About Speakers Forum

The Speakers Forum of SKASC was initiated to enhance the speaking skills of the students by conducting various competitions and hosting training programs. The forum was inaugurated in September 2021 with just a dozen of students as its members and some competitions alone were conducted. But, 2022 became a leap for the forum as an inaugural function was conducted by inviting a Chief Guest from outside the institution, and many advanced competitions were conducted. Currently the forum has over 250 member students, who are being trained academically. In addition to this, many attractive and innovative competitions are being offered for the students who are not a part of the forum; but SKASC. The inaugural ceremony with a guest lecture for 2023 academic year was addressed by an external journalist chief guest and the forum moves more academically by implementing both the central and state government innovative policies (organizing IIC related activities, competitions, and programs) into its activities.

Vision:

The Speakers Forum improves student's communication abilities and increases native language acquisition. The Speakers Forum is built on the principles of civility and ethical speechmaking. Its purpose is to prepare students for success in normal public speaking settings.

Mission:

The Speakers Forum was established to train the students to develop their speaking ability and to empower their communication skills. The forum aims at developing the oratory and communicative skills of the students.

2022-2023

Total no. of Events conducted - 2

1. Inauguration of the Speakers Forum

The inauguration of Speakers Forum was held on November 22, 2022, at 1:45 p.m. in Seminar Hall 3. The event was graced by Dr. D. Solomon Paul Raj, Associate Professor of English at Karpagam Institute of Higher Education, Coimbatore, who served as the chief guest. Dr. Solomon Paul Raj's experience and expertise in the field of English literature and communication resonated with the audience, as he highlighted the role of effective communication in both personal and professional development. His address was both motivating and informative, setting a high tone for the forum's future activities.



2. "Review Anything" Competition

On 10th April 2023, the Speakers Forum of SKASC successfully organized an engaging event titled "Review Anything" for the students. The competition was held at 2:45 p.m. in the Seminar Hall - II, attracting enthusiastic participation from students various department. The competition was a great success, and it set a positive precedent for future student-centred activities at SKASC.



Total no. of Events conducted - 5

1. Inaugural Event of the Speakers Forum and Guest Lecture on "Entrepreneurship in Media"

On 28th July 2023, the Speakers Forum of SKASC held its much-anticipated inaugural event, featuring a guest lecture on "Entrepreneurship in Media" at Seminar Hall-I. The event was graced by Ms. Ashwathi Ashokan, a renowned Soft Skill Trainer and Journalist from *The Times of India*, Coimbatore.

Ms. Ashwathi Ashokan captivated the audience with her inspiring talk, sharing her personal journey of building a media venture from scratch. The event saw a remarkable attendance of **244 students** from various departments, making it a significant gathering of future entrepreneurs and media enthusiasts.

The program concluded with an engaging **Q&A session**, where students had the opportunity to interact directly with Ms. Ashokan, asking questions about the challenges and rewards of entrepreneurship in media. This interactive segment added great value to the event, further enhancing the overall learning experience. The **Speakers Forum** set a strong precedent for future events, successfully laying the foundation for its mission of fostering knowledge sharing, skill development, and inspiration among students.



2. "Be Best Buddy-B3" Competition

The Speakers Forum organized a competition titled "Be Best Buddy-B3" on 23rd September 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Lecture Hall N305. The event was inaugurated by Mrs. S. Monika, Coordinator of the Speakers Forum and Assistant Professor of English, who welcomed the gathering.

A total of 65 students attended, and 12 participants from various departments enthusiastically took part in the competition. The winners were:

I Prize: 21BEN011 Jeevashri & 22BCO420 Fowzia A. II Prize: 23BBT033 Navanita J.B. & 23BBT010 Devika G.M. III Prize: 23BCS165 Vishal & 23BCS127 Kabilesh B.

The competition aimed to enhance student's public speaking skills and encourage them to articulate their ideas clearly. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Fowzia A., Secretary of the Speakers Forum. The competition was a great success, fostering communication skills among participants.



