



# Journey of The English Debating Society 2022-24

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# About The English Debating Society

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*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**

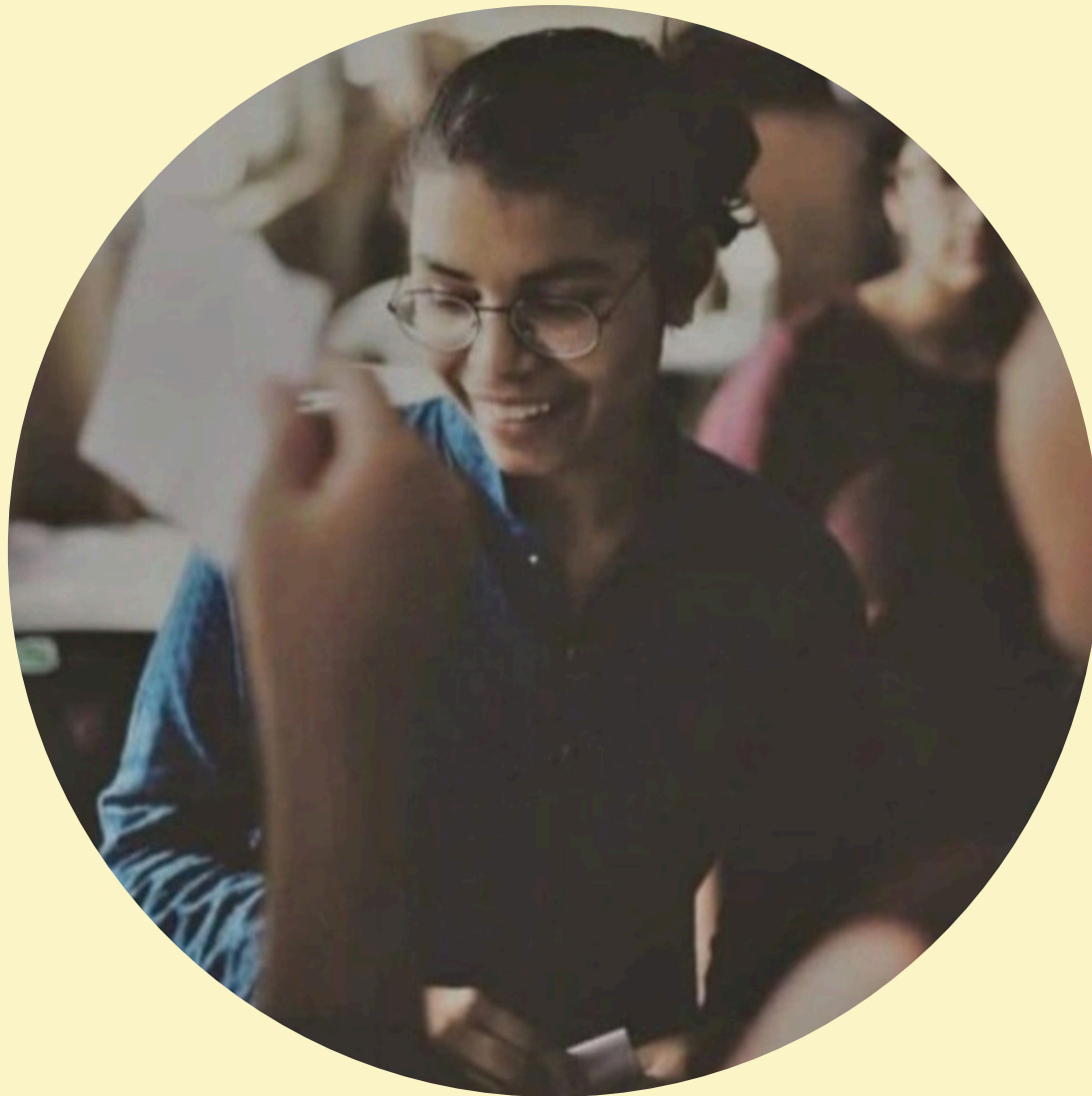
**Ms. Kashish Dua**





# Student Council 2022-23

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**Khushi Sharma**  
**President**



