

2019-20

First Semester

This first semester of the academic year 2019-20 saw brilliant performances by both seniors and freshers, with seniors on a continuous streak of not only breaking but becoming constant fixtures across final out rounds.

Kicking off the debating season, Niha Satyaprakash debated and reached the quarter-finals at the Derozio Memorial Debate'19 in a cross-team with Insha Rahman (NUJS) and Kareema Barry (Hindu).

Notably, two members of the Miranda House Debating Society brought home a tournament win! Navneet and Tejasvi teamed up with Ishaan Chawdhary from Ambedkar University and won the Amity Parliamentary Debate'19.

At CBS PD'19, Tejasvi and Navneet broke in a cross-team with Sohini (SVC) . Also in a cross-team, Maitreyi and Prakriti who debated with Ayushi (Ramjas) broke fourth on tabs and went on to debate the quarter-finals. The tournament also saw Niha, who was debating with Srinjit and Ishaan from AUD, go on to become a finalist and the fifth best speaker at the tournament. Gauri broke as an adjudicator.

At Trivium 10, the Parliamentary Debate Tournament of Punjab Engineering College, Tejasvi debated in a cross-team with Samridhh (CBS) and Ishaan Chawdhary (Ambedkar University) and went on to compete in the semi-finals. Also in a cross-team were Navneet and Shivali, who broke second on tabs and reached the quarter-finals with Adittyia Dhingra (CBS). Navneet was the fourth-best speaker at the tournament.

Tejasvi also debated at SLS Noida PD'19 with Ishaan Chawdhary and Adittyia Dhingra and bagged the title of semi-finalist. Prakriti's cross-team with Ayushi (Ramjas) and Jatin Jha (Hindu) broke fourth on tabs and went on to debate at the semi-finals of the tournament. Isheka broke as an adjudicator.

DRC PD'19 witnessed another great performance by the members, with Navneet reaching the semi-finals of the tournament in a cross team with Bharat Narayanan (Ex- SVC) and Adittyia Dhingra (CBS). Finally, bringing home

the Miranda House representation at the first edition of the tournament, Niha bagged the title of the finalist with Siddhartha (Hindu) and Srinjit (AUD) while Tejasvi won Best Adjudicator. Niha was also the fourth best speaker at the tournament.

Navneet was also a finalist at Agahi'19, the PD tournament of Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, where she debated in a cross-team with Ajatshatru and Samridhh Sharma from CBS. She was also the second-best speaker at the tournament.

Avantika, Harshita and Anushka opened our fresher debating season by debating at CNLU PD'19, a senior tournament, and reaching the quarter-finals.

Speak Up'19, the GGS Parliamentary Debate witnessed yet another team break with Kanika, Khushi and Navya going on to earn the title of quarter-finalists. Isheka broke as an adjudicator at the tournament.

Our fresher debating team consisting of Poonam, Suhana and Zainab also had a team break at the first CVS Fresher's Knockout PD and debated the pre-semis. Shivali broke as an adjudicator and went on to adjudicate the semi-finals.

Niha was also a breaking adjudicator at the KMC Fresher's PD'19.

At St. Stephen's College's Annual ProAm Tournament, Prakriti and Kanika made us proud by not just breaking but proceeding to compete in the semi finals. Our second contingent, comprising of Suhasini and Shubhangi, gave a stellar performance as well, missing breaks by only a small margin.

Also making us immensely proud was Surmayi, who shared the Best Adjudicator title with Siddhartha from Hindu, joining Tejasvi in bringing our Best Adjudicator tally for the semester to an impressive two!

Second Semester

Starting off the second semester on a phenomenon note at the first tournament of this year- 17th People's Speak hosted by Sri Venkateshwara

College, Navneet Khubber in a cross team with Adi Narayan (CVS) and Sista Srinivas (SBS) emerged as finalists of the tournament. Navneet Khubber was also the eighth best speaker at the tournament.

