

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, HYDERABAD

“WHO HAS THE LAST LAUGH”-AN INTER HOUSE STAND-UP COMEDY COMPETITION

Laughter is the best therapy.....

The beginning of the new academic session was heralded by an apt and very well needed event – an **Interhouse Stand up comedy contest** for the students of the senior secondary school. The contest not only brought out the talents in the students but also gave that vent that students were bereft of in the last two years due to online classes.

On 20th April, 2022: An inter house stand-up comedy competition which was titled “**Who has the last laugh**” was conducted amongst a gathering of students, teachers and judges and **the Vice Principal, Ms. Rajyalakshmi G.** The room bubbled with excitement as everyone looked forward to having a good laugh.

The planning and coordination started well ahead. Collection of names of participants, making the rules and regulations, invitation cards, backdrop, folders, seating arrangement and PA system was all taken care by the students. *So, they developed planning and coordination skills, team spirit, a bonhomie with others and decision-making skills. They also understood the difficulties faced and how to overcome them.*

The rules of the competition were simple. The individual competition expected students to speak in either English or Hindi for duration of 2 minutes individually. All ideas and content used must be original and will be checked for plagiarism. Mockery of religious, political, and social issues, discriminatory or offensive jokes and abusive language was not allowed. Participants must abide by the rules and cannot target a specific person or group. Appropriate language was also an essential factor.

Following were the topics for the competition-

1. Things people have done during lockdown/ Perks of an online life

2. Different types of people in a situation: (Participants can pick a situation of their choice. For instance, different types of students before an exam)
3. The most bizarre news you've heard or seen
4. Hypothetical setting in a TV show: Participants can pick characters from a TV show and create and deliver dialogues based on their personalities.
5. Travel Woes- the terrible travel companion
6. The Unwanted Guest
7. I am unique
8. The world is a mad house

Participants were judged on the following criteria- Creativity, Humor, Fluency and dialogue and Confidence

The Judges for the event were **Ms. Sangeeta and Ms. Sarala** from the secondary wing who graced the occasion.

The anchors of the show were Varsha and Subhangi from class 12 J and G respectively. They managed the whole presentation with poise and panache. The participants came forward and presented with great confidence, using hand gestures and enacting their lines. The audience was left greatly amused with the hilarity of the different point of views of the participants. The topics, like the presentation, had a vast diversity. The topics ranged from Tuesday test performance to absurd advertisements. The manner of participants speaking left the audience in splits.

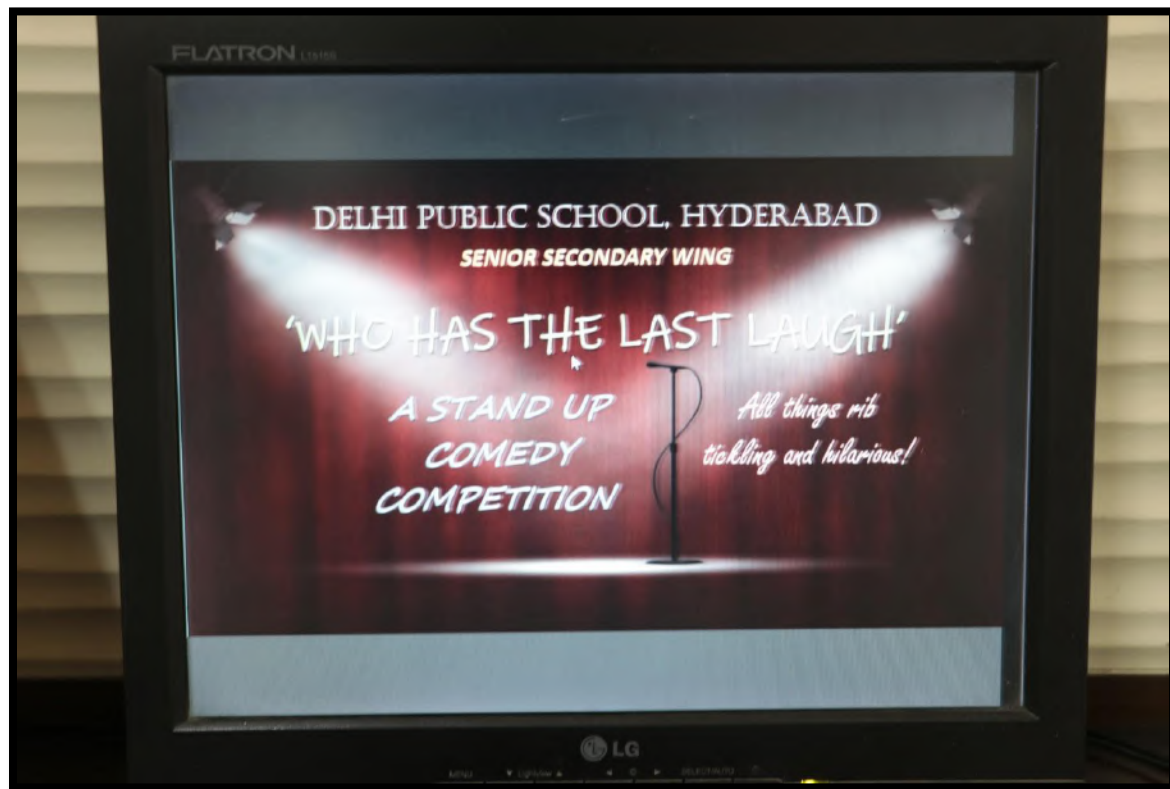
After the conclusion of the speaking segment, the audience held their breaths for the announcement of the winners. While the first judge, Ms. Sangeeta lauded the efforts of the participants and gave a few pointers, Ms. Sarala, the second judge announced the much awaited results.

The winners: -

Position	Name	Class/Section	House
First	Saraanssh Mehra	XII D	Ruby
Second	Sahiti Edupuganti	XII D	Sapphire
Second	Aryadev Lalwani	XII F	Emerald
Third	Prahlad Gaitonde	XII C	Ruby
Third	Hrishik Mitra	XII C	Sapphire

The Vote of thanks by Risa Panda was proposed with great modesty.

The competition then ended on a jovial note with the audience still chuckling and laughter ringing everywhere.



Photographs







