

National Science Day Celebration and Students' Debate Competition

On

GM Crops: Seeds of hope or deception?

Organized by

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On the occasion of the **National Science Day**, the Department of Botany, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Government College organized a **Students' Debate Competition** on '*GM Crops: Seeds of hope or deception?*'. The program was held on 3rd March 2023 in the Room No. 14 from 2.30 PM.

The aim of organizing debate competition was to improve the public speaking skills of the students and teach them to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions. The session was the medley of opinions, thoughts and perspective that enhanced the knowledge and understanding of the science and bursting myths about GM crops among students.

The event was **inaugurated** by the honorable Principal, **Dr. Debasish Banerjee**.

Dr. Riddhi Datta, Assistant professor, Department of Botany, **moderated** the program while **Dr. Saswati Bhattacharya**, Assistant professor, Department of Botany, was the **judge**.

There were two contestant teams. Sk. Asif Raja, Rohit Baidya, Deep Bhattacharya, Afreen Naz and Mahabir Naskar from the Semester V represented Team A and spoke in favor of the topic. Md. Ashfaque Molla, Debjani Basak, Subhadip Mal and Riya Ghosh from Semester III represented Team B and spoke against the notion.

To begin with, each team spoke their mind for five minutes. This was followed by four rebuttals of one minute for each team. All the students of the department were present in the program.

The winner of this competition was Team A. All the winners as well as the participants were presented with a certificate. Dr. Saswati Bhattacharya summarized and concluded the event.























