LOYOLA DEBATING SOCIETY AND QUIZ CLUB REOPRT (2016 – 17)

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- 1. Debating: An Introduction (Session I) was held on 19. 12.2016
- 2. Session II Debating was organized on 21. 12. 2016.
- 3. Inauguration and induction program was on 15.01.17. Dr. G. Gladston Xavier, Head of the Department Social work Department graced the occasion. As an avid debater, he shared his inputs on the need to debate over issues. He placed before the audience the abject poverty of the farmers in the country and encouraged them to be proactive thinkers, debaters and solution seekers.
- 4. Weekly Mock Debate Sessions were held to help the students hone their skills. During these sessions the senior debaters trained the first year students. They were given socially relevant topics to debate upon. They also keenly observed the senior students demonstrate their debating skills.
- 5. The following students have participated in various debates and have won accolade for the club.
 - i)M.S. Ramaiah Memorial Parliamentary Debate-Rithish.D, L. Infant Jeffrey Davis, Sreekanth. H, Mohammed Shoib, john George D'Coutho, Suman Khalkho, ii) Soundarya Debate India Open- Sam John Xavier, Rithish. D, John George D'Coutho, Sreekanth. H, Suman Khalkho, Samuel.D iii) IIt-M Sarang Debate- John George D'Coutho, iv) American Library, Chennai's Road to the White house Quiz- Sreekanth. H, John George D'Coutho, V) Elihu Yale Debate- S. Sai Srikanth, Surya Narayanan Reddy. Vi) MCC debate, VII) MCC Quiz.
- 6. The club is organizing an Inter departmental Debate contest this week.
- 7. The students of the club will continue to participate in debates in various levels and win laurels to the club and the college.

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The club aims to develop the speaking skills of students and train them in critical and analytical skills required for debating in various competitions. The club seeks to represent Loyola College in various debate competitions across the country. The club conducts regular debating sessions by which the enrolled students acquire skills and practice for standard debating formats like British Parliamentary and Asian Parliamentary Debates. National Level debate tournaments are conducted all around India in these formats, where top institutions of India lock horns. The club also conducts discussion sessions where every student speaks out his or her opinion about various issues in our society. The Debating arm also has a Tamil wing where different sessions are facilitated to cater the needs of the students who are interested in developing their speaking skills in Tamil. The Quizzing arm is also in full swing as Online Quizzes are conducted periodically. Informal Quizzes where all students of the college can participate is a regular activity of the club. Students who enroll to the club remain members of the club even after they complete the club commitments, as debating and quizzing are skills that has to be polished regularly. Hence the club contributes the speaking skills, thought process, general knowledge and social commitment of our students.

ACTIVITIES

INAUGURATION

The annual activities of the club found its inception, on December 21st of 2016. The Inaugural function was presided by Dr. Bernard Swami, Coordinator, LISSTAR. The Chief Guest of the function V.S Sambandan, Chief Administrative Officer, The Hindu Centre for politics and public policy, with his speech enthralled the students of the club. The Inaugural speech was followed by a Q&A session that crossed across international relations, economics and global politics.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING WORKSHOP

A workshop on Parliamentary Debating Formats was conducted on 21-12-2016. The workshop was led by Mr. John D'coutho, 2 Time Novice Finalists in National Level Parliamentary debates. The workshop gave clear idea to the students about British and Asian parliamentary debate formats.

VISTA MIND MATHEMATICS QUIZ

Loyola Debating Society and Quiz Club in association with Vista Mind organized a Mathematics Quiz, on 28-01-2017 which analyzes the numerical ability and mathematical skills of the students. The college level winners were recruited to participate in the regional level quiz competition.

DISCUSSION FORUM

The most consistent activity of the club is the discussion forum, where students raise their opinion about various social issues and current events. This contributes towards the social concern and awareness of the students.

Some of the most relevant discussions took place on topics such as: Indian Foreign Policy, Student Activism and Jallikattu Protests, Democracy in TN politics and Nuclear Program in India.

DEBATE SESSIONS

Training the students in debating is a hectic task. Students gather in small groups of 12-16 on a regular basis to practice the art of debating. Debating Manuals and Tutorial Videos provide the necessary help to the students. Debating on standard formats like British Parliamentary and Asian Parliamentary Formats is the main objective of these sessions. These sessions not only increases the speaking

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The Tamil wing of Loyola Debating Society and Quiz club is also very active with regular sessions and elocution competitions.

INTRA COLLEGE GENERAL QUIZ COMPETITION

Loyola Debating and Quiz club conducted an Intra College General Quiz competition to promote the quizzing culture in our college on 22nd February 2017. Winners of the Quiz competition were rewarded with a total cash prize of INR 3500.

KNOW YOUR SERIES

Know Your Series General Quiz Competition for Fr. Albert Muthumalai Medal was conducted by Loyola Debating and Quiz Club in association with the Office of the Dean of Students on 28-02-2017. Taran Singh from III UG Commerce department won the title this year.

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An Intra College Tamil Speech Competition was conducted on 1st March 2016. The winners of the competition were rewarded with a total cash prize of INR 2500.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1. 1st prize in Encephalon- National level Economics Quiz held at Christ University, Bangalore.
- 2. 1st prize in Business Quiz at La Corrida'17 management fest conducted by the department of BBA, MCC, Chennai.
- 3. 3rd place in General Quiz conducted by Economics department, MCC, Chennai.
- 4. Novice Finalists in MSRMPD 2016 conducted by M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology
- 5. Honorable Mention at WCC MUN 2016.
- 6. Honorable Mention at Christ University MUN 2016.

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