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**J.J. College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Pudukkottai.**

**Department of English**

**Intra-Departmental Competition**

**A Debate on**

**Morality VS Artistry: Ethical Themes in Literature**

The English Literary Association of J.J. College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Pudukkottai organized an Intra- Departmental Debate Competition on "Morality vs. Artistry: Ethical Themes in Literature" at 11.00 a.m on 29th August 2025. The competition was conducted with the objective to sharpen the critical thinking, oratory, and analytical skills of students while engaging with the ethical and artistic dimensions of literature. The students were divided into two teams. The speakers in the side of Morality argued that literature has a moral responsibility to guide societal values .Team Artistry defended the freedom of expression and creativity, aesthetic view and stating that art should not be restricted by moral boundaries.

Both the sides the debaters presented strong points, making the session vibrant, engaging, and thought-provoking. Students enthusiastically participated, presenting strong arguments on both sides. The Morality team emphasized the ethical responsibility of literature, while the Artistry team highlighted the freedom of creative expression with reference to some famous literary works like Pilgrims Progress, Waiting for Godot Paradise Lost , Defence of Poetry etc.. The debate created an intellectually stimulating atmosphere and encouraged the audience to reflect on the balance between ethics and creativity in literature.

Speakers defended Morality were V. Irine – I MA, V. Ratchaya – II MA, S. Maria Aani Gracy – II MA and N.Nithya Priyadarshini – II MA

Speakers defended Artistry were C. Ranjana – I BA, A. Sherly Evangeline – II BA. K. Karthiga – I MA and A. Abirami – II MA.

The event was convened under the guidance of Ms. Selvi, Head of the Department of English who acted as the judge of the event. She quoted the works of the earlier writers like Milton, Coleridge ,Victorian Critic Arnold and Modern critics T.S.Eliot F.R.Leavis and gave the judgement that true artistry must include moral depth with art serving as a vehicle for truth , beauty and ethical insight. The program was coordinated by Ms. G. Deivasena, Ms. S. Alagumathi, Ms. V. Visalatchi, and Mr. B. Saravana Kannan. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. G. Deivasena.