



Sifal School

## DEERWALK DEBATE NIGHT

2080

GRADE 1-12

ASHWIN 5, FRIDAY

4:45 PM ONWARDS

SAGARMATHA HALL  
DEERWALK COMPLEX



### Closing Report | Deerwalk Debate Night, 2080



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## Executive Summary

*Sifal School hosts events that enhance learners' requisite literacy skills in the progressive world. Contemplating the culture, the school organises Deerwalk Debate Night each year to demonstrate critical thinking, the inherited knowledge of real-world scenarios, and enhance research and presentation skills.*

On the pleasant evening of Ashwin 5, 2080 (September 22, 2023), Sifal School organised the Deerwalk Debate Night - 2080. The grand finale was concluded after various rounds which included the selection round, quarter-final, and semifinal round. The participants demonstrated their critical thinking ability and logical argumentative skills. The finalists put forward their opinions on a prescribed hypothetical statement to speak their thoughts 'on the motion' or 'against the motion' of the topic.

The finalists were prescribed a topic after a groundwork was overcome by the language teachers to ensure the topics to speak were time-relevant in the progressive world. The topic for Nepali and English were, "विकासका लागि समावेशी हेइन् खुला प्रतिस्पर्धा हुनुपर्छ "and "Being smart on the street is better than keeping brains on the books" in which the participants were to speak their ideas after the withdrawal of lottery to speak 'on the motion' or 'against the motion' of the topic.

The judges for the English medium were: Mr. Prabesh Satyal – faculty member of the English Department, Ms. Arati Mahat (Parent of Nivaan Aryal, Grade II Cho Oyu) and Mr. **Shashwot Poudel** - Deerwalk Debate Night Champion of the year 2079 in the English language. As for the Nepali medium the judges were: Ms. Laxmi Tiwari – faculty member of Nepali Department, Mr. Gyanendra Bahadur Kunwar (Parent of Ojaswi Kunwar, Grade I Lhotse) and Ms. Muskan Singh - Deerwalk Debate Night Champion of the year 2079 in the Nepali language.

Ms. Ankita Pokharel and Ms. Sindu Poudel took up the responsibility of note-takers for the English Language Category and Nepali Language Department respectively. Mr. Hari Subedi (Faculty member of the Nepali Department) facilitated the lottery to all the participants to choose the motion and the sequence to decide the order of the lottery there and then. He was assisted by Mr. Tej Prasad Kafle, HOD of the Nepali Department and Ms. Samyo Hangma Rai, a faculty member of the English Department systematically amalgamated with the faculty members to bring the

program to a success. 16 finalists were brought up in the grand finale, 8 from the Nepali Language Category and 8 from the English Language Category.

The title of “Deerwalk Debate Night Champion, 2080” was secured by Suprabh Acharya from grade IX and Shine Pathak from grade XII for the Nepali Language Category and English Language Category respectively. Mr Shashwot Poudel and Ms Muskan Singh awarded medals and certificates to the winners of the English Language Category and Nepali Language Category respectively. The Level Champions were awarded medals and certificates by the Head of the Schools, Ms Hangkeng Rai - Elementary School, Ms Ruby Labh - Middle School, and Mr. Madhusudhan Bhusal - High School.

To put it succinctly, the program overall was enthralling and momentous to justify the motive behind its conduction.

### Key Dates

<b>Task</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>By</b>
Kick Start Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> August	Tej P. Kafle
Encourage students to participate	23 <sup>st</sup> August – 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Language Teachers
Selection Round list publish	28 <sup>th</sup> August	Language Teachers
Selection Round – Nepali and English	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Language Teachers
Quarter Final Round – Nepali and English	5 <sup>th</sup> September and 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Language Teachers
Semi-Final Round – Nepali and English	11 <sup>th</sup> September and 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Language Teachers
Finalist List Publish	12 <sup>th</sup> September	Samyo H. Rai/Tej P. Kafle

Orientation to the finalist	13 <sup>th</sup> September	Samyo H. Rai/Tej P. Kafle
Mentoring	12 <sup>th</sup> September – 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Language Teachers
Good to go meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> September	Samyo H. Rai/Tej P. Kafle
Registration/Program Schedule	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Bijaya Shrestha/Samyo H. Rai

## Task Division

The tasks of the event were divided into three categories, pre-event, event, and post-event.

The details of the task division were maintained on a Google spreadsheet titled: [Deerwalk Debate Night | Ashwin 5 | 2080](#).

