



## **ITL CELEBRATES WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY**

<b>Date</b>	:	<b>3 May 2018</b>
<b>Venue</b>	:	<b>Language Lab</b>
<b>Organized By</b>	:	<b>ITL Public School</b>
<b>Conducted by</b>	:	<b>Teachers of English Department</b>
<b>Participants</b>	:	<b>Students of Class X- XII</b>

To honour the **International Press Day** held on **3 May, 2018** each year **ITL Public School** organized an **intra- school debate** for classes X and XI on the topic, **“Social Media is Replacing Traditional News Agencies.”**The esteemed judge of the event was Ms Navneet, Senior Trainer with NYS, Zee Media.

The competition comprised of **twelve teams**, with two members in each. One speaker from each team spoke in the favour of the motion and the other spoke against the motion. All the teams got a total of three minutes to present their respective views and one minute was given for rebuttal. The students had done exhaustive research and came up with significant facts and figures pertaining to the topic. Many issues like credibility of news through various media resources, amplification of news to gain popularity were brought forth by the students. Not only speakers but the interjectors also showed their zeal by asking many pertinent questions like “Is Social Media simply adding to the sources of information and news instead of traditional agencies?”.

The event saw a cut-throat competition and students came up with ideas cutting edge through orthodox and conventional approach towards social media.

The esteemed judge for the event, Ms Navneet guided and motivated the students by sharing her keen insight into journalism and its various facets. **Siddhant Satapathy and Sania Malik of Class X were adjudged as the Best Team.**

**Aniket and Jyona of Class X and Muskan of Class XI were the Best Speakers(for the motion).**

**Janvi of Class XI was the Best Speaker (against the motion).**

**The Best Interjector** of the event was **Falguni Mahajan of Class XI** for her thought provoking question- **“When a large organization like Facebook takes the responsibility to check the circulation of fake news, can’t social media still not replace news agencies?”.**

The ITLeens showcased not just their impressive oratory skills but also the art of effective articulation. The event was indeed a success giving a powerful platform to students to voice forth their opinions.

