

Post-event summary report:

- **Name of the Event:**
Building Blocks of Public Speaking
- **Organized by:**
Conducted by the Debating Society of Shri Shikshayatan College.
- **Date:** 27th May 2026
- **Venue:**
Room 302, Shri Shikshayatan College
- **Number of Participants:** A total of 22 students attended the workshop.
- **Resource Person:** Professor Ashoke Viswanathan, National and International filmmaker, currently professing at Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Kolkata.
- **Brief description of Event:**

The session commenced on a captivating note with Professor Ashoke Viswanathan reciting a Shakespearean monologue, immediately drawing the audience into the essence of impactful oratory. Through his engaging delivery and insightful guidance, he emphasized the importance of strengthening one's language skills and vocabulary in order to become an effective speaker. He particularly highlighted the significance of speaking confidently without dependence on written notes,

encouraging students to cultivate spontaneity and clarity of thought.

Throughout the workshop, Professor Viswanathan discussed various essential elements of public speaking, including the role of logic supported by examples, references, and allusions. He also stressed the importance of incorporating wit, humour, and satire into speeches to make communication more engaging and memorable.

The session further explored the technical aspects of speech delivery such as rhythm, thrust of expression, construction of words, voice modulation, and dramatic articulation.

To encourage literary exposure and linguistic refinement, he recommended several renowned authors and literary works, including Agatha Christie, Ruth Rendell, Jane Austen, David Copperfield and Oliver Twist. One of the most memorable moments of the workshop was his dramatic recitation of Hamlet's famous "*To be or not to be*" monologue, through which he demonstrated the power of modulation and emotional expression in speech.

The workshop concluded with an interactive activity where students were invited to the podium to recite monologues while applying the techniques and principles taught during the session. This practical exercise greatly enhanced the confidence and enthusiasm of the participants.

- **Outcome:** The workshop proved to be immensely insightful and fruitful for all the participants. It not only deepened the students' understanding of the art of public speaking but also inspired them to become more expressive, confident, and articulate communicators. By the end of the session, the participants had gained valuable knowledge regarding effective speech delivery, language enhancement, and stage presence, making the event a truly enriching learning experience.

- **Photographs:**





- Documents:

The Debating Society of
Shri Shikshayatan College

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A workshop on

BUILDING BLOCKS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Conducted by

Mr. Ashoke Viswanathan

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:

- Build self-confidence and overcome stage fear.
- Improve your communication and articulation skills.
- Learn the fundamentals of public speaking.
- Understand how to structure arguments effectively.
- Think clearly, speak confidently, and make an impact.

27th May, 2026

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Room 302,
Shri Shikshayatan
College

Prior registration is compulsory.