

INTER HOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION

Delhi Public School, Gurgaon organised an Inter-house Debate competition on 22nd December 2020. All six houses were represented by eloquent speakers who put across their views, for or against the topic, 'Can artificial intelligence replace human intelligence?' The debate was adjudged by alumni of the school, Ms. Saisha Shivakumar and Ms. Dhanisha Raj.

The speakers were well prepared and had thoroughly researched their stance. Many were of the view that AI has taken over our lives completely, be it the trend of using mobile phones or the use of industrial robots for commercial purposes. Each house put forth its views and deliberations to refute its competitors' views. The debate was further extended with the questions posed by the interjectors to the speakers of their opposing houses. The topic had such a broad spectrum that no amount of discussion and debate could result in any consensus among the debaters, albeit the competition was a learning experience for each one. The judges, Ms. Shivakumar and Ms. Raj, shared their invaluable feedback with the participants as to how they could improve upon the presentation of their stance. They also appreciated the debaters for presenting facts and concrete examples to make their arguments more substantial.

The event concluded with the Dean Student Welfare, Ms. Sapna Dhawan and Headmistress-Senior Wing, Ms. Arpna Gupta, addressing the audience and appreciating the efforts of the participants. They further gave valuable feedback to the speakers so as to guide them to perform better in the future. Ms Dhawan announced the winners of the event, with Shiven Chambial of Jhelum House in the first position, Samar Jain of Ganges in the second position and G Pranav Bhardwaj of Chenab House in the third position. All three had spoken in favour of the motion. Tanvi Nagar of Ganges House, speaking against the motion stood first, Tapasmi Ray Chaudhuri of Satluj House stood second and Medhya Nayyar of Ravi House was third in the same category. Akshara Singh of Jamuna House and Nandini Chanana of Satluj House were declared the best interjectors, with Ambi Bakshi of Ganges house bagging the second prize and Nidhi Rai of Jhelum standing third.

The event may have been an online one due to the unusual times yet was a memorable one for one and all.

