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The Debate Club has been formed to analyse and improve the leadership, presentation and communication skills of the students and also to help the students acquaint themselves with the contemporary realities.

The major event of the Debate Club for the academic year 2022-23 was an intra-collegiate debate competition which was held on 21 March 2023 in the college Seminar hall @ 11.30 AM. The debate competition was organized in association with IQAC of the college and the topic for the debate was 'Should Public Display of Affection be Banned'. A team comprising of two members each were selected from the departments of Economics, English, Commerce and Maths after a screening test. The participants were allowed to express their views in both Malayalam and English. The rules were explained by the judges and each team was given 10 minutes to speak for and against the topic. After a fierce competition, Ananthalakshmi D and Athira P of Second M Com won first prize and Sneha and Nima Parvathy of 2 MA Economics won second prize. The winners were given cash prizes by the judges. Dr. Reshmi Krishnan, one of the jury members pointed out strengths and weaknesses of each team and also congratulated the participants for their confidence and knowledge level. She also explainedhow to improve the oratory skills and to gain deeper perspectives on contemporary topics. The Debate competition was a grand success in terms of the active involvement of both the participants and audience.

The debate club has sought suggestions from the club members regarding the topics that could be included in the coming events. A few club members opined that debate competitions must be conducted on a weekly basis. The debate club for the academic year came to a close with a vote of thanks by the club coordinator.