

Event Report: SAMVAAD-2018

Date: 16 March 2018

Venue: Mondini Hall

Introduction:

Literary society of Don Bosco Institute of Technology hosted “Samvaad”-annual Mock Indian Parliamentary Debate on 16th March. “Samvaad”-voice of people, is an inter-collegiate debate competition which had students from various colleges across Mumbai pitted against each other in this battle of wits. Our aim is to create awareness in the youth on matters of political, economic and social significance. The participants voiced their thoughts on current issues that have taken center -stage in recent times, bringing in a unique kind of vigor, enthusiasm and unparalleled energy which our system desperately needs. A complete parliamentary setup was made for the event.

Inauguration:

The event started at 10:00 AM at Fr.Santiago Mondini Hall with lightening of the lamp by Rev.Fr.Cyril De Souza, Faculty-in-charges Ms.Jeffi-Ann Thomas, Mr.Vishal Bodhale, Mr.Renjith Varghese and student Representative Abhiksha Bhandary.Fr.Cyril addressed to the students before commencing of the first session.

The Judges for the event were Mr.Malcom Katrak, Mr. Harsh Kedia, Mr.Dhaval Mehta. The event consisted of two bills and a discussion. Parliament was chaired by Mr. Arman Khan.

Session:1

The first bill started at 10:45. Bill presented was:Debate and discussion on the Indian Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2017.This bill has been passed in the Lok Sabha on 28thDecember 2017. The bill has been drafted in the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision in the case of “Shayara Bano v. Union of India and Others”wherein the Court declared the practice of triple talaq as unconstitutional. The statement of object and Reasons of the Bill notes that the judgment has not worked as a deterrent in bringing down the number of instances of triple talaq. The intense discussion on this lasted for one and a half hour. At the end by majority votes bill was not passed.

Session:2

The second bill started at 12:45. The bill up for discussion was:Debate and discussion on the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2017.The bill has been motivated by the debate surrounding

prevention of corruption and recovery of assets or proceeds of corruption. Reminiscent is the case of Vijay Mallya's companies' arrears amounting 9,000 crore rupees owed to public sector banks. This bill is a one of a kind which allows the Financial Intelligence Unit, under the aegis of the Finance Minister, to file an application for the declaration of fugitive economic offenders for confiscation of their assets. The heated debated went up till 2:45 with judges asking counter questions and the bill being passed with majority.

Session:3

Post lunch, a discussion under Rule 193 of the Parliamentary Procedures(which does not allow voting) on the increasing cases of communal disharmony, misuse of religion for political purposes, lynching and communal divide in north India was held for almost one and a half hour.

Valedictory:

Final session included prize distribution ceremony where Cash prizes, certificates were given by Rev.Fr.Cyril De Souza and Principal Ms. Prasanna Nambiar to the winners. Following are the winners ;

The First Prize-Mohammed Anas Khan

The Second Prize-Purav Bharadwaj

The Third Prize-Altamash Kadir

Every participant was given a participating certificate. The event ended by giving the vote of thanks from Faculty-in-charge Mr.Vishal Bodhale.

-Reported by Vishal Bodhale,In-charge,Literary Club