

# Journey of The English Debating Society 2022-23







# About The English Debating Society



The English Debating Society, JMC is a society of 60 people, at present. The society aims to inculcate a culture of debate and discussion among its member, makes them question the apparent, and also has a vision of extending these skills and qualities to people beyond the members of the society.

We participate in almost all tournaments held by colleges in Delhi University, and also host our annual event- The Natasha Ranjit Memorial Debate. Beyond just debates, we also conduct theory and information sessions on various topics. These sessions are open for all JMC students to attend. The sessions are conducted by members of the society at different points in time, and are extremely benefitting for whoever attends. The details about the same are posted on our Instagram page to make reach out to everyone.





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### What forms of debating do we practice?

The primary form of debating is the Asian Parliamentary debate, 3 on 3. However, we also teach the British Parliamentary Debate, 2 on 2. Alongside, we also take a keen interest in conventional debates, declamations, extempore, open mics, and so on.

#### How often do we conduct mocks?

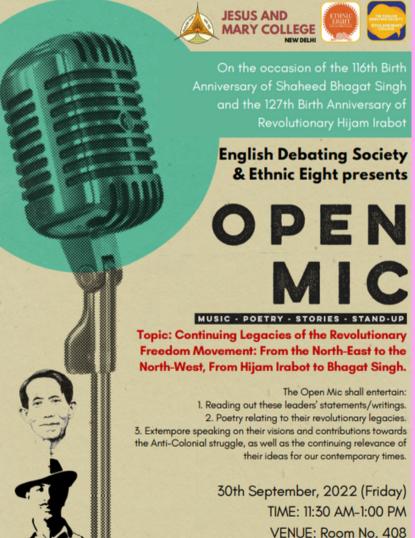
Every member is expected to mock two-three times a week, therefore there is one mock taking place every day. The mocks are both offline and online to get used to both mediums of debating. Moreover, we also have additional information and theory sessions, which are now open for every student in the college to attend.

### How often do we participate in debates?

One tournament takes place every weekend and a minimum of one team, comprising of 3 people and one adjudicator participates in each team.









# **Current Faculty Members**



Dr. Maya John (EDS Convenor)



**EDS Staff Advisors** 



Ms. Sameera Mehta



Dr. Mark Gideon



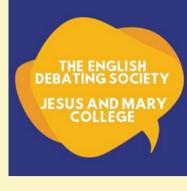
Dr. Jessy K. Philip



Ms. Kashish Dua

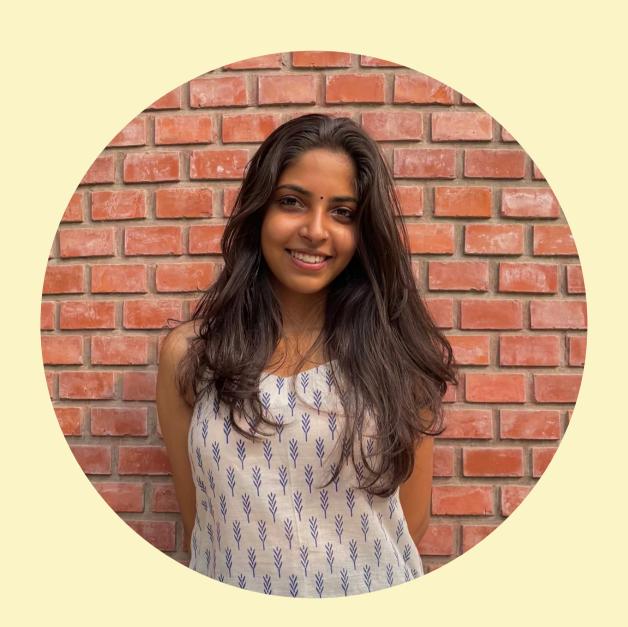


# Student Council 2022-23





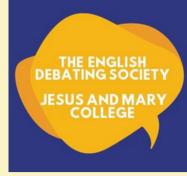
Khushi Sharma President



Soumya Arora Vice President



# Student Council 2022-23





Aakarshi Srivastava Organising Head



Adamya Raj Technical Head



Gari Agarwal Treasurer



Monalika Jayani Social Media Head



Ananya Rai Content Head



## **Procedure of Selection For Freshers**



Every year, there is a proper process of selection of first years into the society that is to be followed and the same goes as follows:

- 1. Students are shortlisted on the basis of their responses to the application form released.
- 2. This is then followed by a group discussion (GD) round.
- 3. Applicants who clear the GD round are then screened through a personal interview (PI) round. All these rounds are conducted by the council.







