

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

(September 2020 – August 2021)

DETAILS OF THE TOURNAMENTS HOSTED:

SAHAAYA HASTA: A COVID-19 FUNDRAISER CONVENTIONAL INTRA-RAMAIAH DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Sahaaya Hasta: A COVID-19 Fundraiser Conventional Intra-Ramaiah Debate Tournament was held on the 23rd and 24th of May, 2021. The objective of the tournament was to raise funds for those who could not sustain the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in India. The tournament saw the participation of 16 teams (32 students) from Ramaiah College of Law. We raised ₹16,000 in total from registration fees and donors. The entire amount raised was donated to RMV Rotary Club, which has been working for Covid Relief since March 2020.

Winners:

Danika Joplin and Afreen Khan of the II year of B.A., LL.B. were the winners of the tournament. Krina Kotecha of II year and Vybhavshree of III year, B.B.A., LL.B. were the runners up.

The 'Most Creative Team' award went to Sunaina and Vybhav, from I year B.B.A., LL.B. The award for the 'Most Researched Team' was tied between Nishant and Pratham's team from I year B.A., LL.B. and B.Com., LL.B., respectively, and Anagha and Aditya's team, from I year B.A., LL.B.





Glimpses from the Preliminary Rounds





Valedictory Ceremony

RAMAIAH ROUND ROBIN 2021

The Literary and Debating Society organized the II edition of Ramaiah Round Robin virtually on the 7th and 8th of August, 2021. Ramaiah Round Robin is an invitational tournament following the format of the British Parliamentary Debate, where 16 exceptional teams are invited for a high-quality tournament.

This year's Ramaiah Round Robin was extremely diverse, with teams across Australia, North America, Africa, Europe, and Asia.

The Core Adjudicators of the tournament were equally diverse composing of

1. Noluthando Honono, South Africa



2. Fardeen Ameen, Bangladesh



3. Shruti Deb, India



4. Matija Pusnik, Slovenia



5. Dominic Guinane, Australia



The motions framed by the incredible Core Adjudicators ranged from topics such as social justice, law, developmental policy, and philosophy. The tournament had five preliminary rounds, with four teams breaking to the Grand Finals.

The Champion of the tournament was Brendan Winters and Mark Rothery from Australian National University, with Mark Rothery bagging the Best Speaker Award.





Brendan

Mark

The **Best Adjudicator of the tournament** was awarded to **Vansh Chadha** and **Angad Singh** from Delhi Technical University.





Vansh

Angad

DETAILS OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1. Afreen Khan and Sneha Verma of II Year B.A.LL.B. were the Novice Winners of the Symbosis Law School Pune Parliamentary Debate organized by SLS, Pune from 25th to 27th September 2020.
- 2. R Deeksha of III Year B.B.A., LL.B. and Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. were the Runners-up of the 2nd Edition of Haradali Women's Open, 2020 (yearly university championship) organized by Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya from 8th to 18th October 2020.
- 3. Sakshi Singhal of V Year B.A., LL.B. was an Invited Adjudicator at the 8th Mukarji Memorial ProAm Debate 2020 organized by the Debating Society of St. Stephen's College, New Delhi from 23rd to 25th October 2020.
- **4.** Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was adjudged as the Fifth Best Adjudicator at the 2nd Edition of Haradali Women's Open, 2020 (yearly university championship) organized by Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya from 8th to 18th October 2020.
- **5.** Prajwala D and Rakshika Rajesh of II Year B.A., LL.B. were the Semi-Finalists at the 2nd Edition of Haradali Women's Open, 2020 (yearly university championship) organized by Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya from 8th to 18th October 2020.
- **6.** Vybhavashree Rao of III Year B.B.A., LL.B. was a Grand Finals Panel Adjudicator at Dissension Parliamentary Debating Tournament 2020 hosted by Netaji Subash University of Technology from 30th October to 1st November 2020.
- 7. R Deeksha of III Year B.B.A., LL.B. and Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. were the ESL Finalist at the 2020 Huber Debates Tournament hosted by University of Vermont (Online) from 7th to 9th November 2020.
- **8.** Amitha Prasad of IV Year B.A., LL.B. and R Deeksha of III Year B.B.A., LL.B. were the Semi-finalists at the Kinnaird College Debating Championship Online 2020 organized by Kinnaird College of Women, Lahore from 20th to 23rd November 2020.
- **9.** Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was adjudged as the Third Best Adjudicator at the Kinnaird College Debating Championship Online 2020 organized by Kinnaird College of Women, Lahore from 20th to 23rd November 2020.
- 10. Anjana Raghunath of III Year B.B.A., LL.B., Danika Joplin and Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. were adjudged as the Semi-Finalist of La-Liberta the First Virtual

