

DEBATE CLUB

DPS MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL



Newsletter for term 3

Our guiding stars

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Message from the Debate Coach

We believe that our hard work will never go in vain. We train students to be diligent towards their dreams. With practice, learn, unlearn and relearn to hone and excel in debating skills.

In this club, along with various activities, we try to make our students more knowledgeable persons with a grasp of ideas about varied subjects. We understand good debating requires references and information from various topics to support arguments and refutations. We all know that knowledge builds intellect, and intellect helps one to stand out. Today, debate is respected worldwide because it not only helps one to be an intellectual but makes a person well-rounded and ready for the greater world.

Happy Debating...
Ms. Jaya Majumder



Ms. Jaya Majumder



**Ms. Sandhya
Gopalakrishnan**

Debate is an art of improving one's argument and convincing the opponents without the need to raise one's voice. In this age in which information just pours in from every corner, some biased and some with a particular agenda, to keep an objective view is many a time a difficult task. It is exactly here that debate makes a difference. It helps the students to listen to the opponents' views and perspective, reflect on healthy ways to counter it and thereby imbibe deeper knowledge on the particular topic under discussion. It is a skill that needs constant honing and updating. The students of DPS have mastered the art dexterously. The ability to do extensive research, organize their findings into a structured speech and presenting before a panel of judges take immense courage and presence of mind. I wish all the debaters a fruitful year where no judgement is finalized without the grinding process of debating!!!!

Message from the Debate Directors



Priyal Dhade



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Victoria Honoridez



Atharv Bhatt



Gauri Gupta

Dear readers,

The Debate Club is proud to present before you, our third and final newsletter for the academic year 2021-22.

We hope you enjoy the content of this newsletter. We'd like to thank our Principal, Ms. Asna Nafees, Vice Principal Senior Secondary School, Ms. Soma Bhattacharjee, Vice Principal Secondary School, Ms. Mary Cruz, and Debate Coach, Ms. Jaya Majumder, for making this newsletter possible and for their contributions to this newsletter

Feedback from members and debaters



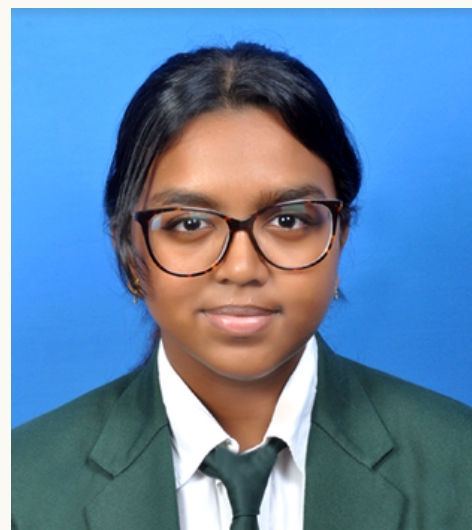
Krish Nagrani

What did you enjoy in debate this year?

Debate to me is more than just arguing, it is about building connections and making life-long memories. DPS MIS debate club has given me the opportunity to learn, grow and educate myself on a vast array of topics. I have grown as a student and as individual through the training provided by our coaches. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it- ranging from the numerous debate stay-backs and endless long nights of work to the sweet taste of victory after completing a 52 page google doc. I am truly glad to have been given the opportunity to be a member of the debate club.

What would you say to encourage students to pursue debate?

My first word of advice would be to not give up. Debate is demanding and you need to put a lot of time and effort into it to succeed. Perseverance is key and with enough motivation and hard work, you can and will be able to thrive in the debate community. I can surely say that the rewards of all your effort will definitely be worth it!



Jereni Cathreen



Keira Lauren Antao

What did you enjoy in debate this year?

This year, I joined debate club because I believed it was important to enhance my speaking and communication abilities, especially now that I am in high school. It also contributed in me meeting some wonderful people.

The thing I liked best about debate this year was how encouraging the teachers were while yet pushing me to prepare. Debating, coupled with the fantastic community this year, has undoubtedly aided me in areas of speaking and successfully articulating my opinions.



