

# Hope Foundation's International Institute of Information Technology, (I<sup>2</sup>IT) Hinjawadi, Pune – 411057

### **Activity Report**

Academic Year: 2021-22

Name of Event: Debate for a change

## **Topic:** For First Round:

- 1. Is online teaching affecting student life in a bad way?
- 2. Is privatisation a good solution for India's GDP?
- 3. Is antenna radiation responsible for cancer?
- 4. New social media threatens privacy.

#### For Semi-Finals:

- 1. Should we raise gasoline prices to encourage the shift to energy efficient cars?
- 2. Will Indian economy grow faster with reduced goods and services tax?

#### For Finals:

Will Artificial Intelligence take away jobs in the near future?

Date & Time of Conduction: 10-12 july 2021

**Targeted Audience:** SE, TE & BE students from E&TC

Venue: Online Platform - Google meet

Coordinator: Prof. Bhagyashri Thorat

**Number of Participants:** 22 Participants

#### **Activity Description in Nutshell:**

Our main objective of this debate was to allow students to express their views and opinions on topics that increase awareness on various social-technological issues. The course objective was to improve the communication skills of students and to instill a sense of familiarity among them. Hence, a 'Debate for a Change' debate competition

was conducted to test the knowledge and abilities of students. Twenty two students participated in this event and were further divided into 8 groups. The first round was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021, from 4 pm to 6 pm.

The 4 winning teams from the first round qualified for the semi-finals, which were then conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021, from 4 pm to 6 pm. On completion of this round, we had 2 groups for the finals who had a healthy debate on the given topics.

The final round was conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 6 pm onwards. Two groups (I rest my case v/s KK and Co.) that made it to the finals and had a healthy debate maintaining the decorum.

Results were declared on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021, with the winning team – <u>I rest my case</u> awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 1000/- and the runner up team <u>KK and Co.</u> Got a consolation prize of Rs. 500/-.

## **Event Photos:**

## Final Round:



## Semi finals:

