

ERUDITE'S: THE DEBATE CLUB

The events organized by the committee were:

Debate

Date: October 28 and 29, 2020

Objective: To encourage students to take an interest in relevant and upcoming affairs, to develop confidence and improve their critical thinking skills.

Write up: The Erudite's Club, debate club of the PG department of St Joseph College of Commerce conducted a debate competition on 28th and 29th of October 2020. The club conducted six rounds of debate, with two teams of five members per team from each class i.e., M.Com regular, M. Com FA and M.Com IB. The topics for each round were intimated to the teams a day prior to their competition. The notion (for or against) were informed to the teams on the day of the competition. The topics were selected by the club after extensive discussions. They topics were as mentioned below:

- Beauty pageants are derogatory to women.
- Online/e-sports/videogames: boon or bane for the growth of youth.
- Eye for eye, tooth for tooth: the right way of justice.
- Plastic: replaceable or essential
- Feminism in today's world: easy or difficult?
- Birth control: responsibility of women alone

The rounds of debates were conducted through MS Teams. Each round was moderated by a member of the club. Each team was given five minutes to debate and 2 minutes for rebuttal. The rounds were judged by the members of the club on the basis of their presentation skills, logic of their points, quality of their points and etiquette. Each team gave some really outstanding arguments and did an amazing job.

The competition was very close and the overall winner was M.com Regulars. The debate competition was concluded by Ayesha Warda, from II M.com regular, who gave pointers to the students on how to conduct themselves at a debate and how they can improve their arguments. The students were enthusiastic throughout the competition and performed with complete vigor.