

Annual Report

Cross Swords: The Debating Society of SGGSCC

2022-23

With thunderous efforts and raining achievements, we conclude another busy tournament season. Our motto is to grow and build inclusive spaces for everyone, while striving to do better. It is indeed reflected in the display of sheer hard work and dedication by our members.

SOCIETY EVENTS

SPEAKUP 11.0

Speak Up 11.0, the 11th edition of the Annual Freshers' Parliamentary Debating Tournament, was conducted from 11-13 February 2023 by The Debating Society of SGGSCC.

Speak Up is the only tournament in Delhi University that is hosted for freshers/novice debaters. It ensures that novice debaters have an opportunity to begin their debating journey in a safe and holistic manner. We hosted over 180 novice debaters from institutions across the country such as SRCC, Hansraj, LSR, SNU, SSCBS, Miranda etc. Along with these debaters, we also hosted a quality adjudicator pool to ensure that debaters get meaningful feedback. We hosted 200 adjudicators from various institutions that have tremendous credentials to attest for their brilliant feedback.

Speak Up was the largest offline tournament conducted in DU post the pandemic. Our Core Adjudicator Panel comprised the brightest minds in the circuit, while our Equity Officers enabled inclusive conversations throughout the tournament to promote ethos of diversity.

Two teams from the Debating Society of SGGSCC broke and proceeded to compete in the Octafinals and Semi Finals respectively.

SSCBS won the Finals on a 7-4 split, with Sri Venkateswara College as the runner ups. The Best Adjudicator prize was awarded to Shalwin Yousuf from Hindu College. The Best Invited Adjudicator prize was awarded to Kritinay Sharma from Deshbandhu College.

We received positive feedback from the participants, who sent heartfelt thanks for hosting their juniors and perpetuating the milestone that Speak Up is for most individuals in the circuit.



INTRA GGS 2.0

Our society organized the second edition of Intra GGS Tournament where we followed a Round Robin Format. The event saw participation from all society members in varied capacities. All the teams had a senior junior composite structure, giving freshers a learning curve to debate not only against, but alongside their seniors and learn from the experience. The winning team consisted of Maheep Singh, Mehal Bisht and Pranjal Dhasmana. Shiven Jain was the Best Adjudicator at the tournament. It proved to be a great society bonding experience.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Our members participated in various tournaments not only in the DU circuit, but also pan india and internationally, they brought many laurels home, making GGS Debsoc proud.

JAIPUR DEBATE

Awaaz foundation in collaboration with Neerja Modi School, J organized the first edition of The Jaipur Debate from 27th-30th July 2022. Cross Swords's president Nitya Arora and Joint Secretary Simran Nischal were 2 among the 14 adjudicators invited for the event from all across the Delhi University Debating Circuit. The 3 day event saw a plethora of carefully curated speeches, well thought-out analysis and well constructed case lines. The event saw participation from all major schools across the country. The stakeholders involved were extremely delighted with the constructive feedback provided by our adjudicators after every debate. The kids had a great learning experience while interacting with their debating seniors. Nitya Arora chaired the semifinals in the senior category and both Simran and Nitya were panelists for the finals in the junior category. The event culminated with Venkateshwar International School bagging the winning trophy.



PLAQ DEBATE

Awaaz foundation in collaboration with The Scindia School, Gwalior organized the Plaq Debate from 28th Sept 2022 - 1st Oct 2022. Cross Swords's president Nitya Arora was one among the three adjudicators invited to judge at this prestigious event from all across the DU debating circuit. The 4 day event saw a plethora of carefully curated speeches, well thought-out analysis and well constructed case lines. The event saw participation from all major schools across the country. The stakeholders involved were extremely delighted with the constructive feedback provided by her after every debate. The kids had a great learning experience while interacting with their debating seniors. The event culminated with Venkateshwar International School bagging the winning trophy.



CVS PD 2022

Pranjal and Arshi broke as adjudicators at CVS PD held from 2022 becoming a Semi A Level Adjudicator.



NIQASH PD

Shiven Jain won the Third Best Adjudicator Prize at Niqaash PD 2022, ended as an A Level Judge . Sumeet, Hargun and Sabal also participated as a team at the tournament.

CBS PD

Nitya Arora was the Subsidized and 3rd best Adjudicator at the tournament. Our fresher team comprising Gunveer, Harnoor and Kshitiz broke in the novice category and ended up as the Novice Runner Ups. Mehal Bisht broke in a cross team and reached the semi finals. She was also the best speaker at the tournament. Simran Nischal was an Invited Adjudicator and judged till Semi Finals. Arshi Mittal and Pranjal Dhasmana also broke as adjudicators, becoming A levels and went to judge till the semi finals. Gunveer was the 3rd best Novice Speaker and Tanmay was the 10th best Novice Speaker. Aryan, Tushar and Kaanya participated as well.



PEOPLE SPEAK

Nitya Arora won Novice Grand Finals in a Cross team and emerged as the finals Best Speaker. Mehal Bisht broke as an adjudicator and adjed till Open Semifinals.



SBS BPD

Simran and Madhav were Subsidized Adjudicators. Madhav Arora broke and judged Semi Finals. Simran chaired Semi Finals, judged Grand Finals and finally won the 2nd Best Adjudicator Prize. Mehal Bisht broke and ended her run as Semifinalist and was the 7th Best Speaker.



DTU BP 2023

Mehal and Nitya ended their run as novice runners up at DTU PD 2023. It was a BPD tournament organized in Jan 2023 by the DTU Debsoc.

CUSID BP

Madhav and Simran broke as adjudicators at Canadian University BPD and went ahead till judging Quarter Finals. This international tournament was held from 20 to 21 August 2022.

PCGA FUNDRAISER

Madhav was the Invited Adjudicator at PCGA Ukraine charity BPD tournament which was held in September 2022.

DAIC OPEN PD

Simran Nischal was the Invited Adjudicator at DAIC OPEN PD, a British Parliamentary Tournament held in September in 2022.

THE RED BRICK DEBATE 2022

At IIM Ahmedabad's prestigious annual Red Brick Debate, our team consisting of Shiven Jain, Madhav Arora and Simran Nischal ended as the Grand Finalists of the tournament.

PRE ABP 2022

Mehal was the 9th Best Speaker at SRCC Pre-ABP.

SOLA CUP 2022

Simran Nischal and Madhav Arora were Invited Adjudicators internationally for SOLA Japanese Cup 2022. They judged Semi Finals at the tournament comprising of various Japanese institutions.

WINDSOR JUNIOR BPD

Madhav broke as an Adjudicator at Windsor Jr PD 2022. It was an international tournament held from 9 to 10 July 2022.

AGONIA AWAKENING BP

Our team, consisting of Simran Nischal and Madhav Arora, broke at Agonia African BPD and went on to debate till the semi finals. Simran was the 8th Best Speaker while Madhav was the 9th Best Speaker at the tournament.

KK BIRLA MEMORIAL DEBATE

Simran Nischal was the Invited Adjudicator and Semi Finals Judge at KK Birla Memorial Debate 2023. It was organized by Indraprastha College for Women in a Knock Out Format.



ZAKIR HUSSAIN PD

At Ikhtilaf PD organized by Zakir Hussain College, Nitya was an invited adjudicator while Simran Nischal was a Subsidized Adjudicator

PRATIJJA

Mehal was a Subsidized Adj while Nitya Arora was an Invited Adjudicator at Prattija PD organized by Debsoc of KIIT Bhubaneswar from 3rd to 5th June 2022. Additionally, Himanshu Keshari broke as an adjudicator at the tournament. Arshi and Shiven participated as well.

RAAHAT FUNDRAISER

Nitya was the Invited Adjudicator at Raahat APD which was a Fundraiser Tournament organized by Sri Venkateswara Debsoc in collaboration with debating societies of SBS, Hindu and SRCC. Arshi and Pranjal participated as well.

INTERTEXT APD OPEN

Simran Nischal broke internationally as an adjudicator at Intertext APD Open and won the 2nd Best Adjudicator Prize.

ROYAL RHETORIC ANNIVERSARY CUP

Simran Nischal broke as an adjudicator at African BPD tournament Royal Rhetoric Anniversary Cup as well as judged the Open Grand Finals.

ILNU BPD

Simran was a Subsidized Adjudicator at ILNU BPD.

We hope we continue to do better and make GGS debsoc the best society in the circuit.

