



ST. TERESA'S COLLEGE, ERNAKULAM (AUTONOMOUS)

DEBATE CLUB

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES: 2015-16

The Debate Club is a platform where the students can share their freedom of speech and expression in an open forum, engage in rhetoric on a variety of issues at the local, regional, national, and international level and expand learning in order to become more active and productive citizens.

The Debate club of the college has functioned keeping in mind the vision of providing opportunities to the students interested in social change and community organization, to discuss relevant topics and ideas, to engage in activities beneficial to their personal and professional development, and to increase the visibility of issues throughout the campus and community.

The activities of The Debate Club and Speakers' Forum for the academic year 2015-16 began with the induction of new members to the club. Ms Minna Jose of III BA English Literature was chosen as the secretary of the club.

The new students were given an orientation about the activities of the club and the need to stay abreast of current affairs and improve their general awareness.

The members of the club were also asked to ensure their participation in the various State and National level Debate/ Extempore competitions held in various colleges.

Several members of the Debate Club could come out with outstanding achievements in the various inter-collegiate debate competitions held during the academic year 2015-16.

Achievements

1. Soniya KS won the second prize for the elocution competition conducted by Vinoda Library, Thammanam on August 15, 2015.(Rs 2500)
2. Amrutha Justin of II BA English won the first prize for the speech competition on the topic “The Part Played by Mother Teresa of St Rose of Lima in Kerala Renaissance” conducted on October 17, 2015. (Rs 1,000 and trophy)
3. Minna Jose of III BA English won the first prize for the SBI Extempore competition in association with vigilance awareness week held on October 18. (Rs 3000)
4. Krishna Manmadhan of II BA Economics won the second prize for the SBI Extempore competition in association with vigilance awareness week held on October 18. (Rs 3000)
5. Minna Jose won the second prize for the Annual Elocution Competition held by the Rotary Club of Cochin on October 24. (Rs 3000)
6. Devika V OF II BA English won the first prize and Best Speaker Award for the KCYM Debate Competition held at Kaloor. (Rs 1500)
7. Minna Jose won the first prize for The Annual Ethics Competition held by Vigilance Study Circle on October 27. (Rs 10,000)
8. Mercy Anna Mathew won the third prize for the Annual Ethics Competition held by Vigilance Study Circle on October 27. (Rs 3,000)

9. Mercy Anna of I BA English won the third prize for The Annual Ethics Competiton (Malayalam) held by Vigilance Study Circle on October 27. (Rs 3000)
10. Devika V of II BA English won the first prize for Digital India Debate conducted by the Dept. of Economics of St. Teresa's College.
11. Krishna Manmadhan of II BA Economics won the second prize for Digital India Debate conducted by the Dept. of Economics of St. Teresa's College.
12. Meera Unnikrishnan of II BA Economics won the second prize for Digital India Debate conducted by the Dept. of Economics of St. Teresa's College.
13. Minna Jose of III BA English won the First Prize for English Elocution conducted by the Old Students Association of UC College, Alwaye on November 12. (Rs 3000)
14. Mercy Anna Mathew of I BA English Literature won the second prize for the Bishop Mankuzhikary Memorial All Kerala Elocution Competition held on November 14, 2015. (Rs 3000)
15. Krishna Manmadhan and Meera Unnikrishnan of II BA Economics won the first prize for the Debate competition held as part of the Teresian Week.
16. Mercy Anna Mathew of I BA English Literature won the third prize in the Debate Competition conducted by the Bhoomitra Sena and Shuchitra Mission of St Teresa's College on December 15, 2015.
17. Soniya KS won the first prize in the Elocution competition conducted by Janakeeya Vayanashala, Alinchuvadu on December 24, 2015. (Rs 1000 and trophy)
18. Minna Jose of III BA English won the first prize for the YMCA All Kerala Intercollegiate Extempore Competition held at YMCA Fort Kochi on January 14, 2016. (Rs 10,000)

19. KS of I MA English won the second prize for the All Kerala Intercollegiate Elocution (Malayalam) conducted by the YMCA, Fort Kochi. (Rs 7000)
20. Minna Jose of III BA English Literature and Devika V of II BA English won the Mother Digna Ever Rolling Trophy Debate Competition held at St Teresa's College on January 25, 2016. (Rs 1,500 each)
21. Devika V of II BA English won the Best speaker's Award for the Mother Digna Ever Rolling Debate Competition. (Rs 1000)
22. Soniya KS of I MA English won the first prize for the Intercollegiate Extempore Competition Preliminary Level (Malayalam) organized by the Chavara Cultural Centre. (Rs 1111)
23. Minna Jose of III BA English won the third prize for the Extempore Competition held at Newman College Thodupuzha on January 30, 2016. She also won the Newman Youth Excellence Award. (Rs 10,000)
24. Dennis and Minna Jose of III BA English won a cash prize of Rs 1000 for participating in a Symposium on the topic "Capital Punishment" at Mangalapuzha Major Seminary Aluva in January.
25. Minna Jose of II BA English won the first prize for Col. Dr. George Kurian VSM Memorial All Kerala Extempore Competition held at SB College on February 10, 2016.
26. Minna Jose of III BA English won the Venerable Father Joseph Vithayathil English extempore Competition held at St Joseph's College, Iringalakuda on January 9, 2016. (Rs 3000)
27. Minna Jose of III BA English won the First Prize and Best Speaker's Award for the Digital India Debate organized in the college by the Department of Economics.

28. Soniya KS of IMA English got selected to the Mega Final (State Level) Round of the Speak for Kerala Intercollegiate Debate Competition organized by Mathrubhumi in association with Federal Bank. She had cleared the Block Level (Rs 1500) and District level before moving into the Final Round after competing with hundreds of college students across the state.

Minna Jose has secured a total cash prize of Rs 50,500 from the various competitions held during 2015-16.

MOTHER DIGNA ANNUAL EVER ROLLING INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE COMPETITION

The 39th Annual Mother Digna Ever Rolling Debate Competition for the year 2015-16 was organized by the Debate Club on 25-01-2016. The Nine Colleges which participated in the competition were as follows:

1. Mar Athanasius College of Engineering, Kothamangalam
2. St Xavier's College for Women, Aluva
3. St Albert's College, Ernakulam
4. School of Legal Studies, CUSAT
5. Christ College, Irinjalakuda
6. Govt. Law College, Ernakulam
7. NUALS, Kalamassery
8. Assumption College, Changanacherry
9. St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam

Dr Ajithkumar (Former Professor in Economics, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam) and Advocate Hema were the judges for the event. St Teresa's College represented by Minna Jose and Devika

V won the 39th All Kerala Ever Rolling Intercollegiate Debated Competition. Devika V was selected as the Best Speaker of the Competition.