

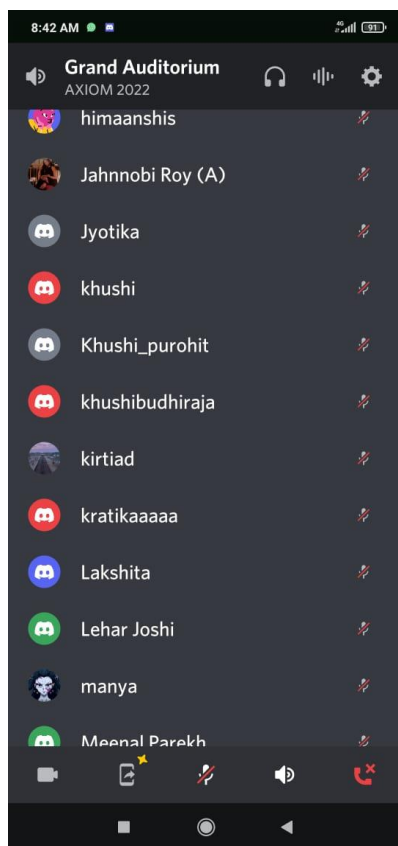
Rhetorque Events 2021 - 2022

Axiom 2022

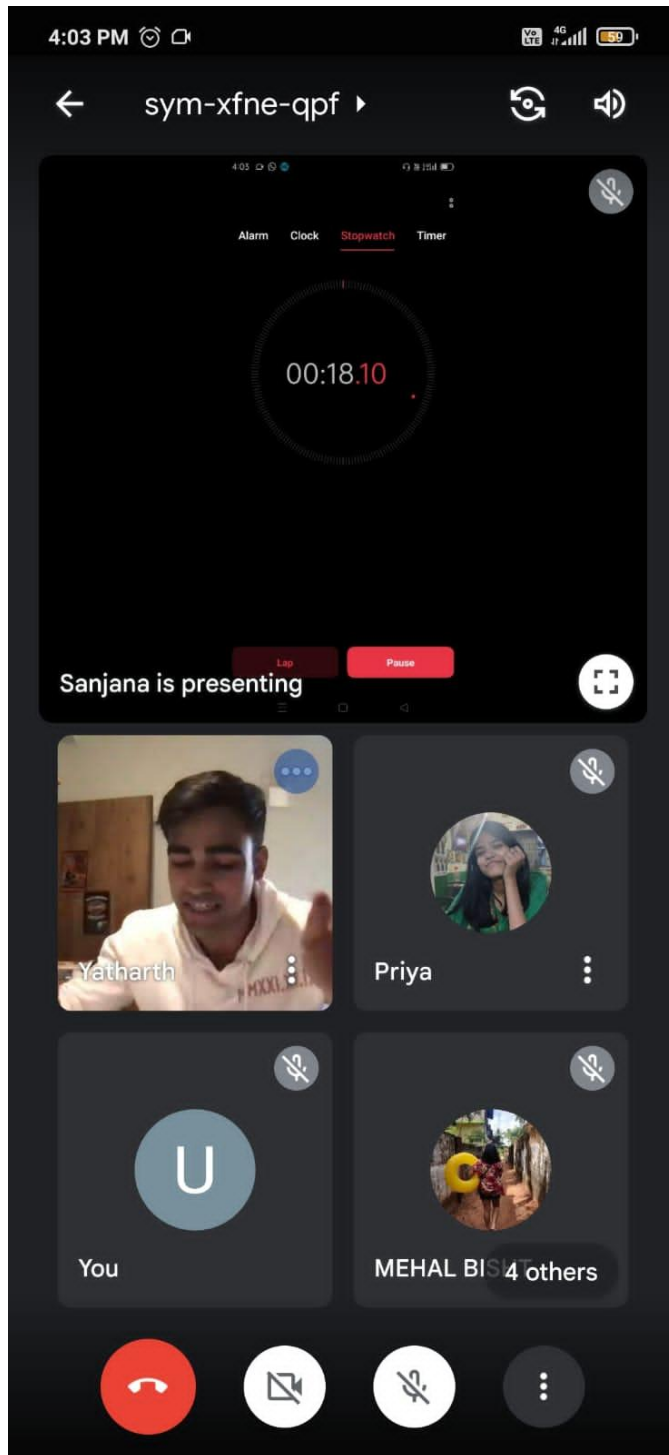
Rhetorque organised its Annual Parliamentary Debate, Axiom 2022, from 5th to 7th March 2022. The first day of the event started with the Core Adjudicators' briefing regarding the rules and regulations of the tournament, and terminated with the successful completion of the first three preliminary rounds. The last two preliminary rounds were held on the second day, followed by the announcement of the team and adjudicator breaks. Various interesting and engaging motions, ranging from feminism, philosophy, environment, to name a few, were used for the Parliamentary Debate. The final day of the tournament was marked by the commencement of the quarter-finals, followed by the semi-finals and finals. Finally, the winning team, the runners-up and the best adjudicators were felicitated, bringing the event to an end. Team I've Ran Out of Team Name Ideas comprising Ayush Bermola (DCAC), Ayush Verma (Ex- DCAC) and Prabhav Narang (DCAC) won the tournament, while team Illuminati Confirms Trump - Robin Ahuja (DDUC), Lavanya Puri (DDUC) and Yatharth Dhingra (Hindu College) were the runners up. The best adjudicator of the tournament was Parth Singal (IIT Delhi) while the second best adjudicator was Ankon Bhattacharya (IIT Delhi).