- International Parliamentary Debate Competition (Asian Style) organized by JLU School of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal from 20th to 22nd November 2020.
- **11.** Nikhil Asrani of IV Year B.A., LL.B. and R Deeksha of III Year B.B.A., LL.B. were the Semi-Finalist at the Derozio Memorial Debate 2020 hosted by the Presidency University Public Speaking Society from 18th to 20th December 2020.
- **12.** Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Grand Finals Panel Adjudicator and was adjudged as the Seventh Best Adjudicator at Pan African University Debate Championship hosted by Royal Rhetorics in conjunction with Makerere Debate Union from 13th to 20th December 2020.
- **13.** Danika Joplin of II Year B.A., LL.B. and Anjana Raghunath of III Year B.B.A., LL.B. were the Quarter-Finalists at the Maharashtra Debate Open held on 19th and 20th December 2020.
- 14. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Semi-Finals Adjudicator and was adjudged as the Fifth Best Adjudicator at the WDF Open 2020 hosted by Debate Network Nepal on 26th and 27th December 2020.
- 15. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Grand Finals Panel Adjudicator at GCU Parliamentary Debate, 2020 organized by GCU, Pakistan from 13th-15th March 2021.
- 16. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was adjudged as the Second-Best Adjudicator at Global ESL Round Robin organized from 26th-28th March 2021.
- 17. Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Gold Finals Panel Adjudicator at International Economic Open, London organized on 11th April 2021.
- 18. Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Semi Finals Panel Adjudicator at Lubart Open, Ukraine hosted on 1st and 2nd May 2021.
- 19. Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Gold Finals Panel Adjudicator at Theology Open, Amsterdam hosted on 9th May 2021.
- 20. Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Open Finals Chair Adjudicator and Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Novice Finals Chair Adjudicator as well as 6th Best Adjudicator at Pretoria Parley Invitational Debate hosted by Pretoria University, South Africa from 15th-17th May 2021.
- 21. Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was a Silver Finals Panel Adjudicator at Australasian Women and Gender Minorities Open, hosted from 21st-23rd May 2021.
- 22. Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Open Finals Panel Adjudicator at North American Women and Gender Minorities Open, hosted on 5th and 6th June 2021.

- 23. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was adjudged as the Ninth Best Adjudicator and Open Semi Finals Chair Adjudicator at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Parliamentary Debate 2021 hosted by Department of Law, University of Calcutta from 11th-13th June, 2021.
- 24. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Open Grand Finals Chair Adjudicator at ANU Spring 2021 hosted by Australian National University from 18th-20th June, 2021.
- 25. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Invited Adjudicator and Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Partial Double Octo-Finals Panel Adjudicator at Worlds University Debating Championship held from 7th-14th July 2021.
- 26. Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Octo-Finals Chair Adjudicator at Oxford Worlds School Debating Championship hosted from 16th-19th July 2021.
- 27. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B., was adjudged as the Third Best Adjudicator at the Kinnaird College Debating Championship Online 2020 organized by Kinnaird College of Women, Lahore from 20th to 23rd November 2020.
- 28. Krina H Kotecha of II Year B.B.A., LL.B was reserved Breaking Adjudicator at Visyas Intervarsity hosted on 17th-18th July 2021.
- 29. Gunav Menon of I Year B.A., LL.B., Dexter Colaso of I Year B.A., LL.B., and Sanjana Rudra of II Year B.A., LL.B. were Novice finals winner; Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. and Danika Joplin of II Year B.A., LL.B. were Quarter Finalists at Daulat Ram College Parliamentary Debate organized by Daulat Ram College, New Delhi from 23rd-25th July 2021.
- 30. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Grand Finals Panel Adjudicator at the Interschool Debate hosted by Wolce, Malaysia from 31st July-1st August 2021.
- 31. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Grand Finals Panel Adjudicator at the Novice Debate Open hosted by Wolce, Malaysia from 7th-8th August 2021.
- 32. Danika Joplin of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Best Adjudicator and Grand Finals Chair at Euphoria Novice Open hosted on 15th-16th August 2021.
- 33. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Breaking Adjudicator at the Interschool Debate hosted by , Philippines on 20th August 2021.
- 34. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Runners-up and 4^{th} Best Open Speaker at Clash od Middle Earth hosted from 20^{th} - 22^{nd} August 2021.
- 35. Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Grand and Novice Finals Panel Adjudicator at the Intervarsity Debating Association Open (KIDA), Korea hosted on 21st and 22nd August 2021.

