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Quarter Finals

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SECOND DAY

“This House Believes that environmental polluters should be severely punished.”



St James' School, Kolkata
(PROPOSITION)

vs

Legacy School, Bangalore
(OPPOSITION)



Judges- Ms. Chandrika Konwar, Mr.
Subhasish Chatterjee and Mr. Ratul Biswas

A charged debate commenced on this interesting topic where both sides seemed well prepared with their arguments and were raring to go. Side Proposition posed their stance around the argument that punishments were strong deterrents. They cited examples to accentuate their point that strong punishments ensured that the same crime was not often repeated. Side Opposition ground their argument on the stance that it was incentives rather than punishments, which encouraged people to put the correct foot forward. They insisted that incentives have a more positive effect on people, because they touched on the better side of a person. The two teams went neck to neck from the start making it an engaging and interesting session for all.

The motion was carried.

Winners:- St. James' School, Kolkata
The Best Speaker:- Tanay Jain (St. James' School, Kolkata)
The Most Promising Speaker:- Neil Saren (Legacy School, Bangalore)

“This House Believes that education is becoming costlier but the quality is not improving.”



The Assam Valley School, Team
Green (PROPOSITION)

vs

Royal Global School, Guwahati
(OPPOSITION)



Judges- Mr. Nidarshan Nandan Koushik, Mrs.
Nabanita Kaur Jassal and Ms. Promita Roy

An interesting debate it commenced on a highly contentious topic that has been getting attention due to the rise in inflation and the market survey which showed a dearth of skilled labour amongst the new graduates. The lead Speaker of side Proposition portrayed a strong sense of conviction in his speech, claiming that the education we received was straight out of a book that had not seen revision in decades. The money we spent on getting

an education did not prepare us for the 21st-century job market. The Opposition on the other hand argued that education today was not merely rote learning but was holistic in which extra-curricular activities were a prime component. These activities helped student explore their abilities through various parallels providing them with better learning opportunities. The debate was thought-provoking and the arguments stayed with the audience long after it was over.

The motion was carried.

Winners: The Assam Valley School, Team Green
The Best Speaker: Raghav Agarwal and Tasmin Ahmed (The Assam Valley School, Team Green)
The Most Promising Speaker: Fareeha Ambreen (The Assam Valley School, Team Green)

“This House Believes that the bleak future of sports in India is beginning to change.”



Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School,
Jaipur (PROPOSITION)

vs

St. George's College, Mussoorie
(OPPOSITION)



Judges- Dr. Dimple Baruah, Mr. Maitreya
Rajan Mahanta, and Mrs Anjuri Nagalia

The debate started on an interesting note ensuring that it would be a perfect session for a sports enthusiast. The lead Speaker of side Proposition based her argument on statistics stating the fact that almost twenty percent of parents did not encourage their children to choose careers in sports. This, however, changed in 2016 when the government brought in definitive changes in sporting policies in the country which saw a forty percent growth in sporting careers. The Proposition mentioned the various initiatives taken by the government such as Khelo India which has provided opportunities to eager sportsmen across the country. The Opposition countered this by stating that two third of the participants were over-age and did not participate in the flagship programme. They also stated that India had only reached the bare minimum not making it even into the top 50 of the IPL in a sport that is considered to be a religion. They further spoke about how Sports apart from Badminton, Cricket and Hockey were hardly recognized and not given the appreciation nor the boost that they deserved. The debate saw gripping arguments from both ends that will stay with us.

The motion was carried.

Winners: Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School
The Best Speaker: Navya Nair (MGD Girls' School)
The Most Promising Speaker: Parth Jindal (St. George's College) and Disha Choudhary (MGD Girls' School)

“This House Believes that values must change with the times.”



The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal
(OPPOSITION)



vs
Delhi Public School, Guwahati
(PROPOSITION)

Judges- Ms. Devika Singh Shekhawat, Ms. Puja Konch and Mr. Antar Atreya

The debate began with a strong opening from the lead Speaker of side Proposition who argued that we lived in a world where values did not change. Side Proposition spoke about various social values which must not, cannot, and shall not change. Side Opposition on the other hand brought forth a strong argument putting across the idea that values must change with time if they were to remain relevant to current generations. The Opposition differentiated between values and prejudice which gave the motion a different approach. The arguments, questions, rebuttals, and summing up speeches were engaging and interesting making it an enjoyable session.

