

# **AWAAZ – THE ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY**

## **RAM LAL ANAND COLLEGE**

### **UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT - 2021**

The year 2021 was, unfortunately, not any different in terms of logistics and functioning for most societies than what was hastily adopted in the year 2020, owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, Awaaz, as an organization, did present its familiar spirit of grit and determination even as the *modus operandi* remained confined to an online platform. The productivity of the society was sustained by regular meetings, discussions, deliberations and proposals for various events throughout the year. As events are the primary mark of productivity to elements that lie outside the society, attached below is a quick summary of all events hosted by Awaaz during the year 2020.

#### **Verbatim 2.0 (February, 2021)**

Given the great reception and feedback that the first edition of Verbatim (held in February 2020) had received, there were always plans to introduce the second edition of the same event in order to cater to the voracious appetite the debating community at the University of Delhi has always held. The mode of the event was seamlessly switched to online for the same, and the results were there to see, with an overwhelming 200 registrations in less than 3 days. Over 50 participants were presented with slots, and the event began at 11 AM, on the Teleconferencing Platform 'ZOOM.'

The event was divided into 2 rounds, wherein the preliminary round was modelled around the structure of 'Just a Minute' (JAM) competitions. Participants were each given a unique topic on the spot, and were asked to speak on it for a minute.

The second round commenced after lunch, with 20 participants proceeding the next round: a conventional debate followed by a round of interjection. The winners were adjudged and presented with cash prizes.

#### **EVENTS UNDER THE AEGIS OF**

#### **AMRUT MAHOTSAV**

#### **Elocution (August 2021)**

India's 75<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence was celebrated with much pomp and fanfare across the country. Keeping in mind the guidelines set forward by the Ministry of Education as well as the University of Delhi, a three-pronged strategy was adopted, with the commitment to organize three events within a span of two weeks. The first of them was Elocution: A Conventional Debate Competition on 23rd August, [2021](#). The event was based on the theme "Role of media in the evolution of democracy since independence". It was held via Google Meet. The event witnessed an overwhelming response with over 50 registrations from students of different departments and semesters.

Each participant was allotted a topic, based on the given theme, 24 hours prior to the event. The event was judged by the convenors of the society. Around ten to fifteen participants turned up on the day of the event. Each participant turned up with well-prepared speeches and presented with immense confidence. The purpose of organising the event was to provide the students with an opportunity to enhance their public speaking skills and give them exposure within the comfort of their homes. The purpose was met well, with the great response given by the students.

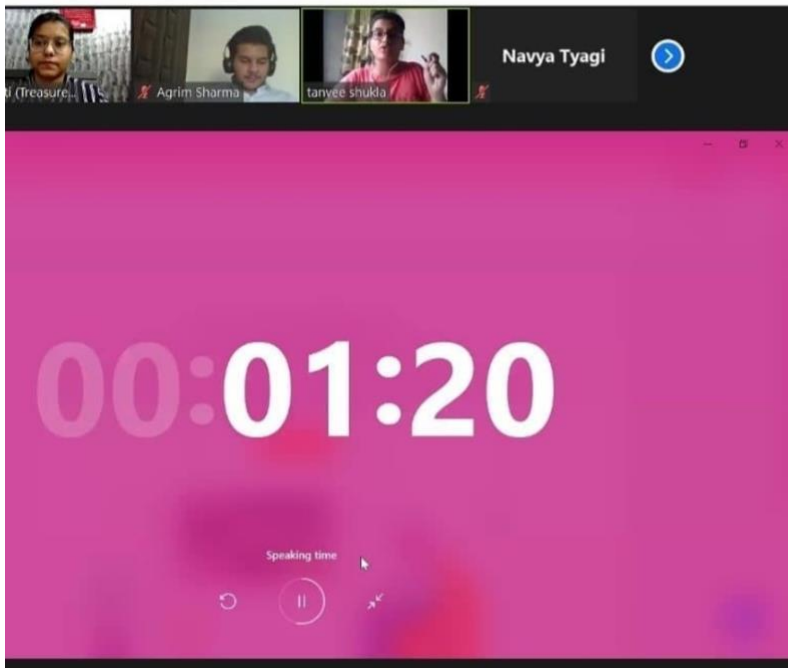
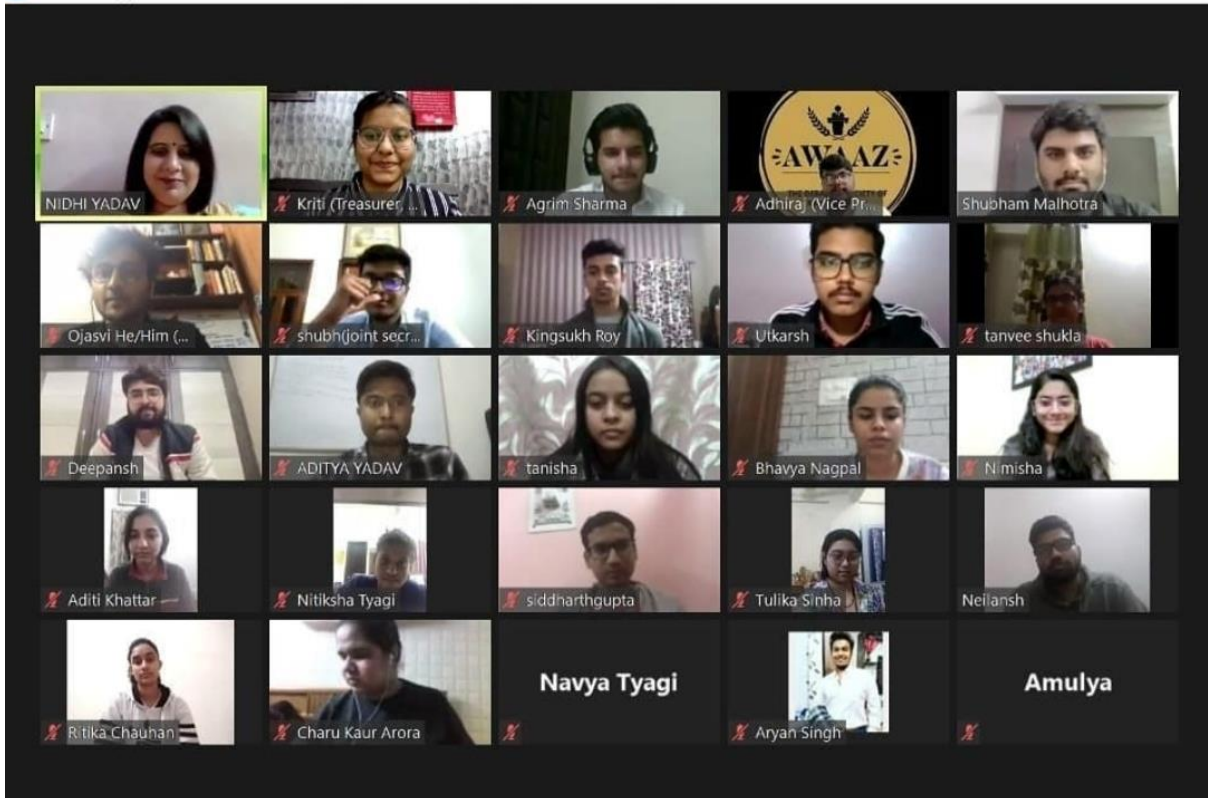
### **Tryst With Destiny (August 2021)**

