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Student Activities

MindForge: Debate & Quiz Clash

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The Cognizance Club of IBS Jaipur successfully organized an intellectually stimulating event titled *MindForge: Debate & Quiz Clash* on September 4, 2024. The event brought together students from various institutions of Jaipur, providing a platform for them to engage in a combination of quiz and debate activities that challenged their knowledge and critical thinking skills, particularly on current affairs.

Objective of the Event:

The goal of *MindForge* was to foster intellectual curiosity, analytical thinking, and collaborative engagement among participants, while promoting awareness of pressing current events. The blend of a quiz and a debate format offered a comprehensive challenge, allowing participants to not only test their knowledge but also advocate for their viewpoints and defend them against opposing arguments.

Event Highlights:

1. Quiz Round:

- The event kicked off with a preliminary online quiz conducted via Google Forms. This round focused on current affairs, with visual-based questions involving well-known brands and public figures.
- The quiz consisted of 30 questions, each allotted a 1-minute response time, testing both the accuracy and speed of participants.
- Automated scoring provided immediate results, with the top 20 scorers moving on to the debate round.

2. Debate Round:

- In the second segment, the top 20 participants from the quiz advanced to the debate competition. The debate format allowed each participant to argue either for or against a chosen topic, fostering an environment of intellectual dialogue and critical discourse.
- Participants were evaluated on their opening statements, rebuttals, and closing remarks, with a moderator ensuring time management and fair play.
- The debate emphasized clarity, organization, and the effective use of rebuttals, with participants required to present factual evidence to support their arguments.

3. Judging Criteria:

- A panel of experts evaluated participants based on their argumentation structure, presentation style, persuasiveness, and the quality of rebuttals. Special emphasis was placed on incorporating relevant facts and evidence.

Outcomes:

The event successfully met its objectives, developing the participants' critical thinking, public speaking, and teamwork skills. It also provided a platform for students to showcase their understanding of current affairs and engage in constructive dialogue with peers. The combination of quiz and debate formats enabled participants to not only test their factual knowledge but also hone their persuasive communication abilities.

Overall, *MindForge* was a resounding success, promoting a spirit of intellectual engagement and competitive camaraderie. It concluded with an appreciation for the participants, judges, and organizers, ensuring a memorable and enriching experience for all involved.

Photographs and Video Drive Link:

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