Poster of Axiom, Annual Parliamentary Debate, conducted from 5 March 2022 to 7 March 2022



A Glimpse from Axiom, Annual Parliamentary Debate, conducted from 5 March 2022 to 7 March 2022



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Jabberwocky 2022: Annual Turncoat Debate

Rhetorque, the English Debating Society of Janki Devi Memorial College, organized its Annual Turncoat Debate, Jabberwocky, as part of the college cultural festival Symphony 2022, on February 16, 2022. The debate was held online via Zoom from 9:30 am onwards and saw wide and enthusiastic participation from across the country. There were 25 speakers who represented their views on some interesting and engaging topics and 41 attendants within the Zoom meeting.

The turncoat debate format allows speakers to express their opinions for and against the motion, thus enabling full play to their rhetorical repertoire. The motions, which were shared a day prior to the event with the participants were topical and wide ranging. These topics included paternity leave duration, regulating the consumption of arts, pros and cons of dating apps, black suffering and black joy, the impact of the rise of K pop/Squid Games, children's right to question religious indoctrination by parents, State intervention in religious controversies, the rise of eco terrorism and the politicization of higher education institutions, among many others. Two minutes each were provided for arguments in favour of and against the motion, followed by two interjections each: one from fellow participants and one from the judges, that the speakers had to respond to. The judges made the criteria of judgement clear, in keeping with transparency. 25 marks each were awarded for matter, manner, method and transition between the opposing arguments and ten marks for interjection handling, thus making for a score out of 110 marks.

The two judges, Ms Mani Dixit and Mr Jatin Jha, were very proactive with their guidance and incisive inputs throughout the event. Ms Dixit is currently pursuing a PhD in Literature at IIT Kanpur. She graduated with a BA English Hons. degree from JDM College, Delhi University and a Masters from JNU; and holds a brilliant academic record. She is a published critic and poet

and has also edited two novels. She has been a member of the college's Debating Society as an undergraduate.

Mr Jatin Jha has an impressive record as a debater and has won many prizes at major national level debates, in both Conventional and Parliamentary formats. He completed his graduation in Mathematics from Hindu College, Delhi University in 2021. He has already participated in eighty debates, including Jabberwocky 2020, where he was declared a winner.

Prof. Swati Pal, the Principal of JDM College, shared valuable insights about public speaking and debating formats with the participants, before felicitating the prize winners.

The winners were:

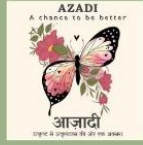
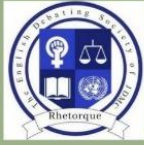
I Prize: Ms Shreya Kumari, Patna Women's College

II Prize: Ms Nitiksha Tyagi, DRC

III Prize: Ms Ojasvi Gupta, Bharti College and Ms Abeer Haroon, DRC

Best Interjector: Ms Priya Singh, Ramanujan College

The judges praised all the participants for putting across their point forcefully, without raising their voice, for asking intelligent questions and for actually listening to all the speakers with vigorous interest. They praised the organizing team for choosing intriguing and exciting topics. They were also gracious enough to stay back and offer individual feedback for improvement which will prove very valuable to the participants.



Rhetorque:
The English Debating Society of JDMC
presents its
ANNUAL TURNCOAT DEBATE

JABBERWOCKY

as a part of the Annual College Fest

SYMPHONY 2022

AZADI: A CHANCE TO BE BETTER

Date: 16th February, 2022

Time: 9:30 AM

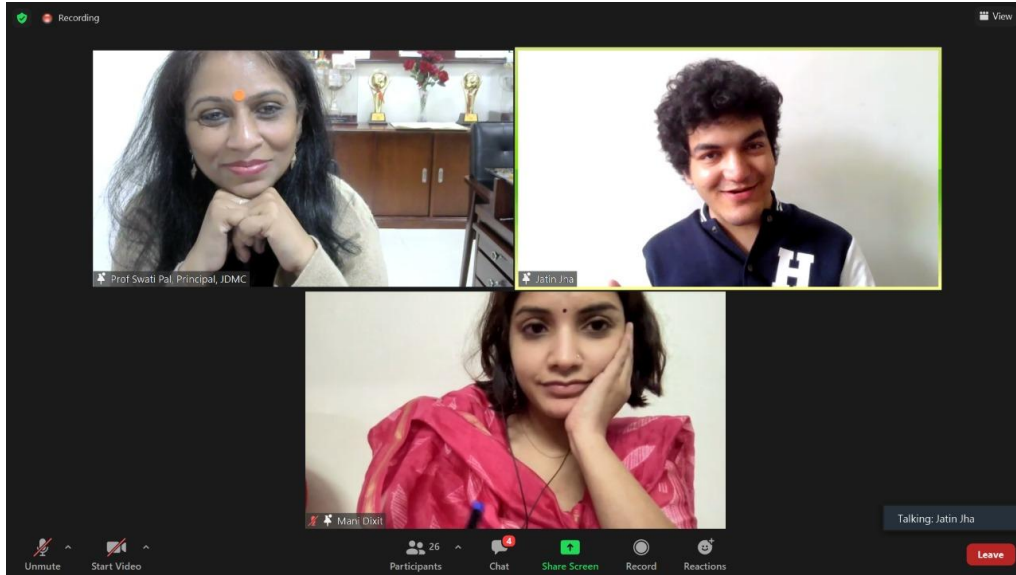
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Venue: Zoom Platform

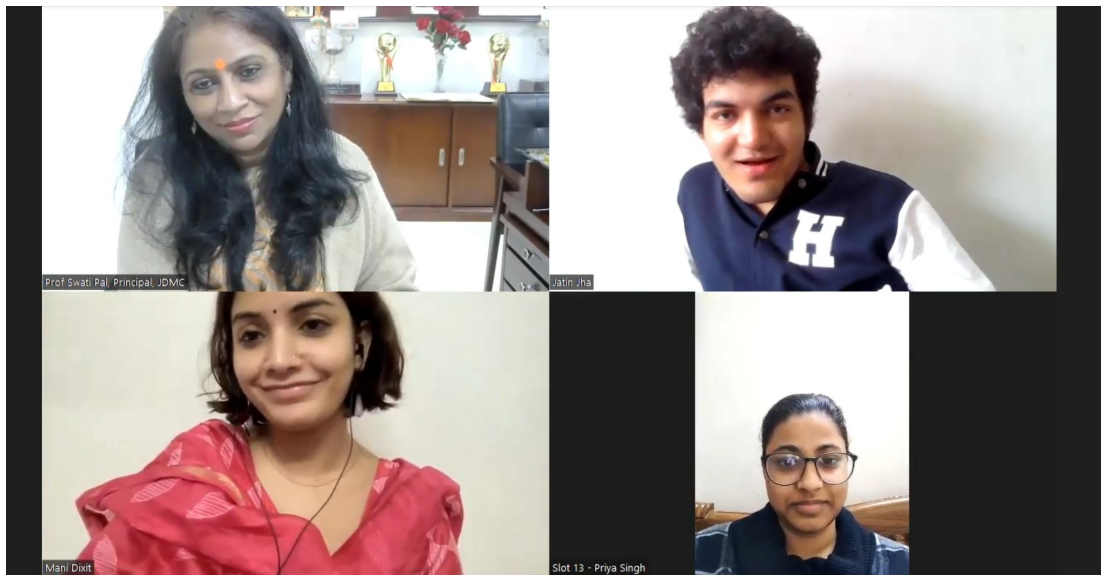
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PROF. SWATI PAL
PRINCIPAL

Poster of Jabberwocky, held on 16 February 2022, the second day of Symphony 2022



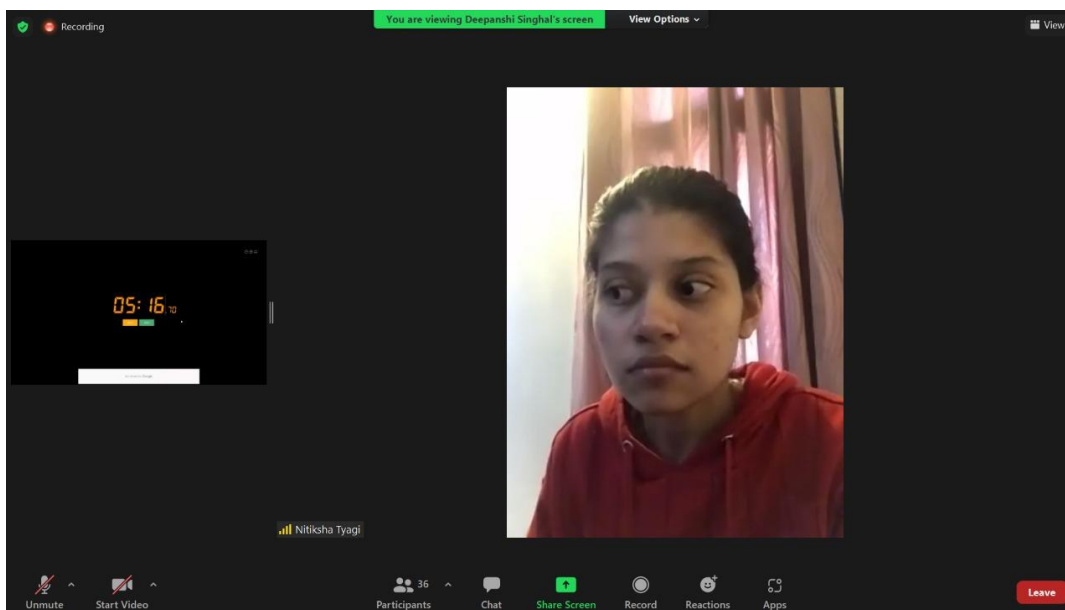
The Principal, Prof. Swati Pal and Judges, Ms. Mani Dixit and Mr. Jatin Jha, addressing the audience during Jabberwocky, held on 16 February 2022, the second day of Symphony 2022



