

Report on International Mother Language Day



Art and Cultural club of Narula Institute of Technology organized a debate both in Bengali and Hindi on the topic “Should Matrabhasa be the parallel mode of communication for official correspondence?” to commemorate the

International Mother Language Day, on 21st February, 2015.

Altogether 17 participants took part in the debate, 6 in Bengali and 11 in Hindi. All the contestants were meticulous as well as vociferous in their argument, and most of them were able to communicate their ideas in a brilliant way.



Speaking for the motion, participants from both Bengali and English group stressed on the fact that mother language should be preserved in all sorts of communication, be it official or non-official purposes. Today in our society, there is a tendency to adopt something new, instead of creating something original. Instead of adoption, participants speaking for the motion stressed that

one should nurture the mother language in every walk of life; be it literature, be it education, be it co-curricular activities.

Parallel mode of communication is needed according to “for –the-motion” participants, because they felt that in a huge and diverse country like India, it is not possible for all the population to speak and learn English. For that reason, it is imperative that mother language/national language should be an available option for all official purposes.



On the other hand, participants speaking against the motion were adamant on the fact that there should be



a language which can be understood by everyone in our country. India is a diverse and multilingual country with more than 30 official and 200 unofficial languages/dialects spoken across its length and breadth. So if there is a lack of common communication medium, official work cannot be

smoothly executed across the nation. Giving option to any particular regional language will create social and communal disturbance and giving multiple language as option will create anarchy. That is why “against-the-motion” participants felt the use of an international language – English as official mode of communication.