3. Workshop: "The Art of Verbal Entrepreneurship"

The Speakers Forum organized a workshop titled "The Art of Verbal Entrepreneurship" on 18th December 2023 in Seminar Hall II from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop aimed to enhance student's verbal communication skills, particularly in the field of entrepreneurship. The keynote address by Mr. P. Anjesh, Buyer Communicator for the Textile Industry, focused on the importance of effective communication in building successful entrepreneurial ventures. The workshop included the following sessions:

- Session 1: The Power of Words in Entrepreneurship
- Session 2: Icebreaker Activity
- Session 3: Mastering Verbal Communication Techniques
- Session 4: Overcoming Communication Challenges The event concluded with a Q&A and Open Discussion, followed by a Vote of Thanks delivered by Mrs. S. Monika, Coordinator of the Speakers Forum. The workshop was a valuable experience, providing practical insights for students to enhance their communication skills.



4. The Inter-School Debate Competition

The Speakers Forum of Sri Krishna Arts and Science College (SKASC) organized an Inter-school Debate Competition on 13th February 2024 at Seminar Hall-I on the theme, "The AI Tools: Smartness or Laziness?". Capt. Dr. V. Neelakandan, Associate Professor at Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, served as the esteemed judge.

The event began with a welcome address by Ms. S. Monika, Assistant Professor and coordinator of the Speakers Forum, followed by a speech from Principal Dr. R. Jagajeevan, who highlighted the importance of debates in fostering critical thinking.

The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 1000, a shield, and certificates, while the runners-up received Rs. 500, along with a shield and certificates. Mr. R. Sakthivel, Assistant Professor and coordinator, delivered the vote of thanks. The event concluded with the National Anthem.



5. The Valedictory Function and Small Talk on "The Key to Entrepreneurial Success"

The Speakers Forum organised a Valedictory Function and a small talk on "The Key to Entrepreneurial Success" Lies in Communication" on March 7th, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Seminar Hall-II. The event began with a Welcome Address by Mr. R. Sakthivel, Coordinator of the Speakers Forum, followed by the

introduction of the Chief Guest, Dr. S. Anin Leema, Assistant Professor at Nirmala College for Women, by Ms. Z. Fowzia, Treasurer of the Forum. Dr. Leema delivered a compelling Valedictory Address titled "Fueling Innovation: The Key to Entrepreneurial Success Lies in Communication," offering practical strategies for entrepreneurial success. Certificates were awarded to winners of competitions held during the academic year. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. S. Monika, Coordinator of the Speakers Forum.



2024 - 2025

Total no. of Events conducted - 2

1. The Inaugural Event of the Speakers Forum

The Speakers Forum held its inaugural event on July 8, 2024, in Seminar Hall I, marking a milestone in the institution's efforts to enhance student's communication skills. Ms. P.M. Manjusha, Coordinator, welcomed the attendees, and Dr. R. Jagajeevan, Principal, delivered the presidential address, highlighting the forum's goal of developing students into impactful leaders. Badges were also presented to the office bearers.

The event's highlight was a lecture by Ms. Gayathri, English Language Trainer and Assistant Professor at PSGR Krishnammal College, on "The Art of Professional Communication for Career Success". She offered practical strategies for improving communication skills. Ms. S. Monika, Coordinator, expressed gratitude to all contributors, closing an event that emphasized the importance of communication for career success.



2. The Debate Competition: "Reasons and Arguments"

The Speakers Forum organized a Debate Competition on "Reasons and Arguments" on 18th September 2024, at Seminar Hall II from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event opened with a Prayer Song by Smrithi S. Rao (III B.Sc. Psychology), followed by a Welcome Address by Ms. S. Monika, Coordinator of the Speakers Forum.

The debate consisted of five rounds: Opening Statements, Rebuttals, Cross-Examination, Counter-Rebuttals, and Closing Statements. Teams engaged in lively discussions, presenting strong arguments and responding effectively to challenges from their opponents. After the Judge's Deliberation, winners were announced, and feedback was provided.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. P.M. Manjusha, and the National Anthem, marking the successful end of the competition. The debate provided participants and the audience with valuable insights into the art of argumentation and public speaking.

