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• INTRODUCTION -

The Public Speaking Club stands as a testament to the vision and initiative of three driven students - Yash Chhalotre, Anand Pillai, and Shone C Achankunju, who recognized the need for a platform dedicated to soft skill development in their college community during their first year. Their aspiration to cultivate skills such as confidence, communication, and knowledge among their peers led to the inception of the club.

Under the guidance and support of esteemed faculty members Dr. Archana P Das, Dr. Veena Nair, and Vinu Sir, the idea gained momentum. These faculty members, recognizing the significance of soft skills in students' holistic development, facilitated the establishment of the Public Speaking Club. With the blessing of Principal Dr. Abraham T Mathew, the club officially came into existence.

The executive committee, comprising dedicated students, was formed to oversee the club's operations. Yash Chhalotre assumed the role of Student Secretary, with Anand Pillai as Joint Secretary, Shone C Achankunju as Treasurer, and acommunity mentor forming the core team responsible for driving the club's mission forward.

Central to the club's activities is its participation in various competitions, including Model United Nations (MUN) conferences held in different colleges. MUN conferences provide a unique platform for students to engage in diplomatic simulations, representing different countries and debating pressing global issues. Through preparation and participation in these conferences, members not only enhance their public speaking and diplomatic skills but also broaden their understanding of international affairs and cooperation.

In essence, the Public Speaking Club serves as a catalyst for personal and professional growth, providing students with invaluable opportunities to refine their soft skills, broaden their horizons, and emerge as confident and articulate individuals ready to excel in the academic and professional arenas.

• MISSION OF THE CLUB -

The Public Speaking Club serves as a crucial platform for students, especially those pursuing engineering professions, to develop essential soft skills vital for success in their careers. In an engineering profession, where interviews, presentations, and effective communication are paramount, confidence and speaking skills play a pivotal role. The club is dedicated to nurturing these qualities among its members through a variety of activities such as events, workshops, and competitions.

One of the primary objectives of the club is to provide students with opportunities to hone their speaking abilities by immersing them in real-world scenarios. By participating in competitions, debates, and other speaking engagements, students confront their stage fear head-on. Many students grapple with stage fear, which can hinder their academic and professional growth. However, the supportive environment of the club empowers them to overcome this challenge gradually. Through active participation in competitions and debates, students not only sharpen their speaking skills but also develop resilience, confidence, and the ability to think on their feet. The club serves as a safe space where students can practice and refine their communication techniques without the fear of judgment. Moreover, the constructive feedback provided by peers and mentors fosters continuous improvement and growth.

Beyond technical knowledge, employers increasingly value soft skills such as communication, teamwork, and leadership. The Public Speaking Club equips students with these invaluable skills, enhancing their employ ability and positioning them for success in their chosen fields. By instilling a sense of confidence and eloquence in its members, the club plays a crucial role in shaping the future leaders and innovators of the engineering industry.

In essence, the Public Speaking Club serves as a catalyst for personal and professional development, empowering students to overcome stage fear, refine their speaking abilities, and thrive in their engineering careers. Through its trans formativeb initiatives, the club not only cultivates skilled communicators but also cultivates resilient and adaptable individuals prepared to excel in the competitive landscape of the engineering profession.

• EVENTS -

The Public Speaking Club started taking the club members in different competition like MUN .

So as of now the club members participated in three MUN'S.

1. <u>CET MUN (JUNE 2- JUNE 4):</u>

The CET MUN was the first MUN where our 29 club student participated in different committee like AIPPM, UNSC, UNHRC etc, and there we got three prizes and that was our first club achievement, everyone was new to this debate but they all worked hard and learned so many things and made lots of connection across different colleges.

2. <u>MACE MUN (DECEMBER 1- DECEMBER 3):</u>

The MACE MUN was the second MUN where 24 students from our college participated in the conference and the best part was our college students got 7 prizes this was such appreciable achievement made by our college and students enjoyed in the social night.

3. <u>TKM MUN (MARCH 22- MARCH 24):</u>

The TKM MUN was the recent MUN where our 23 club members participated and our college students got 8 prizes in different committee and the TKM mun was the best memorable mun where every one tried hard to speaking and got lots of knowledge and connections

• **OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENT :**

- Participation in the aforementioned MUN conferences has yielded numerous outcomes and achievements for the Public Speaking Club and its members.
- Through these engagements, club participants have demonstrated remarkable growth in their public speaking, debate, and diplomatic skills. The attainment of prizes in each MUN event serves as tangible evidence of their progress and competence in navigating complex global issues within various committees.
- Moreover, these conferences have provided invaluable learning opportunities, enabling club members to expand their knowledge base, develop critical thinking abilities, and enhance their understanding of international affairs.
- Beyond individual achievements, the club's collective success in securing multiple prizes underscores the effectiveness of their collaborative efforts and teamwork. Furthermore, participation in MUN conferences has facilitated the establishment of enduring connections and networks across different colleges, enriching the club members' academic and social experiences.

Overall, the outcomes and achievements garnered from these MUN conferences stand as a testament to the dedication, perseverance, and talent of the Public Speaking Club, affirming its position as a prominent entity in the realm of public speaking and diplomacy within the collegiate landscape.

* <u>CONCLUSION -</u>

In conclusion, the journey of the Public Speaking Club through the MUN conferences serves as a springboard for even greater endeavors ahead. With a commitment to nurturing talent and fostering intellectual growth, the club envisions a future filled with more opportunities for its members. Under the guidance of dedicated faculty mentors, the club will continue to expand its horizons, participating in additional MUN events and organizing engaging activities within the college premises. As we move forward, our priority remains ensuring that every single member gains invaluable skills, experiences, and friendships through their involvement with the club. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported us on this journey, from our members and mentors to the college administration and fellow students. Together, we look forward to embarking on new adventures, shaping future leaders, and making lasting contributions to the vibrant tapestry of college life.