

Eight Outstanding Girl Students Felicitated on International Women's Day

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts & Commerce Zuarinagar, Vasco, in collaboration with the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), MES College Alumni Association, and Rotary Club of Vasco Port Town, celebrated International Women's Day by felicitating eight outstanding girl students for their achievements in various fields on March 8, 2025. The felicitation ceremony, held at Prin. M.S. Kamat Seminar Hall, honoured young women excelling in NCC, NSS, Sports, Academics, Women Empowerment, Startups, Cultural Activities, and Green Initiatives. The event, attended by students, faculty, parents, and alumni, Grandmother Sushma Kalangutkar aimed to inspire young women to pursue excellence in their chosen paths. Advocate Anita Ajay Thorat graced the occasion as the chief guest, alongside dignitaries including Rotary Club President Ms. Mugdha Kamat, Principal Dr. Manasvi M. Kamat, IQAC Coordinator Dr. Champa R. Parab, and PTA Chairperson Ms. Mariamma Nair.

The awardees were:

Academics: Ann Sarah D'Souza

Startups: Semira Mascarenhas

NSS: Pooja Mandla

NCC: LCPL. Prema Madar

Women Empowerment: Khushi Chavan

Cultural Activities: Chaitrali Toraskar

Green Initiatives: Taslim Pendari

Sports: Taiwa Mascarenhas

The above students were also awarded with a Cash Prize of Rs. 1001/- each by Mugdha kamat in memory of Late Subhash Kamat.

The ceremony began with Saraswati Vandana by cultural awardee Chaitrali Toraskar, followed by a welcome address from Principal Dr. Manasvi Kamat, who emphasized the importance of role models in inspiring young minds. IQAC Coordinator Dr. Champa Parab introduced the dignitaries and highlighted the event's significance.

Mothers of the awardees were also honoured in recognition of their unwavering support. Advocate Thorat, in her keynote address, spoke on the historical significance of International Women's Day, highlighting gender equality milestones and encouraging young women to embrace opportunities for self-reliance.

Rotary Club President Ms. Mugdha Kamat commended the students for their dedication, while the dignitaries also released the college newsletter. Certificates were presented to BCA students who participated in a Women Empowerment program organized in collaboration with CIBA.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by PTA Secretary Associate Prof. Sanjiv K. Shirodkar and the singing of the National Anthem, marking a memorable celebration of women's achievements and empowerment

