

Debating Competition on "Water Ethics: Can it resolve water conflicts?"

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Organized by: Debating Society in Collaboration with the Department of Geography, Aditi Mahavidyalaya (University of Delhi) in partnership with G20 Presidency under the University of Delhi

Introduction:

On the 14th of September 2023, the Debating Society, in collaboration with the Department of Geography at Aditi Mahavidyalaya (University of Delhi), partnered with G20 Presidency under the University of Delhi to organize a debating competition centered on the topic of "Water Ethics: Can it resolve water conflicts?"

Event Details:

The competition commenced at approximately 10:30 AM and was coordinated by student coordinators Sakshi Panwar (B.El.ED. 4th year), Seema (B.El.ED. 4th year), Mansha (Geography department), and Deepti (Geography department). The coordinators provided attendees with an introduction to the event, explained the competition format, and elaborated on the cash prizes to be awarded to the winners.

Welcome Speech:

The event began with a warm welcome speech by the Principal of Aditi Mahavidyalaya. Dr. Abhilasha Bajaj, the convener of the Debating Society, presented a beautifully crafted bouquet to the Principal. Following the welcome speech, the Principal extended her blessings and positive words to all participants, volunteers, and teachers in attendance.

Keynote Address:

Prof. Pooja Khanna, the nodal officer from G20, delivered the keynote address. She shared insights on various ways to initiate and conduct a debate, offering valuable guidance to the students.

Judges:

The judging panel comprised Dr. Roshni Devi (Teacher, Geography Department) and Dr. Priya Khurana (Teacher, B.El.ED. Department). The competition commenced with the participation of students in the English segment, followed by the Hindi language segment.

Debate Topic:

For the Motion: "Water is the essence of life, a finite and vital resource that sustains all living organisms on Earth. Yet, across the globe, we witness mounting water conflicts due to scarcity, pollution, mismanagement, and competing demands. In the face of such challenges, we believe that a strong foundation of water ethics can play a pivotal role in resolving these conflicts."

Against the Motion: "Water conflicts often stem from intricate geopolitical, economic, and environmental factors. These conflicts are rarely the result of a lack of ethical principles but

are driven by tangible issues such as water scarcity, competing demands, and inadequate infrastructure."

Competition and Conclusion:

After two hours of spirited debates, the competition concluded, and students provided feedback on the event. Dr. Abhilasha Bajaj announced the results:

Winners: English Debate:

1. Neilakhonuo of BA Geography (Hons) secured the 1st position.
2. Apoorva Sood of BA Programme secured the 2nd position.
3. Prerna Sharma of B.El.Ed. and Alisha Priyadarshini Suar of BA Programme tied for the 3rd position.

Winners: Hindi Debate:

1. Prachi of B.El.ED. secured the 1st Position.
2. Anjali of B.El.ED. secured the 2nd Position.
3. Madhu Kumari of B.El.ED. secured the 3rd Position.

Dr. Abhilasha Bajaj and Dr. Anju Singh delivered the closing remarks, extending congratulations to all the winners and participants for their dedicated efforts.

This academic event, organized under the auspices of G20 Presidency, exemplifies the commitment of Aditi Mahavidyalaya and the University of Delhi to fostering intellectual engagement and meaningful discussions on pressing global issues.





