

ST. TERESA'S COLLEGE, ERNAKULAM (AUTONOMOUS)

LITERARY CLUB

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES: 2018-19

On 12 December 2018 a meeting was organised to discuss about an Intra College debate competition and a best speaker competition. The members also discuss about Mother Digna Annual Debate Competition.

On 1 January 2019 the club finalised the date for the Intra college debate competition. The judges and venue for the same were decided. The members also discussed about the estimated expenditure of Mother Digna Debate Competition

INTRA COLLEGE DEBATE COMPETITION:

The Literary Club of St Teresa's College organised the Intra College Debate Competition on 14 January 2019. The topic of the debate competition was "Kerala Daivathinte Swantham Nado?". Seven teams from various departments from the college took part in the competition. The judging panel consisted of Ms Rose Mary Francis of the Department of Home Science and Dr. Mary Liya of the Department of Economics.

Sreelakshmi T. S and Meghna Murali bagged the First prize, Devi V and Aswathy Parveen won the second prize. Sreelakshmi T.S won the best speaker award and Meghna Murali and Athulya Sunil bagged the second Best speaker award.



MOTHER DIGNA DEBATE COMPETITION

In connection with celebrating 150 years of Mahatma, St. Teresa's College conducted a the 42nd Mother Digna Ever Rolling Trophy debate competition on 30th January 2019. The topic for discussion "Gandhi's Swadeshi initiative is utopian in the globalised world" was indeed a strong attempt to revive the memory of Gandhi and return to the vision that inspired his achievements that governed his words and actions. In short the competition aimed to explore the pros and cons of Gandhian ideology and to analyze the possible impact on society if these ideologies were to be revived in this era of information and technology.

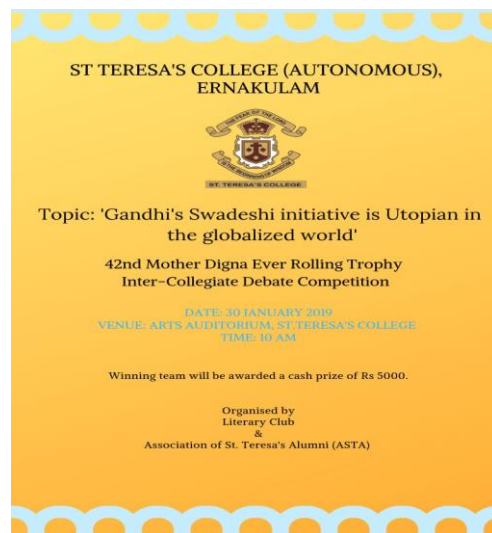
The judges for the day were Dr Lakshmi Devi Menon, retired Professor from the Department of English, St. Teresa's College and Mr. K Pradeep, former Senior Deputy Editor of the Hindu. The entire program was sponsored by ASTA.

The debate brought forth innumerable aspects of the Swadeshi movement being revived in a time when one achievement is not restricted to a single geographical region but where multiple hands work together to attain excellence. While following the ideal spirit of 'Swadeshi' may bring about prosperity to various indigenous sectors, it is impractical to exclude every material that is foreign. The truth of the matter is that, all the development that India has underwent over the years is thanks to herself as well as much outside help. If each land opted to follow its own Swadeshi movement and decided to isolate itself from everything foreign - be it physical materials, abstract thoughts or new discoveries - the natural flow of resources would one day cease to exist. Various points were raised where they questioned whom globalisation but ultimately benefit and how it was contradictory to Swadeshi. Swadeshi is about being self

sufficient and saving ourselves embracing the spirit of our culture and heritage and developing India's own identity.

The fierce battle of wits, arguments and craft, filled with style and substance ended in a close with St. Teresa's College emerging victorious. STC Director Dr. Rev. Sr. Vinita CSST awarded the Mother Digna ever rolling trophy to the winning team comprising of Ms. M Jessica and Ms. Risha Ahmed H. along with a cash prize of Rs. 6000 from ASTA. Chinmaya College of Arts, commerce and science turned out to be the first runner up, with its team comprising of Ms. Durga Lakshmi and Mr Thapan Santhosh, who also received the best speaker award.

Mementos were handed over to the judges by Principal Dr. Sajimol Augustine. the program ended a grand success providing a platform where various opinions were shared leaving the audience as well as fellow contenders with much food for thought.



LIST OF PRIZES WON BY THE STUDENTS OF THE CLUB FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Meghna Murali of I DC English won the debate competition organised by the literary club, she was adjudged as the Best debater. She also secured the first prize and best debater award at Fr.Christi Memorial Inter Collegiate Debate Competition.

Meghna Murali won the First prize and a cash award of Rs 1000 for the Founder's day elocution Competition. She is also a district level Speak for India winner, she was awarded a cash prize of Rs 1500, and she participated at the zonal level. She is the district level winner at National Youth Parliament, and represented Ernakulam at the state parliament.

Devi V and Aswathy Praveen of III DC B. Com participated in the Sukumar Azhikode Smaraka Akhila Kerala Inter-collegiate Debate competition.

Risha Ahmed of the Dept of Communicative English bagged the following prizes, she won the 2nd place at the Maria Philip Debate Competition. She also bagged 2nd prize for the Customs Office Debate Competition. Risha was awarded the first prize for story writing at Meraki Literary Fest organised by SH College Thevara. She also bagged the second prize for Spelling Bee and second prize for quiz at the same fest. She has also won several prizes for the Teresian week.

Pooja Sharma and Nandini Pillai bagged the first and the second place respectively for the Hindi Recitation Competition organised by the Kalady University, Thrissur.

Pooja Sharma won the second prize for Hindi recitation competition organised by Nirmala College.

Komal won the first prize for Hindi speech, organised by Kalady University.

S A Marathaka Rani bagged the second prize for Hindi Elocution at the district level Nehru Yuva Kendra elocution competition.