

Painting, Photography, Creative and Quote writing competitions: International Women's Week Celebration 2026

As part of the International Women's Week celebrations, the Women Welfare Committee organized a series of **online competitions** to encourage creativity, reflection, and engagement across the community. The competitions included **painting, photography, creative and quote writing**. The topic was: "**Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls**"- the theme for International Women's Day 2026, as a part of global campaign.

The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from individuals belonging to diverse backgrounds, including **students, faculty members, staff, and campus residents**. Each competition provided participants with an opportunity to interpret the theme in their own unique way—through visuals, words, and artistic expression. The entries highlighted important perspectives on gender equality, empowerment, and the collective responsibility to ensure rights and justice for women and girls everywhere.



Through thoughtful paintings, compelling photographs, inspiring stories, and impactful quotes, participants showcased creativity while also bringing attention to the ongoing need for action toward an inclusive and equitable society. The competitions not only celebrated talent within the community but also fostered meaningful dialogue on the values and ideals that International Women's Day represents.

The judges, Mrs Shruti Paraskar Karmalkar (painting), Dr. Amrita Satapathy (creative and quote writing) and Mrs. Dharitri Satapathy (photography) warmly congratulate the winners and appreciate the efforts of all participants. The participants approached the theme with sincerity, imagination, and sensitivity. Some paintings stood out for their visual storytelling, effective use of colour and composition, and originality.

The winners of the various competitions were announced:

Painting

- First Prize: Bindusmita Parhi (ITEP)
- Second Prize: Soumi Bandyopadhyay (Ph.D.)
- Third Prize: P.S. Aishwarya (ITEP) and Dr. Manaswini Behera (Faculty)

Photography

- First Prize: Dr. Manaswini Behera (Faculty)
- Second Prize: Soumyaranjan Das (Staff)

Creative Writing

- First Prize: Soumi Bandyopadhyay (Ph.D.)
- Second Prize: Y Monalisa (B.Tech)
- Third Prize: Nida Farheen (Staff)

Quote Writing

- Dr. Meenu Ramadas (Faculty)

Overall, the online competitions served as a vibrant platform for expression and awareness, reflecting the spirit of the celebration and reinforcing the commitment to **rights, justice, and action for all women and girls**.