## ITL CELEBRATES WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Date : 2 May 2019

Venue : Language Lab

Organized By : ITL Public School

Conducted by : Department of English

Participants : Students of Class X- XII

"Without debate, without criticism, no administration and no country can succeed, and no republic can survive"

## John F. Kennedy

May 3<sup>rd</sup> celebrates the fundamental principles of freedom of press in order to evaluate press freedom around the world, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to the journalists. To honour the International Press Day, ITL Public School organized an intra-school debate competition for classes X to XII on the topic,

## "Media Holds a Moral Obligation to be Ethical and Scruplous."

Debate is one of the academic activities that give students creative room to express what they feel. The length and breadth of knowledge that they gain through this is simply unparalleled. They get a platform to hone their expressive skills. ITL Public School has set a benchmark for conducting activities in such a way that the students not only enjoy but also learn a great deal from them.

The competition proved to be a battle of wits where the speakers presented their views in a very coherent manner. All the teams exhibited great oratorical skills. They put in tremendous hard work to showcase their hidden talent. The debaters displayed confidence in presenting their arguments before audience and our esteemed judges. The students, participants and interjectors alike, came prepared with profound research on the topic. Issues like authenticity of news, escalation of news and genuineness of the resources were brought forth by the students. Students talked at great lengths about the role of media in exposing the unjust practices in various fields. Not only speakers, but the interjectors also showed their zeal by asking many pertinent questions.

The students had the privilege to be judged by Ms Sreerupa who guided and motivated the students through her words of wisdom. Medha Raghuvanshi (XII), Sanchaita (X) and Shivangi Rewaria (X) were awarded the Best Speaker Award, for the motion. Ananya Mohan (XI), Priyank (XI) and Nachiket (XI) were awarded the Best Speaker, against the motion. Sanchaita and Ananya won the First prize under the Best Team Category followed closely by Akshat and Jasmine at the second position and Arfan and Projit at the third position. Raghav bagged the prize for the Best Interjector.

All the ITLeens showcased not just their impressive oratory skills but also the art of effective articulation. The students were full of enthusiasm and gained a lot of knowledge.