



FELICITATION Ceremony

SUMMARY OF FELICITATION

Praja also had the privilege of hosting eminent dignitaries including **Vandana Chavan, Member of Rajya Sabha** and **Jayaprakash Narayan, Former Member of Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh** apart from **Nitai Mehta, the Founder and Managing Trustee of Praja Foundation**, at the felicitation ceremony.

The discussion amongst the guests, summarised the overall understanding shared about city governance in the past few days of the festival. An important idea proposed in the planning of modern governance was 'Think Globally, Act locally', as suggested by Vandana Chavan. The guests went on to discuss how the politics understood by citizens is unlike the reality, conveying the challenges that a person-in-authority faces.

The event, hosted by Milind Mhaske, Director, Praja Foundation, also saw Jayaprakash Narayan drawing attention to the lack of grassroots democracy by stating, "Our country has the weakest local government in the world" and iterated that they are for namesake, constitutional and ceremonial." For more than an hour, the discussion continued on the challenges faced and their potential solutions. This gave way to the felicitation ceremony where winners for each of the events in Prajatantra were announced. The amount of joy and ecstasy caught on the faces of the winners was delightful. With the applauding remarks of the guests and organisers, the event came to a satisfying end.

City governance is a concoction of science and art for me.

(..talking about his plans for his city..)

As reliance on transport is high, solar power back-up at all train stations should be put in place. I also want to initiate a plan to facilitate internet yoga.

Mahi R.

*Department of Political Science,
Kerala University*



SUMMARY OF GRAND FINALE

The grand finale heat was reflected in each competition. As stakes were high, participants' energy and passion reflected in their performances.

Building on their past arguments, seven finalists, concentrated their arguments on the importance of the overall health sector at the hyperlocal stage. Arguments moved over health, as a basic necessity to the potential of medical tourism to financially boost the sector. There were other discussions on strengthening the primary healthcare sector to minimise the impact of severe healthcare challenges and health challenges unique to urban life.

In the other zoom rooms, policy presentations balanced ambitious plans with practical implementations. There were several improvisations in the presentations based on the feedback shared by the judges in the earlier rounds. Ruturaj Lende from Mumbai University stood out as he presented his mobility plan. He included several slogans such as 'Bhagao complexity welcome simplicity' and 'Ab har citizen dodhega'.

Representation of women in Indian politics is an unusual sight, but it is impressive to see the maximum number of finalists personating as Mayors of their cities to be women, today.



Dr Amit Singh,
Assistant Professor,
Department of Political
Science, Atma Ram
Sanatan Dharma College,
University of Delhi

I gained a lot of knowledge from the event and all participants were extremely accomodating. I got to learn new management skills and communication skills. Thank you for giving me chance

Diksha Sharma

Participant

Development of PHC infrastructure becomes extremely vital as the identification and service provision at the grassroot level is the need of the hour

Pranav Sriram & Mansi Kelkar,

SIES college of Arts, Science & Commerce

Ruturaj's teammate Sahil M Parsekar from Mumbai University (Political Science) came up with the Basti Health Centre plan which could benefit Mumbai's informal housing, where 58% of Mumbai stays. The idea focuses on affordable and accessible healthcare as well as provisions to fill regional disparities and inequalities.

In the grand finale of Engaging Citizens through Social Media, most strategies focused on the effective use of Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube. Visuals-based such as poster making, video making were popular with the participants. Strategies looked towards online competitions as a way to engage citizens on a subject. To engage the young population, Indraprastha College for Women (University of Delhi) came up with a meme contest to raise awareness on Solid Waste Management.



KNOWLEDGE *Beats*



As Mayors, we have to face systemic challenges which are universal in nature. The positions of Mayors are derived from a Western concept. In our society, we imitated this concept but are far away from emulating it. Development at grassroots level will be better achieved if Municipal Corporations can be transformed into Urban Local Governments, ensuring more decentralisation.

Junaid Mattu,

Mayor, Srinagar Municipal Corporation



It is impressive to adjudge the knowledge possessed by the Model Mayors, especially the nature of administrative facts. Politics envisages wise people and to actually change the system, wise people must join politics and implement policies to change the nature of system. To witness the development of cities at local level, it has now become crucial to decentralise the focus on SDGs.

Vikrant Gojamgunde,

Mayor of Latur Municipal Corporation



Problems lie everywhere, but great leaders are the ones who find solutions to them. We, as the South Delhi Municipal Corporation are welcoming student suggestions from all over South Delhi for improvement of our areas.

