



ST. TERESA'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) ERNAKULAM

DEBATE CLUB

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES: 2020-21

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Activities:

THE 44TH MOTHER DIGNA EVER ROLLING TROPHY INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE COMPETITION

“Has social media become the voice of the voiceless?”

The Mother Digna Ever Rolling Trophy Inter-collegiate debate competition, organized by the Debate Club and the Speaker's Forum, along with the Association of St. Teresa's Alumni (ASTA), was held in the college on the 4th of March, 2021. It was an online event, conducted on the Google Meet platform. Students from various colleges across the country, after prior registration, participated and the best-performing teams were chosen as the winners.

The students were labelled into 20 teams, each team consisting of 2 members, one speaking for and the other against the topic- “Has social media become the voice of the voiceless”. Each speaker was given 3 minutes each to speak and 1 minute for rebuttal. There was agile, spirited, and focused participation from all the participants.

The performance, lucidity, validity, and pertinence of points and speaking skills were assessed and estimated by the judges Ms. Radhika Lee and MS. Usha Venkatachalam. After a debating session of evaluation, the first place was shared

between Irin Anna Cherian and Stevan Johny Jackson of Team 4 from Madras Christian College and Kunal Gupta and G. Bharath Krishna of Team 20 from NLSIU Bangalore. Niranjana R and Lekshmi Mahesh of St. Teresa's College secured second place. Kunal Gupta of NLS, Bangalore was selected as the Best Speaker of the event, and Karishma Elizabeth Geevarghese from Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla as the Runner Up. The winners were awarded cash prizes and all the participants were given certificates of participation.

With very active, engaging, and dedicated participation from the participants, the event was an efficient and organized one.





MOTHER DIGNA DEBATE COMPETITION

Mother Digna, the former principal of St Teresa's College (1944-67) was instrumental in transforming the College into a reputed academic institution and a much sought after destination for higher education for women. Isabel Juliana (Mother Digna) was born to T.S. Sundaram and Cecilia as their 4th child in Madras on 18th June 1917. Mother Digna's services to our Institution are invaluable. Her dedication to her vocation, her innovative spirit, her implicit faith in God, her clarity of focus and her never-say-die attitude helped the College to scale insurmountable heights. The annual debate competition is organised by the Speakers' Forum and Debate Club of St Teresa's college under the auspices of Association of St. Teresa's Alumni (ASTA) to commemorate the memory of Mother Digna and pay tribute to her eloquence of speech.

We cordially invite you to take part in the Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition.

