# **Dictum-The Debating Society**

### <u>EVENTS IN YEAR 2019-2020</u>

#### • Annual Shivaji Bhonsle Debating Event 2019

"For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate."

Dictum, the debating society of Shivaji College successfully organised 5th edition of the Annual Shivaji Bhonsle English Conventional Debate 2019 on 19th October along with Annual Shivaji Bhonsle Hindi Parliamentary Debate 2019 from 19th to 22nd October.

The English Conventional Debate hosted 56 students from 28 Institutions across the country. The motion for the debate was 'This House prioritizes the economic aspect of the scrapping of 'Article 370' over the emotional aspect of it, while judging it'.

With such a dynamic motion, the debating room witnessed varied opinions from the participants making the entire competition very informative and interesting. The debate was judged by a panel of judges with expertise in Politics and Literature.

The results of the English Conventional Debate are as follows -

- 1. **Best team** Arindam Keswani and Ayera Choudhary (Bennett University)
- 2. **Second best team** Utkarsh Singh and Pulkit Singh (Acharya Narendra Dev College)
- 3. **Best speaker-** Nakul Kumar (Moti Lal Nehru College (E))
- 4. **Best Interjector-** Ishani Mukherjee (Jesus & Mary College)

# The Hindi parliamentary debate was a three day-long event from 19th to 22nd October 2019 wherein 38 teams from various institutions competed for the running trophy.

The tournament saw 5 league one on one matches, and the top 8 teams on the tally entered knockout part of the tournament where they played for the quarter finals. That was followed by semifinals and the grand finale. The grand finale was reached by Hindu College and the contingent of Faculty of Social Sciences.

After a great debate, Hindu College grabbed the awaited trophy.

Words were deliberately used as sword to cut the voice of each other. The parliamentary debate had different sets of motions for every round with themes ranging from feminism to economics and then the finals on the ideology of Gandhi which pumped up the zeal of the teams and the efficiency with which every round was pulled off is quite remarkable.

The tournament successfully took one more step towards creating individuals who can study society beyond books and create a better world in future

The tournament only became successful after the hard work put out by the volunteers, leaders and teachers. Thus, one more success story of Dictum marked in the history of this debating society





Shivaji Bhonsle Debating Event

• CHATTRAPATI SHIVAJI MOHATSAVA: In collaboration with Shri Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj Memorial National Committee, we successfully organized the Second edition of Chattrapati Shivaji Mohatsava, the English Conventional Debate on 17 February'2020. The motion of the debate was "How should history treat Chhatrapati Shivaji, a savior of Hindu religion or an ideal benevolent leader?" We were obliged to have Shri Motilal Vora, member of Rajya Sabha as the chief guest with us. The Debate was judged by Ms. Meenakshi Yadav and Mr. Bishnu Satapathy from Department of English and Department of Political Science respectively.

## The winners of Chattrapati Shivaji Mohatsava'2020 are as follows:

First Best Team: Priyanshu and Tahera from Jamia Milia Islamia University

Second Best Team: Vinayak and Himani from Hindu College

Third Best Team: Diksha and Tanmay from Lady Shri Ram College and MSIT respectively

Best Interjectors: Medha from Deen Dayal Upadhyay College and Maitreyi from Satyawati (M)

College.



(Chhatrapati Shivaji Mahotsav)

ATHENA: We successfully organized Athena, the Turncoat Debate on 21 February'2020 as a part of Vibrations, the Annual Cultural Fest of Shivaji College. This was an individual event and students across several colleges and universities participated. Motions were provided on the spot with seven minutes of preparation time given to each participant. The English turncoat was judged by Ms. Preeti Disodia from Department of English and by Mr. Ashish, alumni of the society whereas the Hindi turncoat was judged by Mr. Bishnu Satyapathy and Ms. Kalpana from Department of Political Science and Department of Hindi respectively.

## Winners of English Turncoat are as follows:

First Best Speaker: Deepansh from Hansraj College

Second Best Speaker: Ishani from Jesus and Mary College

Third Best Speaker: Vinayak from Hindu College

#### Winners of Hindi turncoat are as follows:

First Best Speaker: NasreenSaifi from Zakir Hussain Delhi College (M) Second Best Speaker: Aditya Mishra from Motilal Nehru College (M)

Third Best Speaker: Pankaj from Ramanujan College



(Athena)

• ONLINE EXTEMPORE COMPETITION: Amidst the Coronavirus pandemic, we organized an online English Extempore Competition on 1st May'2020. Students across several colleges and universities participated in the same. The motion of the Extempore was "This house believes that religious education should be incorporated in all educational institutions". Around this dynamic motion, we heard some great opinions and arguments which made this competition worthwhile. The competition was judged by Ms. Antara Bhatia from the Department of English.

