

ONLINE NATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION – ERISTICA 2.0

On the 17th and 18th of July, 2021, the Debate Committee of SOL, NMIMS, Navi Mumbai organized an Online National level debate competition- ERISTICA 2.0. This was the second edition of ERISTICA which was marked to be a great success in the history of debate competitions at NMIMS, Navi Mumbai.

The event was memorable and remarkable in all parameters. There were more than 90 participants from all over India. The competition was conducted in 3 rounds. The first round, that is the preliminary round, was held on 17th July 2021 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For the first round, the participants were segregated into three batches: Batch A, Batch B, and Batch C. The prelim round consisted of three different judges for the batches, who had great expertise in the field of law and guided the students with the scope of improvement and perfection in art of debating.

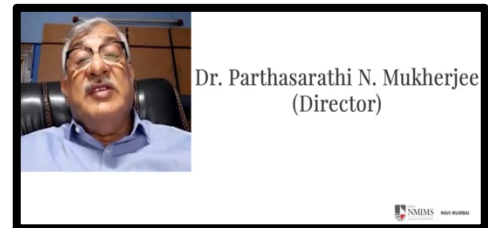


The participants debated on the topic- “Does Cultural Appropriation promote the heritage of a community or hamper it”. From each batch, the top 6-7 participants were selected for the next round. For the 2nd round, that is, the Semi-Finals round, 20 participants were qualified.

On 18th July 2021, we were graced with the presence of our Chief Guest, former Chief Justice of India- Justice K G Balakrishnan, who enlightened the students on the topic- “Future of Indian Judiciary Post Pandemic”. Dr. PN Mukherjee, the Director of Navi Mumbai Campus addressed the students and welcomed honorable CJI to speak few words of wisdom. It was truly a bewitching experience for everyone. The cherry on the cake was the presence of KPMSOL Dean Dr. Alok Mishra who addressed the students and further enlightened the students on the importance of debate and its role in one’s life. He also emphasized the fact that articulating your words and expressing them properly is a true sign of leadership.

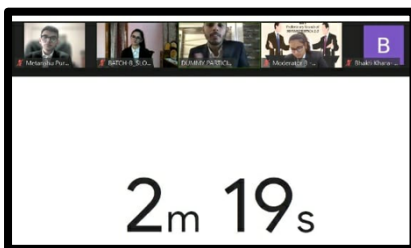
The semi-finals round commenced on 18th July 2021 from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM. There were 10 slots and the participants performed phenomenally and the committee witnessed a cut-throat competition. The topic was again- “Does Cultural Appropriation promote the heritage of a community or hamper it”. There were more advanced and new points made by the participants to mark their position in the finals. The judge for Semi-final round was supremely

skilled Supreme Court lawyer, Rohan Batra. At the end of this round, he guided participants with the technicalities of debate and paved the way to all the semi- finalists to be a good orator in the future. After this round, 4 participants qualified for the final round.



The Finals and the last round of ERISTICA started at 4:00 PM. The participants debated on the topic- “Is Language/Accent another basis for discrimination?”. The judge for this round was Nikhil Rote. He gave remarkable insights on debating and nuances on excelling in the art of debate. It was very beneficial and informative.

After the final round was over, all the participants were invited for the declaration of results. In the session, we were again blessed with the inspirational words from NMIMS dean Dr. Alok Mishra. He congratulated all the participants for their brilliant performance. Furthermore, Vote of thanks was done by Prof. Mansi Ahire. Later, the president of the Debate Committee,



Bhavya Godawat, addressed all the participants and declared the result of the competition.

The second runner-up was Ankita Sharma from H.P. National Law University, Shimla. Garima from Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur secured the position of the first runner-up. The winner of the competition was Siddhant Dubey from OP Jindal Global Law School. The three participants described their experience at NMIMS, Navi Mumbai, and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the organizing team for facilitating them throughout the competition.

The event concluded on a very positive note. We marked the highest participants till date in the Navi Mumbai campus. It is very important to acknowledge the efforts of the Technical Team who provided their contribution to make this event successful. The Debate Committee is honored to have all the dignitaries and participants onboard. We wish to provide such more experiences for the students to grow and learn in life.

