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Sub: Report on NextGen Talks – Ideas for Tomorrow regarding.

Date: 9 October 2026

Jury Members: Mr. Kumaran Chandrasekaran, Dr. Surya Prakash Mohapatra, Ms. Anisha Peter, and Dr. G. Narendra, Mr. Vishnu Prasad D

Participants: 15 Shortlisted Student Speakers

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Institution: Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Anekal, Bengaluru.

In Association: ICT Academy

The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Anekal, Bengaluru, in association with ICT Academy, organized “**NextGen Talks – Ideas for Tomorrow**” on 9 October 2026. The event aimed to provide students with a platform to present innovative ideas, enhance their communication skills, and develop confidence in public speaking and leadership. A total of **388 aspirants participated in the selection process, of whom 15 students were shortlisted** for the final stage. The programme encouraged originality, critical thinking, and effective expression, enabling students to showcase their perspectives and demonstrate their presentation abilities.

The programme commenced with an introduction by **Mr. Vishnu Prasad D., Deputy General Manager, ICT Academy**, who explained the initiative's objectives and highlighted the importance of communication skills in academic and professional development. He emphasized the need to nurture emerging talent and prepare students to express their ideas confidently in diverse settings.



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The distinguished jury members shared practical insights into communication, personal development, and professional excellence. **Mr. Kumaran Chandrasekaran, Founder and CEO of Wezume**, introduced the Triple C's of Communication—*Clear, Concise, and Contextual*. He highlighted how clarity, brevity, and relevance contribute to effective communication and help speakers convey their messages meaningfully.

Dr. Surya Prakash Mohapatra, an industry thought leader in Human Resources and Learning and Development, emphasized brevity and courage as essential communication qualities. He encouraged students to express their ideas directly and confidently. **Ms. Anisha Peter, Founder of DLT India**, motivated students to overcome hesitation, develop self-belief, and communicate authentically. **Dr. G. Narendra, Associate Vice President, ICT Academy**, highlighted the importance of character alongside skills and abilities, emphasizing integrity and professional values as essential elements of lasting success.

The jury shared valuable insights on presentation skills, audience engagement, confidence, and professional growth. The event concluded with the announcement of the prize winners. **Arya Sham Pandit won First Prize, R. Unnamalai Second Prize, and Sakthi S. Third Prize.** All 15 shortlisted speakers were appreciated for their efforts and participation.

The programme offered students an opportunity to demonstrate their talents and gain exposure to industry expectations. It contributed to the development of public-speaking, presentation, critical-thinking, and interpersonal skills that are valuable for placement interviews, workplace communication, and future leadership responsibilities. Overall, NextGen Talks – Ideas for Tomorrow successfully encouraged students to express their ideas, enhance communication skills, and build confidence through industry guidance.

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Yours Sincerely

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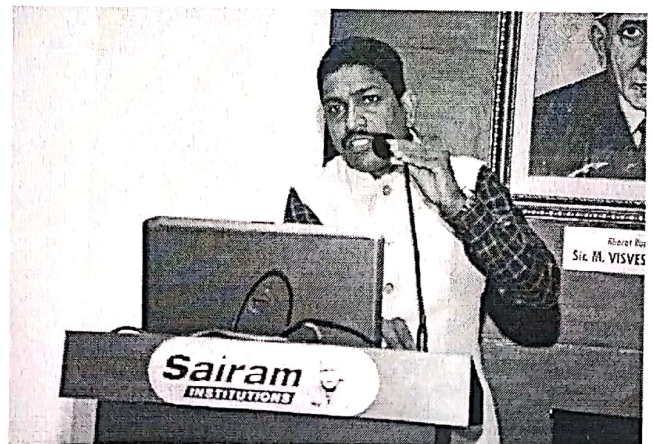
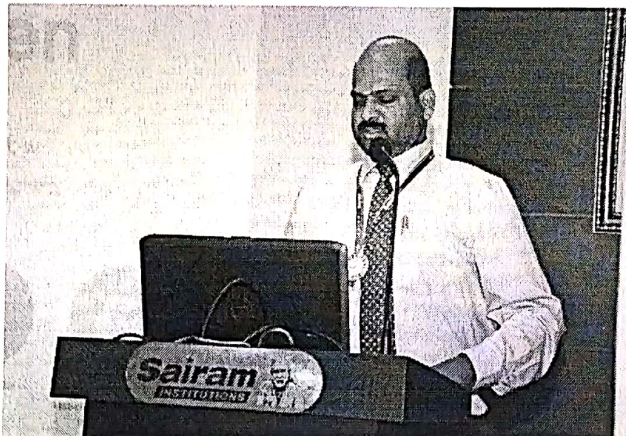
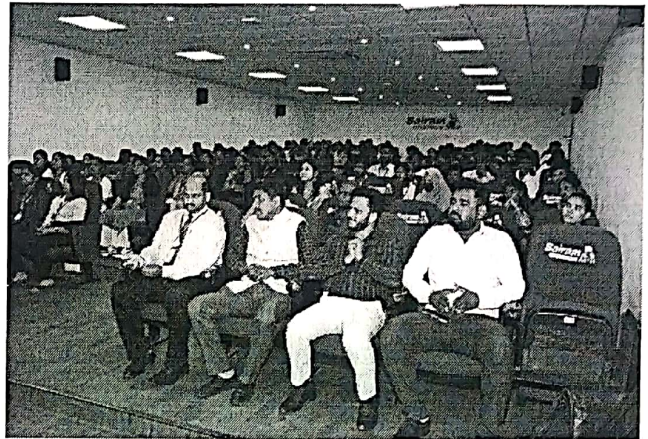


