



**THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL,
UNDRI -(JUNIOR COLLEGE)**

**REPORT ON CLIFFORD HICKS MEMORIAL
INTERNATIONAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE HELD FOR
CLASSES IX- XII.**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023

" For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate."

The seventh edition of the **Clifford Hicks Memorial International Inter-School debate**, held at **CBS Kolkata**, saw participation of around 70 schools from all over India and abroad from **10th -13th October 2023**.

The inauguration ceremony on **10th October 2023**, welcomed **Kaushik Saha, IAS, Director of Census Operations and Director Citizen Registration in Bengal**. "In just seven years, the number of participating schools had surged from seven to an impressive seventy," said the alumnus of CBS. Principal and Secretary, CBS, Kolkata, Raja McGee said: **"Friendships that you have forged in the last four days will always remain. It is indeed a satisfying moment that nearly 70 schools from across the country and abroad participated in this event and made it a success."**

The students at **The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri** participated in this prestigious event. The conclave, organized by CBS Literary Society was held in two categories — **Category I for Classes XI & XII and Category II for Classes IX & X with prelims and finals for each stage**. Our students **Krish Shah and Giselle Soares** qualified for the **Category I Finals among the top seven teams which was held on 13th October 2023**.

During the closing ceremony on Friday, TMC MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay and TMC MLA Nayna Bandyopadhyay graced the event. **The moderators and judges, including Hilda Peacock, Nivedita Bhattacharjee, Shaberi Das, Sujata Chatterjee, Paula Ghosh, Monideepa Lahiri, Pushpita Barik, Prof Charlotte Simpson Vaegas and Francis Gomes,** also had a wonderful time during the competition. It was indeed a fantastic opportunity to meet many students and discuss important topics.

Overall, the debating platform provided a space for individuals to develop essential skills, engage in meaningful discussions, and contribute to personal and societal growth. Whether in academic, professional, or informal settings, the benefits of participating in debates are numerous and diverse.



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GLIMPSES OF THE CLIFFORD HICKS MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE HELD FOR CLASSES IX- XII.



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