

Speakers' Academy



**“Training the Brightest Minds of our students
in Public Speaking”**



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The Orientation Programme:

The Orientation Programme of the Speakers' Academy was held on 1st October 2021 in association with the Group Discussion Cell. The objective was to acquaint the students with the importance of the art of public speaking and enlighten them about the activities carried on by both the Forums throughout the year. It was carried on a virtual digital platform and was attended by many students of the Degree College.

The students were introduced to public speaking through mock elocution and a round of mock debate which was quite fruitful in arousing their interest in oratory skills. A mock Group Discussion was also organised by the Group Discussion Cell. **Elocution and Bull Fights (Intra-Collegiate):**

The Speakers' Academy had its event of Elocution and Bull Fights (Intra – Collegiate Competition) 2021-22 from 20th to 22nd January 2022. The Elocution

Elimination round was held on 20th January. The judges for the Elocution Elimination round were Mr. Akshay Shingare and Ms. Esha Jhaveri.

Bullfights in the annual feature of the Speakers' Academy wherein the debates are conducted among the speakers on burning social, environmental, and other issues of public importance. Bullfights Elimination Round was organised on 22nd January wherein the participants represented extraordinary oratory skills

and critical thinking skills. The judges for the Bullfights Elimination Round were Mr. Akshay Shingare and Ms. Esha Jhaveri.

On 22nd January, the Final round for Elocution and Bullfights were held. The Elocution and Bullfights Finals Judges were Prof. Asmita Gupta and Mr. Aryan Tyagi. The event was a resounding success wherein the participants not only got their chance to showcase their vocabulary and speaking skills but also put forward their views on various contemporary issues.

Rostrum Spectrum:

Rostrum Spectrum is an Inter-Collegiate literary extravaganza and the flagship literary event of the Speakers' Academy and The Group Discussion Cell. The event was conducted on 4th March 2022 on the MS Teams platform starting with the Inauguration ceremony.

'Rostrum' essentially signifies 'Debate' and 'Spectrum' signifies 'Group Discussion' which is how the name came to be. The broad gamut of Rostrum Spectrum comprises 4 events, namely, Debate, Elocution, Group Discussion, and Just-A-Minute (JAM). The theme for Rostrum Spectrum was 'Youth at Cultural Crossroads.' The theme gives a chance to give a thought to all the questions that spark when we think about the Youth standing at Cultural Crossroads.

The event was judged by 3 judges. For Semi-Finals we had Ms. Divya Iyer and Ms. Nikita Tanksali, and for Finals we had Mr. Sunil Shanewar. The topics ranged from some realistic issues related to westernisation, technological impact to a gradual shift in youth ideology to How aware is the youth when it comes to politics and some personalised issues like How today's youth is more focused on what they have than on who they are and whether the New India is influential or influenced. Like every year this event gave students an opportunity to dive deep into the topic and understand different perspectives on the same.

In a nutshell, the event was fruitful and the experience and knowledge gained from the event were everlasting. The participants were content with the events and their experience and all of us are looking forward to a more amazing event with greater enthusiasm in the next year.

Ms. Isha Patwardhan of F Y B Com represented the college and secured 2nd place in Elocution Competition held at Bhavans College, Andheri.

Students' Scholarships

Teacher In-Charge : Mrs. Karishma Khadiwala

Sr. No.	Name of Scheme	No.of Students
1	State Government Open Merit Scholarship	21
2	Rajashri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Shikshan Shukh Shishyavrutti Scheme	04
3	Tribal Development Department ST/SCHOLARSHIP/FREESHIP	15
4	Social Justice and Special Assistance Department SC / SCHOLARSHIP/ FREESHIP	193
5	VJNT. OBC and SBC Welfare Department SCHOLARSHIP / FREESHIP	113
6	Minority Development Department	08
7	SEBC SCHOLARSHIP / FREESHIP	0
8	Dr. Ambedkar Foundation New Delhi {Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award}	0
9	Rajashri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Merit Scholarship for Students {Jr.College}	14
10	Girls Freeship {Jr. College}	621
11	Sulochana Srinivasa Foundation	14
12	Nichal Israni Foundation	28
	Total	1031