**ST. GREGORIOS COLLEGE, KOTTARAKARA**

**DEBATE CLUB**

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The St. Gregorios Debate Club organizes and participates in a number of activitieswith a view towards enhancing the general communicative abilities of the college’s student body.

**Participation in Intercollegiate competitions**

The annual **“Speak for India: Kerala Edition”** debate contest, organised by Federal Bank in association with *Mathrubhumi,* provides an excellent arena for students across the state to hone their competitive debating and oratorical skills. The St. Gregorios College Debate team, represented by Bhagya Ajith (S5, B. A. Communicative English) and Jeenu Jegy (S3, B.Sc. Physics), participated in the block level competitions of this year’s contest held on 5 November 2018 at T.K.M. College of Arts and Sciences, Kollam. The topic assigned was “Kerala’s flood disaster: we have ourselves to blame.” Each participant was allotted one minute to make their presentation either in English or Malayalam for or against the topic; their stances were decided by drawing lots. In an event which witnessed a massive turnout, with students from over sixty reputed institutions in and around Kollam district in attendance, the S.G. Debating Club gave a commendable performance.

The **Centennial National Elocution contest**hosted by St. Thomas College, Thrissur on 26 – 01 – 2019,was a prestigious competition attended by sixty five competitors from across the country. Ancy Kunjumon and Mamatha Madhu Reji (S1, B.A. Communicative English) represented the college at the event, presenting an excellent declamation on the topic “Humanoids: An Unfinished Story.”

Jeenu Jegy put up a creditable performance in the succeeding edition of the Speak for India contest. She cleared the block level contest held at Bishop Benziger College of Nursing, Kollam, on 24 – 09 – 2019. The topic assigned was “Uniforms must be made necessary in colleges.” Following this, she took part in the district level contest held at Mar Chrysostom College of Arts and Science, Adoor on 31 – 10 – 2019. Amidst stiff competition, she delivered a compelling argument for the topic “One nation, one election.”

In the forthcoming years, the Debate Club hopes to organise more events which would enable students to become well-informed, critically thinking, andconfident public speakers.