**Soumya Arora**  
**Vice President**





**Harnur Watta**  
**President**



**Shreya Singh**  
**Vice President**



**Dhwanee Goyal**  
**Debate-In-Charge**

## **Student Council 2023-24**

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**Juanita Mary Jose**  
**General Secretary**





# Procedure of Selection For Freshers

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***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.***

The English Debating & Declamation Society  
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We are  
**RECRUITING**

ELIGIBILITY : Students across all years  
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

ROUND 1 : Google Form Application  
ROUND 2 : Group Discussion  
ROUND 3 : Surprise Round

FORM LINK is available in the bio!

DEADLINE : 09:00 PM, 16th September 2023

The English Debating Society  
Jesus and Mary College

**WE ARE RECRUITING**

Eligibility: First Year & Transfer Students  
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

ROUND 1: Google Form Application  
Form Link: <https://forms.gle/xwhpVngzzcRuYWDE7>

Deadline: 11:59 PM, 16th December, 2022





# 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, each year, NRMD attracts more than 400 students from all over the country. It is one of the few tournaments that allows outstation colleges to participate.*







# Fresher's Debate 2023



THE ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY  
in collaboration with  
THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT  
*presents a*  
**FRESHERS' DEBATE**

MOTION : This house believes that the principles of nationalism as articulated by Bhagat Singh are in complete contradiction with contemporary politics in the name of nationalism.

FORMAT : Conventional Debate

DATE 29TH SEP 2023, FRIDAY

VENUE THEVENET HALL

TIME 1 PM ONWARDS

Exciting cash prizes await!!

**REGISTER NOW !**

Contact us at :  
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Harnur (President, English Debating Society)  
7011771012  
Manvi (President, History Department)

Scan the QR Code to register:



*On September 29, 2023, the Fresher's Debate, organized in collaboration with the History Department of Jesus and Mary College to commemorate the legacy of Bhagat Singh, attracted enthusiastic participation from first-year students across various academic disciplines. The event was adjudicated by Assistant Professor Dr. Tanu Parashar and Assistant Professor Dr. V. Mark Gideon from our institution, lending significant authority to the proceedings. The debate was marked by profound insights and impassioned exchanges, engaging around 20 participants with an audience of approximately 200 in Thevenet Hall. Winners in both the debating and interjection categories were honored with cash prizes and certificates.*







# **IOCL Conventional Debate 2023**

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***On November 1, 2023, the society hosted a highly esteemed debate competition, generously sponsored by Indian Oil Corporation, in commemoration of Vigilance Awareness Week. The event garnered significant participation, with 15 individuals engaging in spirited debates. Representatives from Indian Oil Corporation closely followed the proceedings via live screening from Thevenet Hall on the JMC campus.***

***The central theme of the debate, "Say No to Corruption: Commit to the Nation," provided a platform for debaters to eloquently present their arguments with remarkable confidence and conviction. Beyond highlighting the critical issue of corruption, the event showcased the exceptional oratory skills and persuasive abilities of the participants.***







