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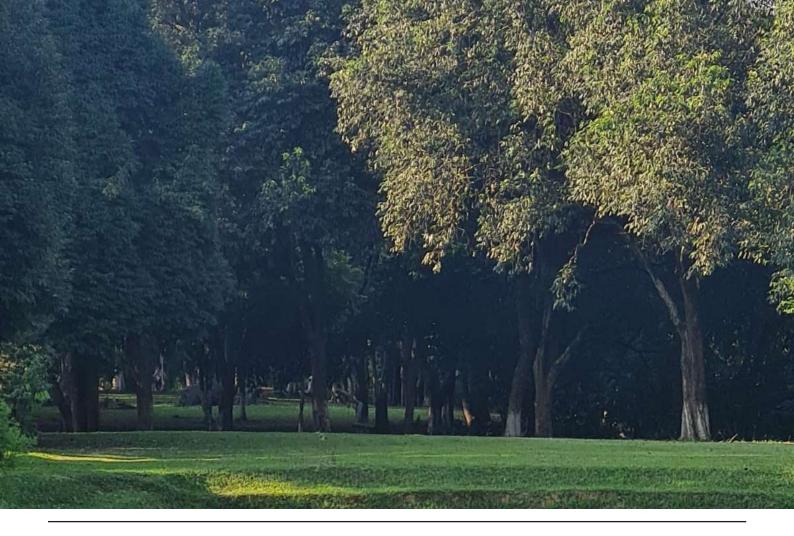
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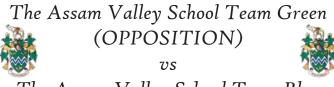
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Morning Session

"This House Believes that coaching factories for competitive exams should be closed"



The Assam Valley School Team Blue (PROPOSITION)

Judges-Dr. Hemashree Deka, Mr. Shrey Goyal and Ms. Rachita Saraf

-Zaheen Shah, X

AVS Team Green and AVS Team Blue went head to head in this heated and intense debate. Team Proposition began strongly, with constructs claiming that coaching factories had become a system for extracting money and contributing to the commercialization of the school system as a whole. They spoke about the toxic and highly pressurized environment that these students are subjected to. They emphasized on the suicide rates, and questioned whether seats to top engineering colleges were worth the lives that were lost getting there. The Opposition argued that these factories were just a by-product of a broken education system and were not the problem itself. They were merely just a means to tackle competitive exams and the cause of the suicides was the stress of the exams, and not the centres themselves. They stated that the impact of such classes were subjective.

Result- The Motion was lost Winner-The Assam Valley School Team Green Best Speaker- Hana Shanifer Ahmed (Team Green) Most Promising Speaker- Ojasvi Agarwal (Team Green)



"This House Believes that coaching factories for competitive exams should be closed"

Delhi Public School, Guwahati (OPPOSITION)

Sanskriti The Gurukul, Guwahati (PROPOSITION)

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Judges-Mr. Abhinav Mishra, Mr. Amar Gupta and Ms. Rajlaxmi Borah



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-Neilginryan Das, X

A debate had begun on a crucial yet unresolved topic. The first speaker of side Proposition began their argument by discussing the great stress that is placed on the students, which contributes to higher suicide rates, and also brought attention to the fact that there is no room for holistic growth. In response, the side Opposition claimed that the educational system was to blame for the rise in suicides and that coaching centers instead help students in managing the pressure placed on them. The debate was engaging and fiercely contested, with powerful arguments met with equally compelling rebuttals.

