

## Rational Thinking Cell



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### **About the forum:**

Rational Thinking Cell (RTC) is a newly established cell in association with MSFDA and supported by RUSA 2.0. The main aim of 'Rational Thinking Cell' is to promote evidence-based decisions and to inculcate scientific temperament by having a rational outlook amongst the students and society at large.

### **Event 1: Orientation Program**

**Day and Date:** Thursday, 13 July 2023

**Time and Venue:** 11.30 AM – 1.00 PM in F2 Classroom

**No. of Attendees:** Male: 16, Female: 19

### **Description:**

The spokeswoman, Ms. Mukta Dabholkar, enlightened everyone with her knowledge about rational thinking and explained the importance of evidence-based decisions by giving real-life examples. Students and professors participated in the Q&A session, making it highly interactive, and the spokesperson solved all doubts.

### **Event 2: Online Meeting between College RTC Members and MSFDA Representatives**

*Podar: Nurturing Intellect, Creating Personalities*

**Day & Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023

**Time & Venue:** 12:00 - 12:15 pm through the Webex application in the AV Room facility.

**No. of Attendees:** Male: 4, Female: 3

**Description:**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the activities, both planned and conducted, by the college RTC. During the meeting, Dr. Asif Shaikh, the RTC Coordinator, informed the MSFA representatives Dr. Harshada Babrekar and Ms. Mukta Dabholkar that an orientation program had already been conducted for students and faculty members on July 13, 2023.

**Event 3: Training Program at MSFDA, Pune**

**Day & Date:** From - 16/10/2023 (Monday) To - 18/10/2023 (Wednesday)

**Time & Venue:** First Session of Workshop at 3.30 PM on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023, Last Session of Workshop at 3.00 PM on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023- Centre for Leadership Development, MSFDA, Pune

**No. of Attendees:** Male: 0, Female: 3

**Description:**

Day 1: The introductory session involved the formal introduction of the Cell, MSFDA, and participants along with a Q&A session regarding various superstitions

Day 2: Sessions were conducted by Professors on varied topics such as Scientific Temperament, Mental Health, Pseudoscience, Addictions, Omens, etc

Day 3: Students of Podar College and Prof. Ms. Vrushali Kaneri presented their views on the topic “What factors need to be considered while choosing a life partner” by performing a skit and making a chart.

**Event 4: Essay Competition**

**Day & Date:** Thursday, October 5, 2023

**Time & Venue:** Online event ending at 1.00 PM

**No. of Participants:** Male: 5, Female: 10

**Description:**

Participants got to unleash their creativity through words by choosing an Essay Topic from the provided list. Prof. Akshay Tinganwar judged this competition based on originality of ideas, logical flow in the explanation of the topic, and writing skills.