



**THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI**  
**A MASTERPIECE OF PERSUASION!**  
**(T. P. GHOGALE INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION)**

*Great things happen to those who don't stop believing, trying, learning, and being grateful."*

**— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart***

The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri Debate team participated in the Inter-School English Debate Competition for the T. P. Ghogale Memorial Trophy on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The prestigious event was hosted by Vidya Pratishthan's Magarpatta City Public School. The competition saw 6 best teams from all over Maharashtra competing to win the title of the best team, the runners-up team and individual prizes of Best Speaker and Runners up Speaker.

The motion on the floor was, "**Students should choose what they learn in School**". Heads were put together to evaluate strong and debatable points for discussion. The 12 speakers were each given three minutes to put forth their arguments, and one minute was set aside for the rebuttals.

After a brief guidance of the flow of events and the rules and regulations of the debate, the competition began. The time simply swept by, as all of us got involved in the heated debate. True stories and experiences were narrated, topics like "Freedom of choice" and "Empowerment through Education" were touched upon. Famous lines from great personalities were quoted with eloquence.

Towards the end of the debate, each judge gave their views about the debate. They all spoke about today's youth being more enlightened and aware of the changing society. They congratulated each participant for their excellent performance. While the scores of the participants were being calculated, the audience was treated with a beautiful medley of songs by the school choir. Eventually, the much-awaited results were announced.

Our team that consisted of **Srishti Tiwari** and **Anoushka Sajjankar** of class 9 D proved it to all that 'You don't win a debate by suppressing discussion; you win it with

a better argument'. Our star debater **Srishti Tiwari won 'The Best Speaker' award** as her delivery and presence of mind were highly appreciated. In spite of the tough competition, we carved a niche for ourselves in the hearts and minds of the judges as well as the audience.

In conclusion, the debate was an exhilarating experience which left the audience with much 'food for thought' and rounded off yet another successful Inter-School Debate Competition. After the grand prize distribution and the felicitation of the winners by the dignitaries and memorable photographs clicked by the shutterbugs, the students dispersed to rejoice their much-deserved success.

We are grateful to the Senior School Supervisor, Mrs Kurian for her constant support and guidance, we thank our Head Master, Mr Russell, who is a pillar of support and is a constant beacon to guide his staff and students to climb the ladder of success. A big thank you to our Principal, Mr J Luke who enables his students to participate in such events and provides such a wonderful platform to his students for both intellectual and social growth.

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## 'THE PROPOSITION' AND 'THE OPPOSITION'



ANUSHKA SAJJANKAR: THE BUDDING DEBATER THE DEBATER IN ACTION: SRISHTI TIWARI





THE PROUD TEAM WITH MRS. C. BANERJEE, PRINCIPAL OF MAGARPATTA SCHOOL.



ALL SMILES FOR SRISHTI TIWARI- THE BEST SPEAKER OF THE COMPETITION