

ASISC DEBATE COMPETITION

The power of real debate is in the language and intellectual honesty of the debaters, alongside the engagement of spectators. - [Rizwana Bashir.](#)

The Association of Schools for the Indian School Certificate Debate Competition (Fr. George Hess Memorial Literary Event) was organised by The Bishop's School, Camp on the 4th of August, 2023.

Home to many such debating events, this prestigious event was an equally grand affair at The Bishop's School, Camp in which noteworthy schools across the cities of Pune and Nanded had enthusiastically participated. Mr. Shayne McPherson, Principal and Honorary Secretary along with the Headmaster, Mr. Christopher Gaynor graced the said event.



A panel of three distinguished luminaries comprised the jury who were accorded a floral welcome by the prefects of our school.

Mrs. Tina Shah, Mrs. Farida Harianawala and Dr. Mahendra Chitre, our revered judges, encouraged the budding speakers on stage with their words of wisdom while donning their hats as prudent judges.



Mrs. Shashi Solomon, was the moderator for the day who enlightened us on the rules, the judging criteria and the time earmarked for each speech.



Anish Suryawanshi was the mic rover while Mitheel Gajare skilfully assumed the role of the timekeeper. Our anchors for the day were Tanush Ghai and Adwait Oak.

The topic for the day, a burning issue that has garnered attention far and wide was:

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Neil Dubale and Mustafa Ginwala of classes X, represented the team of The Bishop's School, Camp.

The participants decided mutually amongst themselves to speak as a proposition or an opposition speaker after the drawing of lots.

While students across different schools were truly blessed with the gift of the gab, what was even more engaging was their sheer eloquence and the convincing arguments they proposed that forms the very niche of a debate. Clear arguments and thought-provoking rebuttals kept the buzzing audience attentive till the end. Dressed in formals, the speakers ensnared the audience, proving simultaneously that debating was definitely their cup of tea, leaving the spectators in the auditorium spellbound at times. After the distribution of participation certificates, the declaration of results took place as the eager participants waited for the same with bated breath.

The following students were adjudged winners of the ASISC Debate Competition:

Best Speaker- Saesha Goyal.

First Runner-up Speaker- Abeer Gogoi.

Second Runner-up Speaker- Adhyan Dhingra.

Winning Team- St. Mary's School, Pune.

First Runner-up Team- Vidya Pratishthan, Magarpatta.

Second Runner-up Team- The Bishop's School, Camp.



Basking in the glory of success, the winners and the rest of the participants assembled on stage as they posed for the budding shutterbugs of The Bishop's School, Camp.

Rightly quoted by William Shakespeare, 'All's Well that Ends Well', was apt for the memorable event that one witnessed in the auditorium, the same day.

While debating is a repetitive event in our school, what is left behind, are true cherishable moments, every single time. It is the knowledge amassed, in a fulfilling way which prudent debaters showcase with their impressively, inherent talent.

Yet another busy day came to a satisfying end when the crowd rose for the National Anthem and dispersed for their respective classrooms after the event got over.



Mrs. Deboshree Jana.