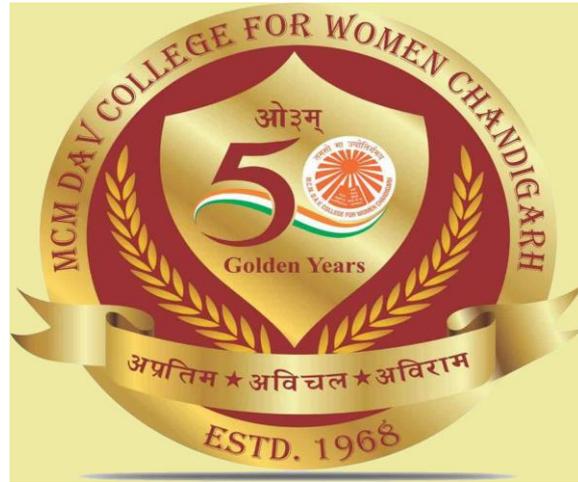


Report of Debating Society (2024-25)



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During the academic year 2024–25, students of the Debating Society achieved notable success in various inter-college and national-level literary and debating events. The most distinguished accomplishments were marked by cash prizes, demonstrating not only the students' oratorical excellence but also the tangible recognition of their efforts.

The year began with the Talent Hunt Competition which saw enthusiastic participation from students. In English declamation, the first prize was bagged by Purna Gautam and Inayat Kaur Sandhu, with Tanvi standing second and Parishti and Eliza Sharma sharing the third place and Riddhi Suyal and Vanshika Gupta receiving a Consolation prize. In Hindi, First prize went to Nandini Sharma, with Stuti and Ridhi Shreshtha taking the second and third place respectively. In English poetry recitation, Anushka Sharma, Purna Gautam and Archita took the top three positions and in Hindi, Nandini Sharma, Garima Joshi and Prachi Thakur won the corresponding prizes.

Karika Thakur emerged as a leading achiever by winning the first prize in a debate organized by the Electoral Literacy Club, DAV College Sector 10, Chandigarh on March 6, 2025. Alongside her teammate Vanshika, the duo also secured the third position as a team. For her outstanding individual performance, Karika was awarded a cash prize of ₹2000.

Congratulations

Karika Thakur & Vanshika



At the Debate organised by the Electoral Literacy Club, DAV College Sector 10 & Aruna Asaf Ali Memorial Trust, our students Karika Thakur (BA 2: 3530) and Vanshika (BA 2: 3657) won the running trophy. Karika also won the first prize and a cash award of Rs 2000.

Earlier in the session, on October 15–16, 2024, Kanishka Jasrotia and Karika Thakur participated in the prestigious 4th Prof. Anil Kumar Memorial National Debate Competition hosted by the Department of Laws, Panjab University. Their teamwork earned them the "Best Team Award" and a cash prize of ₹3000, further cementing their place as seasoned debaters.



Beyond cash prizes, the students secured high positions in several events. On July 25, 2024, Karika Thakur clinched the first position in an Online National Level Debate Competition hosted by the Indian Debating Forum. In September, Kanishka Jasrotia claimed first prize in the debate segment of the Autumn Muse Literary Fest held at SGGGS College, Sector 26, Chandigarh.



Kanishka's winning streak continued when she stood first in the debate category at the Panjab University Zonal Youth and Heritage Festival on October 24, 2024.



On the same date and at the same festival, Karika Thakur secured the first prize in the Elocution category.



Just weeks later, on November 12, 2024, Karika went on to win first place in the Elocution competition at the Panjab University Inter Zonal Youth Festival hosted by DAV College, Hoshiarpur, while Kanishka secured the second position in the Debate.



Shortly thereafter, both Kanishka and Karika participated in declamation and poetry recitation contests held at PGGCG-11 on November 14, 2024. Karika again secured first place, while Kanishka finished second.

Karika and Kanishka also represented Panjab University at the Inter varsity PU Yuva Gatsav: 38th AIU Inter University North Zone Youth Festival for Elocution and Debate respectively. Karika also represented Panjab University at the prestigious National Youth Festival 2025 and Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue organized by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Welfare, New Delhi. Karika represented Chandigarh and spoke on Viksit Bharat goals and the role of the youth in the development of our country.



In poetry, Nandini Sharma distinguished herself by winning the first prize at an Inter College Poetry Recitation Competition held on January 29, 2025, at PGGC-46. Parishti Thakur also brought laurels to the department by securing first place in Elocution during a contest organized by GCCBA, Sector 50, on January 31, 2025. At Juvenescere: Annual Philosophy Fest at Post Graduate Government College for Girls-11, Chandigarh as well, she won the second prize in Debate. At the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India, HP & New Delhi from 27 Feb -30 March 2025, Parishti represented Himachal Pradesh in the State Round and qualified for National finals in Delhi.

Other significant accomplishments included second-place finishes in various prestigious declamation contests. Karika earned second prize in the AC Bali Declamation Competition hosted by the Department of English and Cultural Studies at Panjab University. Likewise, Prerna Gautam achieved second place in the K. K. Grover Declamation Competition organized by the same department.

Rounding off the year, Kanishka secured second place in the debate competition at Luminaria, DAV College Sector 10, Chandigarh, on March 18, 2025.

These achievements not only underscore the talent and dedication of the participants but also reflect the department's strong culture of academic and co-curricular excellence.