Feedback from members and debaters



Mubeen Sakharkar

What did you enjoy in debate this year?

I joined the debate club because I love to talk and do research on various topics, understanding the socio, economic and political world which are all included in debate.

I enjoyed researching on various topics, expressing my views on them and also making new friends.

Students should pursue debate as it is a different experience. It helps a person to become more confident in their speech and body language and also enhances their knowledge on various topics.

Why did you join the debate club?

This year was different. I learnt more than just time-management. More than just thinking about the other side of things. I learnt to cope with losing debates. I learnt to judge debates. I learnt to mentor fellow debaters and on the way - you guessed it - learn more about debate better than by only debating. Most importantly, I've found a fun, lively and loyal tribe that never dies and always comes back. And come on, it's the sneaky art of convincing people. Why wouldn't you want to master that?



Azhar Jaleel Muhammed

What did you enjoy in debate this year?

The online workshops conducted by the DPS-MIS alumni were probably my favorite sessions of all time.

It was very fun to interact with ex-DPS students and learn about their experiences. They also helped us a lot with our debate preparation and gave us their valuable input in our cases which helped us during the tournaments.



Gargee Kanade

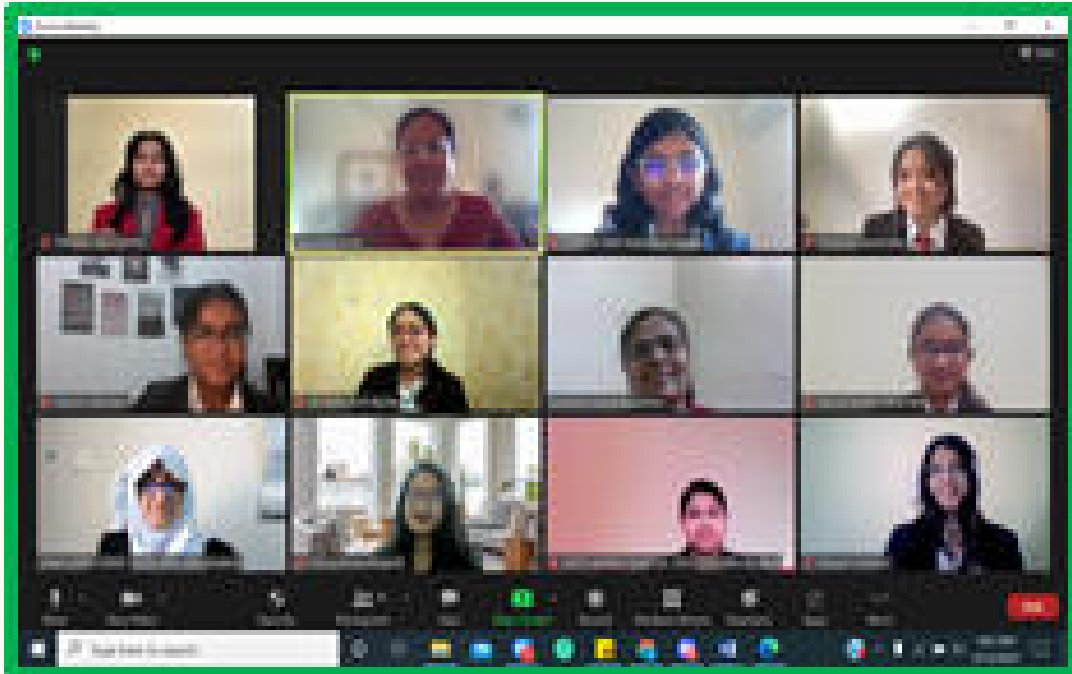


DPS DEBATERS EARNED A THRILLING VICTORY IN QSDL-II FOR BOYS - 2021-22



DPS-Modern Indian School's debaters, with the highest cumulative points, bagged the top position in Qatar Schools Debate League-II for Boys. The event, held on Feb 5, 2022, witnessed a tough competition between 40 debate teams with 122 debaters from various institutions in Qatar. Team Krish Nagrani, Daiwik Dhar and Mehull Girdhar got the first position followed by Team Abhimanyu Gupta, Devnarayin and Kenil Vrajeshkumar Gandhi in 11th position and Team Azhar Jaleel Muhammed, Mubeen Sakharakar and Govind Krishna in 17th position.

