

# **ANNUAL REPORT THE GROUP DISCUSSION CELL AND SPEAKER'S ACADEMY (2025-26)**

## **1. Orientation**

We began our first event for the academic year with an Orientation Program explaining the purpose and activities of the Group Discussion Cell (GDC) and Speakers Academy (SA). The session was held in the F2 classroom from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with around 20–30 students in attendance. The session was hosted by Mr. Pranav Advani, an alumnus of R. Podar College, who shared valuable insights and encouraged students to participate in activities such as debates, elocution, and group discussions. The orientation served as an engaging introduction to the forum and its activities for the year.





## **2. AD SHROFF Eliminations**

Our next event was the Elimination Round of the 59th A. D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition, held on 11th November 2025 in the M11 classroom from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The competition, organised since 1965, encourages students to speak on economic and related topics while developing their public speaking skills. Participants expressed their views on topics such as Making India a Global Manufacturing Hub, Job Creators vs Job Seekers – Need of the Hour, and Are Education & Skills Aligned with Corporate Demand? The round was judged by Ms. Rucha Naik, and the best speakers were selected to qualify for the Final Round.



### **3. AD SHROFF Final Round.**

Final Round of the 59th A. D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition, conducted on 14th November 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The finalists were selected from the elimination round, with 11 participants qualifying to present their speeches in the final round. The event was judged by Ms. Dipti Chheda, Company Secretary, Independent Director at OM Freights, and owner of Chheda & Associates. The competition concluded with Rashi Shah securing the 1st place, Anirudh Pazhamuck winning 2nd place, and Krish securing 3rd place. The event successfully showcased the participants' public speaking skills, confidence, and insightful perspectives.





#### **4. Bullfights**

Our next and final event for the academic year was Bull Fights, an intracollegiate debate competition organised by the Group Discussion Cell & Speakers' Academy of R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics. The event was held on 31st January at 9:30 a.m. onwards in the M1 classroom. The theme for the debate was "Youth at the Crossroads: Rights, Responsibilities & Reality." The competition included topics such as Voting Age, Freedom vs Discipline, Student Activism, and Mental Health Awareness. A total of 5 teams, with 2 participants in each team, took part in the debate. The event followed a format of Speech, Q&A, and Rebuttal, encouraging participants to present and defend their perspectives effectively. The competition was judged by Ms. Jhanvi Ma'am, and it served as an engaging and insightful conclusion to the forum's activities for the year.





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