

## **REPORT OF WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Women Cell in collaboration with the NSS Unit under the aegis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2021 in the college premises. Function which was attended by selective students and Teaching/ Non Teaching Staff members of College as well as High School section was also live streamed for rest of the students. Ms. Tanavi Kerkar, Sarpanch - Village Panchayat Mollem was the special invitee for the program.

Program began with a welcome address by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Shaikh Mohammed Parvez Al-Usmani wherein he highlighted how women play a key role in transforming varied facets of society. He particularly emphasised upon how women in roles such as Mother, Wife, Daughter immensely contribute to lives of men. Principal's address was followed by official inauguration of the program through lamp lighting at the hands of dignitaries present. As a mark of celebration, Cake Cutting ceremony was held by inviting all the women members present. This was followed by performances of some of the students and teaching staff members. Ms. Sharda Sonar, Ms. Sujata Rathod and Ms. Aasma Mathur from B.Com delivered speeches highlighting varied aspects of women empowerment. There were singing performances by Mr. Subasish Mohanty, Assistant Professor - Commerce and Ms. Sonali Karapurkar, Assistant Professor - Computer Applications.

Further, Ms. Tanavi Kerkar, alumna of the college and current Sarpanch of Village Panchayat Mollem was felicitated on the occasion by the Principal for her remarkable work, contribution towards society and for excellence on political front. Ms. Kerkar while addressing the crowd thanked college authorities for the honour and highlighted how as women we need to be confident and have firm belief in oneself to create a transformational changes in the society. Discussing her journey as a Sarpanch she firmly stated that she will always do whatever required to uplift the status of women in society. She also urged all the women to pursue studies seriously as education is foundation of our growth. She also appealed to them to voice out their opinions and firmly stand against all the atrocities happening with women. Two housekeeping staff members of the college namely Mrs. Prashila Mainekar and Mrs. Seema Gaonkar were also felicitated on the occasion as a sign of recognition of their relentless contribution.

Felicitations ceremony was followed by event Secret Sakhi. With an ideological belief that behind every successful woman there is another woman, Secret Sakhi event was held wherein each woman staff member had to write a positive note about other assigned woman member and get a gift for

her. Activity was organised with an objective to foster good interpersonal relations, bonding and also to give an opportunity to each woman employee to appreciate and recognise contributions of women colleagues around them.

This was followed by webinar on the topic “Women as Professionals in Today’s Society” which was arranged for students of B.Com, B.C.A and B.B.A. Session was facilitated by Adv. Ketaki Laxman Pednekar wherein she highlighted how women today are excelling on professional front by breaking the glass ceiling. She emphasised upon how both work and family life are perfectly balanced by women. She outlined examples of some of the prominent women who have excelled on professional front and discussed the qualities they contributed to their excellence. She also listed out some of the behavioural qualities that we as women need to inculcate in our ourselves so as to excel on personal and professional front.

Function ended with vote of thanks by Ms. Sonam Gondlekar, IQAC Co-ordinator. Program was compered by Ms. Padma Shanbag.

### **Report Submitted By Ms. Sonam Gondlekar, IQAC Co-ordinator on 09.03.2021**