The motion was lost.

Winners: The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal
The Best Speaker: Anadya Verma (The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal)
The Most Promising Speaker: Shubh Jain (Delhi Public School, Guwahati)

“This House Believes that technology is raising unemployment rate.”



The Assam Valley School, Team Blue
(PROPOSITION)



vs
Maria's Public School, Guwahati
(OPPOSITION)

Judges- Mr. Subhasish Chatterjee, Ms. Chandrika Konwar and Mr. Ratul Biswas

An interesting motion, the debate saw arguments grounded on facts and statistics. Side Proposition armed with examples to expound their argument spoke about how machines were quickly replacing humans in every field of work thereby taking away the employment of millions of people around the world. They posed strong rebuttals along with their arguments. The Opposition posed their arguments by giving examples of how technology came into use, especially during the time of COVID-19 and blamed the government for unemployment. The rebuttals from Opposition were commendable. The judges as well as the audience enjoyed the debate.

The motion was carried.

Winners: The Assam Valley School, Team Blue
The Best Speaker: Masoom Tamanna (Maria's Public School)
The Most Promising Speaker: Ahamed Daiyan Alam (The Assam Valley School, Team Blue)

“This House Believes that bullet for bullet is the right policy”



La Martiniere College, Lucknow
(PROPOSITION)



vs
Vasant Valley School, Delhi
(OPPOSITION)

Judges- Mr. Nidarshan N. Koushik, Mrs. Nabanita K. Jassal and Ms. Promita Roy

The debate began with the Side Position's lead Speaker defining the key terms and mentioning that in a “bullet for a bullet” policy, one could maintain a strong global position for after all we did not live in a utopian society. Lead Speaker of side Opposition had a stern stance on the motion and started off with the quote, “an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind”. He backed up his arguments with examples and called the Proposition's standpoint a blueprint of dictatorship. The Proposition rebutted by calling the quote a fallacy and said that the promise for revenge could be a deterrent to stop wars. Side Opposition mocked their opponents by stating that the cycle of revenge was endless and it only created vicious wars. The engrossing arguments revolved around rehabilitation and retribution.

The motion was lost.

Winners: Vasant Valley School, Delhi
Best Speaker: Aditya Masih (La Martiniere College, Lucknow)
Most Promising Speaker: Anirudh Vats (Vasant Valley School, Delhi)

“This House Regrets modern culture’s negative influence on children.”



The Scindia School, Gwalior
(PROPOSITION)

vs

The Lawrence School, Sanawar
(OPPOSITION)



*Judges- Dr. Dimple Baruah, Mr. Maitreya
Rajan Mahanta and Mrs. Anjuri Nagalia*

A debate with an extremely pertinent topic, it took off with the Proposition stating that the roots of ‘sanskar’ were slowly fading. They argued that a large part of the youth today neglected their culture. Side Opposition supported the cause of modern culture, claiming that it directed us onto new paths of growth. As the debate progressed, side Proposition emphasized on the negative effects that exposure to modern culture could have on the youth - stress, depression, and social stigma to name a few. On the contrary, side Opposition argued that pre-existing cultures must change with the times, and further elaborated on advancements in technology, globalisation, and holistic development of children which were all the benefits that come along with the modern culture. Each speaker from both sides brought in diverse ideas and constructs which left all those who witnessed the session with a lasting impression.

The motion was lost.

Winners: The Lawrence School, Sanawar
Best speaker: Veer Devgan (The Lawrence School, Sanawar)
Most promising speaker: Prataksh Sharma (The Scindia School, Gwalior)

“This House Believes that middle and high school students should be drug tested.”



Sanskriti - The Gurukul, Guwahati
(OPPOSITION)

vs

Welham Boys’ School, Dehradun
(PROPOSITION)



*Judges- Ms. Raya Mukhopadhyay, Ms. Devika
Singh Shekhawat and Mr. Antar Atreya*

It was a heated debate that made an interesting session. Side Proposition began their argument on how drugs were commonly used during adolescence. They also spoke about how parental consent was essential for

a drug test which most would be reticent on doing. Side Opposition argued that drug tests were a “failed measure” and how drug tests invaded the privacy of students and their lives. The Opposition argued with the help of data and statistics of the psychological trauma drug tests leave on children. Strongly fought it was an engaging session for all concerned.

