

POINT A POINT: A VIRTUAL DEBATE

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EVENT: Point A Point

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PARTICIPANTS: IX- XII

“Debates teach you how to think rather than what to think!”

Good communication skills are essential for the development of one's personality. **ITL Public School** firmly believes in the holistic development of its students and always seeks out to provide numerous opportunities to its students to express themselves. Adding to these opportunities was, an online debate competition **Point A Point** organized by the **Department of English**.

The debate was one of its kind, as it was based on the format of the Asian Parliamentary Debate where a motion has three speakers in proposition and three in opposition and one proposition is followed by one opposition. The topics given to the teams were quite diverse. They ranged from mythology (**The Kauravas were the antagonists of the Mahabharata**) to contemporary (**The Social Distancing, a mandate in new normal situation is creating distance among individuals**). The debate proved to be a battle of wits as the students expressed themselves in a stupendous manner. All the students put forth their views that were quite analytical and insightful. It also highlighted the judicious research done by the students. The esteemed panel of judges which included **Ms. Seema Vishesh (PGT, English, Mount Carmel School)**, **Mrs. Gagandeep Kaur Gulati (PTA Body Member)**, **Ms. Varsha Sinha (HOD, English, Vikhe Patil Memorial School, Pune)**, **Rudraksh Sharma and Shubham Gaddi (Ex ITLeens)** and **Ms. Jyona Roy Biswas (President, Debate Club, ITL Public School)**, was stupefied by the confident and graceful manner of the speakers. **Dr. Sudha Acharya**, respected principal ma'am, **ITL Public School** also graced the occasion with her benign presence.

Divita Diwan (XI F) and **Vani Jain (XI D)** were declared the **Best Proposition Speakers**, **Suryanshi Gupta (XI D)**, **Shreeya Patil (XI F)** and **Anisha Srivastava (XI F)** were declared the **Best Opposition Speakers**. The **Best Team** award was received by **Team 2 (Saanvi Bhatia IX A, Akshat Verma XI C and Anisha Srivastava XI F)**. **Prateek Arsh (XI C)** was declared the **Best Interjector**.

The session was quite enriching for the students as not only did they get a platform to express themselves but also enriched themselves with the words of wisdom shared by all the venerated judges.



