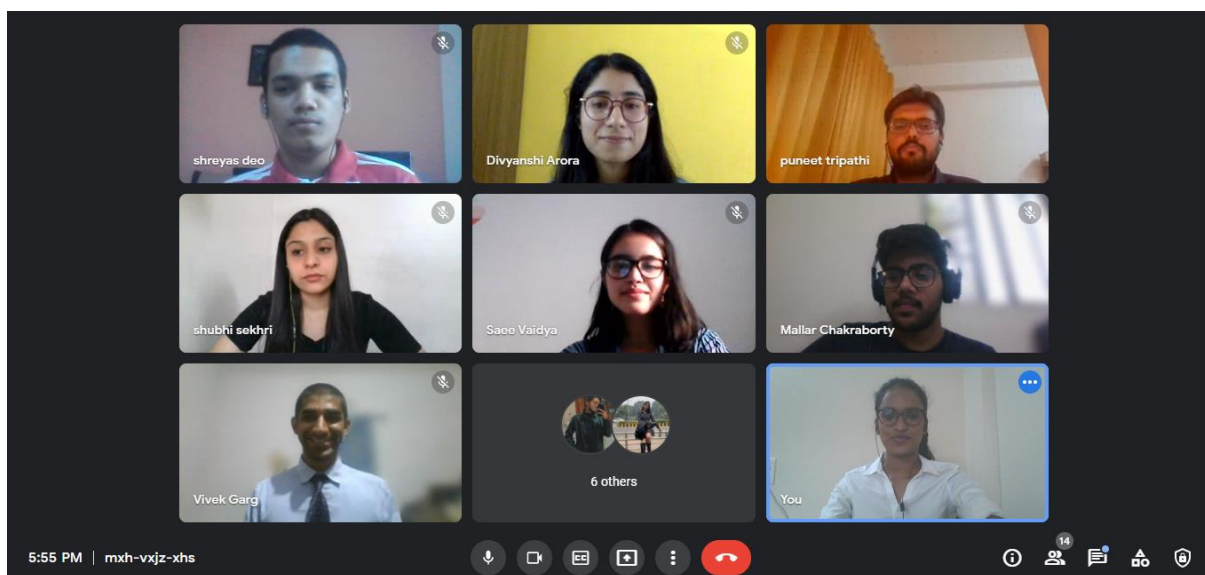


WAXING ELOQUENT 2022

19-03-2022

Symbiosis Elocution and Debate Association (SEDA) conducted its prestigious annual intercollegiate debate, the Waxing Eloquent on the 19th and 20th of March 2022. It commenced

at 4:30 pm. and was conducted on a virtual platform, Google Meet. The preliminary round was held on the 19th of March and the semi-final and

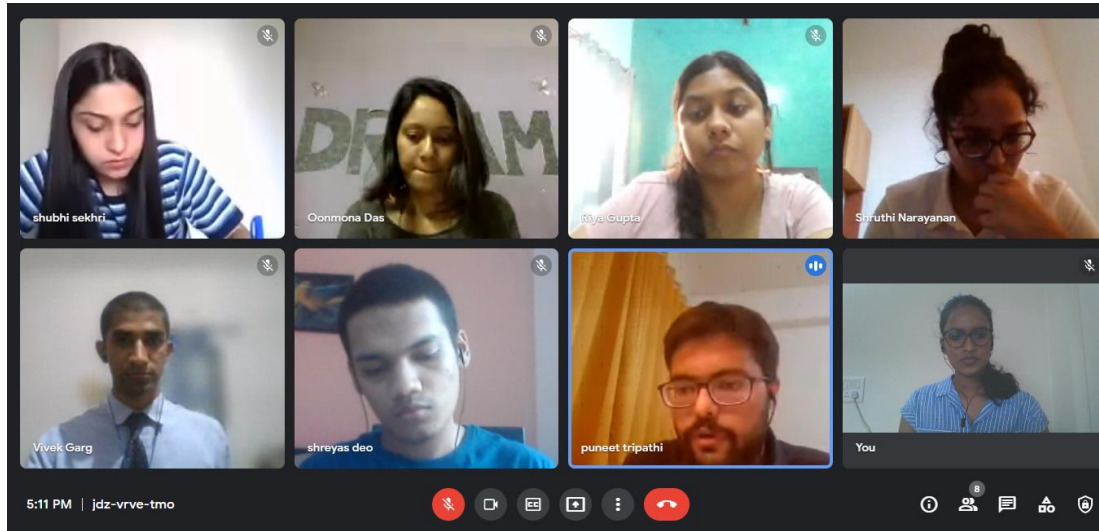


final rounds were on the 20th of March. The topic for the preliminary round was “**The UN has lost its relevance in the wider global context.**” The event was hosted by Neelanjana Suresh and Shubhi Sekhri. The adjudicators were two seasoned debaters, Oonmona Das and Riya Gupta. The 5 colleges that took part in the contest were:

- i. MIT Academy of Engineering
- ii. Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (TIET)
- iii. Sir Parshurambhau College, Pune
- iv. T. A. Pai Management Institute, Manipal
- v. Amity University, Noida
- vi. Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce

The preliminary round began with an introduction of the judges and the President’s address. Each participant was allotted a maximum of 4 minutes to speak and shared their interesting

insights on the topic. This was followed by a rebuttal round where each contestant was given a minute to refute the points of their opponents or answer questions put forth by the other contestants. Finally, the 4 teams selected for the semi-final round were declared. This was followed by a feedback session by one of our judges, Oonmona Das.



The semi-final round on the 20th of March began with a brief introduction to the event and the rules of the debate. The topic for the semi-final round was **“This House Believes That (THBT) regions with extremely high rates of gendered violence should grant amnesty to women for the violent crimes they commit.”** Each participant was allotted a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. This was followed by a Point of Information (POI) segment, wherein the participants enthusiastically put forward relevant questions and befitting responses. Finally, the 2 teams selected for the final round were declared. The teams were given 45 minutes to prepare on the topic for the final round, which was, **“This House Will Not Deliver Humanitarian Aid to Terrorist Controlled Regions”**. Each participant was allotted a maximum of 3 minutes to speak, followed by a POI round where each team was given 2 minutes to answer questions put forth by the other team.

Finally, the winners were announced. The winning teams and best speakers from the proposition and opposition received cash prizes. All participants received certificates.

The winners were as follows:

- a) **Best Team:** INR 3000/-
Amity University, Noida
Aakanshi Bansal and Chirag Sharma

- b) **First Runners Up:** INR 1500/-
Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce
Mallar Chakraborty and Divyanshi

- c) **Second Runners Up:** INR 750/-

MIT Academy of Engineering and TIET
Shreyas Deo and Puneet Tripathi

d) **Best Speaker (Proposition):** INR 1000/-
Amity University, Noida
Aakanshi Bansal and Chirag Sharma

e) **Best Speaker (Opposition):** INR 1000/-
Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce
Mallar Chakraborty



In conclusion, the event was a great success and led to a fruitful discussion on some relevant topics in today's world.

Regards,

Neelanjana Suresh,

President,

Symbiosis Elocution and Debate Association.