

The Group Discussion Cell

Annual Report 2024 - 25

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About the forum - The Group Discussion (GD) Cell is a platform designed to enhance critical thinking, communication skills, and teamwork among students. It organizes discussions on diverse topics, fostering analytical abilities, confidence, and articulation. The GD Cell helps participants engage in meaningful debates, improving their ability to express opinions effectively in academic and professional settings.

Objectives of the cell -

- To create a platform for students to build confidence and engage in meaningful discussions.
- To foster teamwork by engaging students in group discussions, promoting respect for others' opinions, and building consensus.
- To expose students to current affairs, social issues, and various global topics, enhancing their knowledge and awareness.
- To encourage respectful and constructive debates, fostering a culture of open-mindedness and knowledge-sharing.

First event of the year 2024 - 25

Name - Orientation Ceremony

Date - 14th August

Time - 11 am to 12 pm

Mode - Offline

The Group Discussion Cell organized an **Orientation Session** in collaboration with **Speaker's Academy** on **14th August 2024** to introduce students to the fundamentals of group discussions and debates. The session aimed to equip students with effective communication, public speaking, and critical thinking skills. The team explained the rules and structure of group discussions and debates, followed by engaging mock group discussions and debates where students actively participated and received feedback. The session also highlighted the importance of public speaking and informed students about the

platforms available in the college to enhance their communication skills. The event witnessed an enthusiastic response with more than 50 students attending the session. The chief guest, Dr. Soubir Bhatt, a renowned Global Businessman and Chairman of V&E Consulting Worldwide Ltd UK, shared valuable insights and practical advice with the students, inspiring them to develop their communication and leadership skills. The session proved to be highly interactive and insightful, encouraging students to actively participate in future discussions and debates.



Second event of the year 2024- 25

Name – Group Discussion Week

Date – 25th to 28th November

Time – 10.30 am to 12.30 am

Mode – Offline

The Group Discussion (GD) Week was conducted from **25th to 28th November**, focusing on the theme of **Sustainability**. The event aimed to encourage students to engage in meaningful discussions on environmental, economic, and social sustainability, fostering critical thinking, communication skills, and awareness. Each day featured two engaging group discussions, with six students in each batch, ensuring an interactive and competitive environment. Throughout the week, students actively debated various aspects of sustainability, presenting well-researched arguments and innovative solutions. The discussions were judged by **Ms. Farheen Sayyad, Ms. Rasika Salunke, Mr. Vishnu Pillai, and Ms. Rucha Naik**, who provided constructive feedback and valuable insights to help students refine their debating and analytical skills. The final day featured the grand finale, where the best-performing participants competed for the top positions. After a highly engaging and thought-provoking discussion, three winners were declared, recognizing their exceptional articulation, logical reasoning, and persuasive abilities. The GD Week was a great success, offering students a platform to express their perspectives, improve their public speaking skills, and enhance their confidence, making it a truly enriching experience.



The Group Discussion Cell successfully organized insightful events, including the Orientation Session and GD Week, fostering communication skills, critical thinking, and public speaking among students. With enthusiastic participation and expert guidance, these initiatives provided a valuable platform for learning and self-improvement, encouraging students to engage in meaningful discussions and debates.