The motion was lost.

Winners: Sanskriti - The Gurukul, Guwahati
The Best Speaker: Riyaa Agarwal (Sanskriti - The Gurukul, Guwahati)
The Most Promising Speaker: Yuvika Agarwal (Sanskriti - The Gurukul, Guwahati)

Quarter Finals

“This House Believes that Sons of the Soil approach in recruitment is a good thing.”



Vasant Valley School, Delhi
(PROPOSITION)

vs

The Assam Valley School, Team Blue
(OPPOSITION)



*Judges- Ms. Saumya Tripathi, Mr. Ashish
Ninodia and Ms. Amrapali Jana*

An intense debate between the two teams where both held firmly to their grounds as well as their stances. Lead speaker of side Proposition defined the key terms and brought up the pragmatic way to embrace one’s local identity. He added that it was a way to a holistic development of a country’s sphere and empowerment of the marginalized communities. Side Opposition’s Lead speaker began with a fierce argument on the benefits of globalization on the economy and that the ‘son of soil approach’ went against the notion of prosperity and well-being. Side Proposition defended their stance by bringing up domicile, equity and isolation. The Opposition rebutted strongly arguing that by stating the bias when a level field is created makes it an equitable platform. Both sides brought forth personal examples to elaborate their stances. On the whole, the debate saw excellent results and was a convincing battle of words.

The motion was lost.

Winners: The Assam Valley School, Team Blue
Best Speaker: Hiyaneijemmy Das (The Assam Valley School, Team Blue)
Most Promising Speaker: Ahamed Daiyan Alam (The Assam Valley School, Team Blue)

“This House Believes genetically engineered food must be allowed by the government.”



St. James' School, Kolkata
(PROPOSITION)

vs

The Assam Valley School, Team Blue
(OPPOSITION)



Judges- Judges- Dr. Moitrayee Das, Mr. Ayush Mazumdar and Mr. Shantam Basu

The debate started off with the lead speaker of side Proposition strongly stating that in today's world genetically modified food contained pros that outweighed the cons. The speaker brought out an example of golden rice, which provided 50% of vitamins that could combat the lack of nutrition faced by countries in Asia and Africa. He stressed that if governments checked and regulated genetically modified food, it could lessen the risks even further. The Opposition emphasized the keywords 'must be' which indicated a sense of urgency that proved ineffective to the alternatives that still existed and were far more popular. The debate had heavy emphasis being laid by both sides on the socio-economic status of the population at large.

The motion has been lost.

Winners: St James' School Kolkata
The Best Speaker: Ushnish Bhattacharya (St James' School Kolkata)
The Most Promising Speaker: Aryan Ghosh (St James' School Kolkata)

“This House Regrets the use of e-voting.”



Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School,
Jaipur (PROPOSITION)

vs

The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal
(OPPOSITION)



Judges- Mr. Thajeb Hazarika, Ms. Mannu Singh and Mr. Puspak Chamariya

A notable debate, it commenced with the lead Speaker from side Proposition emphasizing that e-voting was a 'danger to democracy' and listed hacking and manipulation of electoral servers as several of the drawbacks that inflicted e-voting. Side Opposition refuted this by arguing that e-voting systems were relatively safer and more secure than paper-ballot systems. They further mentioned that e-voting has resulted in high voter turnouts due to the integration of

encryptions and security systems. Side Proposition used the examples of tech-advanced countries like Germany, USA, France who have disregarded the use of e-voting and retained the paper-ballot system of voting instead. Side Opposition rejected the credibility of the paper-ballot system, stating that it contained high chances of human error, bribery and risk of unauthenticity. The debate was closely contested and made for an exciting and engaging session.

The motion was lost.

Winners: The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal
Best Speaker: Anushka Sharma, Anadya Verma (The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal)
Most Promising Speaker: Shubh Jain (The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal)

“This House Regrets trial by media”



The Lawrence School, Sanawar
(PROPOSITION)

vs

Sanskriti- The Gurukul, Guwahati
(OPPOSITION)



Judges- Mr. Antar Atreya, Ms. Anandita A Luther and Mr. Sanjay Sharma

A debate over a current topic made relevant especially due to recent events, the session promised engaging arguments from both sides. The Proposition presented their stance on alteration of news and information by the media due to factors like bribery, competition amongst different channels, trp rating etc. They argued that media today concentrated more on creating news and churning sensationalism rather than staying true to its ethics and duty as the fourth estate. The Opposition rebutted strongly and argued that the media was the champion of the freedom of speech. They also pointed out how public cases shad every right to draw out the opinion of the public over matters that clearly affected their everyday lives. The arguments and rebuttals made by both teams made for an engrossing and riveting session for the judges and audience alike.