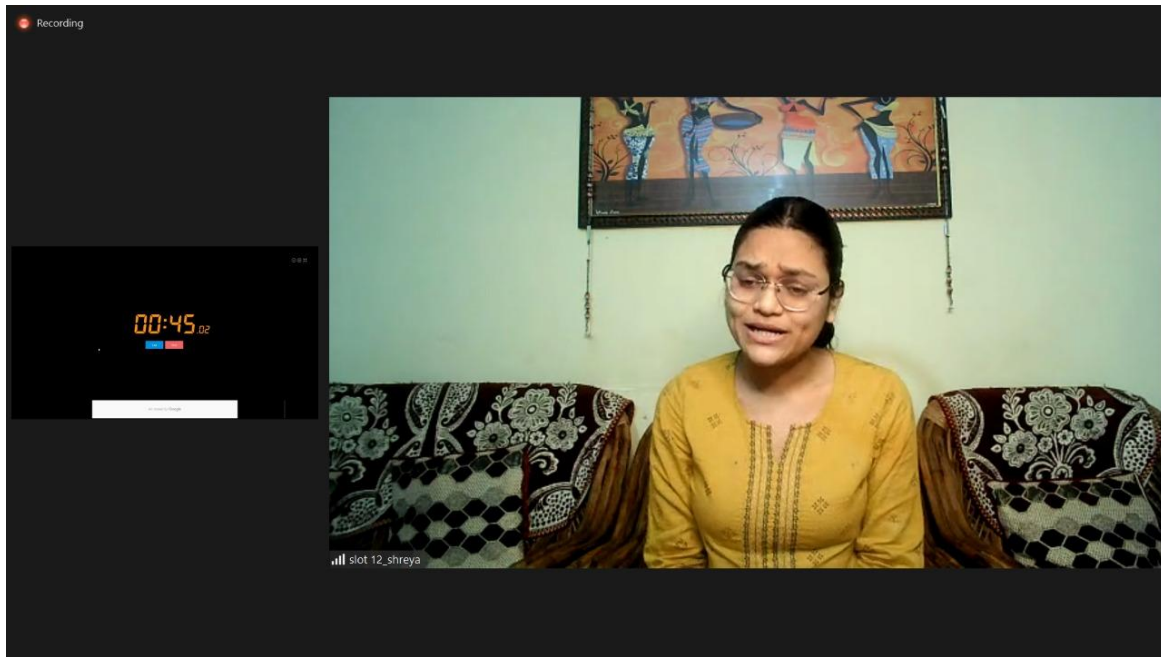
The Principal, Prof. Swati Pal and Judges, Ms. Mani Dixit and Mr. Jatin Jha, with the winner of the Best Interjector prize, Priya Singh, at Jabberwocky, held on 16 February 2022, the second day of Symphony 2022



The Principal, Prof. Swati Pal and Judges, Ms. Mani Dixit and Mr. Jatin Jha, with the winners of the Third Prize, Ojasvi Gupta and Abeer Haroon, at Jabberwocky, held on 16 February 2022, the second day of Symphony 2022



The winner of the Second Prize, Nitiksha Tyagi, giving her speech at Jabberwocky, held on 16 February 2022, the second day of Symphony 2022



The winner of the First Prize, Shreya Kumari, giving her speech at Jabberwocky, held on 16 February 2022, the second day of Symphony 2022

Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest

The Library, Janki Devi Memorial College, and Rhetorque, the English Debating Society, organized a Declamation Contest on 22nd September 2021 on the occasion of the JDMC Library Festival. It was an Inter-College Declamation Competition and students from various colleges participated in it. The program was conducted online via Zoom. The students were given a choice between three topics:-

1. Digitalization of Library Resources leads to Greater Access to Knowledge
2. Online Teaching Deprives the Economically Disadvantaged of Access to Education
3. Digital Resources Cannot Replace Library Visits

The event was judged by Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj and Mr. Samiran G.Ghissing. The event was also joined by Prof. Swati Pal, Principal of JDMC, who shared with participants and the audience the effective way to speak and made them understand the essence of the declamation contest. Dr. Nivedita Sharma, Librarian, JDMC gave valuable tips to participants and also spoke about the Library Festival.

Dr Raj Kumar Bhardwaj is the Librarian at St Stephen's College, University of Delhi. He is an eminent academic with many national and international publications to his credit. He has researched and published widely in the areas of Institutional repositories, online legal information system, open access, legal reference service, e-learning, scientometrics and digital library design and development. He has an MCA and a Masters in Library Sciences degree, which he followed up with M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees. His expertise on 'Open Access and Law' and on 'Building Digital Libraries' is well known and reflected in his paper presentations.

