



Debate Dramatics and Quiz Club (2018-19)

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The Debate Club of Army Institute of Technology originally established in the year 1994, augmented to the Debate, Dramatics and Quiz Club under the aegis of Dr Sanjiv M Sansgiri and Professor Nithya Bhaskar with a mission to bring together different individuals with a diverse spectrum of qualities and abilities together and focus on contributing to building personalities with suffused vigor and a zeal for life.

The club was spearheaded by its ingenious team of students led by Aparna Choudhuri (TE-E&TC) and joint secretaries Akshay Ramdev (SE-Comp), Akash Ramdev (SE-Comp) and Shweta Patil (SE-IT).

Lights, Camera and, Action! With a fresh sense of fervor and enthusiasm, the club quickly commenced its first series of activities to lock and engage the fresh talent that had joined in July 2017, as a part of "Fresher's Orientation". Students were familiarized with the plethora of activities and talent-packed events such as MUN, Mono-acting and pop-culture quizzes undertaken by the club. It came as no surprise that posts the event the club saw an even more amplified response to conduct more sessions like these!

The monsoon went like a flash with all the students gearing up for Aakriti. A three-day tournament that is organized to attain cultural diversity by capturing the talents and interests of diverse individuals and providing them a platform to exhibit their skills. The club conducted a total of 21 events, ranging from debates and group discussions to street plays and quizzes. It was a case of neck-to-neck competition since all students were trained to win and were filled with the gusto to win the "Aakriti Trophy" for their respective branches.

Post this power-packed event, autumn commenced with two major inter-city competitions invites namely, The Sweden-India Nobel Memorial Quiz and The Landmark Rotary Club Debate, in which club volunteers were raring to go and prove their mettle. It was a proud moment, to see the college in the top three teams as the front-runners at The Sweden-India Nobel Memorial Quiz 2017. Under the bastion of the club, AIT won the Landmark Rotary Club Debate 2017, bringing home the coveted trophy after 12 years. The trophy was won by club secretary Aparna Choudhuri and Neelanjan Mitra (FE-E&TC).

The coming months of October to January witnessed club members bustling with the planning of its first inter-college dramatics event "Rupantaran", a fest organized to bring out the love for the expression of emotions and ideas and draw attention towards the conceptions and notions of the youth. The event was a stupendous success! The saga continued with Dais-Interdiction-college's annual debate competition held under the flagship of Amethyst (cultural fest) that invited some of



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the best debaters from far and wide for a war of words with wit, humor and some never-wracking facts! To thaw the rivalry, a fun-hearted extempore competition called the Jury Rig was conducted that tested the imagination of its participants, unless you have been trained to survive the trials of BCJ Hall through Aakriti.

The fest would have been incomplete without the prestigious BCJ Memorial Quiz, which brings together the sharpest and brightest minds to take on the heat of the toughest general quiz in the city. The competition left the audience wondering if they should be revising their general-knowledge books again!

By February, it was time to draw the curtains, before one final event, AIT's first independently organized TEDx event! For the first time ever, a TEDx event was organized through a complete student initiative at Army Institute of Technology. The entire club felt honored to collaborate with the Magazine Board to host "TEDxAITP: The Mavericks of the Millennium" With a magnificent theme and seven charismatic speakers the talks inspired the crowd to live the principles of Carpe Diem throughout life.

A truly remarkable year that inspired some great collaborations, thoughts and conversations and built an album that will be remembered for a lifetime by all the members and faculty. Well, it was not the end of one academic calendar for the club, rather a beginning of a new journey...Onward to Glory!

