



REPORT on the E- Debate -‘Professional Journalism Free from Political and Commercial Influence :A Myth Even Amidst The Pandemic’

World Press Freedom Day observed on **3 May** every year, acts as a reminder to all of us to respect our commitment to press freedom. It’s a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics and a day of support for media which are targets for the restraint, or abolition of press freedom.

Though mired in worry and uncertainty because of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and confined to our homes, **‘Verbattle’ the Debating Society of ITL Public School** provided students of **Class X-XII** an **e- platform** to express their views and perspectives through **an online debate** on the **topic, ‘Professional Journalism Free from Political and Commercial Influence :A Myth Even Amidst The Pandemic’** on **May 1, 2020**.

Ms. Sreerupa Sil, a Journalist, Writer and Editor by profession graced the occasion with her on line presence.

It was indeed mesmerizing to witness the effort put in by the students to speak on the given topic with such amazing confidence and clarity of thoughts. With extensive research they put forth effective and convincing and commendable arguments. The efforts of the **moderators** as well as the **tech support team** is indeed praiseworthy

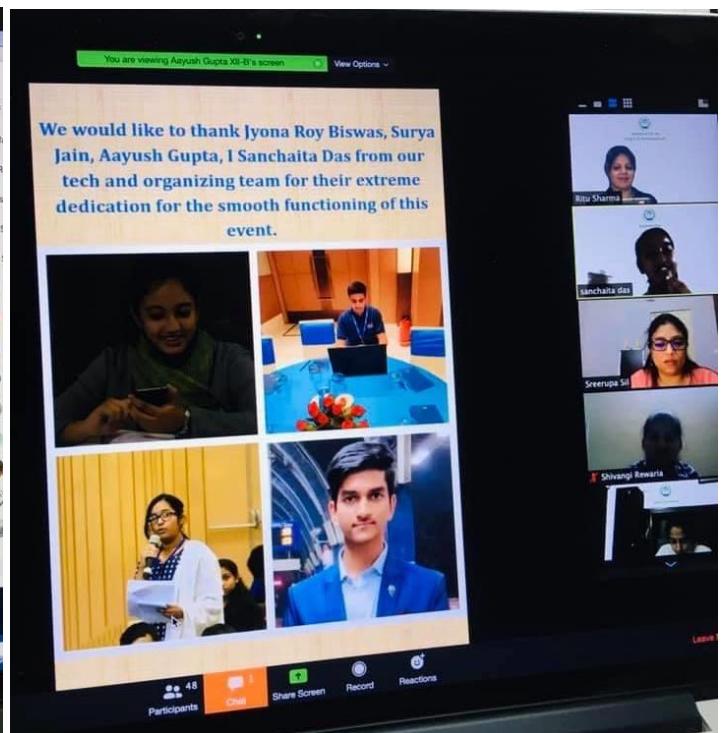
The winners **For** and **Against the Motion** were **Hannah Bhatia (XC)** and **Shivangi Rewaria (XI F)** respectively. The **Best Team Award** went to **Hannah Bhatia (X C)** and **Anmol Rai (XI C)**.

The **Best Speakers For the Motion** were **Pahul Sachdeva (XII C)** and **Anmol Rai (XI D)**. The **Best Speakers Against the Motion** were **Shivangi Rewaria (XI F)**, **Hannah Bhatia (X C)** and **Navya Seth (XI F)**.

Raghav Priyadarshi (XI F), **Prateek Arsh (XI C)** and **Jasmine Tank (XI B)** were adjudged the **Best Interjectors**.

The names of **Apoorva Chander (XII F)**, **Aanya Sharma (XII F)** and **Anisha Srivastava** need **Special Mention** for their impeccable stands for their respective motions

The ITL fraternity believes in enhancing the spirit of gaining valuable insights through hard work amongst the students thus empowering them to become responsible citizens of the free world. The 'Verbattle' marked another important milestone in helping young minds to engage further into exploring the depths of our freedoms.



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BEST TEAM AWARD
HANNAH BHATIA X C ANMOL RAI XI D

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APOORVA CHANDER XII F AANYA SHARMA XII F ANISHA SRIVASTAVA XI F

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BEST SPEAKER – AGAINST THE MOTION
SHIVANGI XI F HANNAH BHATIA XC NAVYA SETH XI F

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BEST SPEAKER – FOR THE MOTION
PAAHUL SACHDEVA XII C ANMOL RAI XI D

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BEST INTERJECTORS
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RAGHAV PRIYADARSHI XI F PRATEEK ARSH XI C JASMINE TAANK XI B