

SPEAKERS' ACADEMY- ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

Committee Members (2014-15):

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Plan Action(2014-15):

The Speakers Academy plans to conduct a workshop cum orientation along with the Group Discussion Cell in Public Speaking.

The Speaker Academy plans to conduct its Annual Intra Collegiate Debate Competition in the months of July, August and September. This event would be followed by annual elocution competitions namely – A D Shroff Memorial and the Sunderasan Memorial Competition.

Our Inter Collegiate literary festival – Rostrum Spectrum would take place in January comprising of colleges across Mumbai.

This year we also plan to collaborate with Engima- The Quest in hosting ‘ Who’s the Anchor?’ which would be judged by Mr.Vir Das.

Activities conducted during the year 2014-15:-

Event – Opening Ceremony

Date – 8th August 2015

The year started with the traditional orientation held along with the GDC which charted the path for the year to come and made the same clear to new students. We were joined by Mr. Pranav Advani and Ms. Divya Venkataraman for guiding the current students about the importance of publice speaking.

The main purpose of this programme was to teach the students how they can enhance their soft skills and it turned out to be a huge success with a full-packed class and an enthusiastic audience. A mock Debate, Group discussion, Elocution were held to introduce Speakers’ Academy & Group Discussion Cell.

Event – Bullfight Debate

Date – September to November

“Don’t raise your voice, raise your argument” – Edmond Tutu.

We started the much awaited bullfight which saw enthusiastic participants and were conducted across three months, that is, August to September.

Old participants and new both got a chance to hone their debating skills in this annual fixture.

Being the 75th year, we raised the bar of Speakers’ Academy by introducing the Bullfights to the junior college. We saw tremendous participation throughout the Junior college, heard amazing speeches, heated argument and most of all, mind numbing talent.

In January, were conducted the finals of the Bullfights. The winners were:

Degree College

2nd Place – Mr. Srinath

1st Place – Mr. Ram Keshwala

Junior College

2nd Place – Ms. Aanchal Lulla

1st Place – Mr. Eshan Vaidya

Event – Teacher's Day Elocution

Date – 5th September 2015

September saw the annual Teacher's Day elocution where students gave an ode to their teachers.

Teachers' Day Elocution was judged by our very own professor, Ms. Amita Pathak. After many warm and well delivered speeches, the final positions were:

1st Place – Ms. Sasha Pullikan

2nd Place – Mr. Mihir Jain

3rd Place – Mr. Utsav Sejjpal

Event – A. D. Shroff Elocution

Date – 21st November

A. D. Shroff Elocution Competition is organized by Forum of Free Enterprise. It is one of the most prestigious elocution competition held in Mumbai.

We were honored to have had the opportunity to host Mr. Sunil to judge the event.

In November, the first round of the prestigious A. D. Shroff Elocution (conducted by the Forum of Free Enterprise) was conducted. We saw participation in large numbers and after well oriented deliveries; the elocution was won by Ms. Ritika Gupta.

Event – Sundaresan Memorial Elocution

Date – 29th November

Sundaresan Memorial Elocution competition is one of the prestigious competitions held by the college. Every year, Mr. Somashekhar Sundaresan enlightens us with wide spectrum of topics to argue. This year, we were graced with not only Mr. Somashekhar but also Mr. Vidhyashekar Sundaresan. The Sundaresan Memorial was organized in November. It saw enthusiastic participation from the students. The final positions were:

3rd Place – Ms Mihir Jain

2nd Place – Mr Eshan Vaidhya

1st Place – Mr Shagun Sharma

Event – Rostrum Spectrum

Date – 16th January 2016

Rostrum Spectrum is inter-collegiate literary extravaganza hosted by our college. Started in 1991, Rostrum Spectrum has an illustrious journey and this, being the 25th year since the inception, it was nothing but celebration. We saw participation from various colleges. Also, we were honored to host Mr. Sahuraja, who has always been a constant support to our initiative of Rostrum Spectrum.

The eliminations was judged by Mr. Siddhesh Chaubal & Prof. Asmita Gupta and the finals were judged by Mr. Anuj Daftery & Ms. Duhita. After rounds of passionate speeches & heated discussions, Mr. Ram Keshwala and Mr. were declared winners of the Rostrum trophy while Mr. Zoheb Khan was declared the winner of the Spectrum trophy. Mr. Srinath was adjudged as the best speakers of the event.