

## **Annual Report 2014-15:-**

### **Inauguration**

The Group Discussion Cell began the activities for this academic year 2014-15 by conducting an inaugural orientation program along with the Speaker's Academy for the Degree College Students on the 12th of July 2014. The same was well attended by the enthusiastic students. An eminent speaker and a distinguished alumnus, Ms. Duhita Shrikhande, was invited to emphasize on the importance of public speaking. The elimination rounds for the Degree College students commenced immediately.

### **Intra College Group Discussion Rounds**

There was an overwhelming response from both - the BCom and BMS sections of the Degree College, 17 rounds of Group Discussion Eliminations with 8-10 participants in each round were conducted to cater to the 150 (approx.) registrations received this year. The topics for the same ranged from current issues like the recent political upheaval in India to generic topics relating to general Economics and Finance and abstract topics like Shoes, Laces & Umbrellas; providing a wide exposure to the discussants. Topics such as Think Before You Post and has the electronic age rendered Privacy Obsolete? Specifically tested the discussants' knowledge of current affairs.

Finally, 8 worthy discussants were shortlisted from each year for their respective year-wise final rounds which were held with much gusto on 26th December, 2014. The winners of these final rounds were again made to compete amongst themselves to determine the 3 Best Discussants of Senior College. The format of this intra-year final was slightly altered and the finalists were cumulatively judged based on two Group Discussions - one on a current topic and one on an abstract topic. Whilst the former tested their general awareness, the latter tested their creativity. The above activities were conducted from the months July to December.

These rounds were largely judged by distinguished ex-students of our college with varying formats and durations depending on the topic, number of discussants, discretion of the judges and the round in consideration.

### **Inter-Collegiate Activities :**

ROSTRUM SPECTRUM 2014-15 | BEYOND HORIZONS:

6 best discussants of the Intra Degree-College Group Discussion Competitions got the esteemed opportunity to represent the college in Rostrum Spectrum 2014-15 | Beyond Horizons, an exclusive inter collegiate literary festival which was conducted on the 17th of January, 2015 (Saturday.) During the same, 2 rounds of Group Discussions were conducted for students from colleges like NM, Rizvi Law College, KC Law College, S.I.E.S. College to name a few.

The Elimination Rounds commenced at 10:30 A.M. which were judged by past office bearers of The Group Discussion Cell and members of faculty. The Final round witnessed the 6 best discussants deeply discussing on the topics 'Make in India vs. Served from India and all that Glitters is sold.' The Final was judged by Ms. Sheetal Ankola (Manager-Recruitment Services at InterBase Corporation) and Mr. Satsheel Redkar (a CA working with EY and a professor of Tax) and event was presided over by Prof. R R Sahuraja (Chief Mentor of L. N. Welingkar Institute and an erstwhile principal of our college among other things).

**Committee members (2014-15):**

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Prof. (Ms.) Leena Ramani
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