

In the Spirit of Good Debating

The Intra Collegiate Debate Competition held by the STME - Student Council on the 20th of July, 2019, for the students of The School of Technology Management and Engineering (STME) saw a thunderous response. The students took part with utmost fervor and gusto as the topics given in the first round of debate created quite a few hot heads!



For the first round, each class was divided into groups of four to five each. The topics ranged from opinion-oriented discussions like “Should the use of laptops be permitted in classrooms?” to “Is a college degree necessary to secure a good job?” to firmer and broader topics such as, “Social Media does more harm than good” or “Are single-sex schools more effective than co-ed schools?” and moved onto day-to-day discussions like “Is nepotism even acceptable?”



As the debate began, numerous compelling and valid points were brought up by the contenders. The students gave a strong rebuttal to the closing statements made by their opposing teams and the counterarguments made by the latter were definitely enough to keep the audience at the edge of

their seats. Some eye-opening new perspectives on the matter were also brought to light. Following the interesting round of heated arguments, the Judging Panel, consisting of the esteemed faculty of STME and SBM, selected the best speakers across the classrooms who were to fight the final battle of words on the topic, ***“Technology – Boon or Bane?”***. The final teams in the competition comprised of the second-year and first-year students, with the former arguing for the topic and the latter, against.



After a thought-provoking exchange of countless arguments and counter-arguments, the team of second year students, comprising of Adyasha Padhy, Pranav Landge, Sriharsha Garlapati, Sai Hemanth Tiruvari and Medha Dwivedi, who spoke against the notion, emerged victorious.



At the end, what stood out the most about the event was not the victory but the spirit in which all the teams deliberated their arguments, and by doing so, highlighting the importance of a healthy argument and thus celebrating debating in its truest form, not to prove who is right, but to fight, for *what* is right.