Result- The Motion was won Winner-Sanskriti The Gurukul, Guwahati Best Speaker- Bhavya Sri Garapati (Sanskriti The Gurukul, Guwahati) and Jayana Chowdhury (Sanskriti The Gurukul, Guwahati) Most Promising Speaker- Heetartha Bora (Delhi Public School Guwahati)

"This House Believes that coaching factories for competitive exams should be closed"



Sainik School, Goalpara (OPPOSITION)



Miles Bronson Residential School, Guwahati (PROPOSITION)

vs

Judges- Ms. Debolina Bakshi, Ms. Debolina Bakshi and Ms. Sanchita Gautam

-Aanya Paul Sarkar, X

The argument got off to an interesting start, with a side Proposition explaining how geopolitics plays a key part in all global affairs, and backing up their claims with clear statistics. They were assertive in their demeanor and spoke about the many war crimes committed as a result of geopolitical disasters, such as women forced to become sexual slaves in military brothels. The opposition presented an equally compelling case, emphasizing the effect of countries' geographical placement on global affairs. They stated that World Wars I and II were ideological conflicts and discussed economic aspects from a historical perspective.

Result- The Motion was lost

Winner-Sainik School, Goalpara Best Speaker-Jishnu Augasti (Sainik School, Goalpara) Most Promising Speaker- Geetam Gitartha Pathak (Sainik School, Goalpara)



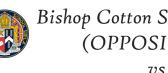
-Siddhi Priyadarshani, IX

The discussion was strongly contested, with both sides vigorously presenting arguments in an attempt to persuade the audience and the judges. The lead speaker of side Proposition, made a good impression on the judges with persuasive points and sound logic. The debate was riveting to witness, with each side making compelling arguments supported by verifiable data. It was a well-balanced match between the teams and it left the audience entertained.

Result- The Motion was lost Winner- Bishop Cotton Boys School, Shimla Best Speaker-Rajveer Kochhar (Bishop Cotton School, Shimla)

Most Promising Speaker- Abhijato Chatterjee (Bishop Cotton School, Shimla)

"This House Believes that geopolitics is at the root of all global conflicts"



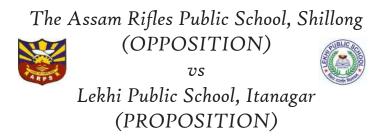
Bishop Cotton School, Shimla (OPPOSITION)



St. George's College, Mussoorie (PROPOSITION)

Judges- Aakangsha Dutta, Mr. Shrey Goyal and Ms. Rachita Saraf

"This House Believes that social media has corrupted social interaction"



Judges- Mr. Debnath Pyne, Mr. Amar Gupta and Ms. Rajlaxmi Borah

-Rianna Irom, IX

According to the Proposition, social media was gradually killing off social interaction. The Opponents argued that because social media provided opportunities for human interaction, it might be used to increase social involvement. When the matter of cyberbullying was brought up, the Opposition made a powerful remark, comparing social media to a knife that can be used to either save or kill people, depending on the motive of the person who weilded it. The debate drew much enthusiasm from the audience.

Result- The Motion was lost Winner-The Assam Rifles Public School, Shillong Best Speaker-Anubhav Ghosh (Assam Rifles Public School)

Most Promising Speaker- Zachary Pariat (Assam Rifles Public School)



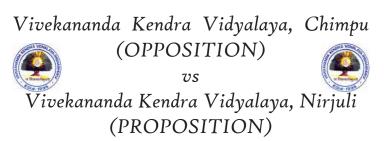


-Atoti Zhimomi, XI

The Proposition supplied a wealth of statistical information to back up its claims with cold, hard facts. The second speaker of side Opposition, Shivam Barnwal, emphasized the importance of social media in interacting with the global community. Both sides of the debate gave compelling arguments that supported their claims. The sibling schools kept the audience thoroughly entertained and engaged.