DPS MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS TEAM WAS CROWNED WINNER OF QSDL-II -2021-22



DPS Modern Indian School Senior Girls contingent topped the second Qatar School Debate League for Girls, held on 12th February 2022.

Team-Keren John, Jereni Cathreen, Victoria Honoridez remained unbeaten throughout the league. Team-Maryem Ayman, Manjushree Magesh, Anah Merchant and Team-Kavitha Pradeep, Keira Antao, Venus Rinith clinched to second and third positions respectively.

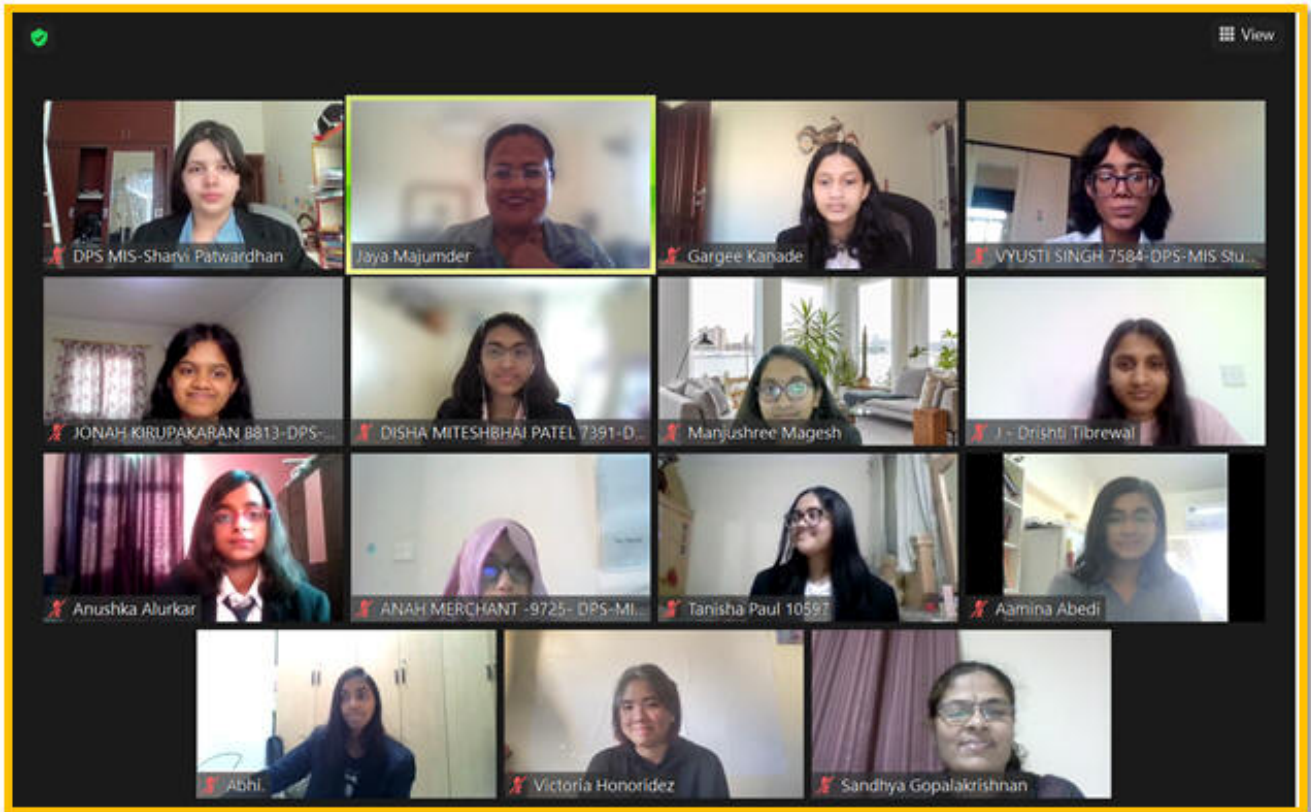
DPS-MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL JUNIOR BOYS WIN BIG IN QPSDL-I - 2021-22



DPS-Modern Indian School Junior Boys bagged the top position in the 2nd Qatar Preparatory Schools Debate League held on 26th February 2022.

