

SPEAKERS' ACADEMY



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The Speakers' Academy and The Group Discussion Cell inaugurated their year with The Orientation Session on 28th August, 2022. The Session has been a tradition of both the forums to guide and inculcate among the young minds the skills of oration and debating through Demo of Elocution, Group Discussion and Debate. The event was graced by the Guest of Honour Leena Ramani Ma'am, an alumna and an ex-faculty of Podar and our Guest Speakers, Mr. Aditya Rathod and Ms. Mahima Chandan for the day, both excellent speakers and ex-core members for the GDC and The Speakers' Academy. 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 the Speakers' Academy). The session was successful in orienting the audience of more than 100 enthusiastic students to the rules of all three formats in depth.

The Speakers' Academy carries forward its legacy of handpicking the best speaker for representing our college at the A. D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition, conducted its Intra-collegiate elimination rounds on 10th September, 2022 and final round 17th September, 2022. Among the participants, Mr. Dhananjay Thakur from FYBcom has been selected to represent the college at the Competition. The Finals are scheduled on 26th January, 2023.

The Speakers' Academy, in the quest of the Best Debaters, organised the Bullfights - A Debate Competition in the month of January, 2023. The Eliminations Round was held on 7th January, 2023. The event saw an enthusiastic response of 40 debaters across Degree college and Junior college, of which a few won, and others learnt. The winners of the Competition were:

Degree College:

1st Rank: Anchal Gera, TYBcom and Rohit Sombhatla, TYBcom

2nd Rank: Pranav Raja, FYBcom

3rd Rank: Ritika Pandit, SYBcom

Junior College:

1st Rank: Aditya Iyer, SYJC

2nd Rank: Tanish Gupta, SYJC

The Speakers' Academy in collaboration with Group Discussion Cell organises its flagship event, a literary extravaganza "Rostrum Spectrum" – an Inter-collegiate event covering Elocution, Debate, Group Discussion and Just-A-Minute. Colleges from all over Mumbai participate in the event to win the Grand Trophy of Rostrum and Spectrum. The event shall be held in the month of February, 2023