

**1<sup>st</sup> VIPS Debate Competition, 2017**  
**4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**  
**Event Report**

The relevance and significance of conventional Debate, even in this era of digital explosion is undoubted. In this background, The Vivekananda Law School (VLS) Debate Society, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS) organised 1st VIPS Debate Competition on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. The Competition served as a pivotal platform to encourage law students to nurture and hone their legal research, analytical and debating skills. The Competition was open to all bonafide students pursuing LL.B. (3-year or 5-year law course) from an institution in Delhi-NCR. The competition comprised of two rounds.

The topic for the Preliminary Round was “Compulsion to cast vote will improve political system in India: Favor or Against”. The topic for Final Round was “Commitment towards Right to Environment is an impediment to Right to Development in India: Favor or Against”

Around 20 law students from various law colleges and universities across Delhi-NCR participated in the Competition. The event commenced by briefing all the participants about the rules and regulations of the debate. The jury team in Preliminary Rounds comprised of Advocate Mr. Nitesh Goyal, Advocate Ms. Kohika Gaur, Advocate Mr. Arjun Kapoor and Ms. Tushita Gaur Sharma. As the preliminary rounds came to an end, the judges enlightened the participants with their views and opinions on the topic. The judges were felicitated by Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VLS. After the preliminary rounds, best 4 Speakers were qualified for the Final Round to be held on the same day. The Final Round, which also comprised of interjections from respected judges of the Competition and co-participants, was judged by Prof. Dr. J.L.Gupta, Distinguished Professor in the area of Organization Behavior and Human Resource Management at Delhi School of Business (DSB), Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies- Technical Campus (VIPS-TC) and Dr. Rajni Malhotra Dhingra, Professor, VLS, VIPS.

Before the announcement of results, Prof. (Dr). Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VLS encouraged and congratulated participants for their research, analytical and debating skills. Prof. Dr. J.L. Gupta and Prof. Dr. Rajni Malhotra Dhingra spoke on ever increasing relevance of sound debating skills as a stepping stone to good advocacy and also instilled confidence in the participants. After the address by Respected Dean, VLS and Distinguished Judges of the Final Round, results of the Competition were announced.

The Speaker from Amity Law School, IP University bagged the 'Best Speaker' Award, the speaker from Faculty of Law, Jamia Milia Islamia University bagged the 'Runner Up' position and the speaker from LC-2, Faculty of Law, Delhi University bagged the 'Best Interjector' Award. The event witnessed enthusiasm and was a highly enriching experience for the participants.

Announcement of Results was followed by Vote of Thanks by Mr. Sunil Arya, Faculty Convener, VLS Debate Society, VIPS. The event was a sheer success since it encouraged the students to enter into the enlightening arena of debating. Meticulous organization of this event wouldn't have been possible without the generous support from the college authorities as well as the hard work of the Organising Committee who worked hard throughout the event selflessly for the success of the event.

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