

## **Debate Club**

### **Annual Report**

The activities of Bharata Mata's Debate Club for the academic year 2021-22 got inaugurated on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021 by Sri. Sreekumar Mukhathala, Senior Programme Executive, All India Radio, Thiruvananthapuram. He is also a renowned poet and orator. The chief guest rendered an inaugural address on the topic "Debate and Society Building" and motivated the club members to be expert and truthful debaters. Principal Dr. Shiny Palaty presided over the meeting and spoke about the importance of being smart in the contemporary world in accordance with the club's tagline "Think Fast..Speak Smart".

The club also took up the responsibility to form a group for civil service orientation as per the request of a set of motivated students. Dr. Sujith, one of the teacher coordinators, took up the lead role in managing the group. Sharing of three daily newspapers, weekly test based on previously assigned areas, notes and questions sharing etc. were done in the group. An association with the Civil service academy, Pala helped the students to attend orientation talks by experts free of cost.

Apart from this, the club conducted an online elocution competition as part of Bharath Amruth Mahotsav 2021. There were 9 participants and the winners were awarded cash prizes. The club had also organised an offline debate competition in association with BeFORE and Department of Women and Child Development on 3rd March 2022 as part of Women's Day celebration. About 15 students took part and the selected ones represented the college at the zonal level. They also received cash prizes. The activities of the club for the academic year came to a close with the training given to students representing college in university youth festival elocution competition with the help of Dr. Rose Sebastian.