

Event Name	Aur Batao
Event Schedule	2nd May 2021
Event Venue	YouTube
Edited by	Ved Dahale

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players"



The event AUR BATAO was held on 2nd May 2021. It started at 2 pm and was conducted on VIT's Student Council YouTube channel. Everyone was excited about this event. Being an Inter-collegiate event, the participants were multidisciplinary fields. The hosts for this event were Jose Akarrapatty from FE EXTC and Ayushi Tanna from FE BIOM. The Judge and Chief guest was Advocate Rukhman Singh Rathod. The event started with a beautiful introduction given by miss Priyanka Kulkarni, a core member of Literary Council followed by few meaningful words from our hosts Jose and Ayushi.

The first contestant for the event was Robin Gupta. His act motivated us to stand strong in this time of pandemic and ensured us that as all bad things come to an end, this time will also end soon. Our next contestant was Roshni Verma. She recited beautiful poems and stories. Students showered praises in the comment sections with lot of cheers for the contestants. Our 3rd contestant was Dishant Kumar. He illustrated the story of a laptop in a hilarious way which was enjoyed by each and every one of us. He then entertained everyone with his short poem on sanitizer. The next contestant of the afternoon was Pankaj Ingle, he too entertained everyone with his lines regarding his trust issues with people in a comical manner.



The show was graced by a large audience; number of viewers were increasing every single minute. 5th contestant was Samruddhi Jawalkar. She looked very confident and discussed about the life which we are missing in the lockdown and spoke about racism. Next contestant for the day was Sachin Pathak. He seemed to be very wise about his words and actions, his Shayaris were beautiful. As the show unfolded, the audiences too showed great enthusiasm. Every participant was doing his best. The last contestant for the afternoon was Janaki Talekar, she illustrated beautiful poems on the topic of "When life was not restricted to four walls".

And now it was time for Our Guest and Judge Adv. Rukhman Singh Rathod to speak few words and announce the winners. He appreciated the performances and congratulated all the participants that were a part of this event. He also thanked the entire VIT team to invite him and appreciated their hard work. Before announcing the top 3 winners he made a special mention of Jatin Satankar and Niti Chikhale who couldn't make in top 3 but were excellent in their performances. Now it was time to declare the results with the audiences trying to predict the winners in the chat section. The 3rd prize was bagged by Maneesha Narank. The 2nd prize went to Shariqa Malik and the 1st prize was awarded to none other than Sachin Pathak. Everyone congratulated the winners and appreciated their performances.

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Event Name	Verve - Tug of Words
Event Schedule	2 nd May 2021 (10 am to 12 pm)
Event Venue	Microsoft Teams
Edited by	Tejas Sharma

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it"

VIT's Student Council had organized this debate competition to test the debating skills of the participants. There were two semifinal rounds and the winners competed with each other in the grand finale. The event was hosted by Parth Yadav and the judges were Prof. Meenakshi Nandula and Prof. Bhanu Tekwani.



The semi-final round 1 was held between team A from BE BIOM and team B from FE EXTC A. As EXTC A won the toss, they choose to be against the notion. The notion was "The House believes that the Paris agreement is still relevant". Initially both teams were given 5 minutes for preparation then both teams gave their opening statements. The rebuttal round was very competitive and after that the closing statements were given, judge Prof. Meenakshi Nandula gave the final result as the winners were BE BIOM.



The finals were between team A of BE BIOM and team B of TE INFT A. Team A won the tiebreaker toss and chose to be in favor of the notion. The notion was "This house is against India's stance on RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) and believes it might impact its competitiveness globally". Both teams were given 15 minutes for preparation and then the opening statements were given. Both teams opened with great points which lead to a very heated rebuttal. Both teams had good comebacks and counters during the rebuttal. The closing statements of both teams were very strong.

The two judges Prof. Meenakshi Nandula and Prof. Bhanu Tekwani discussed for some time before coming to a conclusion. The final points of the teams were 87 to team A and 78 to team B. The winner of 'Tug Of Words' was team BE BIOM.

