

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan National Inter School Debate Competition 2014

The DAV College Managing Committee which governs the functioning of about 778 educational institutions organized the prestigious Dr. S. Radhakrishnan National Inter-School Debate Competition 2014 on 5th and 8th of December in the campus of DAV Public School Sreshtha Vihar.



The event commenced with an enthralling play of sounds - orchestra by the school band 'Dhwani', Odissi dance and skits on the theme of peace and harmony. The inspiration behind the whole concept of this debate, Dr. Nisha Peshin, Director PS II, DAV College Managing Committee and renowned educationist inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp and inspiring the debaters to give their best to the competition. In her invigorating speech, she lauded the fact that institutions are giving a platform to the young talents to come forth and prove their mettle in thinking on varied themes and also thinking beyond the specified boundaries. She said, "Debating is the soft skills of 21st Century and we must be well equipped with it."

A well-researched argument is the best way to win your way. Debates teach students to put forth their thoughts in a firm and polite manner and they learn to argue positively.”



The occasion was also graced by Shri N K Mudgal, Vice Chairman, DAV Public School, Sreshtha Vihar. In his address, he emphasized the need of such events for developing the confidence and tenacity of the young minds who will be our leaders and guides in future. While Shri S C Gupta, Manager, DAV Public School, Sreshtha Vihar appreciated the fact that this event generated an excellent response from schools not only in Delhi but also those from the NCR and other cities such as Ludhiana, Sonapat, Kaithal, Palwal and Jind.

The competition was held in Hindi as well as English. The prizes included cash awards and certificates in both categories sponsored by Shri Karan Khanna, Secretary DAV College Managing Committee. The first, second, third and consolation prizes were Rs. 30000, Rs.20000, Rs. 15000 and Rs. 10000 respectively. The best interjector received a cash prize of Rs.10000. The best teams in Hindi and English were awarded trophies for their excellent performance.



The debate saw a tough competition with 37 teams taking up the challenge in Hindi and 35 teams in English. The panel of judges boasted of senior Journalists, Professors and Entrepreneurs who themselves were phenomenal debaters. Along with the various DAV schools from Delhi and other states, many non-DAV Schools participated with vigour and enthusiasm. The preliminary round was held on 5th December 2014 in which the participants were given one hour to interpret the topic and prepare their arguments. The Final round saw the best 17 teams selected in English and 16 teams in Hindi, who fought it out for the coveted title. The topic for the final round was ‘Indian Context is Fenced Out of the Framework of Entire Development Strategies’.

16 teams in Hindi and 17 teams in English entered the final round of the debate. In English, **DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, INDIRAPURAM** was declared the BEST Team. The Runner’s trophy went to **DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURGAON**. The first prize was awarded to **DIYA THAKKAR** of **DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, INDIRAPURAM**. The second prize went to **RUMELLA JAIN** of **DLF PUBLIC SCHOOL, SAHIBABAD** and the third prize was given to **DRISHTHI JAIN** of **DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, INDIRAPURAM**. The consolation prize went to **GUNEET POPLI** of **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL, JANAKPURI**. The best interjector in English was **ANMOL MITTAL** of **DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, GURGAON**.



In Hindi, the title of the BEST team went to **HANSRAJ MODEL SCHOOL, PUNJABI BAGH**. The Runner's trophy was awarded to **DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, SRESHTHA VIHAR** which hosted the event. As the host school was not competing for the team trophy, the trophy for the Runners' Up Trophy went to **DAV CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL, NARELA**. The first prize went to **RUCHIR SHARMA** of **HANSRAJ MODEL SCHOOL, PUNJABI BAGH**. The second prize was won by **PANKHURI GUPTA** of **DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, SRESHTHA VIHAR** and the third prize was bagged by **ANJALI DAYAL** of **HANSRAJ MODEL SCHOOL, PUNJABI BAGH**. The consolation prize was given to **CHANDRIKA PATWAL** of **DAV CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL, NARELA**. **DIXITA** of **DAV CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL, NARELA** was declared the best interjector in Hindi.

Renowned Educationists and the Vice-Chairman, Shri N K Mudgal and Manager, Shri S C Gupta, DAV Public School, Sreshtha Vihar, felicitated the winners with the trophies and prizes. They expressed their admiration for the wonderful efforts put up by the children and motivated them to keep up their spirits irrespective of the results.



Principal of the host school, Mrs. Prem Lata Garg shared that with each passing year, they shall strive to diversify the canvas of the Dr. S. Radhakrishnan National Inter-School Debate and mentioned that next year i.e. 2015 the debate will include three rounds – Interpretative Debate Round, Group Discussion and Final Debate Round. She also urged all the teachers of the schools present in the audience to curb rote learning in debating. She said that children should be encouraged to research, be groomed to make a cogent argument and also be equipped to articulate sound questions and respond to interjections with confidence. She also congratulated the winners and expressed her gratitude towards the participants and the coordinators for making the event a huge success.

