

### **The Meena Kalgutkar Award for Excellence in Academics and Leadership**

The Meena Kalgutkar Award was instituted in the year 2021-22 and is awarded to a student of the TYBSc class, who has -

1. secured at least an A grade in all examinations
2. demonstrated leadership qualities
3. been actively involved in social service and outreach activities
4. organized and participated in co-curricular and extracurricular activities including representing the college at intercollegiate events
5. been found eligible by the college screening committee on the basis of a personal interview.



The Meena Kalgutkar Award for Excellence in Academics and Leadership for the academic year 2021-22 was awarded to Ms Sharwani Deshpande.

Ms Sharwani Deshpande obtained her B.Sc degree in Life Sciences with a CGPA of 9.86/10.00. She was a part of the Excellence in Science Programme (EXSP), an initiative of Sophia College that provides opportunities to undergraduate students to explore science beyond the curriculum. Currently, she is pursuing her Master's degree in Wildlife Conservation Action. Her interests include ecological research and conservation, hiking, and photography.