

Report on Speech Competition on Senior Citizen Day

Event: Speech Competition

Date: 19/09/2024

Venue: KLS BCA and B.Com College, Haliyal

Topic: 'Namma Hiriyaru, Namma Adarsha' (Our Elders, Our Role Models)

Organized by: Department of BCA and B.Com

On the occasion of Senior Citizen Day, KLS BCA and B.Com College, Haliyal, organized a speech competition to honour the wisdom, contributions, and exemplary lives of senior citizens. The theme for the competition was 'Namma Hiriyaru, Namma Adarsha', emphasizing the significant role that elders play in shaping society and inspiring the younger generation.

The primary objective of the event was to foster respect and admiration for senior citizens among students, by encouraging them to reflect on the life lessons and values passed down by the elderly. It also aimed at improving the students' oratory skills and boosting their confidence in public speaking.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation from students of both the BCA and B.Com streams. A total of 13 students participated in the event, each delivering a speech that highlighted the values, life experiences, and enduring influence of senior citizens.

The competition was judged by Ms.Mehtab Shaikh and Ms.Meenaz Shaikh, who assessed the participants based on their content, presentation skills, voice modulation, and the overall impact of their speeches.

Highlights of the Speeches:

1. Tributes to Elders: Many participants shared personal stories about their grandparents or other senior citizens they admire. These speeches celebrated the contributions of elders to family life and society, highlighting their resilience and wisdom.
2. Cultural Influence: Several speakers emphasized the traditional values and moral guidance offered by senior citizens, which continue to shape the social and cultural fabric of our communities.
3. Role Models for Life: The recurring theme across many speeches was that senior citizens serve as enduring role models, showing how to live a life full of integrity, hard work, and dedication.
4. Inspiration for the Future: The participants also discussed how the experiences of the elderly serve as lessons for the future, particularly in areas such as patience, perseverance, and overcoming challenges.

After careful deliberation, the judges selected the following winners:

- 1st Place: Nagashree Raju
- 2nd Place: Shreya C. Kotharkar
- 3rd Place: Akshata Nemati

The speech competition was a great success, offering students a platform to express their thoughts and feelings about the contributions of senior citizens. The event not only honed the participants' public speaking skills but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the role of elders in shaping both individual lives and society as a whole.

The competition concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Sangeeta Prabhu, who thanked the participants, the judges, and the audience for their involvement in making the event memorable.