The motion was carried.

Winners: The Lawrence School, Sanawar
The best speaker: Veer Devgan (The Lawrence School, Sanawar)
The Most Promising Speaker: Aryan Bhartia (Sanskriti- The Gurukul, Guwahati)

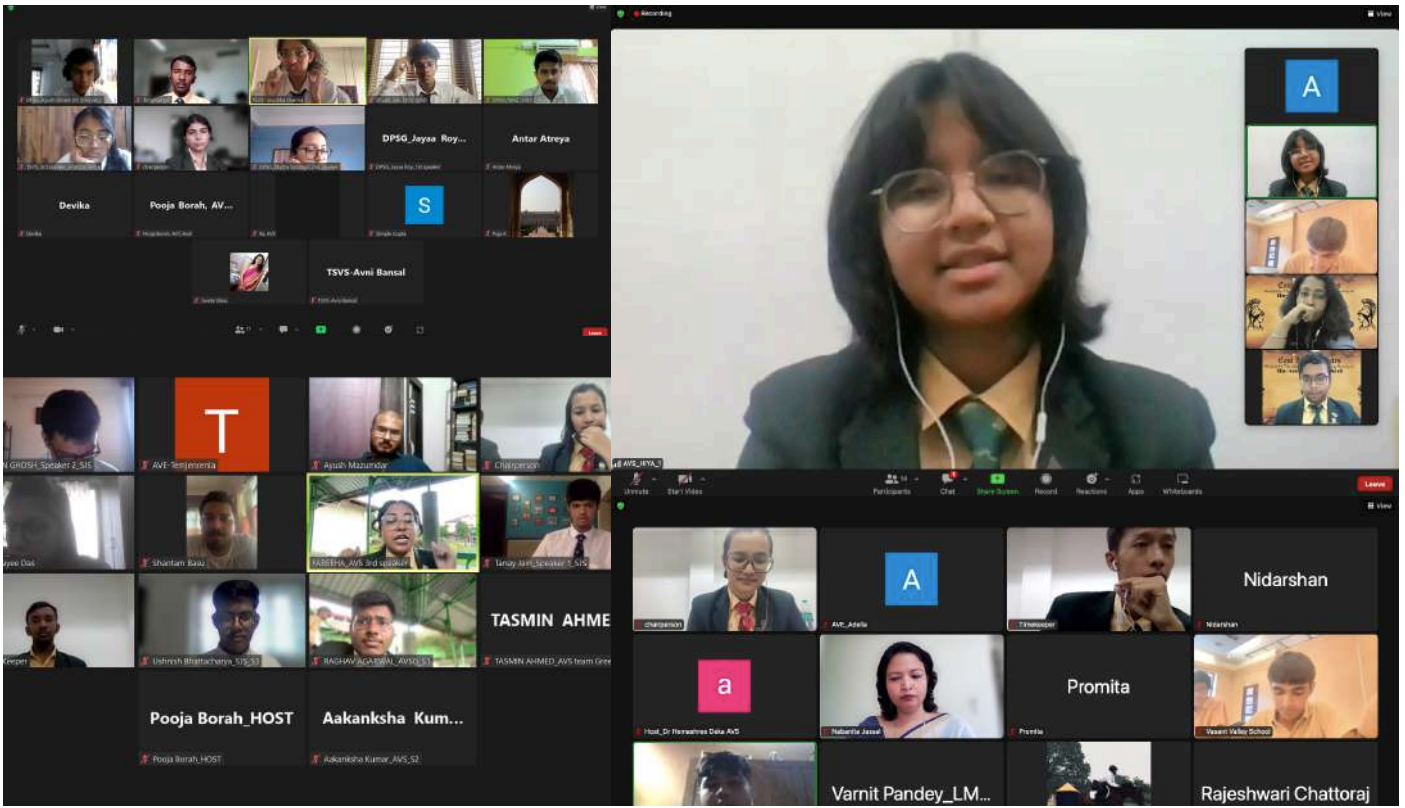


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