

Group Discussion Cell Annual Report 2017-18

The year 2017-18 began with the same enthusiasm and as per tradition an orientation programme was conducted on the 16th of September 2018 and the chief guest was Mr. Pranav Advani.

The event was attended Ms. Karishma Khadiwala (Chairperson, GDC), Ms. Lata Shetty (Chairperson, Speakers' Academy), Ms. Leena Ramani (ex-faculty member), Ms. Kavita Jajoo (Vice-Principal) and by a large mass of students and the cell acquired a huge number of registrations.

The month of October saw the group discussion rounds for the Degree college as well as the Jr. College students and various topics were covered ranging from abstract to current affairs.

Following the previous group discussions, the next set of events were conducted on the 8th of December which witnessed 10 group discussions for the third year students who were all ready to step out to build their careers.

On the 3rd of February 2018, the GDC conducted the final rounds of the group discussions. This paved way for Mr. Srinath & Ms. Anushka to represent our college in Rostrum along with MS. Shreya, Mr. Rahil & Mr. Akshat who were selected for Spectrum.

On the 8th of February, 2018 our flagship event, Rostrum Spectrum, the literary extravaganza was conducted. The theme for this year was "*Elevating India*" which revolved around the glorious journey our nation has taken over the decades all together and how will it grow to emerge as the leading superpower. It witnessed the participation of several speakers from across many colleges in the city. The winners of Rostrum were Ms Anushka & Mr. Srinath who got the trophy back to our college. HR College won the Spectrum Trophy.

Our Forum has come a long way having been in existence for almost 3 decades. For this very reason there is a lot to tell about the Group Discussion Cell. Our College has completed 75 Years of Excellence and also been Re-Accredited with the A grade by NAAC for which it hosted a programme. All forums were asked to prepare a banner giving a brief history of themselves. We too created one of the most appealing banners depicting the foundation and the present of the forum. All such banners were displayed during the celebration which was held on 19th February, 2018 in the presence Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, the Vice President of India, as the guest of Honour.

Finally, the closing ceremony was conducted on the 31st March. The student members were appreciated for the work they did for the year. They were addressed by Ms. Karishma Khadiwala and Ms. Lata Shetty who rewarded the students by the way of a Certificate of Appreciation. They also told the students not to repeat the mistakes committed this year and to learn and improve from them in the next year. This event officially marked the end of the workings of The Group Discussion cell for the academic year 2017-2018.

By conducting the activities on a regular basis, the sole purpose of the cell is to enhance the oratory skills of the students and give them exposure to the wide arena of topics.

Committee Members (2017-2018):

Faculty in-charge	Mrs. Karishma Khadiwala
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