

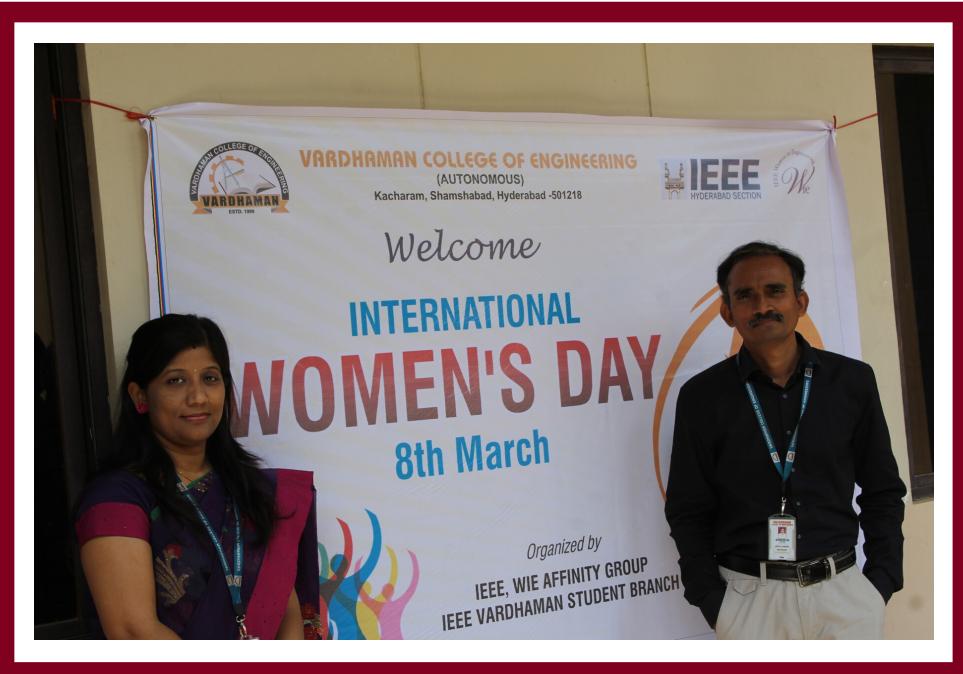
VOLUME 2, ISSUE 1 - 2019

WOMEN'S DAY

On March 8th 2019, A colourful and memorable women's day was celebrated in our college under IEEE WIE with the support of Ms Sangeeta Singh and Mr Dr.M.A. Jabbar. This event was a day-long and was held in the auditorium of our college. In this event, all our college girl students, lady faculty members and girl students of nearby government school took part. The grand event commenced by the arrival of the Chief Guest Meher Afroz, The partner group manager for the core platform engineering at Microsoft.

Meher Afroz was born and brought up in Jamshedpur. She was introduced to computers at the early age of 11. She studied Computer Engineering and started my career as a Systems Trainee in Tata Steel.

In Tata Steel - General Electric and Microsoft Company nominated to the prestigious EIMP (Experienced Information Management Program) and worked on projects including developing a strategy for managing rights for television and cable network of NBC Universal Organization, USA and the CRM Strategy for GE Commercial Finance, Europe.



MEHER AFROZ

Then She graduated from ISB ND took my current role as Chief of Staff for the VP of Strategic Enterprise Services IT at Microsoft Headquarters in Redmond. She leads the business and workforce transformation of a 1500 person shared service organization with a budget of 250M. She is responsible for the strategy and approach for enabling Social, Mobility, Analytics, and Cloud in the operations of Microsoft. In my role, I partner with industry and product groups to influence product road maps for enterprise scenarios.



There was a colourful welcome followed by lighting of the lamp. It was accompanied by a melodious Ganesh Vandana, hailing the god of knowledge and wisdom. There was a bouquet presentation to the guests and the grand event began. The event followed the inspirational speeches by all the dignitaries. Then the Chief Guest motivated all the girls to become independent and stand on their legs.