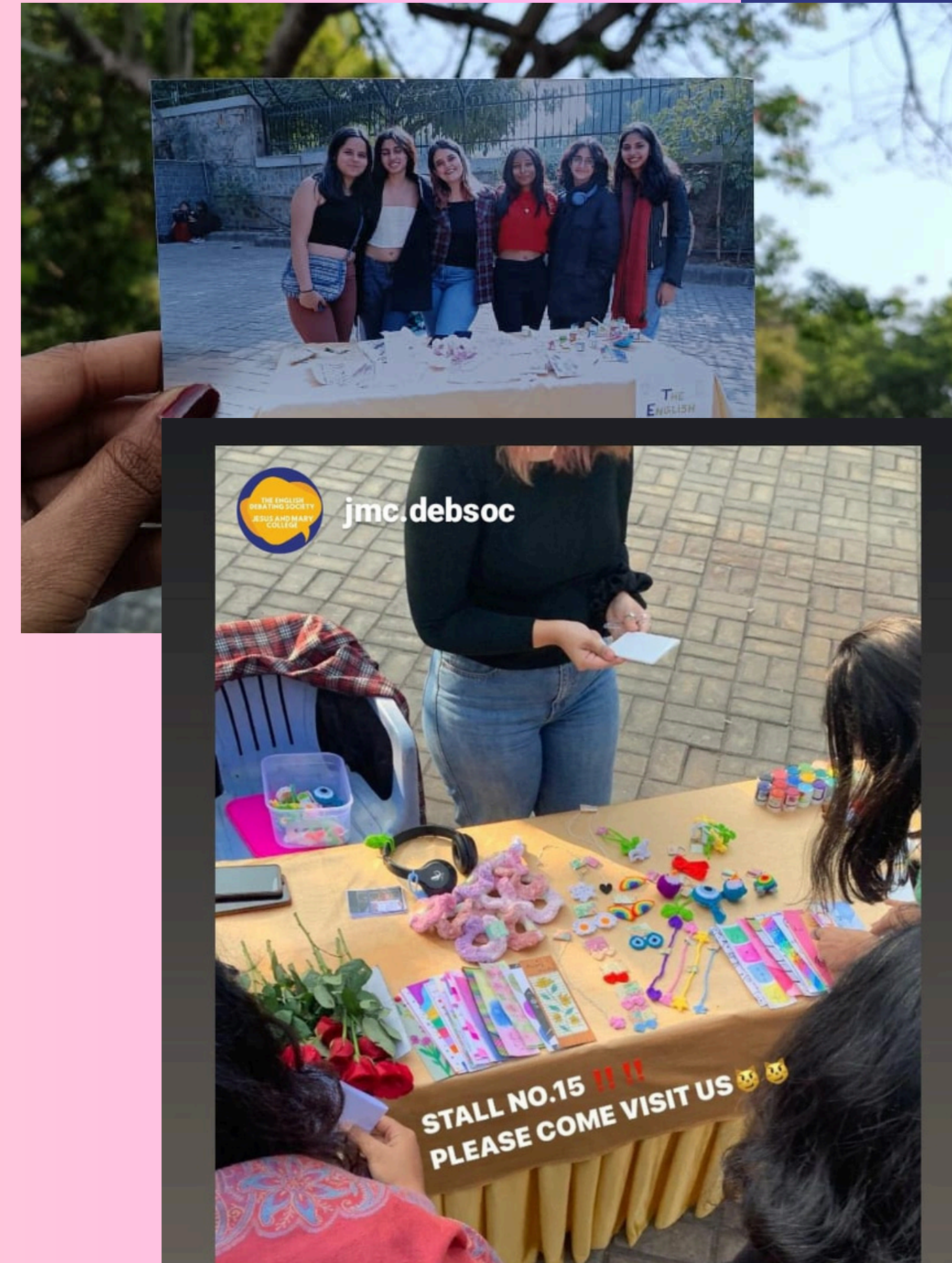
# Society Fundraiser 2023

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*On December 8th, our society orchestrated a dynamic Fundraiser near the bustling Purple Wall area on campus. Transforming the space into a lively marketplace of creativity and camaraderie, we curated a diverse array of offerings that resonated deeply with our society's ethos.*

*At our stall, guests were greeted with canvases awaiting their artistic touch, handmade bookmarks, adorned with inspiring quotes, and many such things. A highlight of the event was the exquisite collection of crocheted accessories, meticulously crafted by one of our talented members.*

*Beyond fundraising, the event fostered a sense of community spirit, uniting individuals through shared passions and creative endeavors.*