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Glimpses of the Session:

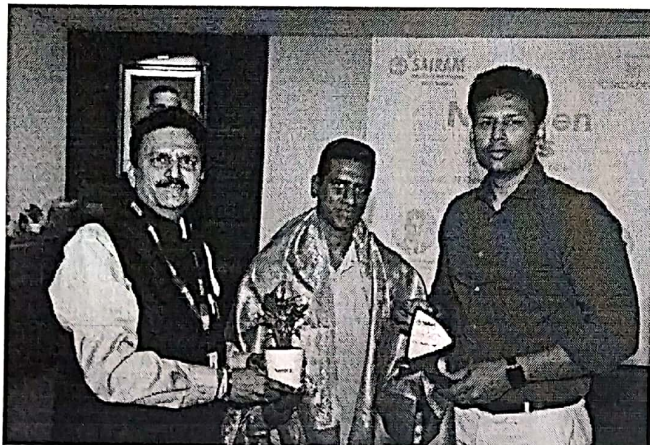
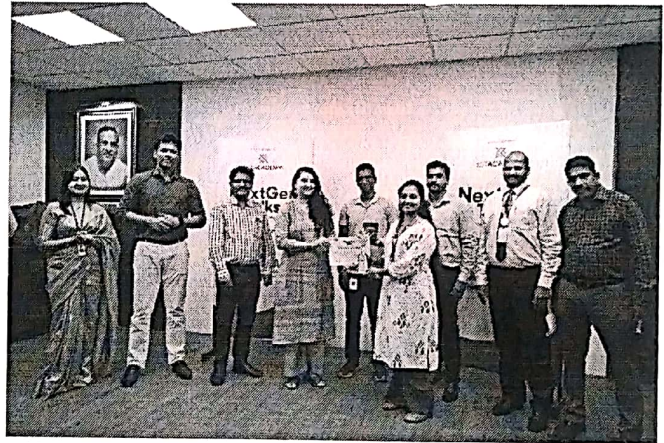




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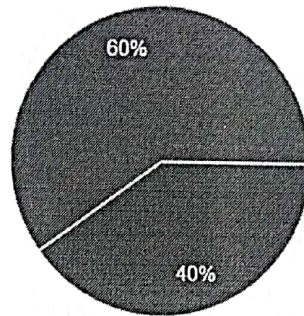


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Students Feedback:

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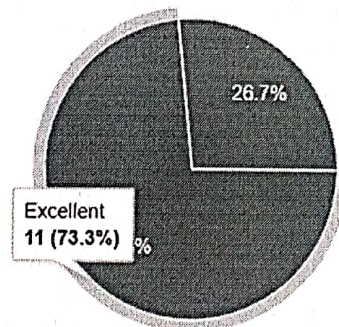
15 responses



- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Satisfactory

How would you rate the opportunity to participate in the event?

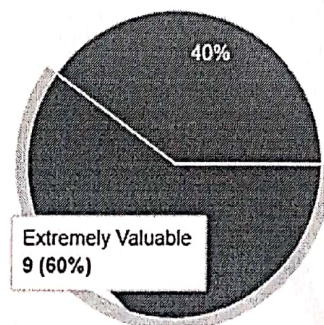
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How valuable was the experience for your confidence and presentation skills?

15 responses



- Extremely Valuable
- Very Valuable
- Valuable

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