

Inter-college debate competition held

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THE Nehru Academy of Law won the prize for the best college at the inter-college debate competition which concluded here on Sunday. A total of seven teams across the law colleges in Palakkad district participated in the competition.

Maria Louis of VR Krishnan Ezhuthachan Law College has been selected as the best debater. Sharon Rachel and Shahla Farzana C K, both from Nehru Academy of Law, emerged in the second and third positions,



respectively.

The competitions were held under the auspices of VISWAS (Victims Information, Sensitisation Welfare and Assistance Society), a non-profit NGO, which provides assistance to victims of criminal abuse and power. The competition was held in memory of former Director of Prosecution A Velayudhan Nambiar.

The subject of the debate was 'Whether police shoot outs be glorified in a criminal justice system'.

The competition was adjudged by a panel comprising of Retired Judicial First Class Magistrate Shek-

haran Kutty R, Member of Palakkad Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Aparna R and Retd DYSP and member of CWC V S Muhammed Kasim.

In the tight competition, there were arguments supporting and condemning police shootouts. One group argued that it was the delay faced in the disposal of cases by the subordinate courts in the country forces police to take the role of a persecutor. The other group concentrated on police brutality and stated that such barbaric actions by the police are a threat to the rule of law and the democratic fabric of our nation.