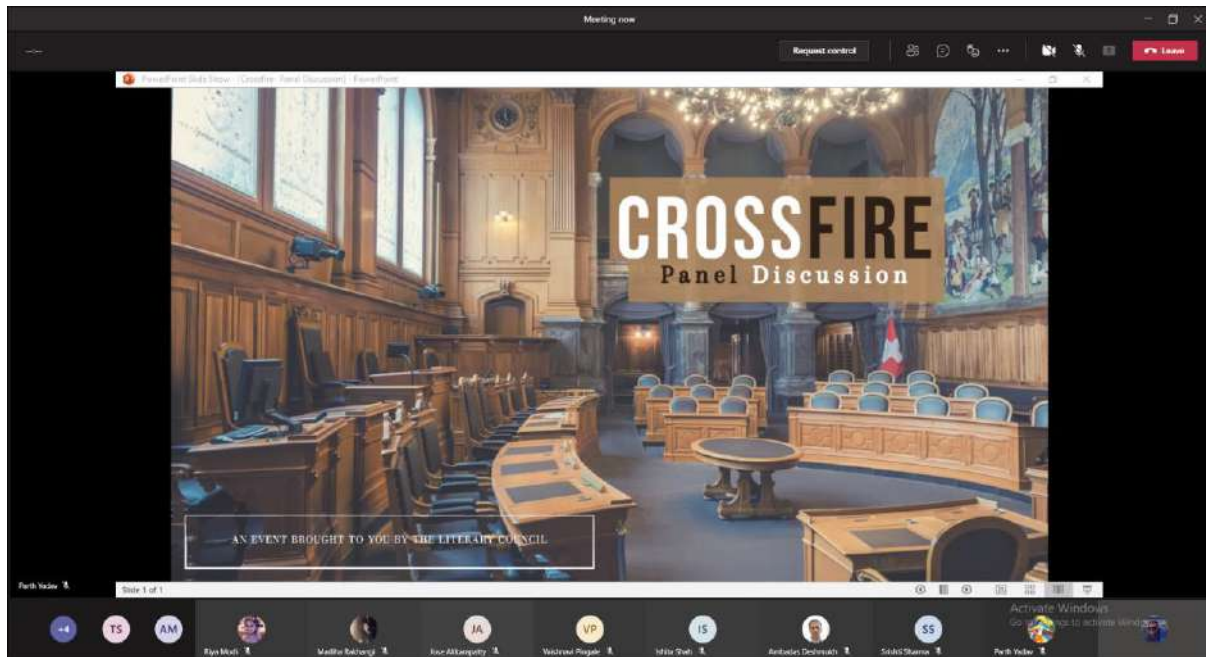
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Event Name	Crossfire - Panel Discussion
Event Schedule	May 3 rd , 2021 (10:00 AM– 2:00 PM)
Event Venue	Microsoft Teams
Edited by	Vedaant Rajeshirke

*"The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress."
-Joseph Joubert*

The Literary Council organized the Panel Discussion titled 'Crossfire' that was conducted on May 3rd, 2021 on Microsoft teams. The event started at 10:00 AM. It was hosted by Parth Yadav and Rahul Pawar from Second Year, with the judges being Chirag Sinha who is a MUN enthusiast and Sarthak Bhattamishra who has co-published a book about Law and Technology alike. There were 14 participants for this event.



The Discussion was divided in 4 rounds as follows:

Round 1: Group Discussion.

Agenda for round 1 and 2 was "This House Believes that 'Student unions should be banned from educational institutions'. Participants were given the agenda and 4 minutes to prepare their view. As soon as the time was up, each participant was given a time of 7 minutes to reveal their point of views. But, after some very constructive and helpful criticism from the external judges this round was redone where each participant was given a minute to put forth their views. At the end of this round, 4 participants out of 14 were eliminated.



Round 2: Panel-wise discussion.

The 10 promoted participants were divided into 2 panels of 5 each and were placed in respective breakout rooms. After a short period of them discussing they rejoined the main meeting and questioned the views of their peers head-on. Another 4 participants were eliminated by the judges at the end of this round.

Round 3: India wants to know.

This was a very interesting round. Our standing 6 participants were given some interesting news headlines and a minute to prepare. Then they had to speak on that headline for a couple of minutes as if they are a news reporter addressing the nation. In this round also 4 participants were eliminated.



Round 4: Presidential Debate.

In the final round we had Trisha Shah and Sakshi Kherde as our finalists. They were given some points through a document and had to give a speech in the form of a presidential debate with a rebuttal round in place for cross-questioning from the opposition and the judges alike. Trisha Shah was selected as the runner-up whereas Sakshi Kherde was crowned as the winner of the Crossfire event. The Event concluded after some encouraging words from Judges.

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