Samiran G. Ghissing teaches in the English Department of Janki Devi Memorial College. He has completed his B.A., M.A. and M.Phil. degrees from the University of Delhi. Coming from an interdisciplinary background of philosophy, sociology and literature, his publication and research interests reflect the same, i.e, in Trauma Studies, Memory Studies, Literary Food Studies, Material Culture Studies and Anthropology of Dreams in Shamanism.

After a wonderful and highly spirited session where participants delivered their speech about the topics in a very thoughtful and analyzed manner, the judges gave valuable suggestions and feedback to participants about areas where students can improve their skills and the mode of

representing and structuring their opinions in their speech. The conveners, Dr. Namita Sethi, Ms. Grace Suparna and Ms. Ruchi Kalita, also gave valuable tips to participants for streamlining their speech, ways to express their views wholeheartedly and time management.

The winners of the Declamation Contest were as follows:

- First Prize: Priyanshi Verma, Maitreyi College, University of Delhi
- Second Prize: Deepak Sharma, DAV PG College, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Dehradun
- Third Prize: Shreya Singh, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi

Link for Recording of Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest:

<https://youtu.be/fGl4PRiOeXc>



**JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE
LIBRARY
AND
RHETORQUE**



are organizing an

INTER-COLLEGE DECLAMATION CONTEST

**on the occasion of JDMC Library
Festival**

**THEME: BOOKS/ LIBRARIES/ DIGITALISING
EDUCATION**

DATE: 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

TIME: 10 A.M.

PLATFORM: ZOOM

**LOGIN TIME: (For participants) 9:00 AM
(For audience) 9:45 AM**

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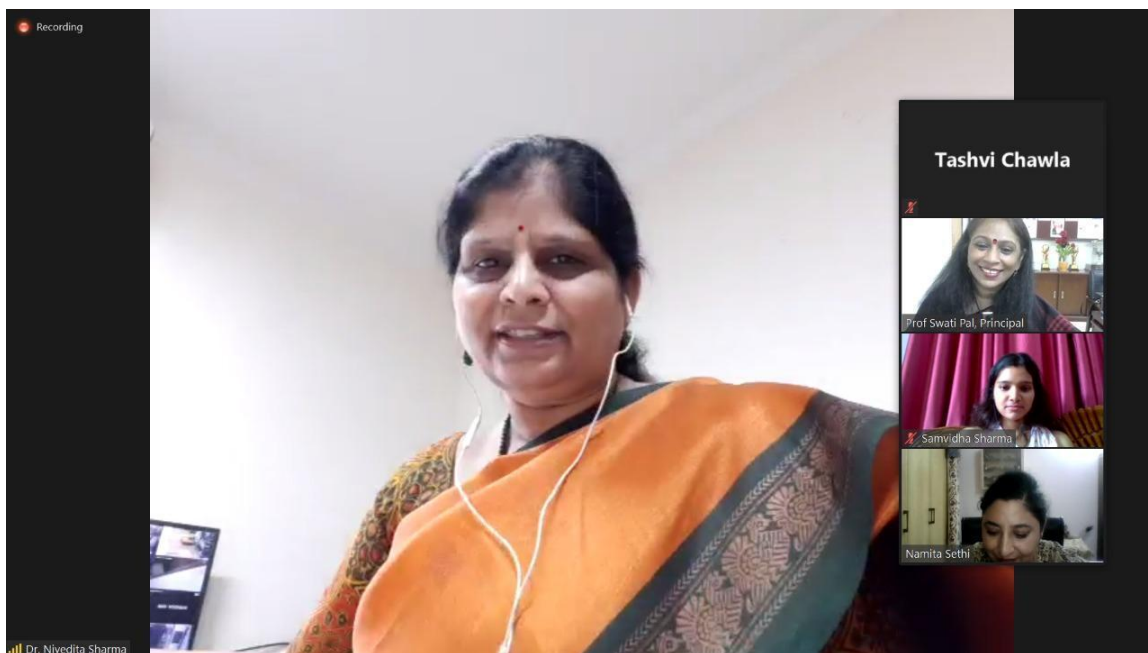
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**Prof. Swati Pal
Principal**

Poster of the Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest held on 22 September 2021



Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC, addressing the audience during the Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest held on 22 September 2021



Dr. Nivedita Sharma, Librarian, JDMC, addressing the audience during the Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest held on 22 September 2021



