

15th Montfort Cup Interschool English Debate Competition 2023

Highly anticipated event that brought together some of the brightest young minds from various schools across the region. The competition aimed to foster critical thinking, public speaking, and eloquence among students while encouraging healthy intellectual competition.

Continuing the pursuit to help discover the best debaters of the city, St. Montfort Sr. Sec. School, Bhopal organised the 15th Montfort Cup Interschool English Debate Competition for the students of Classes 9th to 12th on 5th August 2023 (Saturday) from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the school auditorium. As many as 32 participants from 16 prestigious school of Bhopal participated in it which not only encouraged academic growth but also promoted camaraderie and inter-school connections.

The event began with a warm welcome of Judges Panel and participating schools from the organizers, followed by the lighting of the Lamp by the Principal, Rev. Bro. Monachan K.K. and the Jury Members, a special prayer and a divine prayer song to uplift the spirit of the program. Followed by a brief orientation on the rules and regulations of the debate format. The participating teams displayed a high level of preparation and eloquence throughout the event and spoke in favour and against the motion on the topic, '**Artificial Intelligence is a challenge to contemporary teaching methods**'. They demonstrated their ability to construct persuasive arguments, opposing points and respond to challenging questions from the Judges panel

The debaters displayed confidence in presenting their arguments before audience and a panel of eminent jury members: Dr. Reena Rajput, Associate Professor, Jagran Lake City College; Dr. Rasmeet Kaur Malhi, Associate Professor, BSS College and Dr. Pallavi Sinha, Associate Professor, Christ College.

Towards the end of the heated but interesting debate which lasted over two and a half hours, finally SPS, Gandhi Nagar was declared the

winner and was presented the overall champion, the Best School Trophy.

In the individual performance for the motion, Ms. Kanak Khular of SPS, Gandhi Nagar bagged the Best Speaker Trophy while Master Granth Bangard of DPS, Neelbad received Best Speaker Runner-up Trophy. In against the motion category, Master Adie Shrivastava of DPS, Neelbad was adjudged the Best Speaker and Ms. Pravallika Pandey of SPS, Gandhi Nagar was declared as the Best Speaker Runner-up and received their trophies accordingly.

Besides this, all participants were given a certificate of participation and refreshment while teacher incharges of different schools were given a souvenir to mark the Crystal year of English Debate Competition of the school. The event was well prepared by Programme Co-ordinator, Mr. Krishna Kapil, Mrs. Samta Chawla and cabinet members of the school.

The Interschool English Debate Competition proved to be a resounding success, fostering healthy competition and intellectual growth among the participants. It not only honed the public speaking and debating abilities of the students but also encouraged them to critically analyze contemporary issues. The event was a testament to the dedication and hard work of the participants, teachers, and organizers, and it undoubtedly left a lasting impact on all involved.

The Vote of thanks was proposed by the Head Boy, Master Aadhar Munki & Head Girl, Ms. Niyor Joseph and the thoughtful day was concluded with the national anthem.

By Mr. Krishna Kapil