

## Officer of Indian Navy Lt. Cdr.P. Swathi addresses Vignan's students

The saying in English “Where there is a will there is a way” can be aptly used with the achievements of Lieutenant Commander P. Swathi, who has set example to many young minds by achieving the pinnacle of success by her sheer hard work and perseverance. Lt. Cdr. Swathi with five other women navy officers completed the voyage on INSV Tarini and became the first “all women naval crew” to circumnavigate the earth from 10 September to 21 March 2018. She has achieved many milestones in her life which include “Best NCC Cadet” for 2009, Chief of Naval Staff commendation medal on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Vice Chief of Naval Staff commendation medal, *Admiral Ramdas* award, *Nari Shakti Puraskaara* and many others. All these achievements are examples for many to emulate.

The students and faculty members of Vignan got a wonderful opportunity to interact with Lieutenant Commander P. Swathi on 9 July 2018 in the campus. While addressing the gathering, she shared her experience of the mesmerizing voyage and about the huge commitment all the crew members were shown to make the journey feasible. Her story of struggle, dedication and success during the voyage made the audience spellbound. She infused the students with the ample opportunities around them, especially in Indian Navy. All the students expressed their sincere gratitude to her for interacting with them. The session concluded by felicitating Lieutenant Commander P. Swathi along with her parents.