The second event followed up and was organized on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, 2021. 'Tryst with destiny' was the timeless speech given by former Prime Minister Nehru on the eve of Independence. Stealing a page from Nehru Ji's book, Awaaz organized an extempore speaking competition where participants were to present a speech on a given topic which was given to them just a minute before. However, to provide the participants with an idea of the purview of the topics, a theme, namely- '*India at 75: World Conflicts*'; were released prior to the competition. The esteemed judges Dr. Urvashi Kuhad and Dr. Nupur Tyagi time and again kept our participants motivated. The event was organised on Google Meet with the anchors starting the event and subsequently judges stirring up enthusiasm in the participants. Following, the brilliant and surprisingly informative extempore session, Mrs. Urvashi Kuhad congratulated all the participants and Mrs. Nupur Tyagi commented upon the sagacity of the topics. The results of the competition were announced on Awaaz's Instagram handle.

### **Speakasia(August 2021)**

The third event, Speakasia was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, at 3:00 P.M, with the topics being intimated to the participants with a preparation time of 24 hours. Despite a low turnout, the event still managed to garner a lot of positive feedback due to the quality of the debate that ensued amongst the participants, drawing praise from the judges. The participants were given a choice of three topics, ranging from patriotism to the analysis of historical achievements of the socially repressed classes in India.

(Kindly find a few pictures and posters summarising the events organized by Awaaz over the academic year attached below)



Participants (3)

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- AS Agrim Sharma
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- A Anisha
- Aryan Singh
- Ritika Chauhan

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1st Prize 1000Rs  
2nd Prize 800Rs  
3rd Prize 500Rs

**AZADI KA AMRUT  
MOHOTSAV**

*"TRYST WITH DESTINY"*

EXTEMPORE

**THEMES**

**INDIA AT 75  
WORLD CONFLICTS**

**CERTIFICATE  
TO TOP 10  
CONTESTANTS**

NO  
REGISTRATION  
FEE  
LAST DATE TO  
REGISTER  
25 AUG 2021

11:00AM  
ONWARDS  
August 26, 2021  
ZOOM

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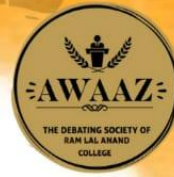
**PROF. RAKESH KUMAR GUPTA  
PRINCIPAL**

**DR. URVASHI KUHAAD  
CONVENER**



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THE ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY  
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PRESENTS



# ELOCUTION COMPETITION

23 AUGUST, 2021  
11 AM ONWARDS

**No Registration Fees**  
**Exciting Cash Prizes!**

**1st Prize: 1000**  
**2nd Prize: 800**  
**3rd Prize: 500**

**Theme: Role of media in the  
evolution of democracy since  
Independence**

Prof. Rakesh Kumar Gupta  
**PRINCIPAL**  
Dr. Urvashi Kuhad  
**CONVENOR**

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