There was felicitation of the chief guest by Dr.P Sarah mam. After a short break of a few minutes the cultural activities began. There were singing and dancing performances by schoolgirls and our college students. There were many games conducted for the students. The most important part of the event was the 'Art Mela' where many students showcased their skills.

After lunch, both the students and faculty enjoyed small games being conducted and there was music and everyone enjoyed a lot and it was followed by a formal vote of thanks and the event concluded by the presenting gifts for all the winners.

DIVYA ARITH KUMAR

Captain Divya Arith Kumar was born to a Tamil family in Chennai, India. She completed her schooling from the same city and then went on to pursue graduation at Stella Maris College, Chennai. Then, she joined the NCC (National Cadet Corps), which gave her inspiration to don the olive green uniform. Divya would administer and organize her college's annual inter-college NCC festival, Cadostar, with utmost precision and responsibility. Her focus and hard-work did not go unacknowledged. The spirited young Divya was chosen to lead the all- India contingent of NCC Senior Division Girls Wing at the Republic Day Parade in 2008! She went on to win the title of All India Best Girl Cadet as well as Best Parade Commander. It seemed like Divya had found her calling.

Divya had no defence background; she was the first in her family to aim for the post of a commissioned officer in the Defence Forces. After graduating from college in 2009, she cleared the CDS (Combined Defence Services) exam and the subsequent SSB. She joined OTA that year itself and passed out in 2010. It was here, that she was awarded the 'Sword of Honour' as he excelled among a total of 244 cadets of her batch which included 63 women. She was only 21 years of age then. Her accomplishments at such a young age are deeply inspiring.



As a commissioned officer, Captain Divya joined the Army Air Defense Corps (AAD) in September 2010. Five years down the line, she was bestowed with another honour- she was selected to lead the first all-women contingent of the Indian Army at the Republic Day Parade in 2015. The dynamic officer proudly led the contingent which consisted of 126 lady officers and 28 lady cadets at the parade where US President Barack Obama was the chief guest.

Captain Divya is an all-rounder. She is a versatile and positive lady who actively takes part in various sports such as basketball and discus throw. She is also an accomplished Bharatnatyam dancer and percussionist. Currently, she is an Instructor at OTA, Chennai (another coveted post) and believes in motivating women to join the defence forces and serve the nation.

"Things are changing fast. The role and strength of women in the Army are increasing... and more women are joining the forces every year. They are now in combat support roles as well. Maybe in 10 years, we will be on the border... I want more young women, especially from Tamil Nadu, to join the Indian Army"

- Divya Arith Kumar

RITU KARIDHAL

Ritu Karidhal is an Indian scientist working with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). She was a Deputy Operations Director to India's Mars orbital mission, Mangalyaan. She has been referred to as a 'Rocket Woman of India'. She was born and brought up in Lucknow and is an aerospace engineer.

Karidhal has worked for many other earlier ISRO projects since 1997 and served as Operations Director for some of these projects. She played a key role in the development of India's Mars Orbiter Mission, Mangalyaan, dealing with the detailing and the execution of the craft's onward autonomy system. She was also the Deputy Operations Director of this mission.

Mangalyaan was one of the greatest achievement of ISRO. It made India the fourth country in the world to reach Mars. It was done in 10 months and at a far lesser cost to the taxpayers-450 crores only. Her job was to conceptualize and execute the craft's onward autonomy system, which operated the satellite's functions independently in space and responded appropriately to malfunctions. She is now working in the 'Chandrayaan 2' mission which seeks to send a rover to the moon's surface and study lunar soil in 2019.



COMMITTEE

Dr.S.Sai Satyanarayana Reddy

- Patron.

Dr.M.A.Jabbar

- IEEE CS, Vice Chair.

Mrs.Sangeeta Singh

- Faculty Advisor, Editor in Chief for the Newsletter.

Niharika Vanka

- Chair.

Akshita Vuppala

- Vice Chair.

T. Thanmai

- Treasurer.

Priyanka Sappidi

- Secretary.

M. Sai Prashanth

- Event Co-Ordinator.

Editorial member:

- Afsha Sukaina Begum.

- M.D.N. Akash.