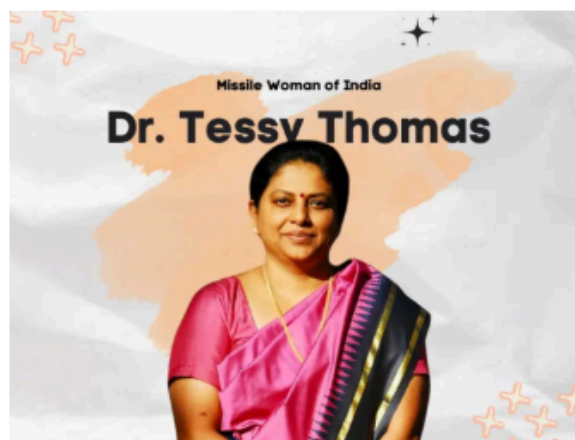




As we step into the second half of March, the momentum you've built begins to take shape. This is the phase where consistency truly matters and your efforts start translating into visible progress. Stay focused, trust your routine, and don't lose sight of your goals. The discipline you maintain now will define the results you achieve. Keep pushing forward—every action you take brings you closer to a successful 2026. Let's finish the month strong with determination and clarity.

Dr. Tessy Thomas, an Indian scientist and the Director General of Aeronautical Systems at DRDO, is a pioneering figure in missile technology and defense research. Her work focuses on how advanced engineering, strategic innovation, and scientific excellence can strengthen national security and technological progress. Her contributions have played a significant role in India's missile development programs, enhancing the country's defense capabilities and establishing its presence in global aerospace and defense research



– Playing a vital role in the design, development, and testing of ballistic missile systems, showcasing India's technological advancement in defense engineering.

Key contributions of her work include:

– Leading the Agni-IV and Agni-V missile projects, contributing to India's long-range missile capabilities and strategic defense strength.

– Inspiring and mentoring young scientists, especially women, to pursue careers in STEM and defense research.

In recognition of her contributions, she has received several prestigious awards, including the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award and the DRDO Scientist of the Year Award.

Dr. Tessy Thomas's journey reflects how determination, resilience, and commitment to science can break barriers and lead to remarkable achievements. Her work motivates students to aim high, overcome challenges, and believe that with dedication and knowledge, they can contribute to building a stronger and more innovative future.



Jidnyasa Patil
SE-EXTC

March proved to be an incredibly rewarding and memorable month for Jidnyasa Patil, filled with achievements, recognition, and enriching experiences.

She was selected among 120+ girls under the Katalyst program for a Dentsu visit to VJTI, where she had the opportunity to interact with donors from Dents (Japan). The visit included insightful workshops that enhanced her understanding of professional growth and the real-world application of academic concepts.

Adding to her accomplishments, her team “Zero One” achieved a significant milestone at a 24-hour hackathon organized by the VCET Microsoft Learn Students Club. Competing against over 700 teams in the screening round, they secured a position in the Top 5 in the Healthcare Track. Their innovative solution was further recognized with the “Best Innovative Features” Award.

On the academic front, she was invited to the Convocation Ceremony on the 7th evening, where she was honored for securing the top rank in her department during the first year. This achievement marked an important milestone in her academic journey and inspired her to aim even higher.

She also enjoyed the Women’s Day celebration, where she celebrated strength and achievements. Overall, the month was marked by growth, recognition, and inspiration, motivating her to continue striving for excellence.



The second half of March was a wonderful blend of academic achievements and enjoyable experiences for Anjali Walekar. She scored excellent marks in IAT-1 and, along with her team, developed several academic projects on GitHub.

She also participated in an industrial visit to the Yotta Data Center in Panvel, which proved to be an insightful experience. The college-organized bus journey added to the enjoyment, and at the data center, she learned about its functioning, management processes, and the seven layers of security. The hospitality provided there was commendable.

Additionally, she enrolled in an AI Prompt Engineering course, which she is currently pursuing. She also participated in the NISM college-level quiz, scoring 20/25 and earning a certificate. Furthermore, she and her team registered for three hackathons and are eagerly awaiting the results of Round 2.



