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Report 'Adarsh Vasunhara Mata Puraskar 2024'

Adarsh College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Kulgaon-Badlapur celebrated Matrudin every year, in honour of motherhood and to offer gratitude to all mothers for their dedication, perseverance, unconditional love and sacrifices through which they raise their children and mould their life.

On this occasion "Adarsh Vasundhara Mata Puruskar" is awarded by the college to a woman who has devoted her life for social causes. 'Palak Mata Pursuskar' is awarded to single parents' who have positively raised their children in spite of various hardships and challenges of life. On 19th December 2024, these awards were given.

This event commenced at 9.00 am in the college auditorium. 200 students, parents of a few students and all staff members participated in the event. This event was graced with the presence of Hon. Shri. Nandkishor Patkar, Trustee, Adarshh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha. The event was initiated with the Saraswati Puja and 'lighting of the lamp' ceremony.

Dr. Sangeeta Pande, Principal, gave a brief introduction of the program highlighting the central idea behind Matrudin celebration. She also introduced the Guest of Honour, Smt. Sushila Sable as an environmentalist who dedicated her life towards creating a clean and green society through recycling waste. Smt. Sushila Sable is the President of Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha (PBVS), India. Under her able leadership and guidance, PBVS has become one of the formidable forces, representing thousands of waste pickers across Mumbai and Thane in Maharashtra, India. Smt. Sushila Sable is also associated with the Stree Mukti Sanghatana (Women's Liberation Organization) established in 1975. Through her involvement with Stree Mukti Sangathana and PBVS, she has become a prominent and inspiring voice on various national and global platforms, advocating for the rights of waste pickers and environmental sustainability.

The awardees of Palak Mata Pursuskar. Smt. Manjiri Joshi, mother of Ms. Rutuja Joshi, TYBA (Department of Marathi) and Smt. Padmaja Vankundre, mother of Ms. Shrutika Vankundre, TYBA (Department of Economics) were honoured with Adarsh Palak Mata Puraskar 2024. The Palak Matas were presented with the Palak Mata Pursuskar and were felicitated at the hands of Hon. Shri. Nandkishor Patkar, Trustee, Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha., Hon. Shri Ramchandra Shette, Treasurer, Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha., Hon. Shri. Rambhau Kulkarni, ex- Trustee, Adarshh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha and Dr. Shakuntala Churi, Member, College Development Committee.

The Adarsh Vasundhara Mata Puruskar was awarded to Smt. Sushila Sable at the hands of Hon. Shri. Uday Kelkar, Chairman, College Governing Council, Dr. Sangeeta Pande, Principal, Hon. Shri. Nandkishor Patkar, Trustee, Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha., Hon. Shri Ramchandra Shette, Treasurer, Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha., Hon. Shri. Rambhau Kulkarni, ex- Trustee, Adarshh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha and Dr. Shakuntala Churi, Member, College Development Committee.

Following the felicitations, the Hon. Chief Guest, Smt. Sushila Sable was invited to address the audience. Smt. Sable gave an in depth insight on the need of the hour to attain environmental sustainability through the 5R sustainability model viz. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse and Recover. The audience were deeply inspired by the brief narration of her life journey from being a rag picker to rising as the president of PBVS, how she achieved her dream of attaining education and how she overcame the economic barriers in her path towards success. Smt. Sushila Sable's enticing oration deeply motivated the audience. Her life journey shows that 'hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and love for what you are doing' will surely lead one towards success.

Thereafter, Hon. Shri. Nandkishor Patkar addressed the audience. Shri. Patkar shed light on the concept of environmental sustainability and the importance of maintaining the ecological balance of the planet's natural environment, while conserving the natural resources and achieving economic goals. He mainly emphasized on the fact that if ecological sustainability is ignored today, the human being along with other living species will have no future tomorrow. He also highlighted certain ecological efficient measures and initiatives taken up by the institution viz. Ecosan project, rainwater harvesting plant, solar panels and botanical garden to ensure a clean and green campus. He quoted, 'one small step by each one towards ecological sensitivity will surely affect the environment positively'.

The event was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Snehal Deshmukh and national anthem.




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