

SHRIMATHI DEVKUNVAR NANALAL BHATT VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS)

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Chromepet, Chennai - 600 044.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Event Title	"Key Skills for Mastering the Art of Debate"
Category (GL/workshop/conference/invited talk/seminar/FDP)	Workshop & Valediction
Club Name	Languages Debate Club
Date	14/03/2025
No. of Resource Person	01
No. of Beneficiaries	55
Type of Beneficiaries	Languages Debate Club Students

RESOURCE PERSON PROFILE

Dr. R. M. Aswini is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of English (Shift 1) at Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women. She has successfully completed her Ph.D., with her research focusing on the Mahabharata. Apart from her academic contributions, she is a Montessori-trained teacher and is presently working on publishing her children's book with WakeUp Publishers in the near future. Beyond academics, Dr. Aswini has made significant contributions to media and performing arts. She previously worked as a part-time Radio Jockey at All India Radio Rainbow FM 101.4 and is also a freelance voice-over artist. Passionate about literature and cultural expression, she has actively participated in Kavi Arangam sessions and has hosted classical stage performances conducted by Kalalaya Academy. Additionally, she has been involved in scriptwriting and content creation as part of Sound Parti Studios. With her diverse experience in media, literature, and performing arts, Dr. Aswini brings a unique blend of creativity and knowledge to her work.



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REPORT

The Language Debate Club organized its valedictory session on March 14, 2025, which was attended by 55 participants. The event featured Dr. R. Ashwini, Assistant Professor from the Department of English (Shift 1) at Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women, as the chief guest.

The session began with a welcome address delivered by Asriya from BBA 1st year, followed by the guest introduction by Swojanya from B. Com (Hons.). After the introduction, the felicitation ceremony was conducted by faculty members, honoring Dr. Ashwini for gracing the occasion. The event was smoothly conducted by Kaviya U from BBA 1st year, who served as the master of ceremonies.

Dr. Ashwini engaged the students in an interactive and thought-provoking session, initially assessing their speaking abilities and emphasizing the essential skills required for effective communication and debate. She motivated the participants by highlighting that debates begin at home, shaping critical thinking and decision-making skills. She also stressed that every speaker plays multiple roles, including being their own moderator while making decisions. Furthermore, she emphasized that having a microphone, a stage, and an audience is a privilege that every speaker should cherish.

Throughout the session, she underlined the significance of skill development and consistent practice in becoming a confident speaker. The session was highly engaging, leaving students inspired and eager to improve their debating and communication skills.

The event concluded with the award distribution to the winners of the Block and Tackle, Tamil, and English Debate competitions. The valedictory session was a resounding success, encouraging students to continue refining their public speaking and debating abilities.

STRENGTH OF THE PROGRAM:

The strength of the program lay in Dr. Ashwini's structured approach, where she started from the basics of public speaking and gradually progressed to advanced techniques, making it easy for everyone to follow. Her clear explanations and engaging delivery kept the audience interested throughout, ensuring an interactive and thought-provoking session. The real-life examples and relatable insights she shared made the learning process both enjoyable and impactful.



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CHALLENGES:

The program ran smoothly, providing an engaging and enriching learning experience with minimal challenges.

PROGRAM OUTCOME:

The program helped students analyze their current speaking levels and identify areas for improvement. Dr. Ashwini's insights and motivation instilled confidence, encouraging them to express their thoughts more boldly. By the end of the session, participants felt empowered to engage in debates and public speaking with greater clarity and conviction.