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STUDENTS' COUNCIL EDITORIAL BOARD

EVENT REPORT – INTRA COLLEGE CROSSFIRE DEBATE 2019-20

The Students' Council Editorial Board organized their annual flagship event **Intra College Crossfire Debate 2019-20** on the 18th, 19th and 21st of September. An annual debate competition and a flagship event, the competition saw the registration of around 32 teams from colleges of all disciplines across the college.

The debate competition took place over a span of three days, i.e. 18th, 19 and 21st of September at MPSTME from 1 PM to 6:30 PM. The format of the competition is what sets Crossfire apart from other debate styles. It involves a proposition and an opposition team which are given a topic to debate on. There are opening and closing speeches with a rebuttal round which is controlled by a moderator supervising over the debate and enforcing decorum over the proceedings.

Around 32 teams participated in the Round 1 of debates on the first day of the event, out of which only 16 teams made it to Round 2. Round 2 and Round 3 or pre-quarters were held on the second day which had 16 and 8 teams qualify for them respectively. The participating teams were judged on opening and closing speeches, rebuttal, co-ordination, content and delivery.

{To adjudicate we had esteemed guests in Mr.Ratnesh Chaturvedi , Ms. Kirti Saxena and Mr. Prathamesh Churi.}

On Day 3, the 21st of September 2019, 8 teams entered the quarter finals and then battled it out over a range of topics from politics and culture to social reforms. {To adjudicate we had esteemed guests Shri.G W Ghanmode, General Manager (CNS), Mr. Yoge dra Singh tomar and Mr. Pankaj Kamble.} The Airports Authority of India graced us with their esteemed presence for the Quarters, Semis and Finals. The theme for the day was "Intergrity" and Anti-Corruption awareness among the students of India was at the prime focus of the initiative taken up by the Airports Authority of India.

The topic for the Final Debate was "Corruption can act as a pillar for the functioning of a Third World democracy." keeping with the theme of the initiative.

{Team CD 42 comprising of Hrithik Mordani and Shehzeen Khan won the Finals of Intra College Crossfire Debate 2019. Team CD 31 comprising of Ayush Falor and Divyaansh Vishwanath were designated as Runner-Up. The Best Speaker was given to Divyaansh Vishwanath of CD 31.}

The Editorial Board also launched "Debating Society of MPSTME" or "DebSoc MPSTME" to further promote debating culture in the college and to also solidify the name of MPSTME in the currently existing university-level debating circuit in Mumbai.

The three days of Crossfire Debate were exemplary in the fact that ideas were exchanged over healthy argument and the spirit of civil, rational dissent in a democracy was prized over all.

<u>Day 1 and 2</u>

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