

## Report on the Inauguration of Electoral Literacy Club at GMFC, Dharbandora.



(Smt. Janavi Kalekar, Joint Mamlatdar I of Sanguem Taluka with additional charge of Dharbandora Taluka and Shri Milindra Velip, Block Development Officer, with the Principal Prof. (Dr.) Shaikh Mohammad Parvez Al-Usmani, Asst. Prof. Neelesh S. Morajkar Convenor of Electoral Literacy Club, Asst. Prof. Ulhas Bansode Co-ordinator NSS Cell, staff and students of GMFC)

The Electoral Literacy Club was inaugurated at SPES's Goa Multi-Faculty College, Dharbandora, Goa, on Wednesday, 06<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The aim of the club is to create awareness about the election process among the student community of the college and neighbouring village. The club will encourage active participation of the youth (of the college and Dharbandora taluka) in the democratic process. The occasion was graced by the presence of Smt. Janavi Kalekar who is the Joint Mamlatdar I of Sanguem Taluka with additional charge of Dharbandora Taluka. She was accompanied by the Block Division Officer, Shri Milindra Velip. The NSS volunteers and the students of GMFC were actively involved in this programme.

The function began with a melodious welcome song presented by the students of the college. After this, the Principal of GMFC, Prof. (Dr.) Shaikh Mohammad Parvez Al-Usmani, welcomed the gathering. In his brief welcome address the Principal emphasized the importance of partaking in the election process since every election is an essential pillar that upholds the democratic ethos of the nation. This was followed by the lamp lighting ceremony.

Later, Shri Milindra Velip addressed the gathering and touched upon issues such as the concept of Atmanirbhar Bharat and the need to Read, Write & Understand.

After this, Smt. Janavi Kalekar spoke at length to the students and staff. She elaborated on the process of enrolling one's name in the election roll and explained that the process is now made available online. She stated that anyone who will complete 18 years by 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022 is eligible to enroll themselves as voters by the end of November 2021. She went on to highlight why youth participation is an important aspect of successful elections.

Shortly afterwards, the dignitaries were presented with a token of appreciation and the vote of thanks was delivered by the Convenor of Electoral Literacy Club, Assistant Professor Neelesh Morajkar.

The programme concluded with a moving, gritty and hard-hitting street play titled, 'Choose Your Leader Wisely: It Is Your Duty' (Ethical Voting).

The function formally ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Ms Anaya Mulik, Assistant Professor and NSS Programme Officer acted as the Compere.

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