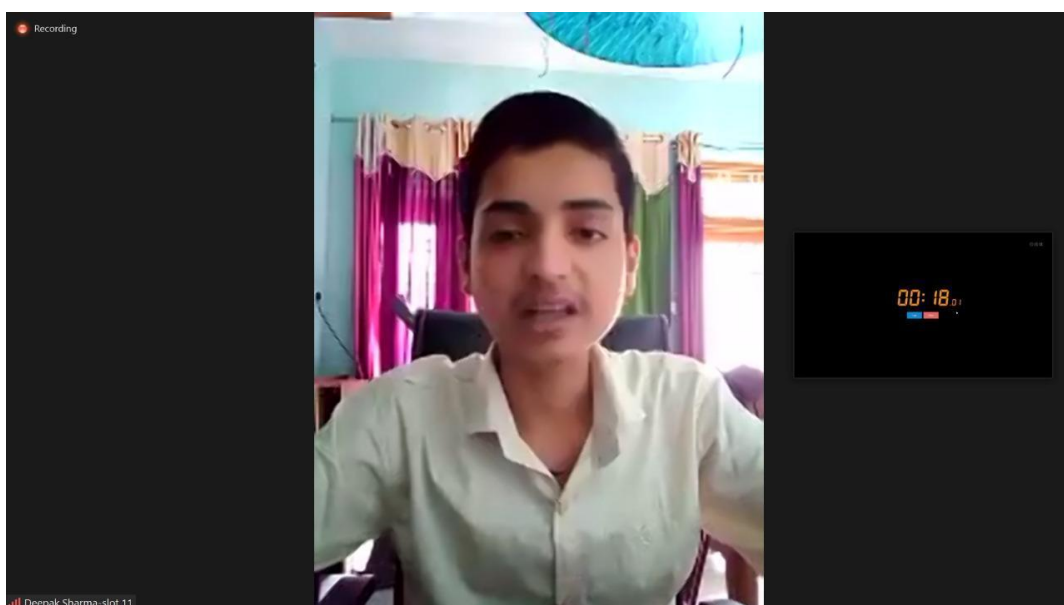
Dr. Raj Kumar Bharadwaj, Judge, addressing the audience during the Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest held on 22 September 2021



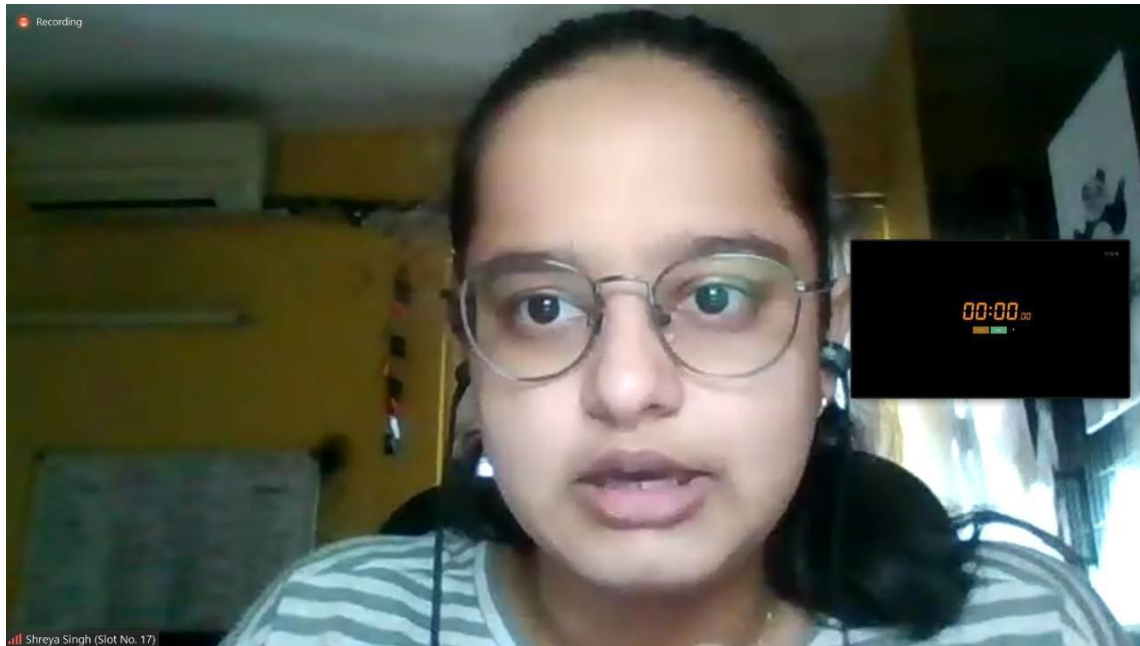
Mr. Samiran G. Ghissing, Judge, addressing the audience during the Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest held on 22 September 2021



Priyanshi Verma, Winner, First Prize, giving her speech during the Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest held on 22 September 2021



Deepak Sharma, Winner, Second Prize, giving his speech during the Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest held on 22 September 2021



Shreya Singh, Winner, Third Prize, giving her speech during the Library Festival Inter-College Declamation Contest held on 22 September 2021

Declamation Contest (as part of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav)

Rhetorque - The English Debating Society of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a Declamation Contest on August 13, 2021, from 12:00 PM as a part of the celebration of 75 years of India's Independence - Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav. It was an intra-college contest and the event was conducted on Zoom. The event witnessed participation from students from various departments of the college. The participants were given a choice between two topics - 'The Representation of Military in Indian Cinema: a Manifestation of Patriotism' and 'The Legitimacy of Forceful Protests in Democracy'.

The contest was judged by Ms. Gorvika Rao and Mr. Tarun Sharma. The event was also joined by Prof. Swati Pal, Principal of JDMC, who shared with the participants the significance of the topics used for the contest.

