

Report on Debating Competition under "Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye" Campaign.

(February 28, 2024 to, March 6, 2024)

INTRODUCTION

The joint efforts of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth Affairs have led to the launch of the "Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye" campaign, from February 28, 2024 to, March 6, 2024. This collaborative initiative seeks to encourage and empower young individuals to participate actively and knowledgeably in the electoral process, with the ultimate goal of fostering universal engagement in elections.

AGENDA

The main goal of this campaign is to actively involve and inspire young individuals, especially first-time voters, to utilize their voting rights, highlighting the significant influence their participation can have on the welfare of the nation. As the country gears up for the 18th Lok Sabha election, this campaign, aims to leverage the power of these young first-time voters as trendsetters and influencers to motivate their peers to also partake in the voting process.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Election Commission of India, orchestrated various initiatives aimed at promoting electoral literacy and underlining the celebratory importance of elections. As part of this, the debating club of MNIT organised a debating competition on the topic of "One Nation One Election" on March 5, 2024. at Malviya Sabhagar, MNIT. The event aimed to cultivate intellectual discourse and promote critical thinking among students from diverse academic backgrounds and years of study. It served as a platform for participants to articulate their perspectives on the synchronization of Lok Sabha and state legislative assembly elections. The competition saw enthusiastic involvement from a total of 10 participants hailing from various years and departments within the college. This eclectic mix of participants infused the discussions with a wealth of diversity, amplifying the depth and breadth of viewpoints presented on the topic.

The event details:-

- DATE: March 5, 2024
- LOCATION: Malviya Sabhagar, MNIT
- TIME: 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- RULES:
 - Participants were allowed to choose whether they want to speak for or against the topic.
 - Time limit was 3 minutes.
 - Participants were allowed to speak either in English or Hindi.

The event was judged by Dr. Kapil Shukla sir and Dr. Deepak Bharti Sir, who are the faculty coordinators of the debate club.

Some photos of the event capturing the intensity of arguments, the art of persuasion, and the exchange of diverse viewpoints.



CONCLUSION

The debating competition on "One Nation, One Election" served as an intellectual forum for students from diverse academic backgrounds to exchange ideas and perspectives on an important issue concerning Indian democracy. The event facilitated an enriching dialogue, enabling participants to gain insights into the complexities surrounding electoral reforms. The debate event resonates closely with the Ministry of Education's campaign "Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye" by fostering civic engagement, encouraging informed participation, empowering youth voices, and raising awareness about the importance of voting. Through vibrant discussions and rigorous analysis of issues such as synchronized elections, students actively contribute to the democratic process, embodying the campaign's goal of promoting active citizenship and informed decision-making. By providing a platform for diverse perspectives and stimulating intellectual discourse, the debate event reinforces the campaign's message of empowering youth to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the nation through their votes.