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REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026: FELICITATION OF WOMEN ACHIEVERS IN DIVERSE FIELDS

The Women Studies Centre of Government College of Education (IASE) Srinagar organized a programme to celebrate **International Women's Day 2026** on **16th March 2026** with the objective of recognizing the achievements of women and promoting gender equality and empowerment. The programme was conducted in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Officer Srinagar under the **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** initiative.

The event aimed to acknowledge the remarkable contributions of women leaders from diverse fields including politics, administration, education, healthcare, law enforcement, sports, and governance. The programme commenced with backdrop by **Dr. Tawheeda Rasool**, Convener, Women Studies Centre, who highlighted the significance of International Women's Day and emphasized that the day serves not only as a celebration but also as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for gender equality and women's empowerment.

The programme continued with a Welcome Address delivered by the Principal of the College, **Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz**, who greeted the distinguished guests, women achievers, faculty and students. In her address she expressed great pride in hosting a felicitation programme to honour women achievers from diverse fields. The Principal highlighted the importance of recognising the contributions of women who, through their dedication, perseverance, and hard work, have made significant achievements in different spheres of life. She emphasized that such personalities serve as role models for the younger generation and inspire students to pursue their goals with confidence and determination. She further stated that educational institutions play a crucial role in promoting equality, empowerment, and leadership among students.

The **Guest of Honour, Mr. Akshay Labroo (IAS)**, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, addressed the gathering and appreciated the initiative taken by the college to celebrate the achievements of women leaders. He emphasized the importance of empowering women through education, leadership opportunities, and supportive social structures. He also lauded efforts of the Principal of the college for her leadership and commitment in organizing the programme.

The **Chief Guest, Jenab Nasir Aslam Wani**, Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, delivered an inspiring address highlighting the role of women in nation building and governance. He acknowledged the achievements of the women being honoured and stressed the need for continued efforts to ensure gender equity in all sectors of society. He appreciated the college administration for organizing such an important programme that promotes awareness and recognition of women's achievements.

THE EMINENT WOMEN PERSONALITIES WERE FELICITATED FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN DIFFERENT SPHERES OF LIFE:

Mtr. Shamima Firdous, MLA Habba Kadal & State President JKNC Women's Wing, was felicitated for her outstanding leadership in politics and women's empowerment, inspiring numerous initiatives for social upliftment.

Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Rinchen Shah Center for West Himalayan Cultures, IUST Awantipora, received recognition for her significant contributions to educational policy and administration, influencing generations of students.

Prof. Iffat Hassan, Principal & Dean, Government Medical College Srinagar, was celebrated for her pioneering work in medical education and healthcare development in the region.

Prof. Sandeep Kaur Bali, Principal, Government Dental College Srinagar, was acknowledged for her dedication to dental sciences and nurturing future dental professionals.

Ms. Bisma Qazi (IPS), Commandant, 2nd Battalion Women J&K Armed Police, was felicitated for her distinguished service in law enforcement and promoting women's role in policing.

Ms. Mathoora Masoom (JKAS), Director Floriculture Kashmir, was honoured for her efforts in promoting floriculture and horticultural excellence in Kashmir.

Ms. Syed Sleet Shah, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Srinagar, was felicitated for her commitment to community safety and police administration.

The ceremony involved presenting each dignitary with a memento and a vote of thanks, highlighting the college's appreciation for their diverse contributions to society. The event underscored the institution's commitment to acknowledging and celebrating women's achievements in various professional fields. The programme also featured motivational addresses by the invited women achievers who shared their experiences, challenges, and achievements with the audience. Their speeches focused on:

- Leadership and perseverance
- Breaking gender stereotypes
- Importance of education and determination
- Encouraging young women to pursue leadership roles

Their inspiring journeys served as valuable learning experiences for the students and participants present at the event.

The programme concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** presented by **Prof. Gurmeet Kaur**, Former Associate Professor and Former Coordinator, Women Studies Centre. She expressed sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, dignitaries, women achievers, faculty members, organizers, and students for making the event a success. The celebration of International Women's Day 2026 at Government College of Education, Srinagar proved to be a meaningful and inspiring event.

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Dr. Tawheeda Rasool
Coordinator WSC

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Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz
Principal

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