36. Sneha Verma of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Grand Finals Panel Adjudicator and Afreen Khan of II Year B.A., LL.B. was Quarter-Finals Panel Adjudicator at the Taylor's Debate Open hosted by Taylor University, Malaysia from 28th August-30th August 2021.

STUDENTS REPRESENTATIONS:

DEBATING TOURNAMENTS				
COMPETITION NAME	PARTICIPANTS	REMARKS		
Bombay Open 2020	Sneha Verma	Participation		
3 rd to 5 th September	Afreen Khan			
Symbiosis Law School	Afreen Khan	Afreen and Sneha – Novice Finals		
Parliamentary Debate	Sneha Verma	Winners		
25th to 27th Soutomber 2020	Adhithya Shukapuri			
25 th to 27 th September 2020	Shreya Kar			
8 th Mukarji Memorial ProAm	Nikhil Asrani	Sakshi Singhal – Invited		
Debate 23 rd to 25 th October 2020	Anajana Raghunath	Adjudicator		
	Sakshi Singhal			
Haradali Women's Open 2020	R Deeksha	Deeksha and Sneha – Runners-up		
8 th to 17 th October 2020	Sneha Verma	Afreen - 5th Best Adjudicator		
8 to 17 October 2020	Afreen Khan	Prajwala and Raksha – Semi-		
	Raksha Rajesh	Finalists		
D:	Prajwala Dinesh			
Dissension Parliamentary	Vybhavashree Rao	Vybhavashree Rao – Grand Finals		
Debate 2020	Amitha Prasad Wind Market	Adjudicator		
30 th October to 1 st November	Krina Kotecha A G KI			
30 October to 1 Provenieer	Afreen Khan Such Warran			
	Sneha Verma Adhidhaa Shalagaari			
The Huber Debate, 2020	Adhithya ShukapuriR Deeskha	Deeksha and Sneha – ESL Finalist		
7 th to 9 th November	G 1 17	Deeksna and Shena – ESL Finanst		
Munaazrah Open 2020		Participation		
Munaazran Open 2020	Ruthu Honnapura Adhithya Shukanyai	Farticipation		
7 th to 9 th November	Adhithya ShukapuriNeha Vinod			
Kinnaird College Debating	Amitha Prasad	Amitha and Deeksha- Semi-Finalists		
Championship Online 2020	R Deeksha			
(KCDC-O)	Sneha Verma	Sneha Verma – 3 rd Best		
20 th to 23 rd November	Shena verma	Adjudicator		
La-Liberta – First Virtual	Danika Joplin	Danika, Anjana and Afreen – Semi-		
International Parliamentary	Afreen Khan	Finalists		
Debate Competition	Anjana Raghunath			
20 th to 22 nd November 2020	Nikhil Asrani			
	Ruthu Honnapura			
	Neha Vinod			

	Vybhavashree RaoSudheesh S Kesarkar	
Japan BP 2020	R Deeksha Sneha Verma	Participation
28 th to 29 th November	Afreen Khan	
World Women's Debate Open 2 nd to 8 th December 2020	Afreen Khan	Participation
ILNU Pre-UADC 2020 5 th to 7 th December	Shreya KarR DeekshaSneha VermaAmitha Prasad	Shreya Kar- Breaking Adjudicator, Judged till Quarters
United Asian Debating Championship 2020 10 th to 16 th December	R DeekshaAmitha PrasadSneha Verma	Participation
Derozio Memorial Debate 2020 18 th to 20 th December	Nikhil AsraniR Deeksha	Semi-Finalist
Pan African University Debate Championship 13 th to 20 th December 2020	Afreen Khan	Grand Finals Panel and 7 th Best Adjudicator
Maharashtra Debate Open 19 th & 20 th December 2020	 Danika Joplin Anjana Raghunath Afreen Khan Sneha Verma Harshitha Reddy V Sanjana Rudra Ananya Manu Tanisha Tiwari Sudheesh S Kesarkar 	Danika Joplin and Anjana Raghunath - Quarter-Finalists
WDF Open 2020 26 th & 27 th December	Sneha Verma	Semi-Finals Adjudicator, 5 th Best Adjudicator
DTU Parliamentary Debate 2021 23 rd to 25 th January	Sneha VermaAfreen Khan (Cross Team)	Reserve Breaks
GCU Parliamentary Debate 13 th - 15 th March 2021	Sneha Verma	Sneha - Invited Adjudicator, Judged till Finals
Global ESL Round Robin 2021 26 th - 28 th March 2021	Sneha Verma	Sneha- Judged till Finals and 2 nd best Adjudicator
International Economics Open Debate, London 11 th April 2021	Afreen Khan	Afreen – Judged Finals
Lubart Open 2021 1 st & 2 nd May 2021	Afreen KhanSneha Verma	Afreen- Judged till Semi-Finals Sneha – Invited Adjudicator
RV Debating Tournament 2021 8 th & 9 th May 2021	R DeekshaSneha VermaNikhil Asrani	Participation Participation

