

DEBATE COMPETITION ORGANISED FOR ACHIEVERS (GRADE IX)

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it" – Joseph Joubert

Debate is an academic activity that gives students creative room to express their opinions. The length and breadth of knowledge that they gain through this activity is unparalleled. The debate competition for 'Achievers' was held on October 26th, 2021 and was attended by 130 students of grade IX. The NDDP event was held online and was facilitated by Santosmita Chatterjee, who welcomed the participants and conveyed her best wishes for the competition.

The theme of the competition was "Democracy – Benefits and Problems." The objective of the competition was to hone the children's public speaking skills and teach them to articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions. The session was a kaleidoscope of views, thoughts, perspectives, and ideas that enhanced the students' knowledge and understanding of the topic. The event's highlight was the question-answer round as a volley of questions were answered confidently by the speakers and they exhibited excellent oratory skills.

Here are some wonderful quotes by our participants:

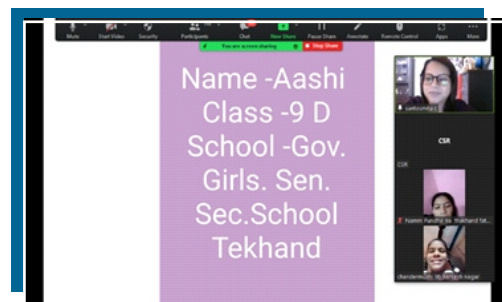
"Democracy refers to a system of government where the citizens exercise power by voting and more importantly, we can select our representatives."

- **Kiran, Tekhand School** (expressed for the motion)

"Ordinary people are unaware of what's good for them and also changes in leaders contribute to instability."

- **Anushka, Tekhand School** (expressed against the motion)

Glimpses of the debate competition. Excited achievers ready to exhibit their views on democracy.



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