S. N.	Time	Program	By	Emcee	Language
Registration (4:15 PM to 4:40 PM)					
1	4:45 PM	National Anthem	All	Kriti Nepal	English
2	4:50 PM	Swasti Bachan		Kriti Nepal	English
3	4:55 PM	Calling the finalists on the stage	Finalists	Kriti Nepal	English
4	5:00 PM	Welcome Note	Ganesh P		English
5	5:05 PM	Rules and regulation	Prabesh S		English
6	5:05 PM	Calling the Judges		Kriti Nepal	English
English Language Debate (5:10 PM – 5: 44 PM)					
1	Calling the Judges				
2	5:10 PM	Hardik Sharma Phuyal		Kriti Nepal	English

3		Sworup Dhakal			English
4		Nupur Lamichhane			English
5		Eshanee Manandhar			English
6		Sushant Pokharel			English
7		Aaron Singh			English
8		Shine Pathak			English
9		Manaswi Sapkota			English
10		Counter Argument: Hardik Sharma Phuyal			English
Nepali Language Debate (5: 48 PM – 6: 22 PM)					
Calling the Judges					
2	6: 22 PM	Mandip Lal Joshi		Siddhika Dahal	Nepali
3		Shreedha Risal			Nepali
4		Prasiddhi Dangol			Nepali
5		Anukul Chapagain			
6		Sakshyam Karna			Nepali
7		Aashrik Pathak			Nepali
8		Suprav Acharya			Nepali
		Anushree Acharya			Nepali
Poem Recitation by Aayan Rai and Safal Pokharel (6: 23 PM – 6: 27 PM)					
Token of Love for Parent Judges (6: 27 PM – 6: 32 PM)					
Result Distribution (6: 32 PM - 7:10 PM)					
1		Comment by Judge - English	Prabesh S	Kriti/Siddhika	English /Nepali
2		Comment by Judge - Nepali	Laxmi T	Kriti/Siddhika	English /Nepali
3		Certificate (Finalist)	HoD	Kriti/Siddhika	English

					/Nepali
4		Result announcement/ Certificates/ Medals for the champions	Level Champions - respective HOS, Champions 2080- Champions 2079	Kriti/Siddhika	English /Nepali
5		Closing remarks	Bindu P	Kriti	English
6		Group Photo	All the language teachers, HoS/HoD, and judges.	Kriti/Siddhika	English /Nepali
7		Program Concludes			

### Program Schedule

The program began at 4: 45 PM and concluded at 7: 10 PM.

### Program Overview

Sifal School hosted Deerwalk Debate Night 2080 on Ashwin, 5, 2080 BS (September 20, 2023). The venue was Sagarmatha Hall and the registration time was scheduled to begin from 4:15 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. The event was attended by 29 people. The event was categorized into two languages Nepali and English which was held under two sessions: Formal and Debate.

### Formal Session

Students from the class of 2024, Kriti Nepal and Siddhika Nepal emceed the event in English and Nepali language respectively. The formal event commenced with the national anthem, with all attendees. Following the culture of the school, to evoke positivity, selected students from grades

V and VI sang the Shanti mantra.

This was followed by a welcome note from Mr Ganesh Raj Pandey, HOD of the English Department. After that, the finalists were called on the stage and were requested to take their places. The judges of the English Language category, the note taker, and the keeper were called forward. For the English category: Mr Prabesh Satyal, (Faculty Member of the English Department), Mr Sashwot Poudyal (Deerwalk Debate Night Champion of the year 2079 in the English language), and Ms Aarati Mahat (Parent of Nivaan Aryal from Grade II) were the judges. The note-taker for the English category was Ms. Ankita a faculty member of the English Department. Mr. Hari Subedi (Faculty member of the Nepali Department) facilitated the lottery to all the participants to choose the motion and the sequence to decide the order of the lottery there and then. Ms Anjali Gurung was assigned the responsibility of timekeeper. After the English judges took their seats, Ms Bindu Paudel (Faculty member of the Nepali Department) facilitated them with the stationery materials, the emcees invited the first participant on stage and the English debate session began.

### English Debate Session

English debate session began with inviting judges to take their respective seats. The note-taker and the timekeeper were invited to take their seats at the right of the stage. Eight participants had marked their positions as finalists altogether. The emcee, Kriti Nepal called the names of all the participants in the English language category. The first speaker, Hardik Sharma Phuyal spoke for the motion followed by other finalists. The participants had their arguments spoken based on real-life situations, viability, history, and theories. The audience was captivated and astounded by the way the speakers delivered their thoughts. Some of the speakers did meet all the necessary criteria for a debate competition to create a spellbound moment.

