

Baselius College

Elocution and Debate Club 2018-19

A Report

The College Elocution and Debate club is a platform where students can develop their oratory skills. The club consisted of twenty two members from various departments of the college. In the meeting held at 3.45p.m. on the 10th of January 2019 at the English Dept. library, it was decided to conduct a screening on the next day for the All Kerala Intercollegiate Debate Competition organized by the Principal's Council- the Council of Principals of Colleges in Kerala. Eleven students participated in the screening and the topic for the debate was "Reservation Bill for the General Category". Joel Joseph (D2 English) and Soumya P. B.(D2 Politics) emerged as winners and their names were forwarded. But Joel Joseph couldn't take part in it (as he had to write the university exam). He was replaced by Shalini Shekar of M1 Economics. They participated in the regional level Debate competition held at S. H. College, Thevara on 28/01/2019 at 2.00p.m.

The club organized two training sessions on Public Speaking— "**Vachya**" for the students who wished to refine their skills in oratory. The first session was on 14th February 2019 at 3.00p.m. at the English Department Library. The session was lead by Mr. Adoney T. John, guest lecturer, Dept. of Political Science, Maharajas College, Ernakulam. He focused on how to maintain eye contact, body language, clarity, time management and voice modulation. He also gave some tips to the students so that they could improve their presentation. Thirteen students attended the session and it was followed by an interactive session where the students freely

interacted with the trainer. As a token of love, a book was presented to Mr. Adoney T. John.

The second training session on public speaking was on 26th February 2019 at 2.00p.m. in the English Department Library. This session was lead by Mr. Mathew K. Varghese, Professional Social work trainer, Marian College, Kuttikkanam. This was a practical session where the students were asked to collect available materials on some given topics ('the terrorist attack in Pulvama', 'Rituals in the 21st C', 'one nation one election-boon or bane'). Twelve students participated in the session. All of them came prepared and actively participated in the practical session. They learned how to make use of and develop the collected materials.

In the meeting held on January 2019, it was decided to form a whatsapp group for notifying all members about different competitions and also to promote discussions on various topics.

Vachya 1





Vachya 2







The club always promotes students' skills in oratory and hopes for a good future where there are no constraints regarding the allocation of funds. It also hopes to conduct training sessions at the beginning of the academic year so that students can participate in competitions with a renewed vigour and confidence that may help them to bag prizes.

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