### Winners of the Competition were:

First Best Speaker: Shubhang Gopal from Delhi Technological University

Second Best Speaker: Ojasvita Arora from Ram Lal Anand College

Third Best Speaker: Sanyukta from Lady Irwin College



(Online Extempore Competition)

• **WEBINAR:** Dictum, the Debating Society, successfully organized an Online Workshop on "THE POLITICS OF GLOBALISATION".

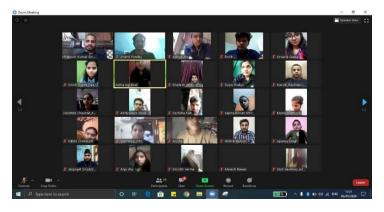
**Date:** May 3, 2020 **Time:** 4:00 pm

**MEDIUM:** via Zoom Application

We had with us **Mr. Pratyush,** an eminent debater and a righteous adjudicator of Delhi University Debating Circuit. Currently, he is pursuing his M. Phil in Geography from JNU.

We saw over 60 registrations for the Workshop from varied colleges. The workshop basically had two parts, a lecture session by the speaker and then the questionnaire round.

The workshop turned out to be a huge success and all the participants praised the efforts of the organizing team immensely.



#### (Online Workshop)

• ONLINE TURNCOAT COMPETITION (VAAK PARIKSHAN): Dictum, the Debating society, successfully organized 'Vaak-Parikshan' the first of its kind, two-level Online Turncoat Tournament.

**Duration:** 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 to 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 which was divided into 3 weeks.

We received over 50 registrations in the competition. Participants sent their videos for the given topic of that particular week, for all the three weeks. Each video was judged by our eminent alumni, Mr. **Digvijay Vishwakarma, Mr. Rajesh Jha and Mr. Harshit Tripathi** on certain parameters such as fluency, arguments, content, etc.

The videos of all the winners of the three weeks were uploaded on **DICTUM'S** official social media handles, and the 'Most Popular Speaker' amongst the three best speakers was selected on the basis of 70 percent marks and 30 percent social media likes and shares. The 'Most Popular Speaker' prize was won by **Harsh Panday, RamanunjanCollege.** 

E-certificates were provided to the winners and Most Popular Speaker was awarded with cash prize.

The competition turned out to be a huge success which is evident by the huge number of participation and response on our pages.



(Online Turncoat Debate Competition)

# **DICTUM WINNINGS**

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	ANY OTHER
Maithali Akanksha manch-open mic	Lady Irwin College -CD	Rajdhani College-cd	Hindu College - best interjector CD
SGNB Khalsa college- CD	Hindu college-CD	Jaypee-cd cum pd	Ramjas College- youth parliament
Sri Venkateswara - turncoat debate	Moti Lal Nehru College -PD	Ramjas College-pd	YMCA Faridabad-best interjector
Sri Venkateswara - turncoat debate	Vivekanand-PD	Zakir Husain Delhi College - pd	Acharya Narendra Dev College-best interjector cd
Swami Shraddhanand College-CD	DTU-CD	LSR -pd	Satyawati College-best interjector cd
Sri Venkateswara- CD		Zakir Husain Delhi College - PD	Moti Lal Nehru College (eve)-best interjector cd
ARSD NSS-CD		Dyal Singh College-CD	Sri Venkateswara - best interjector CD
LSR- CD cum PD		Satyawati College -CD	Satyawati- consolation
KMC-CD cum PD		Gargi College -PD	AIPPM youth parliament
Kalindi College- extempore		Dyal Singh College - BSF(4 member cd)	Deshbandhu College - best interjector
Spade Society Shivaji College – Elocution		Spade Shivaji College - Elocution	SRCC-Consolation JAM
ARSD-CD		Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology(turncoat)	
Gargi College -CD	Econo speak, Doon University - CD	Gargi College-PD	IIT BHU Special mention PD
Swami Shraddhanand College -SM Running trophy	Speak for India - CD	Ram Lal Anand College- CD	Sahid Bhagat Singh College (eve.) Consulation
First digital -PD competition in IIT BHU	Moti Lal Nehru College CD	National rehabilitation Center for blind (CD)	Galgotias university-CD
S.G.N.D Khalsa College - CD	Sri Venkateswara College -CD Bhuvan		Sri Venkateswara college turncoat debate

Shivaji college	Kirori Mal college-	Ramjas College- PD	Janak Kapoor
Department of political	PD		memorial National
science			debate organised by
Extempore			stayvati College .
			interjector
			CD
Swami shraddhanand	Motilal Lal Nehru		Best interjector in
College -CD	College- PD		MLNC -CD
Shri venkateshwar -CD			IIT BHU Special
			mention Pd
Shaheed Rajguru CD.			Shahid Bhagat Singh
			College
			National level
			Debate Compition
			Consultation
First Best Team at			
Stephens College			
CD organised by BSF			
in DDUC.			
Online Speech			
Competition of			
Rajdhani College.			