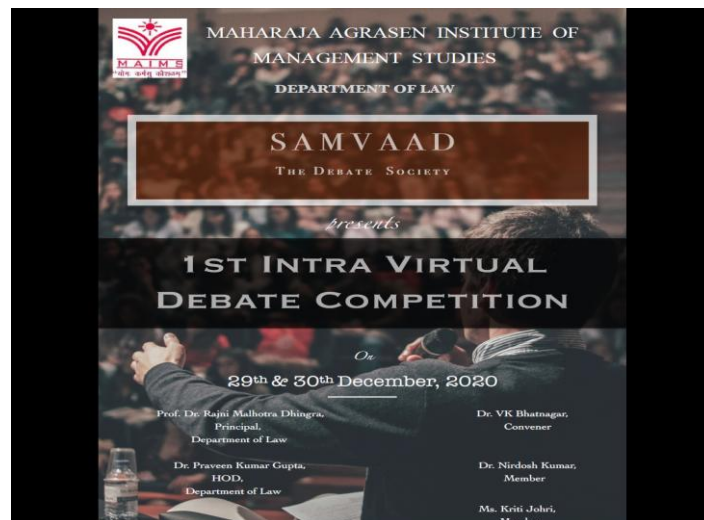


REPORT ON 1ST INTRA VIRTUAL DEBATE COMPETITION

29-30 December 2020



On 29th and 30th December, 2020, **SAMVAAD**, the Debate Society of the Department of Law, MAIMS organized its 1st Intra Virtual Debate Competition. The topic of the debate was “ **Should the Office of the Speaker Apolitical?**”

The event was graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Ravi Kumar Gupta, Director MAIMS, Prof. (Dr.) Rajni Malhotra Dhingra, Principal, Department of Law, and Dr. Praveen kumar Gupta Head, Department of Law with the faculty members of MAIMS.

Dr V.K Bhatnagar, Faculty Convenor, of SAMVAAD with his team of Faculty Coordinators-- Dr. Nirdosh Kumar, and Ms. Kriti Johri conducted the event with excellence. Ritika Bansal, Grishita Chopra and Eva Makker formed the part of the core team as student volunteers with other volunteers as well who helped in organizing the event.

There were a total of 22 participants in the first round. The event was judged by a galaxy of experts in their respective field like Mr. P Pratihari, Registrar (Retd.) RML Hospital; Mr. Pulin Bhutia, Director, Lok Sabha; Mr. Sanjeev Chandra, Director, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Deepak Gosain, Director, Lok Sabha; Dr. Jaydev Sahu, Director, Lok Sabha; Ms. Satamita Ghosh, Advocate; Mr. Hitendra Hiremath, Advocate; Ms.

Tanvi Sharma, Assistant Professor, GGSIP University; Mr. Sreesh Suresh, Daksha Fellowship; Ms. Priyam Liz Cherian, Advocate Mr. Arjun Natrajan, Advocate, Delhi High Court Dr. Varun Chhachar, Assistant Professor, University of Lucknow and Mr. Anshul Malik, Advocate. The participants as well as the audience were highly benefited by their factual and lucid knowledge. The Semi Final Round was conducted on the morning of December 30, 2020 .It was judged by Dr. Sujata Arya, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Dr. Neeraj Sharma Advocate, Delhi High Court. The Final Round took place between Amar Bajpayee arguing for and Muskan Gupta speaking against the motion. Both are students of second year BALLB and both argued their points with devotion and articulation.The judges of the final round were Mr. Baldev Raj Ranjan, Advocate and Dr. Jasper Vikas George, Assistant professor, NLU, Delhi. The judges posed exploratory questions to the participants and tested their knowledge of law as well as of the facts regarding the topic.

Amar Bajpayee of Third Semester bagged the first position followed by Muskan Gupta of Third Semester and Shivam Sethi of fourth Semester gaining second and third positions respectively.