

## **Report on Online Debate**

**Date** - 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

**Conducted by** - e-ELC

**Attended by** - Mr. Akshay Rout, Dr. Sadhna Rout, Principal ITL Public School, senior faculty members and students of classes IX-XII of ITL Public School and Principals and teachers from 15 Sahodaya schools.

In an endeavor to promote electoral literacy among students, the future voters, an **Electoral Literacy Club**, was in launched at ITL Public School on **June 10, 2020**. The club was launched as an **e-Club** keeping in mind the limitations caused by COVID 19. To mark the grand initiation of this event, an online debate, *Abhivyakti*, was conducted on the topic, *'The Role of Social Media in influencing Voters during Elections'*.

**Mr. Akshay Rout**, the former Director General of Election Commission of India was the Chief Guest and the Judge for the online debate. **Dr. Sadhna Rout**, Senior Consultant, Election Commission of India, was the guest of honor. **Dr. Sudha Acharya**, Principal ITL Public School and Principal and teachers from **15 Sahodaya Schools** also graced the occasion. ITLeens of classes IX-XII also attended the online debate.

Eight teams comprising of two speakers each from Classes XI-XII participated in the e-debate exhibiting in-depth research on the topic and exemplary articulation. Ananya Mohan and Aanya Sharma of XII F were adjudged the Best Speakers. Pahul Sachdeva (XII C) and Sanchaita Das (XI F) were declared runners up. Disha Mishra of XII B got a special mention. Jayant Aggarwal of XII A got the award for the 'Best Interjector'. The awards were declared by Mr. Akshay Rout, who also addressed the students and reiterated the significance of being informed and responsible citizens.

The launch of e-ELC and the online debate as its first activity was a huge success. The highly informative debate was very enlightening for its audience. The complexities of voting behavior and the role of social media were beautifully highlighted. ITL Public School in its mission to spread electoral literacy among the students, will conduct similar activities every month.



