

## Group Discussion Cell



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Event 1: Orientation

Date: 3rd October, 2020 Time:

12:30pm

Marking the continuation of the long-standing tradition of helping the new undergraduate and junior college students in the art of public speaking and giving them a platform to improve their public speaking skills, the Group Discussion Cell and the Speakers' Academy of Podar College conducted an orientation seminar.

Our guest for the event was Ms. Simran Jain, an alumna of our esteemed college. She has worked in Deloitte in the Risk Advisory practise and has managed the tabulation and validation projects for leading broadcasters in the media and entertainment sector. She is currently exploring a different career path and pursuing her passion in fashion.

The orientation program was a very interactive session, where students got to know the rules of a group discussion, debate and elocution. There were mock GDs, debates and elocutions that took place, giving students a chance to understand how they are conducted. Later on, the students in the audience were given a chance to participate. The session ended with our guest giving the students a few tips.

Our Hon. Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Shobhana Vasudevan also attended the seminar and gave a heartfelt speech to the new students guiding them about the challenges that they will face in life and how the art of public speaking is the need of the hour for the students.

Event 2: GD Week

Date: 18th January - 21st January 8th

February - 11th February

After explaining the rules, dos and don'ts of a GD in the orientation, the next step was to give the students a chance to participate in a GD and not only improve their communication skills but also enhance their listening skills.

GD week is for junior college and degree college students. Students are given a topic on the spot. They get one minute to think and then the discussion begins. Every GD is for 8-10 minutes plus 1 minute for the conclusion. The theme of the GD Week was '2020: The Aftermath of the Unforeseen Year'.

The judges of the GD week were ex-podarites. Students got a chance to participate and understand where they went wrong. All the judges were extremely helpful and gave the students a few tips which would be a plus point to them in a GD.

Due to online college, it was possible to conduct the GD week for 2 weeks. All the participants were extremely satisfied with the event.

Group Discussion plays an important role in a student's life and our college is allowing the students to enhance these skills.