

## SPEAKERS' ACADEMY- ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

### Committee Members (2015-16):

<b>Faculty In-charge:</b>	Ms. Kavita Jajoo Mrs. Sunita Rai
<b>Student Secretary :</b>	Aditya Rathod
<b>Student Joint Secretary :</b>	Shyam Datye & Monal Sanghvi
<b>Student Treasurer :</b>	Mihir Sharma Henna

### Activities conducted during the year 2014-15:-

#### Orientation cum Workshop programme:

One of the oldest forums of RA Podar College of Commerce and Economics, started off with an Orientation cum Workshop programme for its students. 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 and Turncoat Debate were held to introduce the Speakers Academy and Group Discussion Cell activities to the audience.

#### Intra – Collegiate Debates:

The second and most important activity of the Speakers Academy routine were the Intra – collegiate debates which were held through the course of the academic year. This year saw many first – time debaters battle it out in the eliminations round all the way up to the final Bull – Fight round. Thus our second activity was greeted by an overwhelming 132 registrations from fellow Podarites who wanted to start enhancing their soft skills. In the end the best speakers of Podar College – Mr Shyam Datye, Mr. Utsav Sejpal, Mr. Aditya Rathod and Mr. Silvester Joshua were awarded.

#### Teachers Day Elocution:

The third activity of the year organised by Speakers Academy was the Teachers Day Elocution. With contemporary topics on the most respected profession, the students did not fail to surprise the judges with their ideas. Ms. Shagun Sharma won, and Ms. Ritika Gupta finished a close second!

#### AD. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition:

The fourth activity organized by Speakers Academy for the year was the annual A. D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition. This competition is held to select one best speaker to represent Podar College in the next inter-collegiate level of A.D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition. With some of the best speakers of our college battling it out for one coveted and prestigious prize, the judges and audience were left spell bound after every performance. Mr. Shyam Datye who emerged as the winner and went on to represent Podar at the zonal level and

won the 50<sup>th</sup> **A.D. Shroff memorial elocution contest at the Inter-collegiate round.**

**Rostrum Spectrum:**

'Rostrum Spectrum' – a literary inter-collegiate festival this year was co-organized by Speakers Academy and Group Discussion Cell. Rostrum Spectrum hosts two flagship events Debates and Group Discussions. It was indeed a huge success with the participants enjoying every event right from the start to the finish.

**Other Achievements:**

Speakers Academy is proud to state that Podarites have not just excelled in the intra-collegiate activities but have also excelled in the inter-collegiate activities. Jeetendra Khilnani and Shyam Datye won the Gold Medal at the Youth Festival Debate. Shyam Datye went on to the final eight of the A. D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition and shall battle for the first place on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The journey of Speakers Academy through the 2014-2015 academic year saw many brilliant speakers battle it out amongst themselves and many budding speakers recognize and hone their public-speaking skills.

We at Speakers Academy, train the brightest minds of the city (our students) in Public Speaking, which is nowadays a prerequisite to succeed. We build the confidence, the self-esteem and the fluency of speaking to an audience.