



## **ITL ORGANISES DEBATE ON WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY**

**DATE: 3 May 2021**

**EVENT: Debate on World Press Freedom Day**

**ORGANISED BY: Department of English**

**PARTICIPANTS: IX- XII**

**"Freedom of the Press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose."  
- George Orwell**

**ITL Public School** observed the World Press Freedom Day on 3 May 2021. The Department of English organised an online debate competition to pay tribute to the journalists all over the world for their unending efforts to provide citizens with the information they need to make the best possible decisions about their lives, their communities, their societies, and their governments.

The topic for the day was **Press is the Fourth Pillar of Democracy and Presents Facts and Not Fiction**. The debate proved to be a battle of wits as the students expressed themselves prodigiously, presenting their perspectives along with statistics to support their claims. It highlighted the judicious research done by the students since their content was quite insightful and analytical. The esteemed panel of judges included Mr. Sanjay Agarwal (Senior Advisor, Media and Entertainment Skills Council), Ms. Arushi Kapoor (Associate Editor, ScoopWhoop) and Rudraaksh Sharma (Ex ITLeen) as the Peer Evaluator. The judges were all praises for the participants for their sagacious inputs on the motion. Furthermore, they enlightened the students about various aspects of media and how media and press are different from each other. The judges also highlighted how one can become a patriot in the contemporary times and why it was important to be one. Revolution in journalism was one testimony that was voiced alike by all the judges.

All the speakers did an appreciable work. **Vanshika Gupta (XB)** and **Vani Jain (XII D)** won the prize for the **Best Team**. **Vanshika Gupta (XB)** and **Akshiti Rawal (IX A)** were pronounced as the **Best Proposition Speakers** whereas, **Suryanshi Gupta (XII D)** and **Bhumi Suri (IX B)** were declared the **Best Opposition Speakers**. A **Special Mention** was made for **Vani Jain (XII D)** for her impeccable response to the question raised by the interjector. **Hannah Bhatia (XI D)** was set forth as the **Best Interjector**.

The session was quite enriching for the students as they got a platform to express themselves and at the same time, also deepened their knowledge with the words of wisdom shared by the venerated judges.

