NSU Debate Club organizes 4th Inter University Debate Championship 2007

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4th Inter University Debate Championship 2007, recognized as one of the grand slams in the Bangladeshi debating arena, was successfully organized by NSU Debate Club from 8th to 12th June 2007. The Inter University Debate Championship, more commonly known as IUDC, is one of the major yearly events of NSU Debating Club, and they have successfully held it once again. Teams from reputed institutes took part in this huge event to test their mettle against the best debaters of Bangladesh and to uphold the honor and prestige of their university. It's a battle of minds and will where the only weapon is logic. Both Bangla and English debates were held this year at NSU. After weeks of hard work, planning, lots of running to and fro from the NSU Debate Club members, the tournament kicked off on 8th June in the NSU campus.

The tournament followed the All Asians format, which is a very popular debating format nowadays. The institutes participating in this year's tournament were Dhaka University, Stamford University, BUET, IBA, GOD, Jahangirnagar University, East West University, BRAC University, United International University and the hosts, North South University. On the second day, the Bangla debates were held. Out of the 16 teams in the first round, the 8 winners moved on to the second round. The teams that reached the semi finals eventually are Dhaka University, BUET Nandonik, BUET Dandik and East West University.

After an intense semi final round, both teams from BUET moved on to the finals, where BUET Nandonik won the crown for the Bangla Debate championship. The next day, 10th June, saw 16 teams face off against each other for the title of the English Debate Championship. On that day the debate continued to the semi finals, where IBA faced off against Dhaka University Debating Society, and NSU against BUET. With all teams determined to win, it was a tough battle, and in the end Dhaka University and NSU triumphed to face off each other in the finals. The finals were held on 12th June, in the NSU auditorium. It was presided by renowned judges like Dr. Abdun Nur Tushar, Mr. Chowdhury Qased Abdullah, Mr. Hasan Mahmud, Mr. Fahad Karim and Mr. Tahsin Ud Din Ahmed . The NSU team won the crown unanimously, once again proving their supremacy and dominance in the English Debates. After the debate, a gala dinner was held at EFES, where all the participating teams and judges were present. Also, the new Executive Body of NSU Debating Club was declared there. NSU Debate Club would like to thank all its current and past members for their immense contribution and support, for without them this tournament would never have been possible.

Three-day debate workshop held in Mymensingh

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A three-day national level workshop organised by Mymensingh Debate Federation on debate concluded on June 16. The three-day event also included debate competitions in two groups for the school and college students.

The workshop was inaugurated on June 14 at Zila Parishad auditorium by the Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Md. Shamsul Alam. The workshop titled " Build a new Bangladesh through logic" was attended by Dr. Abdul Awal, President of Adviser Council of Mymensingh Debate Federation in the chair.

Action Aid Bangladesh, Don Forum, World Vision Bangladesh, Dhaka University Debate Society, Debate Club of Bangladesh University of Science and Technology (BUET) rendered full assistance to organise the workshop. Bhorer Kagaj and Bangla Vision, a private TV channel were the media partners of the workshop.

The inaugural session was also addressed among others by Khoko Chakrabarti of Action Aid and Anwarul Haque Bhuiyan, President of Mymensingh Debate Federation.

Some 400 students from different educational institutions including 26 schools and 16 colleges took part in the workshop.

On the concluding day on June 16, debate competitions for both school and college groups were held at Beg International School. At School school debate Bidhamoyee Govt. Girls' High School was the champion and Bangladesh Agricultural University High School was the runners up. At college level, Govt. Muminunnesa Women's College was the champion while Netrokona Govt. Mohila College secured the second position.