

GROUP DISCUSSION CELL



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1. Orientation session:

The Group Discussion Cell and Speakers' Academy held their orientation session for the academic year 2022-2023 on August 28, 2022. It marks the continuation of a long-lived tradition of guiding and helping junior college and undergraduate students understand the importance of public speaking. Mr. Aditya Rathod and Ms. Mahima Chandan, both excellent speakers and former core members of the GDC and The Speakers Academy, graced the session as the guest of honor, Leena Ramani Ma'am, an alumna and ex-faculty member of Podar. Among the dignitaries were Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan (Principal), Mrs. Kavita Jajoo (Vice-Principal), Ms. Pradnya Nadkarni (Faculty-In-Charge of GDC), and Mr. Suryakant Pagare (Faculty-In-Charge of Speakers' Academy). During orientation, mock group discussions, debates, and elocutions were held to explain in depth the rules of the events. The orientation session saw an amazing response of more than 100 students. It was a very interactive and informative orientation session where students from the audience got a chance to come up and participate in debate, group discussion, or elocution in front of their peers.

2. GD day 2022-23:

Understanding the importance of speech and public speaking, we, The Group Discussion Cell of R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous) had organised the GD Day on 7th January 2023. The theme of GD Day was '**Tap the Untapped**'. The theme included topics like Metaverse and Future, Rural Tourism, etc. The topics emphasised on discussing some unexplored avenues. Students expressed

their views and gave different perspectives to the topics. The discussions were quite healthy and gave positive outcomes as well. After all, the aim of any group discussion should be progress and not victory. The judges for the event were Dr. Mrs. Amita Kamat and Ms. Ruhi Patel. The judges gave very constructive remarks to the students. Individual feedback by the judges helped students improve their skills. Our college realises the importance of group discussion in a student's life hence provides a platform through group discussion cell where students can enhance their communication and listening skills and improve their abilities.

"A group discussion increases the dimensions of everyone who takes part" -Randolph Bourne. This quote very precisely sums the learning of GD day for a participant. The participant not only understands how different people have different perspectives for a topic but also gains an in-depth analysis of the topic.

3. Rostrum Spectrum:

This is the intercollegiate event of the Group Discussion Cell. Students from colleges across Mumbai participate in group discussions.