## St. Cecilia's Public School 'Short Story Discussion' Competition

"Stories make us more alive, more human, more courageous, more loving'.

By Madeleine L' Engle

The Editorial Club of St. Cecilia's Public School organized a Short Story Discussion as well as Competition based on the reading of 'The Falling Girl' written by Dino Buzzati on 31 October 2019.

Six teams of two members each of class XI participated in it. It was quite pleasing to witness the research and preparation that was done by the students on the same. Their observation and analytical skills could be seen in the manner they came up with unique issues the story deals with. They put forth umpteen themes like — social hierarchy, discrimination, gendered stereotypes and ageing, etc. A few among them delved deeper and also talked about their opinion on how the psychology of a person at a certain age works. Moreover, the discussion also took a nuanced turn towards the presence of peer pressure in the lives of teenagers.

The question/answer session was equally enthralling. Some of them showed heightened understanding of their surroundings and society.

The competition ended on an enriching note wherein all the participants enjoyed while learning from each other.