# Annual Event The Natasha Ranjit Memorial Debate



The Annual Inter-College Parliamentary Debate Tournament

of Jesus and Mary College

This tournament is a very celebrated tournament, especially in the DU Debating circuit. All our members have been policing the timings of other tournaments and so our tournament is best known for its smooth functioning based on the schedule. Moreover, it is our chief goal to make debating spaces safe for women and gender minorities in the circuit. Till date, NRMD has attracted more than 400 students from all over the country. It is one of the few tournaments that allows outstation colleges to participate.





# Annual Event The 11th Natasha Ranjit Memorial Debate 2023



The English Debating Society at Jesus and Mary College had a remarkable 2022-23 session, marked by engaging events, insightful workshops, and successful tournaments.

Another significant highlight was the successful revival of the Natasha Ranjit Memorial Debate Tournament, which had been on a hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic and discontinuation of large-scale physical mode events for three years. Held between the 24th and 26th of April 2023, the tournament attracted a total of 24 registered teams, including one in-house JMC team. With an experienced core adjudicating pool, compelling and relevant motions, a strong equity panel, and timely conduct, the tournament provided a competitive and intellectually stimulating platform. The winning teams were awarded on-the-spot cash prizes worth INR 50,000. The EDS ensured a safe and equitable space for all participants.



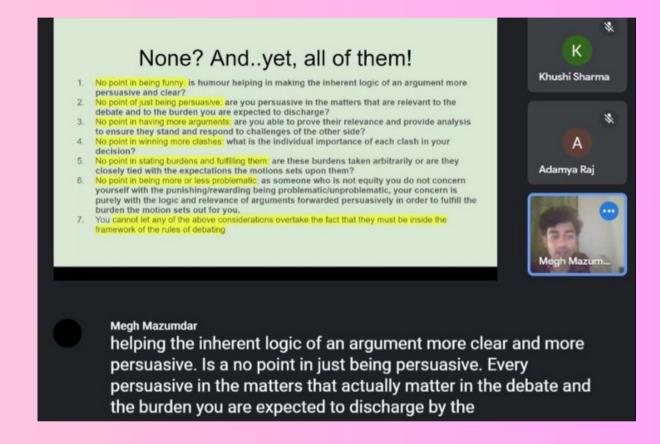




# **Speaker Sessions**



Throughout the year, EDS organised informative sessions and workshops to enhance debating skills. Notable figures in the debating college circuit across India, such as Ojas Date (8th November 2022) from ILS, Pune, and Megh Mazumdar (28th November 2022) from St. Stephen's College, conducted sessions on various aspects of debating, including parliamentary debate techniques, essential components of a persuasive speech, and effective rebuttals. These sessions provided valuable insights and advanced knowledge to the members of EDS.







## **Mock Sessions**

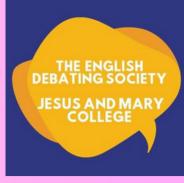


The society members successfully conducted numerous mock sessions while covering a plethora of topics including:

- Politics Political Theory
- Feminism History Economic Structures
- International Relations Social Movements
  - Forthcoming and Existent Laws
- Education Health Technology Various Ideologies like Marxism, Post-Modernism, Structuralism, etc.
  - Nuclear Proliferation



# **Exhibition Debate 2023**



The EDS organised an Asian Parliamentary Exhibition Debate that delved into the feminist consciousness of modern terminologies. This event not only provided a platform for the participants to showcase their debating skills but also facilitated a vibrant exchange of ideas. Freshers were taught the Asian Parliamentary Debate format by seniors followed by a Q&A session which allowed for clarification of doubts and encouraged active participation in mock debates. The event exemplified EDS' commitment to nurturing debate skills and fostering an inclusive environment.







### **IOCL Conventional Debate 2022**



In November 2022, EDS hosted an online Conventional Debate in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Limited as part of Vigilance Awareness Week. The debate centred around the theme of "Corruption-free India for a developed nation" and explored the motion "The eradication of corruption requires the redressal of institution failures, not just a change of mindset".

The event allowed audience interjections, promoting active participation. The debate showcased the talent of Harrgun Kohli and Simran Swaika, who secured the first and second runner-up positions, respectively. Aakarshi Srivastava and Adamya Raj were recognised as the best interjectors.







## Open Mic Event 2022



To commemorate the birth anniversaries of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Hijam Irabot, EDS collaborated with Ethnic Eight to organise an open mic event. The theme for the event was "Continuing Legacies of the Revolutionary Freedom Movement: From the North-East to the North-West, From Hijam Irabot to Bhagat Singh". It featured captivating story-telling and poetry performances that paid homage to these revolutionary figures. A PowerPoint presentation was also exhibited, delving into the lives of Bhagat Singh and Hijam Irabot.





