MARIS STELLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

Department of Journalism 2022-2023

Photography Competition

On the occasion of World Photography Day on August 19, Film and Television Institute of Hyderabad (FTIH), Vijayawada conducted a photography competition with the theme "Monsoon Mania".

Retired Chief Photographer of The Hindu Dr. Ch. V. S. Vijaya Bhaskara Rao was invited as the chief guest for the contest. He won 2,550 awards in his 39 year-long career.

Vijaya Bhaskara Rao explained to the students about the nitty-gritty of photography. He also dwelt at length about the lenses, composition and framing. As many as 100 students from various institutions have registered themselves for the competition. Of the 100 photographs, the chief guest has selected the best three. The winners were given trophies and were appreciated for their photography skills.

Sixteen students of Maris Stella College accompanied by the faculty took part in the competition on Friday.



Students of Maris Stella College pose with the chief guest after the conclusion of the photography competition.



Students of Maris Stella College feature in Jyothi, a Telugu daily.

A field visit to Radio Mirchi Studio

A group of 45 students visited Radio Mirchi studio in the morning session on November 16 on the occasion of National Press Day. RJ Kavya gave a warm welcome to us. She had a friendly conversation with students and enquired about their future plans. She patiently answered students' questions. She explained how acing the voice modulation and script writing techniques help one become a successful RJ. Bowled over by her energy and infectious smile, the students later took selfies with RJ Kavya.

We thank Radio Mirchi, Vijayawada, Programming Head Teja Kovvali, for permitting us to visit their studio for a hands-on learning experience.

Later in the day, she also visited our campus and addressed a large number of students on the topic "A day in the life of an RJ.



Students pose for a photo with RJ Kavya at Radio Mirchi Studio on November 16, 2022.

A two-day workshop on "Role of the Print and Electronic Media for Science Popularisation in AP and Telangana"

A group of 16 journalism students attended a two-day workshop on "Role of the Print and Electronic Media for Science Popularisation in AP and Telangana" on October 28 and 29. The workshop was jointly organised by the DST-Vigyan Prasar's National Mission Project, Science Communication, Popularisation and Extension (SCoPE), NIT Warangal and Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur.

Dr TV Venkateswaran, Scientist-F and National Coordinator, SCoPE, Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi, stressed the need to provide wider publicity to the developments in the science and technology field.

Dr. G. Anita, HoD, Journalism and Mass Communication, ANU, observed that journalists should continuously hunt for science and technology information and publish in a common man's language.

ANU Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Rajasekhar said, "Whatever is your discipline, you should understand the basic science. Then only development is possible".





Students at the two-day workshop at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur on October 28 and 29, 2022.

An Interactive Session on Core Values and Ethics in Journalism

A.P. Press Academy Chairman Kommineni Srinivasa Rao has stressed the need for credibility and objectivity in the field of journalism.

Speaking about "Core Values and Ethics in Journalism" during an interactive session jointly organised by the A.P. Press Academy and Maris Stella College here on Thursday, he dwelt at length about the importance of objective and unbiased journalism.

He advised the journalists to follow ethics and responsibility in journalism as they play a vital role in protecting democracy and in serving the larger good of society. Journalism should fight every ill that afflicts society and journalists should work without fear or favour.

He exhorted the journalists to be extra careful in checking the veracity of information in the present digital era to uphold the core values of journalism.

Later in another interactive session on "Study and Work Opportunities Abroad", at the college, APNRTS President Venkat S. Medapati explained how the organisation has been bringing global investments and companies into the State and enthuse NRTs to be a part of Andhra Pradesh's growth story.

He also explained how they have been helping students aspiring to pursue overseas education by helping them in the overseas admission process, scholarship programmes, visa processing and pre and post arrival services through Vidya Vahini, a career counselling centre. "We have also started free training in IELTS," he added.

Venkat also spoke how the APNRTS has been facilitating recruitment drives in the IT and ITES companies in the State for freshers and the recent passouts from colleges and universities contributing towards a talented workforce.

College Principal Dr. Jasintha Quadras, Correspondent Sr. Sleeva Thumma and convenors A.P. Press Academy Secretary M. Balagangadhar Tilak and Journalism lecturer K. Sarath Chandra were also present.



A.P. Press Academy Chairman Kommineni Srinivasa Rao and APNRTS President Venkat S. Medapati addressing the students.

An Interactive Session on Promoting Gender Equity in Classrooms

Interactive sessions on "Promoting Gender Equity in Classrooms" and "Gender Audit to Ensure Justice in HEIs" were a big hit at Maris Stella College on February 28, 2023.

Resource person P. Andal Devi, a prominent social activist, asked all the right questions to students. She asked why parents prefer private schools for boys and government schools for girls. She spoke about underrepresentation of women in textbooks. She sought men to help women in their household chores. She questioned why women have to quit their studies for marriage or sacrifice their careers after marriage. She sought to know why only women have to conform to societal norms and dwelt at length on how gender stereotypes kill women's self-confidence.

The enthusiasm was palpable in both the student and faculty community while responding to the queries posed by the resource person.





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