Groningen Open 2021 8 th May 2021	Afreen Khan	Participation
Theology Open 2021 9 th May 2021	Afreen Khan	Afreen – Judged till Finals
Pretoria Parley Invitational Debate 15 th - 17 th May 2021	Afreen KhanSneha Verma	Afreen – 8 th Best Adjudicator and judged till finals Sneha – 6 th Best Adjudicator and judged till finals
Australasian Women and Gender Minorities Open 21st - 23rd May 2021	Afreen KhanR DeekshaSneha Verma	Afreen- Judged till Finals
Credence: The JLU British Parliamentary Debate 28 th - 30 th May 2021	Sunaina S raoSamriddhi Jain	Participation
Princeton IV 29 th - 31 st May 2021	R DeekshaSneha Verma	Participation
North American Women and Gender Minorities Open 5 th & 6 th June 2021	Afreen Khan	Afreen- Judged till Finals
Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Debate (RPMD) 11 th - 13 th June 2021	Sneha Verma	Sneha – 9 th Best Adjudicator and judged till novice finals
ANU Spring 2021 18 th - 20 th June 2021	Sneha Verma	Sneha- Judged Grand Finals
World Universities Debating Championship (WUDC) 7 th - 14 th July 2021	Sneha VermaAfreen Khan	Sneha – Invited Adjudicator Afreen – Judged till partial octo- finals
Oxford WSDC 2021 16 th - 19 th July 2021	Afreen Khan	Afreen- Octo Finals Chair
Daulat Ram College Parliamentary Debate 2021	Afreen KhanDanika Joplin	Afreen and Danika – Open Quarter Finalists
23 rd - 25 th July 2021	Gunav MenonDexter ColasoSanjana RudraKrina Kotecha	Gunav, Dexter and Sanjana – Novice Winners
Interschool Debate Championship 31st July & 1st August 2021	Sneha Verma	Sneha- Invited Adjudicator and judged finals
Novice Debate Open 7 th & 8 th August 2021	Sneha Verma	Sneha- Invited Adjudicator and judged finals
Pakistan Debate Open 14 th & 15 th August 2021	Krina H KotechaSneha Verma	Participation
Euphoria Novice Open 15 th & 16 th August 2021	Danika Joplin	Danika – Best Judge and Finals Chair

ISDC 2021	Sneha Verma	Sneha – Invited Adjudicator;
20 th August 2021		Breaking Judge
Clash of Middle Earth	 Sneha Verma 	Sneha- Runners up
20 th – 22 nd August 2021		
KIDA Open	 Afreen Khan 	Afreen – Invited Adjudicator and
21 st & 22 nd August 2021		judged till Finals
VIT Round Robin 2021	• R Deeksha	Participation
21 st & 22 nd August 2021		
NASHDC 2021	Sneha Verma	Sneha – Invited Adjudicator
22 nd & 23 rd August 2021		
DSDC Coherence	Afreen Khan	Afreen – Invited Adjudicator
27 th & 28 th August 2021	 Sneha Verma 	
	 Sunaina Rao 	
Taylor's Debate Open 2021	Afreen Khan	Afreen - Invited Adjudicator and
28 th & 29 th August 2021	 Sneha Verma 	judged till Quarters
		Sneha - Invited Adjudicator and
		judged till Finals

ELECTION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22

On 23rd August 2021, the election was conducted for the positions of President, Vice President (Closed Group Affairs), Vice President (Events & Tournament), and Vice President (Open Group Affairs). The election was presided by the Election Officer Amitha Prasad.

The newly elected office bearers are:

- 1. President Sneha Verma, II year B.A., LL.B.
- 2. Vice president (Closed Group Affairs) Afreen Khan, II year B.A., LL.B.
- 3. Vice President (Events & Tournament) Danika Joplin, II year B.A., LL.B.
- 4. Vice President (Open Group Affairs) Sanjana Rudra, II year B.A., LL.B.