Ms. Gorvika Rao is an Assistant Professor at the Department of English, Miranda House, Delhi University. She has received her M.Phil. degree and M.A. in English from the University of Delhi. Her areas of interest are Dalit Studies, Gender Studies, Cyber Studies, Graphic Studies, and Drama. She has received certificates from Yale, US Santa Cruz, and JNU. She is a member of the Indian Association of Women Studies and the Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society. She has presented many papers and has an interest in interdisciplinarity. She also manages Celluloid, the Miranda House Film Society.

Mr. Tarun Sharma teaches at the Department of English, JDMC. He has received his M.Phil. degree and M.A. in English from the University of Delhi. His areas of research and interest include Urdu poetry, Sufism, and Indian Literature.

After a spirited session where the participants gave their varied interpretation of both topics, the winners of the declamation contest were announced by the judges. The first prize was won by Bushra Qureshi of B.A. Hons. History, IInd year. While Taniya of B.A. Hons. Political Science, IInd year, and Khushi Nayna of B.A. Hons. History, IInd year, secured the second and third prizes respectively.

The judges also gave valuable feedback and tips for improving oratory skills and structuring of arguments and opinions to the participants. The conveners Dr. Namita Sethi, Ms. Grace Suparna and Ms. Ruchi Kalita also shared important tips for the participants regarding time management, language fluency and public speaking.

Link for Recording of Declamation Contest (Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav):

https://youtu.be/E5m0G_bZxRM



RHETORQUE - THE ENGLISH
DEBATING SOCIETY OF JDMC

presents

DECLAMATION CONTEST

[AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV]

TOPICS:

- 1- The Representation of the
Military in Indian Cinema: a
Manifestation of Patriotism
- 2- The Legitimacy of Forceful
Protests in a Democracy

DATE: 13 August 2021

TIME: 12 P.M.

LOGIN TIME: 11:40 A.M.

