

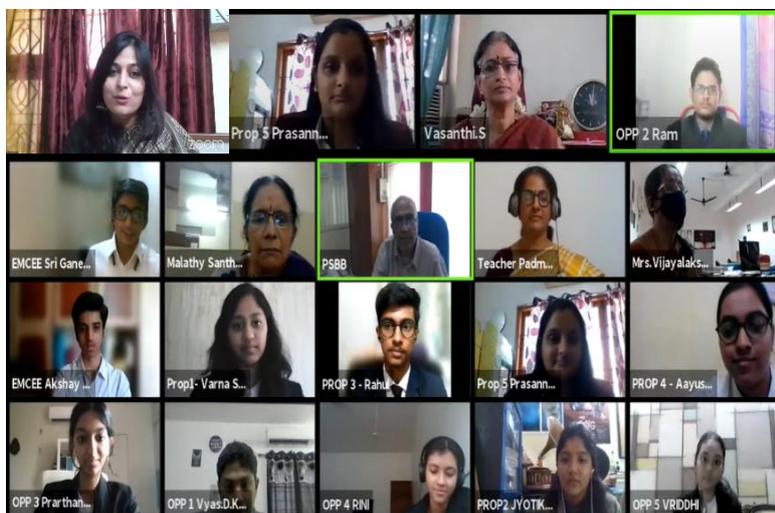
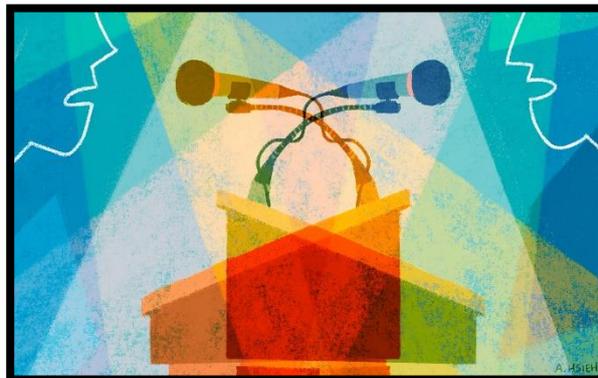
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**AN ELECTRIFYING EXCHANGE OF WORDS**  
**AT THE GRAND FINALES OF THE INTER-PSBB DEBATES 2021!**

**Virtual battle for the Coveted Trophies !**

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Tuesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021 was a red letter day in the annals of PSBB, as it marked the first **Grand Finale of both the English and Tamil Inter-PSBB Debates**, which were held successfully for the first time through the Zoom platform. The heated 'First Finals' of both English and Tamil had been held on March 26<sup>th</sup> as the Siruseri team made their debut in the debating arena of PSBB this year, contesting the runners up of the previous year. The audience comprised of the students from stds. IX –XI of the participating schools, teachers and Heads of the respective schools, besides dignitaries and judges. The activities of the Debate club and pictures of the trophies were displayed in power point presentations at both the debates.



**Team Nungambakkam** represented by Prarthana A.V. and Rini Bothra of XI A, V.K Ram and Vriddhi Galada of XI C and Vyas D.Karthik of IX C scintillated at the English Debate, 'Close Encounters of the Eloquent Kind', emerging triumphant in the digital encounter over ZOOM, bagging the 'Sitalakshmi

**Rajachandran Rolling Trophy' for the year 2020-21!**

Jyotsna of Team KKN won the first prize while Vriddhi Galada and Vyas D.Karthik of Team NGM won the second and third prizes.

The English debate, which began at 10:30 AM, commenced with an invocation to the Almighty. This was followed by the introduction of the judges, Mrs. Anita Raju, Mrs. Rama Sudev and Mrs. Priya Dixit. The rules and timings for the speeches, as well as the parameters for judging, were also explained by the student compere.

**‘THBT materialism is the root cause of all happiness’** was the motion, keenly debated by the finalists representing PSBB Nungambakkam and PSBB KKNagar. The teams, selected through multiple rounds of debate in the respective schools, consisted of five members each. **Team KK Nagar proposed** the motion, while **Team Nungambakkam opposed it.**

The motion was clearly defined by the speakers, and analyzed from different points of view. The ‘rebuttal round’ brought out the spontaneity of the participants. The team questions posed by the judges to both teams were skillfully answered by the team representatives. The judges were highly impressed by the eloquence of the students of both teams and their clarity of expression. “Thoughts were beautifully presented by the speakers!” said adjudicator Mrs.Anitha Raju, praising them. They added that it had been “ a great competition!” and was “ an amazing opportunity” provided by the school. Mrs. Priya Dixit reminisced about her days in the school, and stressed the importance of listening to views that may oppose one’s own.



**“Everybody is a winner !”** said Mrs.Sheela Rajendra, Dean and Director and Correspondent,PSBB group of schools, congratulating the students and teachers on their efforts.In her speech, she reminisced about Dr.Mrs.YGP’s enthusiasm for debating and encouraged the students to continue to participate ,irrespective of the results.

“Today’s debate was Excellent!” said Mr.Y.G.Rajendraa, Executive Trustee, PSBB Group of schools, the architect of the Debating Society of the Institution, who declared the results. “Students have proved that they are absolutely mature, all the speakers were very good..spontaneity was very high!”he added.

The English Debate was followed by the **Grand Finale of the Tamil Debate,’Selvathul Selvam Sevichelvam’** between Team Nungambakkam and Team KKNagar, at 1:45 PM. The debate started with an invocation to the Almighty, followed by the introduction of the judges, Dr.Krithika, Mrs.Thilagavathi and Dr.Sundararaman. The rules of the debate and the judging criteria were explained by the compere.

The Motion of the debate was 'Inraya Samuthaayathil Aangale Nalintha Vargathinar'(Men are the weaker sex in today's Society). The teams comprised of 5 participants each, chosen through multiple rounds of debates held online over the year. **Team Nungambakkam spoke 'for'** the motion and **Team KKNagar spoke 'against'** the motion. Talent shone as the debaters put forth their analytical and persuasive constructive speeches and witty rebuttals, to the delight of the audience and the judges.



**Team KK Nagar** won the tamil debate. The first prize was bagged by Ritika of Team KKN and the second by Reshmi A. of Team Nungambakkam . The third was shared by V.K. Ram of Team Nungambakkam and Gautam of Team KK Nagar. The judges expressed their appreciation of the efforts of the institution, and the performance of the students, particularly those who were able to speak in a jovial manner. All the judges stressed that both sexes are equal.



Mrs. Sheela Rajendra expressed her appreciation of the communication skills of the participants and congratulated the Principals of the schools, the teachers for their efforts and the students on their performance. She thanked the judges for having consented to adjudicate. Mr. Y.G. Rajendra appreciated the talents

of the students and recalled Dr. Mrs. YGP's passion for languages and debating, before he declared the results.

Both the debates which concluded with the formal vote of thanks were engaging and thought provoking and thoroughly enjoyed by all those involved !

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