A Report on "Open Mic Mastering the art of Public Speaking"
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Co-ordinators: Mr. K. Durga Charan, Asst. Professor, AI&DS & Mrs. Anusuri Krishna Veni, Asst. Professor, Data Science.

Resource person: Dr. P. Athahar Samina Khan, SAO (Student Welfare), HOD-Dept. of English & Foreign Languages.
Participants: 70 Student Participants from various departments includes AI&DS, Civil, ECE, EEE, CST & Mechanical. 100 Students registered for this event from various departments includes AI&DS, Civil, CSE, CST, ECE, EEE & Mechanical

Outcomes of the Program:

Desai Rohith Reddy, currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering at Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science, is a curious and inquisitive individual. These qualities have made him a super-fast learner, enabling him to excel in various endeavours. As a tech enthusiast and an extrovert, He is friendly, collaborative, and adept at sharing his ideas with others. He fearlessly expresses his thoughts as a public speaker and remains open-minded, readily accepting better ideas. Alongside his academic pursuits, he actively participates in hackathons, displaying his talent as both a team member and a team lead. His exceptional teamwork skills and ability to find solutions for observed problems have earned him recognition in these collaborative environments. Furthermore, he is delving into the realm of Data Science and Machine Learning, augmenting his knowledge and skills in these domains. He possesses a solid understanding of algorithms such as Naive Bayes.

Objective of the Guest Lecture:

The main objective of this event is to introduce public speaking as a skill to students and teach them the ways to overcome stage fear. And to tell them how public speaking as a skill can transform anyone's life and this skill can buy them new opportunities. This event also aimed to bluest all the myths that revolve around public speaking.

The event commenced with an engaging ice-breaking session, setting a dynamic tone for the proceedings. This was followed by a captivating narrative, illustrating the significance of public speaking in everyday life. Subsequently, the attendees were provided with comprehensive guidance on overcoming stage fright, equipping them with the essential tools and techniques to excel as confident public speakers.

Speech by Senior Administrative Officer (Student Welfare):

The event progressed with the introduction of Dr. P. Athahar Samina Khan, Senior Administrative Officer from the Student Welfare Office. Madam engaged with the students, commending them for their proactive approach in combating stage fear by participating in the event. She emphasized the significance of such initiatives in personal growth and skill development. Additionally, Madam expressed her appreciation for the coordinators, acknowledging their efforts in organizing an event that addresses real-world challenges faced by students, thereby contributing significantly to their holistic development.

Speech by K. Durga Charan :

Continuing the event, Mr. K. Durga Charan, Assistant Professor of Data Science, took the stage to deliver a powerful address. Sir began by recounting a pivotal moment in his career where his ability to articulate ideas effectively and commandingly in public settings proved to be a decisive factor in surpassing his peers and competitors. Sir experience highlighted the uncommon yet crucial nature of public speaking skills in professional environments.

Sir elaborated on the multifaceted impact of public speaking, suggesting that it is not merely a method of communication, but a strategic tool that can open doors to new opportunities and foster leadership abilities. Sir stressed that in today's competitive world, the art of public speaking is a differentiator that can set individuals apart, transforming them into leaders who can inspire and influence others. His speech aimed to instill in the students an understanding of the importance of this skill, not only for personal success but also for making a meaningful impact in their respective fields.

Student Participation:

Buoyed by the inspiring words and practical advice from Speakers, a notable shift in the atmosphere was observed. Students, now emboldened and motivated, began to come forward, eager to take their turn at the microphone. They spoke on a wide array of topics, showcasing not only their burgeoning public speaking skills but also their diverse interests and knowledge. This segment of the event turned into a dynamic forum, with each student bringing their unique perspective and insights to the stage. Topics ranged from current global issues to personal passions, reflecting the depth and breadth of their thoughts and experiences. This enthusiastic participation from the students was a testament to the effectiveness of the earlier sessions in alleviating their fears and boosting their confidence. It also underscored the event's success in fostering a safe and supportive environment for students to practice and hone their public speaking abilities.

Outcomes of the Program

The outcomes of this event were both significant and multifaceted, reflecting the depth of its impact on the participating students:

1. Increased Confidence in Public Speaking: Students displayed a marked improvement in their confidence levels. The opportunity to speak in front of an audience helped many overcome their initial apprehensions, a crucial step in becoming effective public speakers.

2. Enhanced Communication Skills: The practical experience of speaking on various topics aided students in refining their communication skills, including articulation, clarity of thought, and audience engagement.

3. Understanding the Value of Preparation: Through the guidance of experienced speakers, students learned the importance of thorough preparation in delivering impactful speeches, including research, structuring arguments, and rehearsing.

4. Exposure to Diverse Perspectives: The wide range of topics discussed by different speakers provided students with exposure to various viewpoints and ideas, broadening their understanding and knowledge. "

5. Networking and Collaboration Opportunities: The event facilitated networking among students, faculty, and professionals, fostering a sense of community and opening doors for future collaborations.

6. Dispelling Public Speaking Myths: The event successfully addressed and dispelled common myths about public speaking, such as the notion that it is an innate talent rather than a skill that can be learned and refined.

7. Leadership and Personal Development: The emphasis on public speaking as a key leadership skill resonated with students, highlighting its role in personal and professional development.

8. Feedback and Personal Growth: The constructive feedback provided by faculty and peers was invaluable for personal growth, helping students identify areas for improvement and encouraging continuous learning.

Overall, the event succeeded in not only equipping students with practical public speaking skills but also in instilling a newfound appreciation for the art of oration as a tool for personal and professional development.