The name list of the finalists was arranged according to their lottery and sequence based on the lottery drawn earlier.

S.N.	Roll No.	Participants	Grade	Motion
1	29047	Hardik Sharma Phuyal	VII	For

2	25037	Swarup Dhakal	XI	Against
3	24068	Nupur Lamichhane	XII	For
4	28004	Eshanee Manandhar	VIII	Against
5	32020	Sushant Pokharel	IV	For
6	32035	Aaron Singh	IV	Against
7	24085	Shine Pathak	XII	For
8	26004	Manaswi Sapkota	X	Against

For the counterargument, Hardik Sharma Phuyal put forward his arguments and opinions.

### Nepali Debate Session

Similarly, the Nepali debate session began by inviting judges; Ms Laxmi Tiwari (Faculty Member of the Nepali Department), Ms Muskan Singh (Deerwalk Debate Night Champion of the year 2079 in the Nepali language), and Mr Gyanendra Bahadur Karna (Parent of Ojaswi Kunwar from Grade D). The same number of participants had marked their position as finalists like the English session. The emcee, Siddhika Dahal called the names of all the participants in the Nepali language category. The first one to present was Mandip Lal Joshi followed by the other finalists. All the participants were seated in their seats according to their lottery. The logical arguments and counter-reasoning accentuated the audience in an intriguing manner. Each of the listeners was keen to what came up next. It was a wonderful experience to gain chills and goosebumps through the formal altercation presented by the speakers.

The finalists in the session were:

S.N.	Roll No.	Finalists	Grade	Motion
1	24075	Mandip Lal Joshi	XII	For
2	29031	Shreedha Risal	XI	Against
3	28009	Prasiddhi Dangol	XII	For
4	24078	Anukul Chapagain	VIII	Against



5	26013	Sakshyam Karna	IV	For
6	24979	Aashrik Pathak	IV	Against
7	27014	Suprav Acharya	XII	For
8	28002	Anushree Acharya	X	Against

After all the finalists recited their poems in this category, the emcee, Siddhika Dahal called the participants for the Nepali language category.

Before the judges handed over the final result of the competition, Aayan Rai, grade 5 was called to the podium as a voluntary poet. The judges from both language categories were invited to give their feedback on the participants' poems. Mr. Prabesh Satyal gave his comments on behalf of her panel of judges in the English language category, and Ms. Laxmi Tiwari gave her comments for the Nepali Language category. After the judges' comments, a certificate of appreciation was distributed to all the finalists by Mr Ganesh Raj Pandey and Mr Tej Prasad Kafle, the Heads of Departments for both the English and Nepali language categories respectively.

Mr Prabesh and Ms Laxmi Tiwari distributed Token of Love to the parent Judges for English Language and Nepali Languages respectively.

The level champions were awarded by their respective School Heads.

<b>Awarded by</b>	<b>English Level Champion</b>	<b>Nepali Level Champion</b>
Ms Hangkeng Rai – Head of Elementary School	Aaron Singh	Sushant Pokharel
Ms Ruby Labh – Head of Middle School	Hardik Sharma Phuyal	Anushree Acharya
Mr Madhu Sudhan Bhusal – Head of High School	Manaswi Sapkota	Sakshyam Karna

The title of the program “Deerwalk Poetry Night Champion of the Year 2080” was bagged by

Shine Pathak (Grade XII) in the English language category and Suprav Acharya (Grade IX) in the Nepali Language category respectively who were awarded medals and certificates by the Deerwalk Debate Champion of the Year 2079 respectively.

Finally, the closing speech was delivered by Ms Bindu Poudel, a faculty member of the Nepali Department thanking everyone involved in making the program a huge success. A memorable group photo of all the finalists, language teachers, HoS, HoD, and judges was taken at the end of the program.

### Strengths and Areas for Improvements

Strength of the Program	Areas for the Improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The participants were well prepared and did justice to the on-the-spot lottery withdrawal method.</li><li>• The audience adhered to the participants and enjoyed the sessions to their best.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guests could have been more in number as the hall was half vacant</li><li>• Some of the students other than the participants were disturbing the audiences</li></ul>

## Appendix



**Judges - Nepali and English Language Category**



**Poem Recitation - Fillers**



**Level Champion ES – English and Nepali**



**Level Champion MS – English and Nepali**



**Level Champion HS – English and Nepali**



**Parent Judge – English and Nepali Language**



**Deerwalk Debate Night Champions of The Year 2080 – English and Nepali Language**

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*Video: Link In progress*

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