WRITE, REHEARSE & SPEAK

This is to inform all the students that the University is starting a program named as “PU-WRS” (PU-Write, Rehearse and Speak) for the benefit of all the students. The activity is mainly targeted towards enabling the students to be able to speak for about five minutes relating to any topic of his/her choice out of the pool of 200 topics relating to every field.

The activity has following benefits:
While many people fear Public Speaking there are plenty of good reasons why you should not only approach it with courage, but also with pleasure and hope.

1. Professional Benefits
If you are a professional, and particularly if you are independent or work for a consultancy or other 'body shop', public speaking can give significant skills.

- Skill-building
   When you are a professional person, there are many occasions when you will need to speak with others outside of the big-audience public-speaking scene. For example a manager may want to address his/her department (or an individual address everyone and the manager). You may also want to talk persuasively with individuals in any situation from getting a job to getting a raise in salary. Public speaking can help with all of these situations. If you can stand up in front of a large audience and talk persuasively, then talking to a smaller group or an individual is not such a big deal.

- Professional credibility
   Speaking at events, conferences and so on is very good for adding to your credibility. The larger the event the better, as you can add these achievements to your CV.

- Networking
   When you are a speaker at an event, you will suddenly find that everyone wants to talk with you. This is of course a splendid opportunity for making friends, building business contacts and more. Not only this, but you also get the opportunity to network with other speakers, some of whom may be very difficult to contact in the 'normal' world. Speaking events may also have guest rooms for speakers where they are plied with food and drink and can network together as a superior echelon.
• Finding work
The credibility and networking opportunities that public speaking gives also provides you with the chance of finding work, from people who might offer you a full-time job to consulting engagements.

2. Personal Benefits
In addition to professional benefits, you can gain a lot personally, in ways that you can use in all walks of your life.

• Developing courage
It takes courage (at least at first) to stand up on the stage and talk, even when you may feel like running away and hiding. By facing your demons you can learn to face and overcome even more situations, becoming a more courageous person in the process.

• Building confidence
There is no doubt that you need confidence to speak on a public stage and also that speaking on a public stage can help you become more confident.

• Learning to argue
When you present, you often need to put forward a coherent argument or to give a fine tuned rebuttal. In the preparation that you have to do, in the practice and on the actual stage of public speaking, you will learn much about the art of argument, especially if you get to engage with your audience in some form of question and answer.

The activity will be conducted in following three phases:

Phase 1: From 14th-19th Sep—For Registration and Preparation of topic of about 4-6 pages
Phase 2: From 21st-26th Sep---For Reading out the topic in the class as per your tutorial schedule,
Phase 3: From 28th Sep-03rd Oct---Final Performance in the Ground Floor Seminar Hall
(Only a quarter of a page containing some bullets points for the topic for speaking will be allowed to carry with yourself in the seminar hall).

The students are hereby informed to contact your tutor for more information. Your tutor is your mentor as well as the guide for the entire activity.

Note: The students shall compulsorily participate in the activity and get the maximum advantage of it.

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