

## Mercy College

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## Report - "Gateway to excellence: JAM/ GATE orientation programme"



The Postgraduate and Research Department of Chemistry, Mercy College, Palakkad, organized an orientation programme titled "Gateway to Excellence: JAM/GATE Orientation" on 16th July 2025. The session aimed to create awareness among undergraduate and postgraduate students about national-level competitive examinations such as JAM (Joint Admission Test for M.Sc.) and GATE (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering), which serve as gateways for higher studies and research opportunities in premier institutions. The resource person for the session was Ms. Gopika J an alumna of the department who is currently pursuing her M.Sc. Chemistry at the Central University of Hyderabad. Drawing from her own experience of successfully clearing the JAM exam, Ms. Gopika provided valuable insights into the examination pattern, preparation strategies, resource materials, time management techniques and the significance of conceptual clarity in core subjects. She also motivated the students by sharing her academic journey and the opportunities that opened up through JAM, including admissions to top-tier institutions and potential research fellowships. The session was highly interactive, with enthusiastic participation from the students who raised queries and clarified doubts regarding the examination process, syllabus, and career prospects. The thirty students attended the programme.

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