

INTER-COLLEGE DEBATE HELD AT IME

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An inter-college debate was organized in Conference Hall of IME on 3rd November, 2017 which begins at 2 P.M with registration of participants. The topic of the debate was “**Whether the Use of Loudspeakers Are Intrinsic Part of Religion or It Infringes Individual’s Right To Privacy?**”, Prof. S.D Sharma Director General IME inaugurating the debate given a warm welcome to the students & stating importance of academic activities appreciated the initiatives taken by IME Law College.

Mr. Vinod Kumar, Law Faculty IME & organizer of the debate presented an introductory concept note on the topic. Referring constitutional provisions pertaining to freedom of religion & newly recognized ‘Right to Privacy’ in the case of *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd) vs Union of India* of Supreme Court of August, 2017, he said since rights under article 20 and 21 not suspends even in emergency but all other rights conferred under part III of Constitution got suspended so right to privacy should prevail over right to freedom of religion. Briefing the grounds taken in favour of banning loudspeakers atop religious institutions in a PIL titled ‘*Sanjiv Kumar Vs. Union Of India*’ Writ Petition (Civil) No. 8982 Of 2017 which is pending before Delhi High Court, he said that religions are older than 500 years whereas loudspeakers were invented in 1924 so how a loudspeaker be an intrinsic part of religion. Further National Green Tribunal, Delhi’s recent order banning protests & religious events at all the heritage sites including Ramlila Maidaan is also condition conducive for present debate as incessant blaring of loudspeakers & sloganeering causes noise pollution, communal tensions and also disturbs patients nearby.

The representatives of the various houses spoke vehemently and came up with their own perspective on the topic. Interestingly students to justify their stand cited reasons and supported them with suitable authorities & examples from real life.

Prof. JC Wasney, eminent Professor IME presided the proceedings of debate & IME Faculty Members Ms. Deepmala Rajpoot, Ms. Vibha Bajpai & Ms. Jyoti Singh remained present during the debate to spark up & moderate the debate. The judges for the day, Mr. Virender Pratap, Ms. Niharika Satija, Ms. Shikha Yadav & Mr. Tushar Kumar deeply engrossed in the ideas of the students & found it difficult to reach a concrete conclusion.

Concluding the programme Ms. Jyoti Singh announced the name of the Best Debater **Ms. Saundarya Sharma, student B.A L.L.B IX** & formally extended vote of thanks.

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