



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI
CONFLICTING CONFRONTS IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH!
THE MAHARASHTRA ANGLO-INDIAN SCHOOLS, INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE
(ICSE CATEGORY)

Free speech and debate are essential in our 'search for the truth'. Knowing what to say is sense, when to say is intelligence, how to say is wisdom, and why to say is enlightenment.

The Maharashtra Anglo Indian ICSE Schools debate was hosted by THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, KALYANINAGAR. Held on the 11th of December, 2022, the competition saw 8 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, "**Peace begins where ambition ends**". The contestants were given one hour to prepare their speeches for or against the motion. Heads were put together to evaluate strong and debatable points for discussion. The 16 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. Everyone had a great deal to say about the topic that confounds even the wisest of all. Strangely enough, unlike other debates, rebuttal questions were asked not for the sake of the brownie points, but to assert one's motion.

The debate was presided over by three very experienced judges- Mrs Neelam Moolchandani, The Principal of The Nanavati School, Mumbai; Mrs Nirali Verma, heading 'Nirali Verma Consulting' as an Academic Advisor and Career Counsellor; and Mrs Radhika Dalvie, The Ex-Principal of The Wisdom World School, Hadapsar. They

were visibly impressed by the debating prowess of the youngsters. They were forthcoming in their praise of all the participants who were confident and aired their views with unabashed conviction.

Our team that consisted of **Saisha Dhavale** of class 10 C and **Srishti Tiwari** 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'. Finally, it was The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri, the team that won the hearts of everyone and once again proved their mettle in this field by winning the **First Runners Up Position**. Our debating dexterity **Saisha Dhavale also won 'The Best Speaker' award** as her delivery and presence of mind were highly appreciated. It was indeed a delightful moment to see our team getting two of the much-coveted prizes. 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 year of The Maharashtra Anglo-Indian 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 Kurien 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' OF THE TRUTH VALUE.



THE BUDDING DEBATER: SRISHTI TIWARI



THE DEBATING DEXTERITY: SAISHA DHAVALÉ



ANOTHER FEATHER IN THE CAP: THE FIRST RUNNERS UP TEAM



ALL SMILES FOR SAISHA DHAVAL- THE BEST SPEAKER OF THE COMPETITION