

# The Speakers' Academy Report 2017-18

"There are always three speeches, for everyone you actually gave. The one you practiced, the one you gave and the one you wish you gave."

R.A Podar College has always tried to bring out the best out of their students and so we have various forums which conduct events all-round the year. Speakers' academy is one of them, who help the students with their Public Speaking skills and enhance the confidence and bring out an orator.

Every year the entire Speakers Academy team organizes an orientation programme and this year it was held on 16<sup>th</sup> of September so as to brief the students the importance of being a part of the academy and participating in various events held by speakers' academy. The Programme was attended by Mr Pranav Advani, our guest speaker, Prof. Karishma Khadiwala and Prof.Lata Shetty (faculty in charge), Prof Leena Ramani( ex-Faculty In charge), Prof Kavita Jajoo (Vice principal) and Principal/Dr. Shobhana Vasudevan .The orientation began with a brief introduction about what exactly the orientation is about and what is the importance of public speaking. This was followed by the introduction speech by the secretary Ms Henna Kuvadia, speaking about the activities of the speakers academy. Next. Our chief guest, Mr Pranav Advani was felicitated by Prof Leena Ramani giving a small account on the achievements of the guest. A mock round of all the events of the forum was conducted on the topics like: Ideologies are Fading, Demonetization and the effects on banking sector. After the completion of the events, our guest speaker took command and gave his insights on the performance of the activities and gave tips for improvement, which was followed by a small speech by Prof. Leena Ramani who motivated students to participate and be a part of the forums. Lastly we ended the event with a vote of thanks.

The next event was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 as a debate competition for the degree college wherein the students showcased their oratory skills and convincing power in form of debate. The topics given to the students were- "Revamping Indian Education" and "Money is the ultimate motivation." The event was judged by our very own Prof Sagar Raut who not only inspired the students but also advised them on how to correct the mistakes made.

The next event was one of our prestigious Flagship event AD Shroff Eliminations, conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> Decemeber, The person who wins the elimination round represents Podar at inter collegiate level. This time round, the topics were Digitization, Importance of infrastructure in economic development and Role of youth in building a New India. The judges were Prof.

Leena Ramani and Mrs. Varsha Shrinivasan( ex Podarite and winner of 49<sup>th</sup> AD Shroff Competiton. After the impeccable deliveries by the students, the competition was won by Simran Thakker, who then represented our college at the inter-collegiate level.

The next event for the year 2018 was a Junior College Debate on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 wherein the students from the junior college got the opportunity to portray their skills and they did it in a very enthusiastic and confident manner.The topic was “A world with no religion”

- Our Flagship event “Rostrum Spectrum” an intercollegiate event,where students from various colleges came together and showcased their Debate and Group discussion skills, held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The semifinals and Finals of the event were held on the same day,with Shyam Datye and Aditya Rathod being our judges for the semifinals and Ms.Sanyukta Iyer and Ms.Siddhi Mehta for Finals.The event was truly a success with all outside participants leaving with praises and admiration for both our College and the event.

#### **Post Bearers 2017-18**

- 1) Secretary- Henna Kuvadia
- 2) Joint Secretary- Simran Jain,Chitra Nair, Mahima Chandan
- 3) Treasurer- Alka Joseph