

## **Festival of ‘Unity in diversity’ at GMFC**

The staff members of Goa Multi-Faculty College and Govt. High School, Dharbandora, Goa jointly celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day by unfurling the National Flag at their campus followed by singing of the National Anthem. Students of GMFC, Ms. Sharda Sonar and Ms. Sujata Rathod delivered speeches about importance of Republic Day while Mr. Akhil Naik presented a patriotic song paying tribute to the freedom fighters and the other unsung heroes. On the occasion, students of High School, Miss Sweta Tamboskar, Miss Vaishnavi Gaonkar and Miss Isha Pathan also spoke about the sacrifices of freedom fighters and a group patriotic song in their honor was presented by the group of the school students. The function was live streamed for the benefit of the students to enable them to attend virtually.

Addressing the function, at the outset, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Parvez Al-Usmani, Principal of the College paid his homage and respect to the freedom fighters and called this celebration as National Festival of ‘Unity in diversity’. Further, he threw light on the significance of this day and he also delved on various fundamental rights and duties bestowed by the constitution to the citizens of Republic of India. Emphasizing solemn duty of each and every citizen towards the nation, the Principal called upon them to fulfill the same without any hesitation and also without expecting any favor. Advising students, Dr. Parvez said that each of them should contribute their might in their own humble way towards the nation building endeavor and requested teachers to equip them with necessary skills and knowledge to become worthy citizen of the country.

Ms. Siddhi Sarvesh Kanolkar, Headmistress began her speech by paying her tribute to the Constitution drafting committee. She also outlined in brief some of the fundamental rights; Right to Equality, Right to Freedom, Right against exploitation, Right to Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Rights, and Right to Constitutional Remedies. Mrs Teja Mardolkar, a school teacher also expressed her views on the occasion. Curtain of the function was drawn down with a vote of thanks by a student of the School, Ms. Tanvi Gaonkar.



Staff members of GMFC, and GHS, Dharbandora, Goa along with the Principal Dr. Shaikh M. Parvez Al-Usmani and Headmistress Ms. Siddhi S. Kanolkar on the occasion of Republic Day