DPS- Modern Indian School debaters remained unbeaten throughout and earned the highest cumulative points. Team- Aadi Amol Pimple, Aryaman Adhlakha, Mukunth Madhavan secured the first position followed by Team- Prithwiraj Purkait, Aryan Shrivastava, Ashwath Karthikeyan and Team-Surya Kauthik, Archit Chhikara, Nikkil Dacruz in the third and fourth positions respectively.

DPS MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL JUNIOR GIRLS EXCELLED IN QPSDL II - 2021-22



DPS Modern Indian School junior girls made a mark in Qatar Preparatory Schools Debate League II organized by QatarDebate on 19th February 2022.

Team Abhinaya Kannan, Aamina Abedi, Tanisha Paul bagged the 5th position, winning all three rounds, whereas Team Vyusti Singh, Gargee Kanade, and Jonah Kirupakaran and Team Anushka Alurkar, Disha Patel and Sharvi Patwardhan clinched to 17th and 23rd positions respectively.

DPS MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL DEBATERS' SMASHING VICTORY AT THE INTERSCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION



The team of DPS – Modern Indian School ace debaters consolidated their reputation and bagged the top position in the exciting Inter-School Debate Competition conducted by Friends Cultural Center in collaboration with Qatar Charity. The competition was held at the College of North Atlantic Qatar (CNAQ) on 4th March 2022.



After 3 rigorous rounds of debating with some of the best schools in Qatar, Team DPS Modern Indian School consisting of Tejaswi Manoj XI-B, Janvi Ranish XI-D and Venus Rinith IX-D emerged as winners followed by Stafford Sri Lankan School and MES Indian School. Opening speaker Tejaswi Manoj bagged the Best Constructive speaker award.

DEBATE CLUB-DEBATERS PARTICIPATED IN BRIGHTON INTERNATIONAL DEBATE

As part of the Inter School Debate competition held at Brighton International School on 21 April, 2022 three enthusiastic debaters from DPS Modern Indian School, Govind Krishna, Daiwik Dhar, and Mehull Girdhar participated in the Grand Final Debate against Middle East International School. They were accompanied by their Debate Coach Ms Jaya Majumder.



To qualify, two preliminary rounds were held in which the debaters wrote argumentative essays responding to a 'prompt about animal welfare' and then For and Against on the topic Vaccination. Another team of the school Manjushree Magesh, Aamina Anjum Hussain Abedi and Anah Merchant also took part in the competition. The competition was a wonderful opportunity to learn more on research and gain knowledge on the topic of national interest.