Suma Ravindran
President, ASTA

Dr. Lizzy Mathew
Principal

GUIDELINES

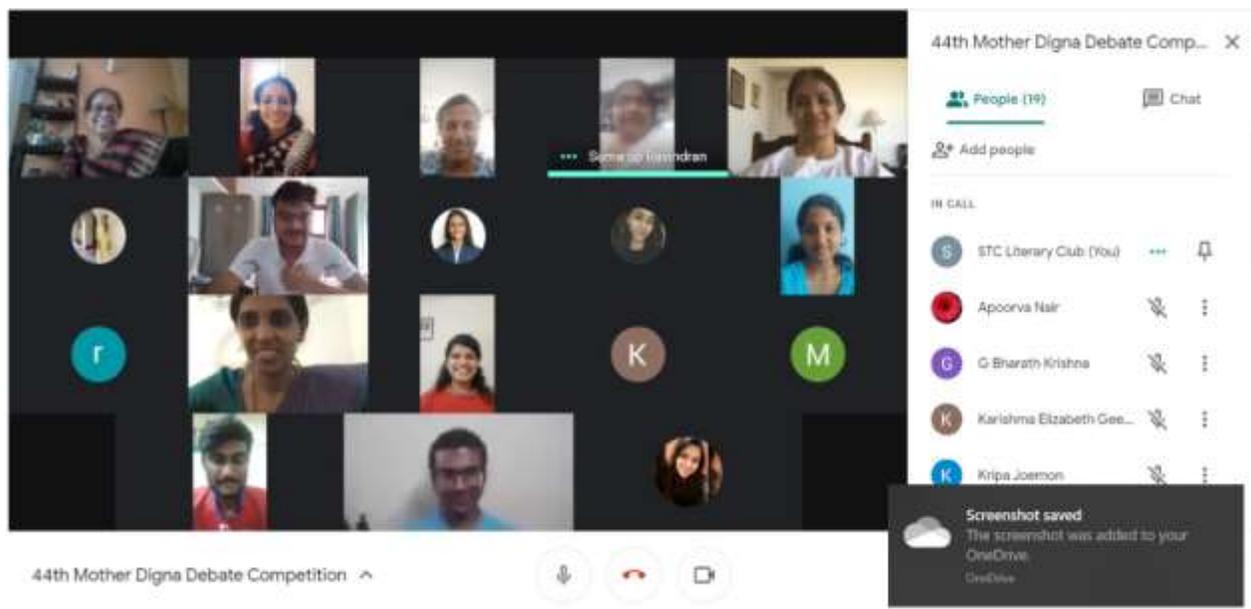
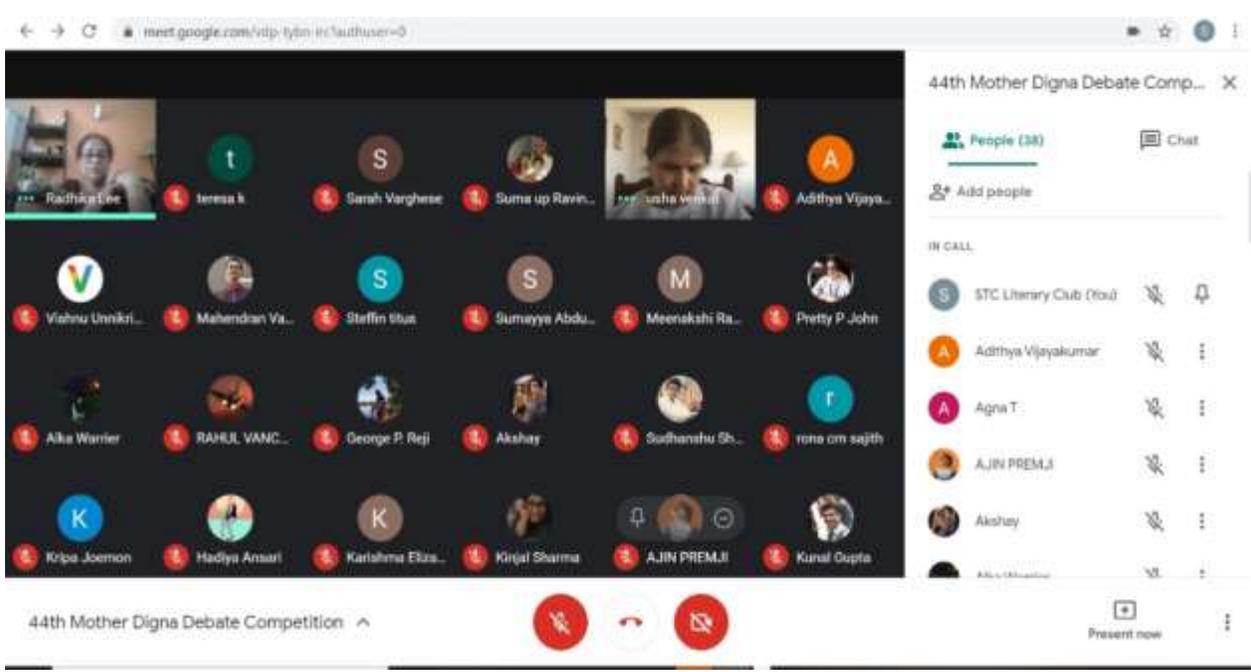
- Each college can send only one team consisting of two members.
- One participant should talk for the motion and one against the motion.
- Time allotted per speaker is 3 minutes and 1 minute for rebuttal.
- Medium of communication is English.
- Register using this link on or before 28th February, 2021 to participate.

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“PRESENTATION 101”

A webinar on Presentation Skills, “Presentation Skills”, organized by the Speaker’s Forum was conducted in the college on the 23rd of October, 2020. Ms. Nidhi. S, the former Sub-editor and reporter for The Hindu newspaper in Kochi and a former faculty of the department of Communicative English St. Teresa’s College, was the resource person.

Ms. Nidhi is a Research Scholar at IIT Hyderabad and is a very influential orator. The valuable time that she spent with the students and the teachers was indeed rewarding and equally engaging, as she gave some advantageous tips and tricks that would come in handy in making a presentation acceptable and appealing.

The event, which was held on the Google Meet platform, was a well-organized and fruitful one.



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OUR RESOURCE PERSON
Ms. Nidhi S
Sub editor and reporter
for The Hindu newspaper
in Kochi. (June 2011-
February 2015)

Faculty at St. Teresa's
College (July 2018- August
2020)

Research scholar at IIT
Hyderabad.

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someone dozing off while you
present something. Learn some
tips and tricks to ace your way
through presentations!

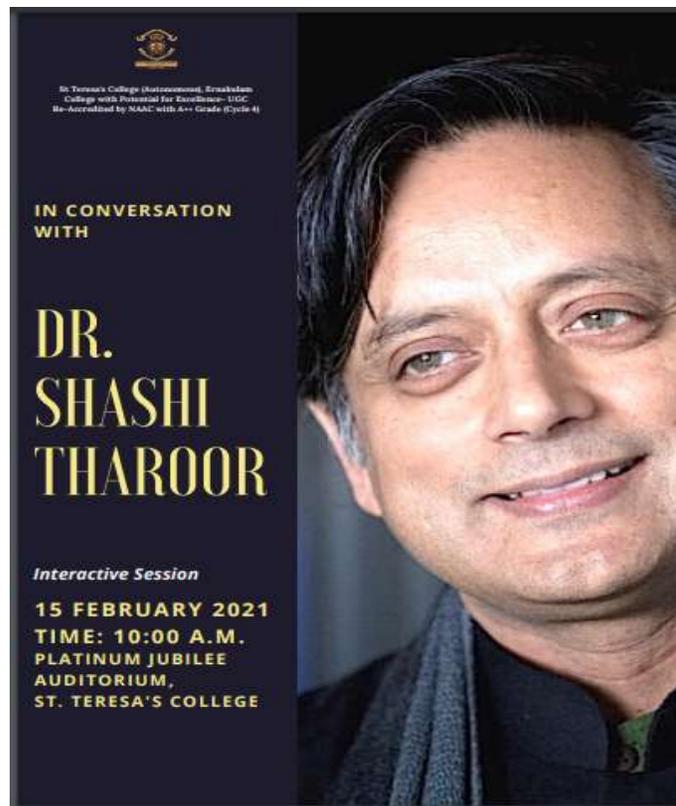
Tune into the session on 23rd
October, Friday at 4 PM with
the Google Meet link given
below.
[https://meet.google.com/jtz-
bhgn-qmv](https://meet.google.com/jtz-bhgn-qmv)