Result- The Motion was won Winner- Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nirjuli Best Speaker-Mamta Dirchi, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nirjuli Most Promising Speaker- Rajlaxmi Boruah, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nirjuli

"This House Believes that social media has corrupted social interaction"



Judges- Ms. Priyanka Joshi, Mr. Vikram Sharma and Ms. Sanchita Gautam

Turn Coat

"This House Believes that the cosmetic industry misleads consumers"



Sainik School, Goalpara (OPPOSITION)

vs Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nirjuli

(PROPOSITION)

Judges- Mr. Shrey Goyal, Mr. Amar



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Bronson Residential S Guwahati (OPPOSITION)

"This House Believes that it should

be a fundemental duty of grownup

children to look after aging parents"



vs St. George's College, Mussoorie (PROPOSITION)

Judges- Mr. Rahul Pareek, Dr. Tinam Borah and Mr. Abhijnyan Phukan

-Aanya Paul Sarkar, X

The Turncoat debate was very riveting given its premise which requires a speaker to speak for both for and against the topic. Serena Devi from Miles Bronson School started her argument by quoting from Sudha Murty's 'Wise and Otherwise' where a man left his aged father in an old-age home after declaring him to be a homeless stranger. The speaker spoke about the love and care that goes into raising a child as well and the basis of society that we would want to create in the future. She then turned coat and spoke against the motion talking about things that are evil but real nonetheless like- abusive parents and abandoned children. Pavini Goyal from St. George's School Mussorie, spoke about how it is the moral responsibility of children to look after their aging parents and then countered her previous argument by mentioning child labour and overpopulation.

> Result- The Motion was won Winner-St. George's College, Mussoorie

Gupta and Ms. Sukalpa Dutta

-Neilginryan Das, X

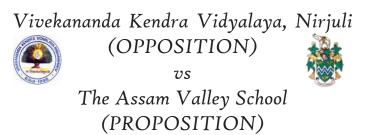
In his argument for the motion, the speaker of VKV Nirujuli emphasized the harm to customers' health posed by products that have not passed appropriate testing. He stated that wearing cosmetics allows us to express ourselves creatively and enhances our mental health. The Speaker of Sainik School, Goalpara, defended the motion by emphasizing consumer rights and claiming that the majority of things are cruelty-free. In her argument opposing the motion, she mentioned the obsession to attain unreal beauty standards.

Result- The Motion was won

Winner- Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nirjuli

Quarter -Finals Of East India Debates

"This House Believes that capital punishment must be banned as a form of punishment in society"



Judges- Mrs. Priyankoo Kashyap Das, Mr. Shrey Goyal and Ms. Anisha Kashyap



The debate was a fierce one with both sides coming up with excellent arguments and witty rebuttals. The atmosphere was intense and had the audience listening closely. The Proposition began their debate by defining the keyterms and stated that with a punishment as severe as the death-penalty, if wrongfully convicted, could never be rectified. They argued that the killing of criminals did not reduce crime rates and stood by the statement- 'An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind'. The Opposition on the other hand countered the aforementioned arguments by painting a picture of the grieving families of the victim and the justice they would be deprived off if the criminal was not put to death. They claimed that society could never really be safe with monsters lurking around the corner and life imprisonment would not give the victim the closure that they deserve.

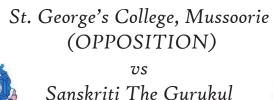
Result- The Motion was lost Winner- St. George's College, Mussoorie Best Speaker-Jayana Chowdhury (Sanskriti The Gurukul) Most Promising Speaker- Yuvraj Singh (St. George's College) In a very humanitarian debate- the Proposition started off by stating that eradicating the criminals is not equivalent to eradicating the crime itself. They pointed out that there have been many cases of wrong verdicts due to which innocent people have lost their lives. They argued that there are many alternatives to capital punishment such as life imprisonment. The Opposition claimed that criminals will have no fear of consequences if the punishment iwas not propotionate to the crime committed. They stated that this form of punishment brings closure to the family of the victims. They said that other alternatives such as life imprisonment are a waste of resources as criminals do not deserve them.

