

<u>Report of the Debate competition organized by Department of</u> <u>Political Science and IQAC, Hooghly Women's College</u>

Organizer: Department of Political Science in association with IQAC, Hooghly Women's College.

Date and Time: 6th December 2023 12.30 pm onwards

Venue: Science Hall

Topics: The students were divided into two groups and each group had a separate topic to debate. The two topics were

- 1. Implementation of Uniform Civil Code is a positive step towards achievement of Equality and Justice in India
- 2. Social Media should be used as a platform for Freedom of Expression as enshrined in Article 19 of the Constitution

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The event was judged by Dr. Punarbasu Bose, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, Dr. Biplab Mondal, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr. Sanchita Chakrabarti, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. The Moderator of the event was Prof. Sayani Malakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. The programme began with an inaugural speech by Principal Dr. Sima Banerjee , Hooghly Women's College who spoke about the importance of the Constitution as the supreme law of the land and the principles enshrined in the Constitution

The first group debated on Uniform Civil Code where issues on Equality, Justice, minority and gender rights were debated. Various aspects were highlighted during the discussion which enabled the students to gain knowledge about the pros and cons on the implementation of UCC in a diverse and stratified society like India.

The second group debated on Freedom of Expression and the role of social media. The students presented their perspective on trolling, online scams, fake dating sites which are disguised evils under Freedom of Expression along with the fact that several social incidents which remain unnoticed by mainstream media come to the forefront owing to social media.

An open forum was initiated on both the topics where the groups questioned the opponent team members.

Final Result

The event was wrapped up with a prize distribution ceremony for Best Speaker and Best Team for both the topics. Sharmistha Sarkar and Tanisha Khatun were awarded the 'Best Speaker' Award

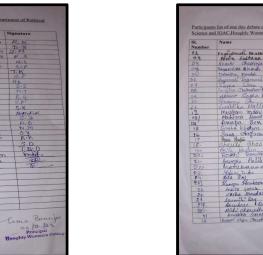
where they spoke 'For' and 'Against' the motion respectively for the first topic. The Best Team award went to the participants who spoke against the motion.

Rajoeta Ghosh and Noor Saba Fatma were awarded the 'Best Speaker' Award where they spoke 'For' and 'Against' the motion respectively for the second topic. The Best Team Award went to the participants who spoke for the motion.

Flyer of the Programme



Participants list



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