times.

After this, Mrs. Siddhi Sarvesh Kanolkar, Headmistress of Govt. High School, Dayanandnagar, Dharbandora, addressed the gathering. She began by paying homage to the freedom fighters whose sacrifices in the past made it possible for us to live in a State where we can enjoy the constitutional guarantees of justice, liberty and equality. She too touched upon the achievements of Goa in various sectors and reminded the attendees that all of us have to contribute to protect and preserve the ecosystem of Goa for future generations.

GMFC had organised an Inter-Colligate Competition '**Flaunt Our Goan Culture,**' to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Goa's Liberation. Seventeen entries were received from 10 colleges. Mrs. Siddhi Sarvesh Kanolkar announced the winners at the end of the formal flag hoisting ceremony.

The first place was claimed by Mr. Aniket D. Gaonkar from Goa College of Hospitality and Culinary Education, the second place went to Ms. Manjita Gauns Dessai from Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Quepem, and the third prize was won by Hriya Patil of Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao. After the flag hoisting ceremony a small exhibition was arranged in the library where all the competition entries were displayed.