

## REPORT ON THE FRANK ANTHONY DEBATE COMPETITION

**You don't win a debate by suppressing a discussion; you win it with a better argument**  
- **Frank Sonnenberg**

Mr. Frank Anthony was a leader of the Anglo-Indian community in India and was their nominated representative in the Parliament of India until his death. He served as the President of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association.

He was also the founder of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination.

The Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-School English Debate is held in the honour of Mr. Frank Anthony. It is among one of the most prestigious Inter-School Annual Debate Competition bankrolled by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CICSE), every year.

This year, the host school for the debate, The Ryan International School, Kharghar organized the same on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

Participants, across the country, represent their schools and are categorized into two groups: Category I for the students of Standards XI and XII and Category II for students of Standards IX and X. Over 1,600 schools participate in this prestigious event each year.



After qualifying the preliminary stage, Adwait Oak and Mustafa Ginwala of The Bishop's School, Camp who were accompanied by Mr. Rahul Sirsat, set off to represent our school in the much-awaited Frank Anthony Memorial Debate held in the Ryan International School, Mumbai.

The Ryan International School accorded a grand welcome to the budding speakers with an interesting band and a mesmerizing dance performance, after which, the participants were led to the school cafeteria for a sumptuous breakfast. After breakfast, the students proceeded towards the school library for the announcement of the topic.

The Topic for the Day was- **Social Media has an effect on Human values**

While Mustafa Ginwala chose to speak as a Proposition Speaker, Adwait Oak addressed the audience as an Opposition Speaker for the said event. The floor was open for the participants, dressed immaculately in a formal attire who used their fiery arguments to convince the judges along with the enthusiastic audience. After a round of grueling debating, the participants were all of a flutter as the results were to be announced. We were over the moon to know that **Mustafa Ginwala of The Bishop's School, Camp who brought down the house with his speech, was adjudged the First Runner-up Speaker** at the event. **St. Gregarious school bore the palm in the competition.**



Participation certificates were awarded to all participants and they assembled on stage for the enthusiastic shutterbugs who were all agog to click photos of

winners and participants, alike. After lunch, all participants dispersed for their respective schools with a wholesome experience that had surely enriched their hearts. It is no mean feat to represent our school at the Frank Anthony Debate and winning it was definitely a cherry on the cake!



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