## 5th Annual Munaazrah Report

The world came to a standstill with a global pandemic and we had to let go of our idea of normal. There were no classes to attend, no ECA breaks and no society practice. But the world slowly regained its pace and we took our first step towards turning crisis into opportunity. Crossfire, the English Debating Society of Kamala Nehru College organized it's 5th Annual Parliamentary Debate Munaazrah on an online medium from 7th- 9th November 2020.

Munaazrah has always fostered the spirit of inclusive discourse. Our motto was to provide a level playing field to everyone to discuss and deliberate on issues of great importance. Dissemination of valuable opinions is a key way to make the world a better place. We aimed to create an ecosystem of learning, expressing and voicing one's views.

The event was held on Google Meet and an online debating medium, Mixidea and saw the participation of 32 teams from University of Phillipines, Delhi University, IITs, Christ University, St. Xavier's College, National Law Universities among several others across the Subcontinent.

Over the span of three days, several motions on pressing issues of the world such as environment, culture, sports, science and technology, international relations, feminism and philosophy were debated with great acumen. Teams and Adjudicators participating displayed zeal and enthusiasm for each round of the event.

The winner of Munaazrah 2020 was a team comprising of Shvabh Chakarwarti from Government Law College, Mumbai and Atul RH and Daniel Nicolas Monteiro from Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru. The runner up was a team comprising of Shruti Deb from National Law University, Vishakapatnam, Sneha Das from Hansraj College, DU and Nitin Saidha from Vellore Institute of Technology. The Best Adjudicator title was awarded to Surabhi Chavan from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai.

The tournament saw great debates full of bright ideas and persuasive speeches. With each motion, debaters expertly deconstructed concepts of equality, justice, welfare and fraternity. Munaazrah served as a platform for seasoned debaters to guide novices in the competitive world of debating. It was a learning experience like no other. This tournament was made possible by the relentless co-operation of our college admin, the efforts put in by the members of KNC Debating Society and the enthusiasm of all the participants who adapted admirably to the online medium.