PLATFORM: ZOOM MEETING

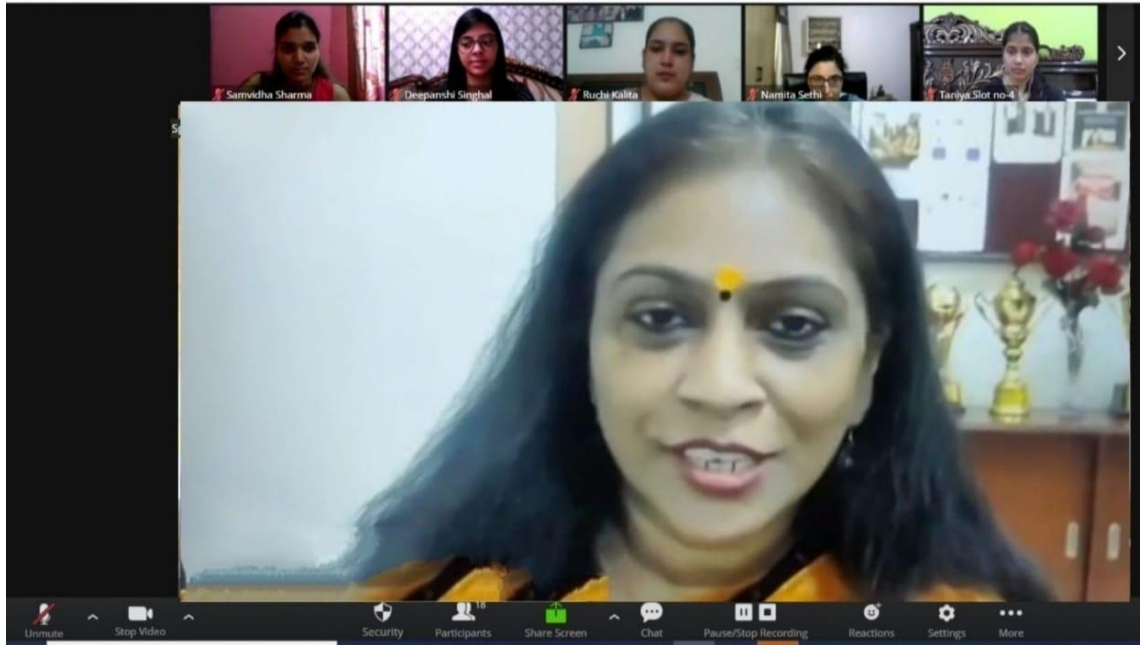
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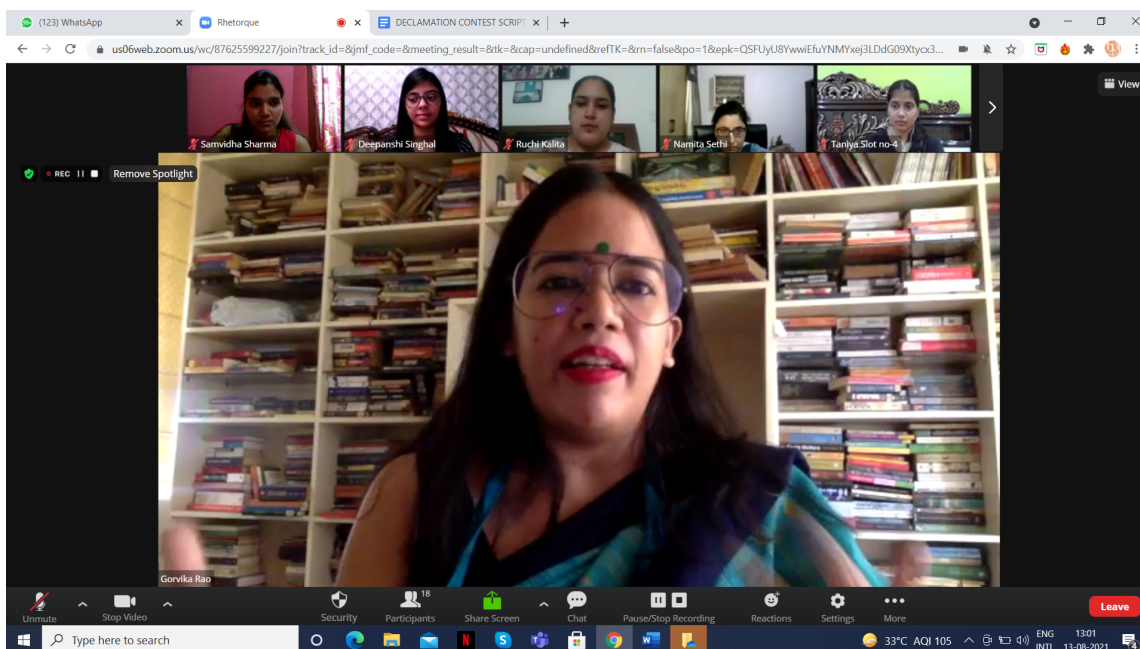
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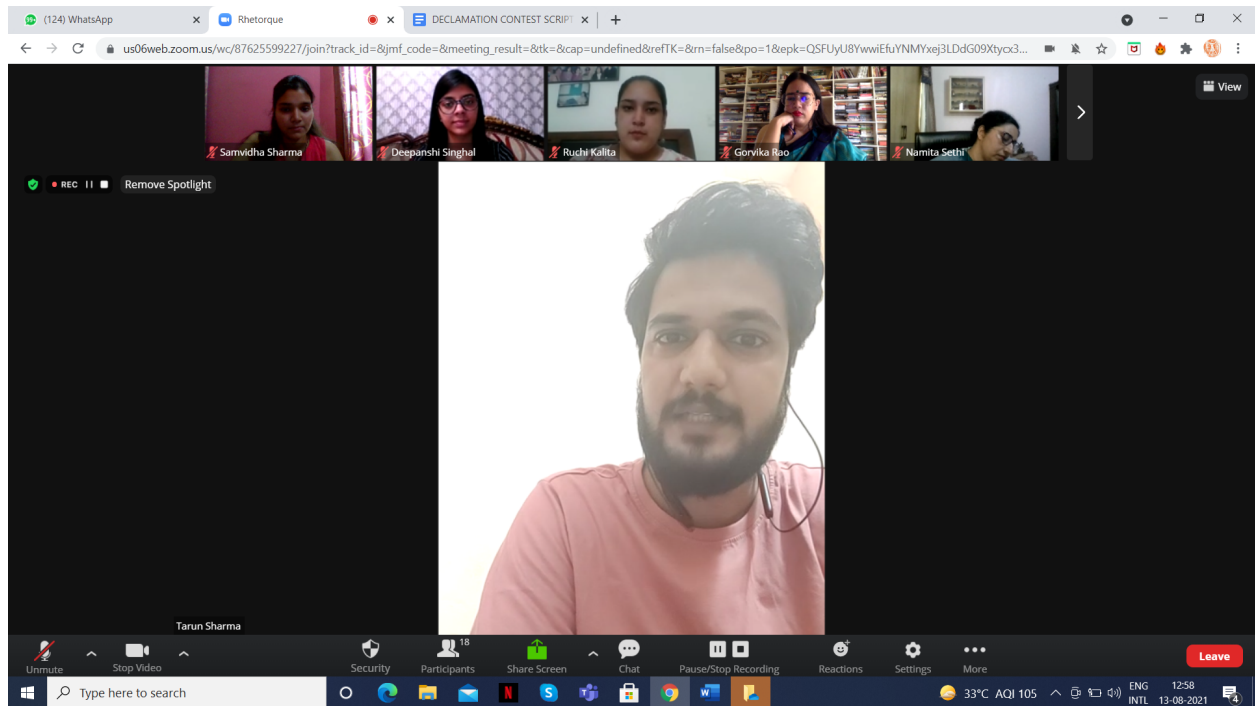
Poster of the Declamation Contest conducted as part of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav on 13 August 2021



Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, JDMC, addressing the audience during the Declamation Contest conducted as part of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav on 13 August 2021



Ms. Gorvika Rao, judge, addressing the audience during the Declamation Contest conducted as part of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav on 13 August 2021



Mr. Tarun Sharma, judge, addressing the audience during the Declamation Contest conducted as part of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav on 13 August 2021