Anjali Walekar
TE CSE



Nidhi Dipak Vekhande
SE-CSE

During the second half of March, Nidhi Vekhande visited the Cyber Crime Department in Nerul on 26th March as part of an industrial visit. This experience provided her with practical insights into cybersecurity and digital crime investigation.

Alongside this, she successfully completed her mini project. After completing these academic responsibilities, she took time to rest and recharge, maintaining a healthy balance between work and well-being.

During the second half of March, Vrishty Gothwal had the opportunity to explore new places and gain valuable experiences. She visited the Museum of Living History in Worli, developed by Mahindra, which is based on the life of the founder. It was an engaging and enjoyable experience.

She also visited the Cyber Crime Cell in Nerul as part of an industrial visit, where she attended an informative session about how the department functions and even witnessed two criminals who had been arrested.

Later in the month, she attended an online seminar conducted under the IEEE Maharashtra Section on building a career in computer networks. The session covered fundamental concepts of computer networks, which closely align with her upcoming multidisciplinary subject in the second year. Overall, it was a highly productive and enriching month for her.



Vrishty Gothwal
SE-CSE



Sanvi Sawant
SE-COMPS

The second half of March was filled with celebrations, festivals, and remarkable achievements for Sanvi Sawant. She celebrated Gudi Padwa, the Hindu New Year, with her friends and family, and experienced the vibrant Girgaon Shobhayatra for the first time.

She also celebrated her parents' 25th wedding anniversary, making it a memorable and heartwarming occasion.

A major highlight of the month was her participation in her first inter-college hackathon at Thakur College of Engineering and Technology, Kandivali. Her team, SAAS Coders, secured first prize for developing an educational platform for differently-abled students. This experience marked her first exposure to app development and proved to be both exciting and enriching. Overall, the month was fulfilling and full of growth.

The second half of March was a dynamic period of innovation and celebration for Aarya Ingavale. She participated in two consecutive hackathons at Thakur College, where her team advanced from among 60 competing teams. Initially, she worked on a 24-hour Rumor Detection Platform.

The highlight, however, was a 6-hour hackathon where, despite an initial setback in the PPT round, she secured a place in the team “SAAS Coders” with the support of her friends. This opportunity led to her first hackathon victory, with the team placing in the Top 3 for developing an inclusive education platform for deaf, blind, and mute students.

Beyond academics, she celebrated Gudi Padwa at the Girgaon Shobhayatra with friends, embracing the festive spirit of the city. The period reflected a perfect balance of hard work, resilience, and joyful experiences.



Aarya Ingavale
SE-COMPS



Kesar Parab
SE Comps

The second half of March was a fulfilling and productive period for Kesar Parab. She spent quality time with her family, enjoying peaceful and refreshing moments.

At the same time, she actively worked on projects with her teammates, which enhanced collaboration and helped her learn new concepts while improving her skills.

Additionally, she explored the field of AI Engineering, expanding her knowledge and opening up new opportunities for growth. Overall, the period was a balanced combination of personal time, teamwork, and continuous learning.

The second half of March was both personally and academically meaningful for Yashashree Suvarna. She reconnected with two of her close friends after a long time, making it a refreshing and memorable experience.

She also visited the Cyber Crime Cell in Nerul, where she attended an insightful session that enhanced her understanding of digital crimes and their real-world applications. The facility tour added further depth to her learning experience.



Yashashree Suvarna
SE-CSE

Academically, she successfully completed her mini project, marking an important milestone. She also continued working on personal projects and uploading them to GitHub to strengthen her portfolio. Additionally, she began learning Blender, exploring 3D design and modeling to enhance her technical and creative skills.

The second half of March marked a phase of continued achievement and momentum as Allyn Girls built upon their progress with renewed focus and determination. This period reflected a balance of academic growth, practical exposure, and personal development, as members actively engaged in diverse opportunities. With a sustained emphasis on innovation, collaboration, and skill-building, the latter half of the month showcased their dedication to excellence and their drive to turn efforts into meaningful outcomes.

“Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.”

— **Henry David Thoreau**

The second half of March reinforces the idea that perseverance, confidence, and consistent effort are what transform steady progress into meaningful achievements.