

The English Debating Society of Miranda House saw brilliant performances across tournaments by its members in the second semester of the academic year 2020-21. The society's outstanding achievements spanned both the national and international level.

General

In the World Women's Open 2020 tournament, Tejasvi was an Open Semi-Finalist. She also won JDMC Axiom 2021 as part of a cross-team. Continuing her incredible streak at the Shri Ram Debating Festival 2021, organised by SRCC, Tejasvi emerged as the winner of the tournament. People Speak 2021, the Parliamentary Debate Tournament of Sri Venkateswara College, also saw her clinch the win as she and her team won the tournament.

At Alfaaz Open 2021, Anushka and Suhana reached the semi-finals, and Suhana was also the 7th best Open speaker. Kanika was awarded the best Invited Adjudicator at Alfaaz Open 2021.

Tejasvi, Anushka and Devika were a seeded team at the CBS Round Robin 2021, and Tejasvi was also the Best Speaker.

Furthermore, Suhana and Devika were semi-finalists at the Aberdeen Open 2021, with Suhana ranking as the 4th best speaker (ESL) and 10th best speaker (open). They were also Octa Finalists at Uhuru Worlds 2021 and the Wolce Pre-ABP 2020. They also debated till the Quarter Finals of CDPT Pre-ABP 2020.

Representing Miranda House as Quarter Finalists at the Munaazrah Debate were Shubhangi, Anushka and Kanika.

In a cross-team, Kanika was a coveted ESL finalist at the Cambridge Online IV. She was also an ESL pre-semi-finalist at the Oxford Online IV. Additionally, Kanika was an open partial octa-finalist at the Asian British Parliamentary Debate.

Anushka started the offseason by being declared as the Best Adjudicator at GGS Freshers' APD 2021.

Kanika was an Invited Adjudicator at CUPD 2021 and went on to judge the finals. She was also an Invited Adjudicator and ESL finals judge at the Cornell National Novice 2021.

At the Priyansh Khandelwal Memorial Hansraj Debate 2021, Devika was a breaking adj and a panellist for finals.

BITS Pilani BPD saw Eirum breaking as an adj, and she also adjudicated the open semi-finals in the tournament.

In St. Stephens Pro-Am 2020, Suhana broke as an Adjudicator. She also broke as an Adjudicator at JDMC Axiom 2021.

Tejasvi was an invited and breaking adjudicator at Symbiosis BP 2020. She was also the Best Adjudicator at the Women's Open Bangladesh.

Freshers

Starting off the freshers' tournament season at GGS Freshers' APD 2021, two institutional teams from Miranda House competed in the Octa-finals. One of the teams consisted of Kamalkoli, Ramsha and Tavishi, while the other team consisted of Suhani, Gowri and Tarini.

Also representing Miranda House at JDMC Open APD 2021 were Suhani, Ramsha and Kamalkoli, who went on to debate in the Quarter Finals.

In an institutional team, Thharunee, Ramandeep and Tanisha reached the Quarter Finals of St. Xavier X-Conferno 2021.

CUPD 2021 also witnessed an outstanding performance by our team consisting of Vedika, Sunaina and Savita, who debated in the Novice Octa-finals.

We also saw a team from Miranda House consisting of Avni, Nandini and Nilasri debating in the Pre-quarter Finals of LSR Freshers' APD 2021. Nilasri also went on to become the 5th best speaker of the tournament.

Keeping up the excellent performance, Suhani, Ramsha, and Kamalkoli were coveted finalists and runners-up at KMC Freshers' APD 2021. Kamalkoli was the tournament's best speaker, while Ramsha and Suhani were 3rd and 4th best speakers, respectively.

At Alfaaz Open APD 2021, Siddhi Joshi of Miranda House was the 10th Best Speaker (Novice).

In a cross-team, Suhani debated till the Semi-Finals at Gargi APD 2021. Kamalkoli, as part of a cross-team, was a semi-finalist at SFL International APD 2021 and CNLU Open APD 2021. She was also the 10th best speaker at CNLU PD.

Kamalkoli and Gowri were the 1st runners up team in Controversus Conventional Debate, with Gowri also winning Best Speaker. They also took part in the 3rd Annual Sanjay Srivastava Memorial Debate and debated till the finals.

Amongst the freshers, Vanshika Dubey broke as an adjudicator at the Premchand Memorial Debate. Megha Anand also broke as an adjudicator at IITD PD 2021.

Events

The society started the season by organising a parliamentary debate in collaboration with the EDNITA society of Miranda House. The on-the-spot Parliamentary Debate Competition took place on the 27th of November, 2020. We conducted this national-level debate tournament to promote the importance of public speaking.

Next up was Shama Kohli, the Annual English Conventional Debate, hosted on the 1st of November, 2020. Over a hundred students from universities all across India debated on the issue of unlock measures and the public's say in them. It was an incredibly enriching and spirited debate.

We ended the semester with Dialectics 2021, the annual flagship Asian Parliamentary Debate of Miranda House. This was the first international edition of Dialectics, with more than three hundred students participating

from over six countries, including Bangladesh, African Union, the USA, etc. The tournament was held online from 27th to the 29th of March.

Conclusion

Through immense hard work and dedication, the English Debating Society has brought home numerous laurels to Miranda House. We hope to uphold this legacy in the time to come and continue to be grateful to Miranda House for the space it has given us to learn and grow.