

LORETO COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF B.ED.

INTER COLLEGE ONLINE DEBATE COMPETITION

ON

‘Gandhian values are preached in Indian schools but not practiced by Indian citizens.’

Date: October 17, 2020

Time: 1:30 P.M.

REPORT

On October 17, 2020 an Inter-College Online debate competition was organised by Department of B.Ed. Loreto College, Kolkata (IQAC approved) from 1:30pm onwards on Google Meet, the motion being *‘Gandhian Values are Preached in Schools but not Practised by Indian Citizens’*. The co-ordinator of this programme was Dr. Dinaz Jeejeebhoy and co-coordinator was Dr. Rupa Ghosh. Teacher Trainees of three colleges, namely, St. Xavier’s College, Scottish Church College and Loreto College took part in this inter college online debate competition. The programme was presided by Sr. Christine Coutinho, Principal, Loreto College, Kolkata. The event began with Dr. Ghosh welcoming one and all present and she was the emcee for the afternoon’s programme. This was followed by a welcome and prayers by Sr. Christine Coutinho, Principal, Loreto College, Kolkata. Dr. Debika Guha, Head of the B.Ed. Department welcomed all dignitaries, participants and audience present. Dr. Neeta Dang and Mrs. Archita Roy Biswas introduced the two judges to the audience and Dr. Ranjita Dawn introduced the moderator. Two judges requested to judge the event were, Mrs. Aditi Chatterjee, Head, Department of B. Ed. Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata and Mrs. Frenaz Mogrelia, Senior co-ordinator, Loreto House. The debate was efficiently moderated by Ms. Dipanjana Roy, who was an ex-student of Loreto College. The students who participated from different colleges were well prepared and charmed the audience by their views. There were two participants from each college, one spoke for the motion and the other spoke against the motion. The judges were impressed with their logical presentation. After each college spoke for and against the motion, the moderator took one question from either the participants or the audience which the speaker needed to respond to within a minute. The speakers responded to the questions with great confidence. The speakers were marked by the judges on: Content - How relevant the speaker's argument is to the motion, strength of the argument, Delivery - Delivery style and engagement with the audience,

Rebuttal - How well the speaker responds to the opposition's arguments/questions, Time - How well the speaker adheres to the time limit and Rules - Use of parliamentary language, following the rules and decorum of the debate. Scores were entered onto a google spreadsheet by the judges and time was efficiently kept by two of our Semester 3 students. This helped in the announcement of the winners at the event itself. The winners for Best Speaker award were, Nina Sengupta of Scottish Church College who spoke for the motion and Sreyoshi Dutta of Loreto College who spoke against the motion. It was a highly spirited debate completion and it was an enriching experience to all the 102 people who attended this debate. The programme ended with Vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Dinaz R. Jeejeebhoy and a photograph with all the dignitaries and staff present. By celebrating the greatness of the Mahatma, through this event, we hope that our students continue to remember to adopt his simple way of life and principles of empathy, humbleness, honesty and sincerity and hope for them to continue to strive to instil these principles and values in everyday life.