Mukesh Suryan,

Mayor, South Delhi Municipal Corporation

PRAJATANTRA 2021 GRAND FINALE WINNERS



MAYOR SPEECH

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| 1st Prize | SANDRA SINGH Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening), University of Delhi, Delhi |
| 2nd Prize | MRIGAANK SHUKLA Civics & Politics Dept., Mumbai University, Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 3rd Prize | MAHI R Dept. of Political Science, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala |



POLICY PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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| 1st Prize | SAHIL M PARSEKAR Civics & Politics Dept., Mumbai University, Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 2nd Prize | DEV NAIDU Thakur Ramnarayan College of Law, Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 3rd Prize | MEGHA MANIKANDAN A All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore, Karnataka |



POLICY PRESENTATION ON MOBILITY

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| 1st Prize | RUTURAJ LENDE Civics & Politics Dept., Mumbai University, Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 2nd Prize | SAAKSHI MEHTA Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, Delhi |
| 3rd Prize | PRIYANSHI RANJAN Lords Universal College of Law, Mumbai, Maharashtra |



POLICY PRESENTATION ON MUNICIPAL FINANCE

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| 1st Prize | MEHAK SAXENA TERI School of Advanced Studies, Delhi |
| 2nd Prize | SMRITI M CEPT University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat |
| 3rd Prize | KAVYA JAIN School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh |



POLICY PRESENTATION ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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| 1st Prize | VISHAL KUMAR SINGH Maharaja Agrasen College, Delhi University, Delhi |
| 2nd Prize | TANAY BOTHRA NMIMS Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 3rd Prize | NEHA GUPTA Sikkim Government Law College, Gangtok, Sikkim |



QUIZ

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| 1st Prize | PURVAJA Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 2nd Prize | AKSHAYA PAUL & PIYUSH SAXENA TERI School of Advanced Studies, Delhi |
| 3rd Prize | GEETIKA Indraprastha College for Women - University Of Delhi, Delhi |



PRAJATANTRA 2021 GRAND FINALE WINNERS

| SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY | | |
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| 1st Prize | ABHINANDA DAS St. Edmund's College, Shillong, Meghalaya | |
| 2nd Prize | DIVYANSHI PUNDIR & ASWATHY B. SURENDRAN Indraprastha College for Women - University Of Delhi, Delhi | |
| 3rd Prize | DEEPALI KUMARI Kirori Mal College, University Of Delhi, Delhi | |
| OP-ED WRITING | | |
| 1st Prize | STHANIYA JANSATTA PARTY Civics & Politics Dept., Mumbai University, Mumbai, Maharashtra | |
| 2nd Prize | KM RUBY Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | |
| 3rd Prize | SARVODAYA PARTY Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Maharashtra | |
| FIVE STARS OF MY CITY: VIDEO | | |
| 1st Prize | SIKKIM GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, GANGTOK, SIKKIM | |
| 2nd Prize | SNDDT WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF LAW, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA | |
| 3rd Prize | KIRORI MAL COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, DELHI | |
| DEBATE OVER PROPOSED POLICIES | | |
| 1st Prize | PRANAV SRIRAM & MANSI KELKAR SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Mumbai, Maharashtra | |
| 2nd Prize | YASHI & SARVESH TIWARI Kirorimal College, University Of Delhi, Delhi | |
| 3rd Prize | SAHIL M PARSEKAR & TUBA ASRAR JAGIRDAR Civics & Politics Dept., Mumbai University, Mumbai, Maharashtra | |
| MS. DEMOCRACY and MR. DEMOCRACY | | |
| MS. DEMOCRACY | KAVYA JAIN School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh | |
| MR. DEMOCRACY | SIDDH DHINGRA Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening), University of Delhi | |
| VIEWERS' CHOICE | | |
| Zakir Husain Delhi College Evening, University of Delhi | | |
| MOST ATTENTIVE / ACTIVE COLLEGE AWARD | | |
| Zakir Husain Delhi College Evening, University of Delhi | | |
| BEST COLLEGE AWARD | | |
|  | 1st Prize | KIRORI MAL COLLEGE, DELHI UNIVERSITY, DELHI |
| | 2nd Prize | CIVICS & POLITICS DEPT., MUMBAI UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA |
| | 3rd Prize | TERI SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDIES, DELHI |



Congratulations & best wishes for a bright future!
See you at Prajatantra 2022!