Niha Satyaprakash and Maitreyi Sharan in a cross team with Ishaan Chawdhury (AUD) broke sixth and finished the tournament as semi finalists. Prakriti Ranjan in a cross team with Siddhartha Rai Tandon (Hindu) and Naman Wadhwa (CBS) reached the quarter finals. Kanika Kaur made us proud by winning the Third Best Adjudicator at the tournament and Surmayi Khatana also broke as an adjudicator.

At NUJS PD in Kolkata, Niha Satyaprakash in a cross team with Siddhartha Rai Tandon (Hindu) and Adhish Majumdar (IITD) broke third on tabs and made it to the quarter finals. Niha Satyaprakash emerged as the fourth best speaker while also being the best Indian speaker at the tournament. Also in a cross team Maitreyi Sharan with Ishaan Chawdhury (AUD) and Aditya Dhingra (CBS) broke fourth and completed their run at the tournament at the octa finals.

Furthermore, Anushka Bhattacharya broke as an adjudicator at Vitark'20 - the Parliamentary Debate Tournament of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College.

Mulkama'20 hosted by Delhi College of Commerce and Arts saw Navneet Khubber and Tejasvi Yadav in a cross team with Ajatshatru Singh Rawat (CBS) break fifth on tabs and reach the quarter finals. Navneet Khubber was the seventh best speaker at the tournament. Pratiksha Cowper Chaudhuri broke as adjudicator.

Prakriti Ranjan debated with Ayushi Aishwarya (Ramjas) in a cross team at the Shanti'20 hosted by Hansraj College and broke eighth completing their journey in the tournament with quarter finals. Similarly Kanika Kaur and Suhana Simran did us proud by emerging as quarter finalists at the same tournament.

At FTD'20- the Parliamentary Debate Tournament of Kirori Mal College- Maitreyi Sharan and Prakriti Ranjan debated with Ayushi Aishwarya (Ramjas) in a cross team and made it to the quarter finals breaking fourth on tabs. Also in a cross team Niha Satyaprakash with Ishaan Chawdhury (AUD) and Prathik

broke seventh and emerged as semi finalists. Niha Satyaprakash was the ninth best speaker at the tournament.

Tejasvi Yadav was a finalist at NLIU Debate - the Parliamentary Debate Tournament of the National Law Institute University Bhopal where she debated in a cross team with Ajatshatru Singh Rawat (CBS) and Yuganshu (CBS). She was also the sixth best speaker at the tournament.

Completing another successful weekend at SBS BP'20 hosted by Shaheed Bhagat Singh college, Navneet Khubber and Tejasvi Yadav emerged as Pre Semi finalists. Making us proud, Prakriti Ranjan in a cross team with Divyanshu Dembi (SVS) broke fifth and completed their run at the tournament as semi finalists.

The very same weekend our institutional team comprising of Avantika Chodha, Shivali Chandra and Sakshi Dhawan emerged as quarter finalists while on the adjudication front Surmayi Khatana bagged the fifth best adjudicator prize at Axiom'20- hosted by Janki Devi Memorial College.

Continuing with the great performances at the Prof. Ghyansham Singh Memorial Debate hosted by National Law University of Delhi, Navneet Khubber broke in a cross team with Shvabh Chakrawart (GLC) and Millind Agarwal (VIT) and reached the quarter finals. Navneet Khubber was also the fourth best speaker at the tournament.

During this semester we also organised our annual Shama Kohli Memorial Debate which saw participation from colleges across the Delhi NCR. The debate centred around the issue of global citizenship, where we were enriched by the varying perspectives presented by the speakers. To add to this learning experience our judges Prof Nandani and Prof Radhika also enlightened us with their views and distributed prizes to the winners.

The English Debating Society has established a reputation for itself through immense hardwork and commitment shown by its members. We hope to continue representing Miranda House and bring glory to its name and pay back for the valuable space it gives to us.