

ADANI INSTITUTE OF INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING (AIIE)

Report on celebration of Matribhasha Diwas

3 March 2016

Every year UNESCO celebrates International Mother Languages Day on 21 February 2016 to promote unity in diversity and international understanding, through multilingualism and multiculturalism. This year it had been decided by UGC/GTU to celebrate Matribhasha Diwas on 3 March 2016 to promote the use of mother tongue.

Adani Institute of Infrastructure Engineering (AIIE) celebrated Matribhasha Diwas on 3 March 2016 by conducting an Elocution Competition. The topic for elocution was:

Importance of Mother Tongue as a Language of Instruction in Education

There was an enthusiastic participation from students. Students spoke on the above topic in their mother tongue. Most of them spoke in Gujarati and Hindi. The arguments that most speakers highlighted regarding the above issues are summed up below:

1. Speakers emphasized the utility and global need of English as a lingua franca. They felt that this was one of the reasons why education in mothertongue is not sustainable.
2. Secondly, they all professed a sense of pride for their respective mother tongues by alluding to the poetry and literature in their language. It also showed how mothertongue was an indicator of their cultural identity.
3. Some speakers also highlighted that if they develop a deeper understanding and proficiency in their mothertongue, it will prove to be a strong foundation for learning a second language.
4. Several speakers echoed each other in saying that most inner expression is done through mothertongue and that it is extremely important for a person's emotional and mental growth.

A 3-judge panel comprising of Professors deliberated and chose the following three winners:

1. Darshit Sakariya
2. Kirtan Bhatt
3. Riya Trivedi.

As a conclusion of this competition, Director of the Institute, Dr. K.N.Sheth and several senior Professors also shared their views on this topic in their mothertongue.

It was a very engaging and thought-provoking event.

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Image 1: A participant at the Elocution Competition



Image 2: Panel of Judges at the Elocution Competition

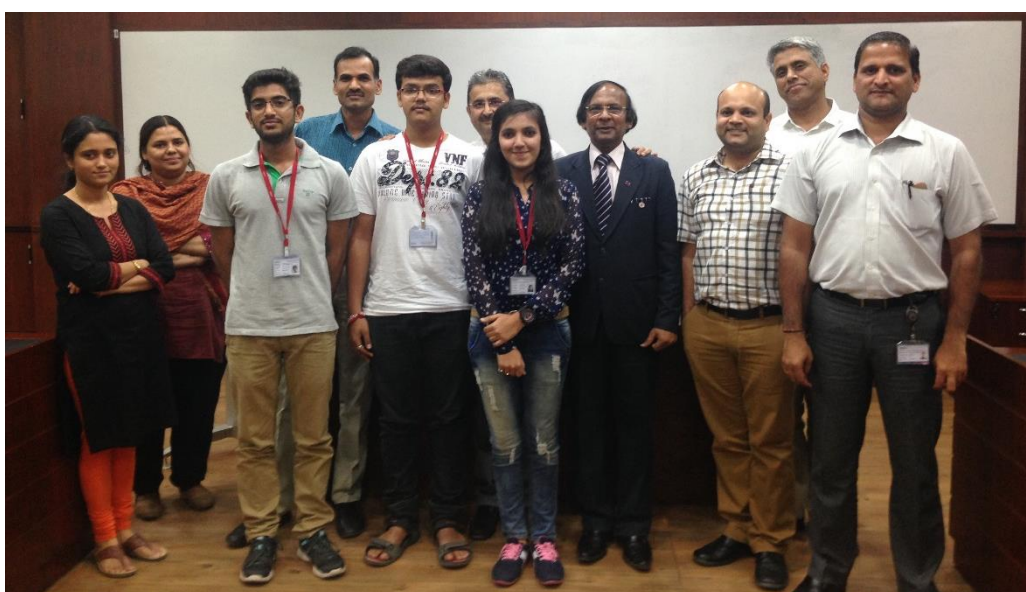


Image 3: Top three winners of Elocution Competition with Judges and other Faculty Members