

Report on 'Verbal Arena' organized by the Active Mind Literary Club, Computer Science and Engineering Department

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On behalf of the Active Mind Literary Club of the Computer Science and Engineering Department, we are pleased to present our report regarding the successful organization of Verbal Arena, a debate competition conducted on 30th September, 2024. This event was held in the Seminar Hall of Academic Block B and provided an outstanding platform for students to engage in comprehensive discussions on contemporary issues.

Event Overview:

Under the expert guidance of esteemed faculty coordinators **Ms. Falak Alam** and **Dr. Nudrat Fatima**, Verbal Arena emerged as a dynamic platform for students to engage in thought-provoking debates on two highly relevant and contemporary topics: **Social Media Regulation** and **the intricate balance between Free Speech and Censorship**.

The event was meticulously coordinated by a dedicated team of club coordinators, Syed Wasif Hussain, Afnan Ansari and Ayesha Tariq, each contributing their unique skills and insights to ensure that the competition ran seamlessly and left a lasting impression on all attendees. They worked tirelessly, from the early planning stages through to the final execution, addressing every detail to facilitate a successful event. Adding to the atmosphere of intellectual rigour, the debates were skillfully moderated by experienced anchors, who ensured that the discussions remained on track while providing an engaging experience for the audience. A committed team of volunteers played a pivotal role in managing logistics, setting up the venue, and offering support to participants, ensuring they had everything they needed to perform at their best. The collective efforts of all involved culminated in an impactful and enriching event that fostered critical dialogue among participants and spectators alike.

Key Highlights:

- The competition featured four teams who engaged in rigorous debates.
- **Kartikey Dubey was recognized as the Best Speaker for his articulate and compelling defence of free speech.**
- **Team B comprising Adnan Ahmad, Vanshika, Shashank Shekhar and Barirah Usmani, delivered a strong performance, emerging as the runner-up in the debate on Social Media Regulation.**
- The event received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees, who praised the organization, the relevance of the topics, and the quality of the arguments presented.

Outcomes and Future Plans:

Verbal Arena was a tremendous success, sparking insightful discussions on key societal issues. The participants were commended for their thorough preparation and thoughtful presentations, with judges providing valuable feedback to help them hone their skills further. Based on the enthusiastic response, the Literary Club is eager to organize more debate competitions and similar events that promote intellectual engagement and critical thinking among students.

We extend our sincere thanks to Ms. Falak Alam, Dr. Nudrat Fatima, the coordinators, volunteers, and all the participants for their contributions in making this event a resounding success. Attached are the glimpses from the event for your reference.

	
Kartikey Diwedi of Team B presenting his case on 'Social Media Regulation'	Ms. Falak Alam judging the event
	
Final question round of the event	Audience of the event

We look forward to your continued support as we strive to foster meaningful discourse and learning within the department.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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With Regards,

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