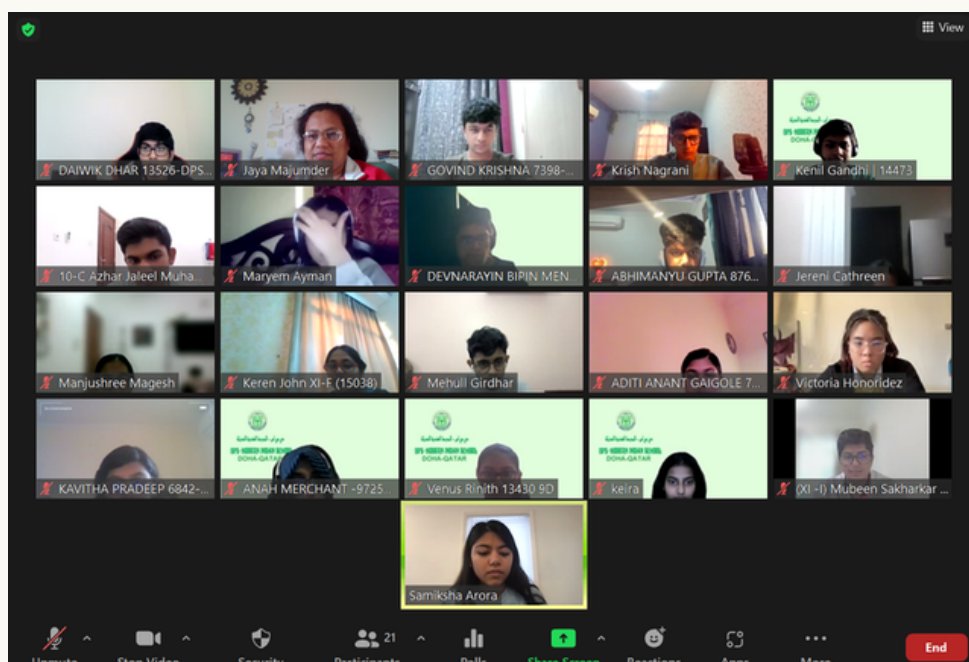


ALUMNUS ASSISTS SENIOR DEBATERS OF DEBATE CLUB



Ms Samiksha Arora, an alumna of DPS Modern Indian School, conducted a workshop on the 3rd February 2022 via the web platform Zoom. It was attended with immense passion and enthusiasm by 19 senior debaters of the debate club and their coach, Ms Jaya Majumder.

The workshop concluded with valuable feedback provided by Ms Samiksha, which genuinely helped the debaters strengthen their cases for the upcoming championship. The session was exciting and loaded with information which the students truly enjoyed.



WORKSHOP ON "CASE BUILDING"- DEBATE CLUB-2021-22

A workshop on "Case Building" was organised by Qatar Debate on the 26th of January 2022 via the web platform Zoom. Vyusti Singh, Abhinaya Kannan, Aamina Anjum Hussain Abedi, Tanisha Paul, Surya Kauthik, Archit Chhikara, Nikkil Dcruz, Anushka Alurkar, Disha Miteshbhai Patel, Jonah Kirupakaran of DPS Modern Indian School, along with Ms Jaya Majumder, participated in the workshop with zeal and enthusiasm.