# Mock and Speaker Sessions

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*Throughout the session of 2023-24, the society organized a series of comprehensive training sessions designed to educate its members on the intricate formats and technical nuances of both Asian Parliamentary and British Parliamentary debates. These sessions featured detailed lectures on the structure and rules of each format, alongside practical workshops aimed at developing critical thinking and argumentation skills. Additionally, the society conducted debate mock sessions, both internally and in collaboration with students from other Delhi University colleges. These mock debates offered participants the opportunity to apply their newly acquired knowledge in simulated debate scenarios, thereby gaining valuable hands-on experience. This approach not only fostered confidence but also enhanced proficiency among members as they prepared for competitive debating events.*







# Annual Event

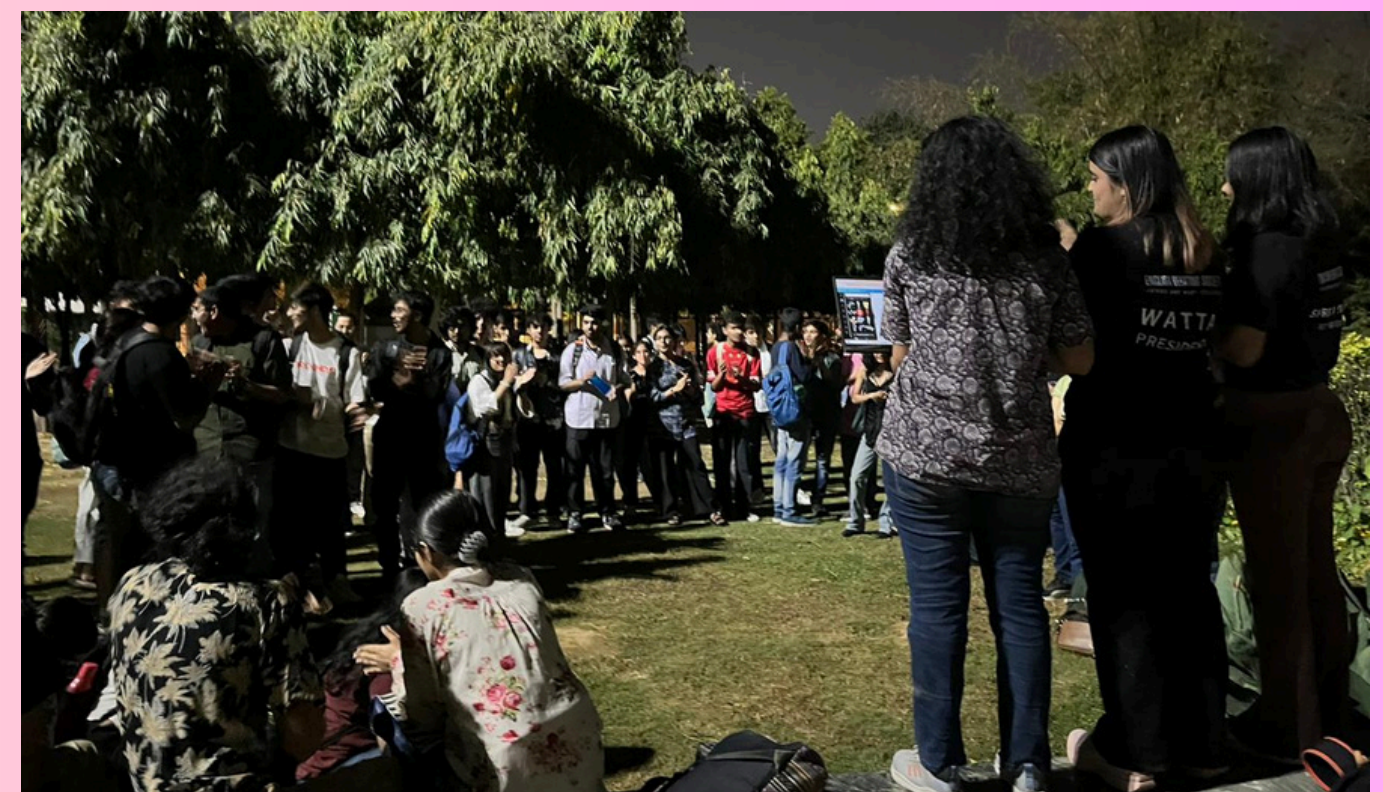
## The 12th Natasha Ranjit Memorial Debate 2024