In Conversation with Dr. Shashi Tharoor

An interactive session with Dr. Shashi Tharoor, the renowned Indian politician, writer, Member of Parliament and the Lok Sabha, and former international diplomat, and Mr. Hibi Eden, MP, was organized in the college on the 15th of February, 2021, at 10 a.m.

The much-awaited and abided event, which took place in the Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, was received and attended by the students and faculty with high hopes, vigour, and enthusiasm. The session included profound discussions about a better Kerala, many aspects of development like education, gender equality impartiality, infrastructure, interests of minority communities, etc. Mr. Hibi Eden, MP, enlightened the audience on the perspectives of the government and how such initiatives can aid these issues.

The number of attendees, however, had to be limited due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Dr. Shashi Tharoor patiently attended to all the questions the students raised and provided them with the most satiating responses. The event was indeed a well-orchestrated and informative one and also proved to be an experiencing platform for the students.



“SPOOK UP”

A story narration contest, “Spook Up”, organized and conducted by the Literary Club, was held online in connection with Halloween.

Participants were to shoot videos of them narrating an English horror story in the most sinister, creative, and spine-chilling manner, within a time-limit of six minutes, and mail it to the club. Based on the level of amusement and life-like nature of the narration, the judges, Ms. Teresa Kuncheria and Ms. Susan Thomas Chaly selected Niranjana Subrahmanian as the winner for her narration of ‘The Rake’ and Harichandana Pramod secured second place for ‘Hachishakusama-The Japanese Slenderman’.

The winners and their prize-winning videos were featured and applauded on the Instagram page of the college’s Literary Club.



“KELIKOTTUYARUNNA KERALAM”

A Malayalam Elocution competition “Kelikottuyarunna Keralam” was organized and conducted by the Speaker’s Forum in the college on the 3rd of November, 2020.

Students were asked to record and send a speech penned and spoken by them, adhering to the time-limit of three minutes, on the topic “Ente Keralam”. Active and enthusiastic participative was received from the participants, and Irene Ann Prakash of II BA English Literature, Marya Megha Raphael of III BA Economics, Seetha Lakshmi PU of I BA History were chosen as the first, second, and third prize winners respectively of the competition judged by Dr. Saumya Baby.

The prize-winning elocutions were featured and appreciated on the Instagram page of the Literary Club, and also on the official website of the college.



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“UNMUTE AUDIO AWAKEN THE ORATOR IN YOU”

An English Elocution competition “Unmute Audio- Awaken the orator in you”, organized and conducted by the Speaker’s Forum, was held in the college on the 24th of July, 2020.

The competition, themed around a very topical subject- “Online classes are the new normal”, invited a lot of attention and participation. Participants were asked to record a two-minute-long video of them speaking on this topic, and mail it to the club. Among the many good yields, Deborah Denny secured the first prize. The second position was awarded to KJB Lizbeth of II BA Communicative English and the third to Maxlin M Maxy of II BA English Literature and Fathima Jebin of II BA Communicative English, by the judge Ms. Rose Mary Francis of the Home Science department. The winners were endowed with certificates.

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TOPIC
Online classes are
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a two minute long video!*

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Niranjana R of III BA English Literature and Lekshmi Mahesh of III BA Economics won the second prize for the 44th Mother Digna Debate Competition held by the Speakers' Forum and Debate Club of St. Teresa's College.
- Rosna Johnson and Kirti Yadav of I BA Economics won the third prize in Economic Courtroom conducted by MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai.
- Anjana Suresh of I BA Economics got the Best Delegate Award for the 'Young Economist Summit' conducted by MOP Vaishnavi College for Women, Chennai.
- Niranjana R of III BA English Literature and Lekshmi Mahesh of III BA Economics won the second prize for the English Debate conducted by the Department of History, Madras Christian College.
- Kirti Yadav of I BA Economics won the Special Jury Award and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- in the finals of the National Youth Parliament Festival 2021 organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
- Niranjana R of III BA English Literature and Lekshmi Mahesh of III BA Economics won the second prize for the inter collegiate fest conducted by the NSS of St. Teresa's College.