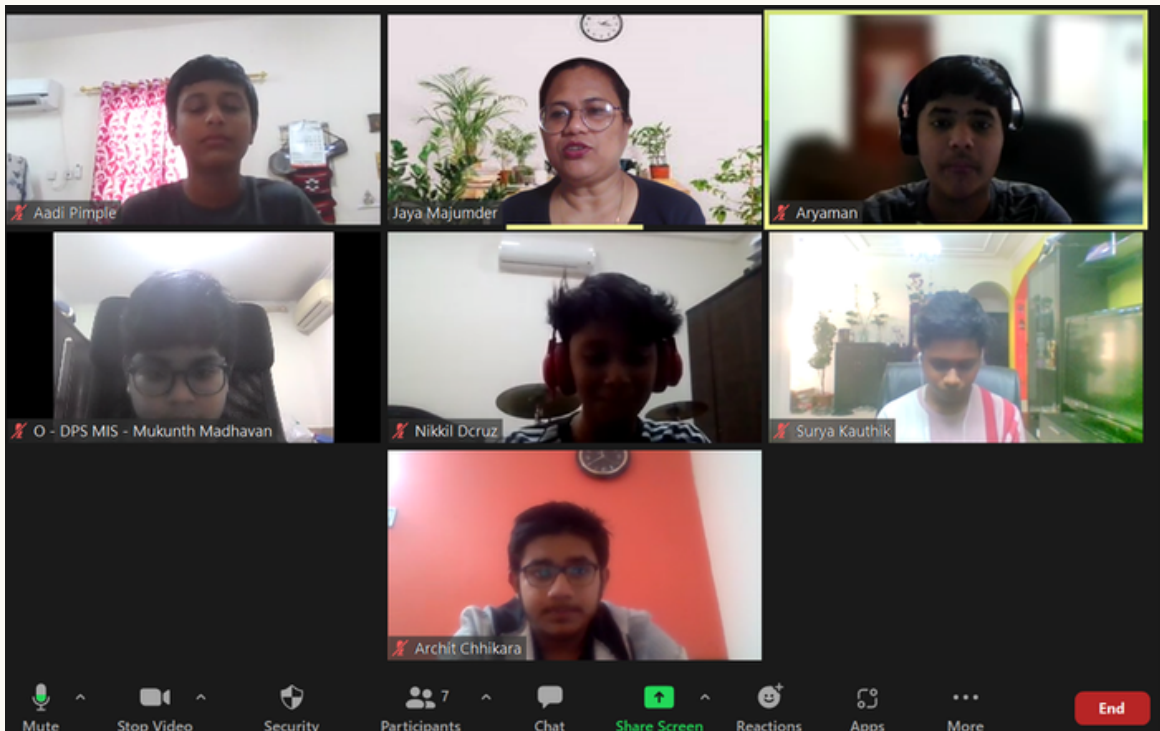


The Resource person Ms Amanda Chan conducted the workshop in 2 segments. The first session focused on visualising the case building and understanding the process. The crux of this session was about comprehending the different steps in the process. The first step was theme and actor analysis. The second step was the team's goal/objective. The third step was analysis and contextualisation, the fourth step was the impacts, and the last step was to prove how said goals are exclusive to one's side by refutation.

WORKSHOP ON "ARGUMENTATION & REFUTATION" BY QATAR DEBATE

Aadi Amol Pimple, Aryaman Adhlakha, Mukunth Madhavan, Surya Kauthik, Nikkil Dcruz and Archit Chhikara, along with their coach Ms.

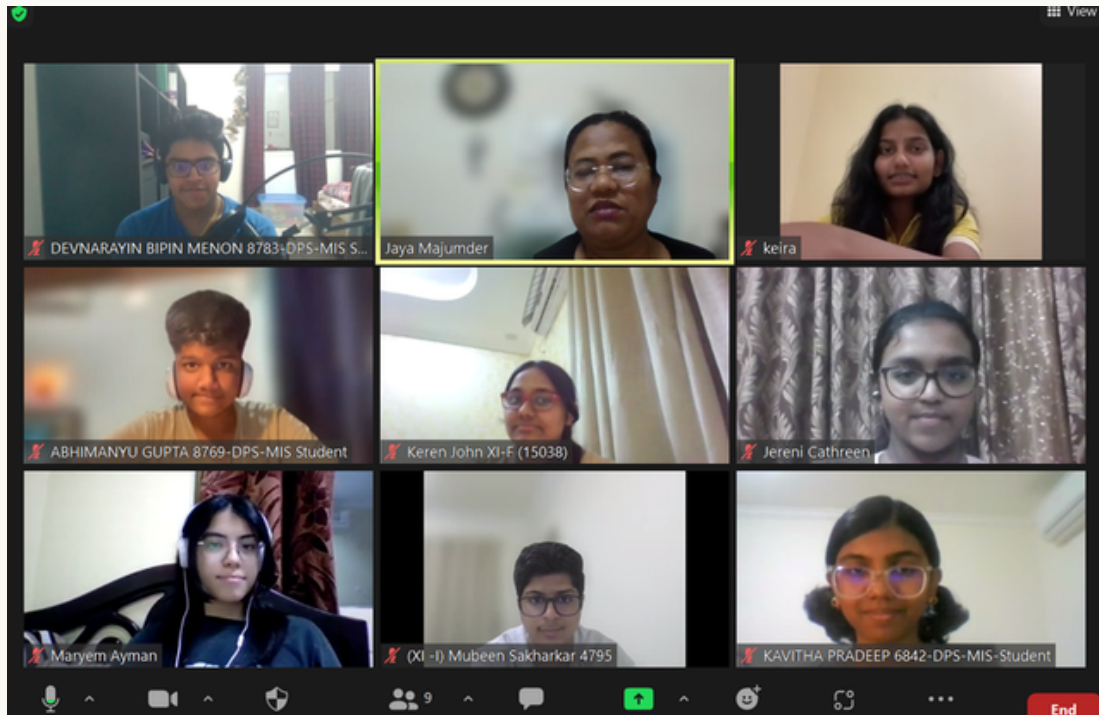
Jaya Majumder attended a workshop on "Argumentation & Refutation", organised by Qatar Debate on 20th of January 2022, via the web platform Zoom.



