

Institutional Distinctiveness

A D Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition for Overall Personality Development of the Students

The institution's distinctive characteristic is to mould the minds of raw rural youths coming from unprivileged working class agrarian background. Our endeavor has been to instil the sense of confidence and inculcate the competitive zeal among the rural youths. Along with deep disciplined knowledge, critical thinking and problem solving, team work and communication skills, career and leadership readiness, inter cultural and ethical competence, self-awareness and emotional interagency are essential to learn and imbibe life skills also.

Nurturing critical thinking, mode of effective speaking and better presenting skills are the need of the hour. The technological advancements have changed the minds of our youths. All the activities on and off the campus are channelized to develop knowledge and cultivate the competent, employable and responsible citizenship for the overall personality development of the students. To inculcate critical thinking, art of debating/delivery of critical issues and presenting skills and promote the competitiveness among the students, we conduct various types of competitions on the campus for the overall personality development of the students.

Among the competitions, **A D Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition** is one of the best and unique activity on the campus to create awareness and to update the latest knowledge and current affairs of the regional, national and international events among the students, every year under the Planning Forum of Department of Economics we organised the same in a grand manner. Prof. A. P. Raddi HOD of Economics Department is acting as a in charge of the programme. The subjects/themes of the competition is diverge in nature from year to year with most dynamic and current affairs at national impact. This is a joint venture programme between **Our Institution** and **Forum of Free Enterprise, Mumbai** from last 12 years. This is provide a noble platform to inculcate the art of effective speaking on burning issues among the students. The prime objectives of the activity are:

- To encouraging students to think and speak on economic and other burning issues on regional and national status.
- To motivate and create the awareness of the role, benefits and significance of the participation in elocution competitions.

- Develop effective presentation or oratory skills and to improve their communication skills.
- To keep them updated with effective usage of ICT tools through PPT presentation in various types of competitions.
- To instil in students the stage courage for public speaking and interaction with people handle 'On the Spot' situation and
- Providing the broader horizon of on line knowledge through browsing and collecting the latest happenings in the relevant themes and subjects/fields.

After receiving the intimation letter from the **Forum of Free Enterprise, Mumbai** to conduct the 54th A D Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition for the students during the year 2018-19. We invite all the college students for competition through circulating the notice containing the information mainly the objective, rules and regulations, subjects/topics, prizes and last date for registration of the names to the competition etc.

The competition is open to degree students only. The details about the event are publicised well in advance, thus the participants get sufficient time for the preparation of their own interested subject/theme. Some of the faculty members are counselled and helped the students for the preparation of the competition. Oral reading is not allowed, more thrust is given on speaking with or without PPTs and participants may speak in English, Hindi or the any regional language on any one of the following subjects.

- ♦ Modern technology for Enhancing Agricultural Productivity
- ♦ Challenges of Moving towards Cashless Economy
- ♦ Combating Pollution and Improving Quality of Life
- ♦ Healthcare Mission-Issues and Challenges and
- ♦ Skills Development for Employment Growth

Our strength is transparency in all on and off campus activities, a panel of judges are appointed by the college to conduct the competition in a systematic manner. The judges are usually selected the best speakers among the competitors, on the basis of content of the subject matter (60 Marks) of the theme and presentation and elocution (40 Marks) skills of the participants. Best three speakers are awarded cash prizes along with certificates and two more certificates issued to consolation prize for the 4th and 5th ranks in the merit list.

List of Prizes:

The following table gives the details of the winners of the competition conducted in the month of September, 2018. The winners are felicitated with Cash Prize, Certificate and Medal from College.

Sl. No	Place of the Winner	Name of the Student	Class	Details of Prizes	Remarks
1.	I st Prize	Miss. Shaila I. Bhagoji	B. Com V th Sem	Rs. 2500/- Cash Prize Certificate and Medal	
2.	II nd Prize	Miss. Shilpa S. Naik	B. Com V th Sem	Rs. 1500/- Cash Prize Certificate and Medal	
3	III rd Prize	Mr. Rahul M. Jain	B. Com I st Sem	Rs. 1000/- Cash Prize Certificate and Medal	
4	IV th Prize	Mr. Hanamant A, Badiger	B. Com V th Sem	Certificate and Medal	
5	V th Prize	Mr. Krishna M. Madihalli	B. Com V th Sem	Certificate and Medal	

Impact of Programme:

Many students have benefited by this programme and cash prizes. Some of the students are enrolled to get special coaching classes for their further study by using the awarded cash prizes and participated in many inter-collegiate debate competitions with courageously. This shows our constant effort has been “Mind Moulding and Nation Building”. We assume our students to be competent, employable and responsible citizens of the nation.