

CELEBRATION OF 70th ANNIVERSARY OF CONSTITUTION DAY

REPORT

State Level “Online Debate Competition”

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UTTARAKHAND STATE COORDINATING UNIVERSITY

ACTIVITY: State Level Online Debate Competition

In continuation to year-long celebrations of 70th Anniversary of Constitution Day, a state level online debate competition was organized on 31 August, 2020. The topic of the debate was “Should fundamental duties be lawfully enforceable as with the case with fundamental rights”. The online

debate competition was hosted on Zoom platform. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of HNB Garhwal University Prof. Annapurna Nautiyal was present on the occasion. The jury was attended by Dr. Rakhi Panchola, head of the Department of Political Science at Government PG College Doiwala, social activist and senior journalist Mahipal Singh Negi and Dr. Ashutosh Gupta of Garhwal University. Forty seven contestants of Uttarakhand participated in this competition, which were selected by their universities and colleges. Convener of the Debate Competition Organizing Committee, Prof. Mahavir Singh Negi, Department of Education, Geography welcomed all the guests, the jury and the participants and said that such programs bring new energy in any institution. He said that under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of HNB Garhwal University, these program are continuously making an important place in all over the country.

The Nodal Officer of the program Prof. MM Semwal, while keeping a report of the events so far in this year-long program, said that the crisis arising out of Corona epidemic is being exploited by the university by promoting online activities, which will also open up opportunities for the future. Prof. Semwal said that such programs are being organized all over the country so that the younger generation can be made aware of the constitution and its responsibilities. The constitution made after our freedom struggle is the dream of our ancestors, which also presents to us the goal of the betterment of our country. We need to be responsible not only for our rights but also for the duties so as to contribute to the development of the country. He informed that Garhwal University has been named the Coordinating University of Uttarakhand for this program by the Ministry of Human Resources. He said that 80% of the girl contestants participated in this debate, which is a positive sign for the future. Vice-Chancellor of Garhwal University, Prof. Annapurna Nautiyal said that every article of our constitution reflects our commitment to human welfare. She said that such programs are the spread of educational activities in the university and Garhwal University, being the Coordinating University of Uttarakhand, is doing the most spectacular work across the country. Further, by organizing similar programs, students will be pushed forward towards making them better citizens.

Dr. Rakhi Panchola, head of the Department of Political Science at Government PG College, Doiwala, a member of the jury, said that such programs broaden the scope of students and make them a better citizen. Even in this time of Corona, if this program is done so successfully, then it will prove to be a good sign for the future. Mahipal Singh Negi, a social activist and senior

journalist associated with social concerns, who is present as the second deciding member, said that this program is the opportunity taken by the students as an opportunity in disaster. The way students have participated in remote areas is an inspiration to all of us. Such programs will boost the confidence of the students so that they can prepare for the future. Dr. Ashutosh Gupta of Garhwal University, present as the third judge, said that all the students tried well. Such programs serve as a platform for students to showcase their talents. In favor of the topic given in the debate competition first place was obtained by Nikita Khati of DSB Campus Nainital, Kumaon University, Second place was jointly received by Anusha Garola of Graphic Era University and Gautam Angira of Dev Sanskriti University, Haridwar and third place was received by Deeksha Mishra of FRI University, Dehradun.

In opposition to the subject, first place was obtained by Anjali Rawat of Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali University of Agriculture and Horticulture Ranichauri Campus, Meenal Dubey of FRI University, Dehradun got second place and Chitra Kashyap of Dev Sanskriti University Haridwar got the third place respectively. Dr. Prashant Kandari was the coordinator of the program and he carried out the anchoring of the event. Students and research scholar of many universities of the state were present in this program. Along with this, the organizing co-coordinator Dr. Nitin Sati, Organizing secretary Mr. Arun Shekhar Bahuguna, State Level Committee Member Prof. Rakesh Kunwar, Prof. Seema Dhawan, Dr. Jyoti Tiwari, Dr. JP Bhatt, Dr. Sarvesh Uniyal were present. The event was well covered in the print and electronic media.