**VALUE LAB CLASS ACTIVITY REPORT - DEBATE**

Date : 19th September, 2018 (Wednesday)

         The passage of time is inevitable. So is change. In fact, change can be termed as a supplement of time. As time flies, it is necessary to adapt to such inescapable changes to function smoothly in society.

            A class activity was conducted in to help discern the ongoing changes in recent times in society and how to be more empathetic and tolerant towards such changes. This activity was conducted in FYBMM on 19th September at 9 am. A debate was conducted on topics like Ethics followed by TV News Channels in light of TRP needs, Bodyshaming and Sexual abuse of males and females, Portrayal of LGBTQ community in mainstream media. This also led to the discussion about how media shapes the opinions of the society and the necessity of responsible media.

          The students presented excellent points. The student mentor - Shivani Mahesh (TYBMM Alumnus of 2017-2018) moderated the debate well enough and redirected the conversation to relevant  tangents. The students were able to see beyond the usual and truly comprehend the gravity of the matter. Taboos in Indian Society like Sexual abuse, especially Male Sexual abuse was also discussed in a sensible manner. Points and suggestions about what media can to be inclusive of all genders and sexualities were put forth. Matters like bodyshaming were also tackled. It was unanimously agreed that media can play a role to reduce such discrimination on various grounds like body, gender  and sexuality in the society. It can aid in starting a conversation which is normally shied away from. The young, aspiring media professionals left the room with a clarity about the good, the bad and the grey areas of their field and what changes can they bring forth in time.

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