It was an interactive session that kept the debaters engaged with multiple activities, and the debaters had to give their views after each exercise. The Workshop was a great learning experience for all the debaters to sharpen their argumentation and refutation techniques further.

ANOTHER 'MOTION ANALYSIS' WORKSHOP-DEBATE CLUB-2021-22

11 debaters from DPS Modern Indian School along with Ms. Jaya Majumder and Ms. Sandhya Gopalakrishnan attended a workshop on 'Motion Analysis' on 7th February, 2022.



The resource person Mrs. Amanda Chang, conducted the workshop and provided the students with knowledge based on Motion Analysis. The workshop started with a brief introduction to different kinds of motions and its characteristics. She focused on how to analyze a motion and what the motion's principle is. She gave a better insight into case-building. She then focused on when a team needs a policy or model and how a policy could be made. She then told when a policy is a must.

The debaters learnt new ways to approach discussions, including how to develop a case and connect significant ideas.

The workshop was participatory and included gestures that provoked thought.

DEBATE CLUB-INTERMEDIATE JUDGES TRAINING-2022-23



As part of the Judges Certification, Ms Sandhya Gopalakrishnan attended the Intermediate Judges Training of the Qatar Debate on January 31 and February 2 ,2022 via Zoom. The Debate Coach Ms Amanda harped on how to evaluate or judge when equally strong teams present their arguments. The highly interactive session helped to refresh the basic understanding of Running and Coaching a Debate Club which was covered in the Beginner's Training. The higher levels of Motion Analysis, Framing and contextualization etc were discussed. The two days' training gave the participants an insight into the vastness of the topics covered and yet to be covered . It was a fruitful session that kept the members thoroughly involved.

DEBATE CLUB-ADVANCED JUDGES TRAINING-2022-23



Judges Training of the Qatar Debate held at the Qatar Foundation on March 28 and 30 , 2022 from 4 pm to 7 pm. The three hour long off line session by Ms Amanda was a welcome change to the participants after the two initial sessions conducted via Zoom. The participants were given chance to whet their skills by a Kahoot Quiz , an intelligent option to ensure the heart and soul involvement of the trainees. As part of completing the final training , clipping of an Inter School Debate competition was played and the participants adjudged the same. With the three sessions of training the novices in the field also ascended to being a professional.

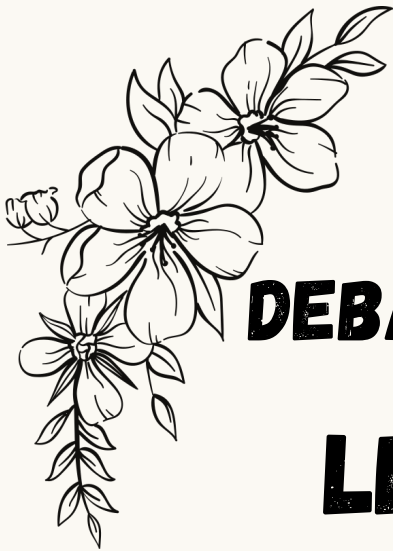
EDITORS NOTE

Dear readers,

It is indeed a great honour to be the Newsletter Editor for the DPS-MIS Debate Club and it is an immense pleasure to launch the third and last edition for the academic year 2021-22. I would like to thank our coach Ms. Jaya Majumder and the other directors for their support in making this issue possible. I would also like to thank my fellow debate directors for supporting and assisting me throughout this journey.



Atharv Bhatt
Director Debate Club



DEBATERS TODAY

LEADERS

TOMORROW