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*The English Debating Society at Jesus and Mary College enjoyed a noteworthy session in 2023-24, characterized by captivating events, enlightening workshops, and victorious tournaments.*

*The Natasha Ranjit Memorial Debate, hosted offline at Jesus and Mary College, drew over 150 participants forming 32 teams from more than 20 colleges across Delhi and NCR during its three-day duration from April 2nd to April 4th, 2024. The event featured five preliminary rounds, followed by semi-finals and finals, fostering intensive discussions.*

*Supported by a seasoned adjudicating team, compelling motions, a robust equity panel, and efficient management, the tournament provided a competitive and intellectually enriching platform. The winning teams received immediate cash prizes totaling over INR 50,000. The EDS ensured a secure and fair environment for all participants.*







# Farewell 2024

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*On May 1, 2024, the Society Farewell took place in the AV Room, creating a warm and informal atmosphere to commemorate the conclusion of a fruitful year. The event was dedicated to bidding farewell to our esteemed senior members, who have played pivotal roles in guiding and leading the society on its remarkable journey.*

*Each departing senior was honored with heartfelt memoirs, tokens of appreciation for their invaluable contributions. The gathering provided a poignant opportunity for the society to cherish the final moments together, reflecting on shared experiences and celebrating achievements. Their guidance and wisdom will continue to influence our future endeavors, ensuring the society's continuity and fostering further growth.*







# Annual Event

## The 11th Natasha Ranjit Memorial Debate 2023

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*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

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***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.***

None? And..yet, all of them!

1. **No point in being funny:** is humour helping in making the inherent logic of an argument more persuasive and clear?
2. **No point of just being persuasive:** are you persuasive in the matters that are relevant to the debate and to the burden you are expected to discharge?
3. **No point in having more arguments:** are you able to prove their relevance and provide analysis to ensure they stand and respond to challenges of the other side?
4. **No point in winning more clashes:** what is the individual importance of each clash in your decision?
5. **No point in stating burdens and fulfilling them:** are these burdens taken arbitrarily or are they closely tied with the expectations the motions sets upon them?
6. **No point in being more or less problematic:** as someone who is not equity you do not concern yourself with the punishing/rewarding being problematic/unproblematic, your concern is purely with the logic and relevance of arguments forwarded persuasively in order to fulfill the burden the motion sets out for you.
7. You cannot let any of the above considerations overtake the fact that they must be inside the framework of the rules of debating

Megh Mazumdar helping the inherent logic of an argument more clear and more persuasive. Is a no point in just being persuasive. Every persuasive in the matters that actually matter in the debate and the burden you are expected to discharge by the

Grid of participants:

- Khushi Sharma
- Snehi Smriti
- Srushti Sharma
- anoushka tyagi
- Aakansha Srivastava
- Atankrita Ray
- SAHA MASOOD 210816
- Adamyia Raj
- Ojas Date
- HIMMAH WARI 200243
- Nancy Singh
- Teesta Dayal 200416
- You

Ojas Date right? So ideally, you want to try and figure out what is expected from emotions. When you look at a motion, you want to try and figure out, whether you're expected to argue on a more practical line with a model





# 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

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*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

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*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 Adamyia Raj were recognised as the best interjectors.*

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In Collaboration with  
**INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED**  
is HOSTING A DEBATE TO MARK

**The Vigilance Awareness Week**

**THEME: Corruption Free India For a Developed Nation**  
Motion: Eradication of Corruption Requires the Redressal of Institutional Failures, Not Just a Change of Mindset

**Format: Conventional Debate**  
**Date: 2nd November, 2022**  
**Time: 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**Venue: Online (Zoom)**  
Meeting ID: 977 2642 8682  
Passcode: 530484

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# Open Mic Event 2022

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***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.***

