



**THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL,
KALYANI NAGAR**

**REPORT ON THE FRANK ANTHONY DEBATE
SELECTION ROUND**

DATE: 18TH AUGUST 2023

**VENUE: BOMBAY SCOTTISH SCHOOL,
MAHIM, MUMBAI**

The Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-School Debate Competition is held in honour of Frank Anthony, founder of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE).

This year the prestigious Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-School Debate Competition Selection Round was hosted by the Bombay Scottish School, Mahim Mumbai. It left a lasting impression on participants and spectators alike. Held annually in honour of the late Frank Anthony, a renowned educationist and parliamentarian, the event brought together some of the brightest young minds from schools across the country, who displayed exceptional oratory skills and intellectual prowess. The Topic 'Social Media has helped build stronger communities' was revealed to the participants at 10, and they were given one hour to prepare their speech.

The event began at 11 with the Principal of the school Mrs Sunita George, welcoming the participants and the guests. She then handed over the mic to the moderator Mr Aman Jhaveri, a former student of the school and a passionate debater. He spelled out the rules of the debate and introduced the three judges to the audience. The judges were Dr Philip Vice Principal of Elphinstone College, Ms Kanika Prem Narayan Solicitor and Associate of the International Bar Association and Mr Joseph Rose of The Christ Church School.

There were a total of twenty eight participants from fourteen schools. Our school was represented by Amrita Nair and Ronav Jaiswal, who had delivered a stellar performance emerging as winners, in the Regional Round of the competition in July 2023, hosted by The Bishops School Camp,





It was a marathon session of debating, which left everyone in the audience, enthralled. The students passionately presented their viewpoints on the role of social media in society. The competition witnessed spirited and intellectually stimulating debate, with participants exhibiting their deep understanding of the subject and presenting well-researched arguments. The most exciting to watch was the rebuttal segment, where a volley of counter-arguments was answered confidently by the calm and poised speakers. The fierce yet respectful exchanges exemplified the maturity and alacrity of the debaters, creating an atmos-

phere of intellectual camaraderie among the competing schools.

At the conclusion of the event, the winners were announced and certificates were awarded. Students from Jamnabai Narsee School were declared the Best Speaker and the First Runner-Up Speaker – thereby, qualifying for the National Round. Amrita Nair was declared the Second Runner-Up Speaker and did our school proud.

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