Result- The Motion was won Winner-The Assam Valley School (Team Green) Best Speaker- Hana Shanifer and Ojasvi Agarwal (AVS Green)

Most Promising- Srishti Bajaj (AVS Green)



"This House Believes that capital punishment must be banned as a form of punishment in society"





Judges- Mr. Leslie Peter Watts, Dr. Tinam Borah and Mr. Abhijnyan Phukan

(PROPOSITION)

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Aanya Paul Sarkar, X

"This House Believes that the world has failed Ukraine"



Delhi Public School, Guwahati (OPPOSITION) vs



The Assam Rifles Public School (PROPOSITION)

Judges- Mr. Parth Parasher, Mr. Nidarshan Nandan and Mr. Neelav Chaliha

-Rianna Irom, IX

The Proposition began the debate by launching into an argument, drawing a parallel between the Rwandan Genocide and the humanitarian conflict between Ukraine and Russia. Meanwhile, the Opposition rose to define the motion before stating that the United Nations has committees that provide aid to Ukraine. The Proposition said that the world was not delivering aid with the best of intentions, to which the Opposition responded that it was the results that mattered, not the intentions. The opposition said that other countries couldn't do much in the face of Russia's threat to use nuclear weapons, sparking a new world war. The two sides debated the political issue further, bringing up stages of conflict as well as moments of solidarity.

Result- The Motion was lost Winner- Delhi Public School, Guwahati Best Speaker- Heetartha Bora (Delhi Public School) Most Promising Speaker- Zachary Pariat (The Assam Rifles Public School) snd G. Dadhoi Sharma (Delhi Public School)



-Neilginryan Das, X

A debate on a matter that requires all of our attention had begun. The Proposition began their argument by claiming that because the war is still raging, the world has failed Ukraine and that not all nations have made an effort to assist Ukraine. With equally fiery retorts, side Opposition countered that it was impossible for all nations to aid Ukraine since they all had their own issues and that the globe had just recovered from a pandemic. The debate was unexpected since it provided excellent points followed by wellresearched rebuttals, making the debate and engaging.

Result- The Motion was lost Winner: The Bishop Cotton School. Shimla Best Speaker-Anushka Jitana (AVS Blue) Most Promising Speaker- Abhijato Chatterjee (Bishop Cotton School)



"This House Believes that he world has failed Ukraine"



Bishop Cotton School, Shimla (OPPOSITION) vs



The Assam Valley School (PROPOSITION)

Judges-Dr. Surajdeep Singh, Mr. Amar Gupta and Mr. Arjun Kamdar

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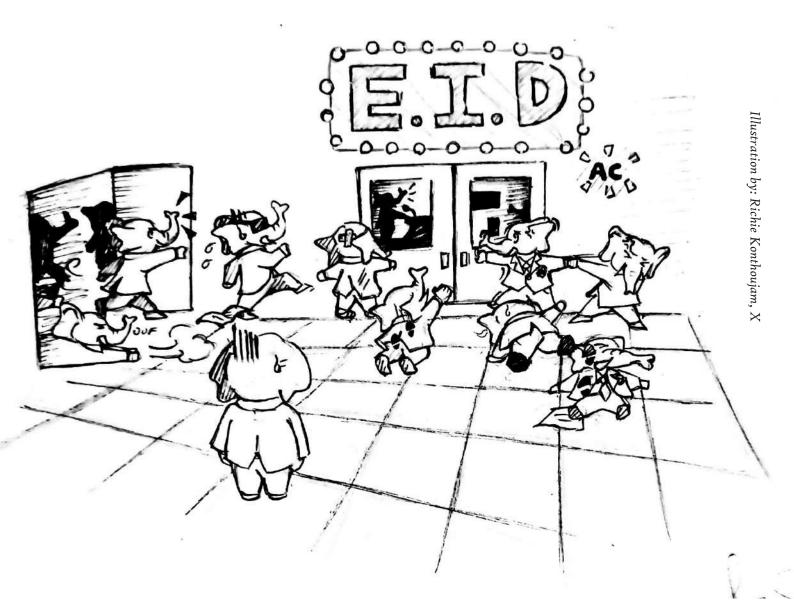


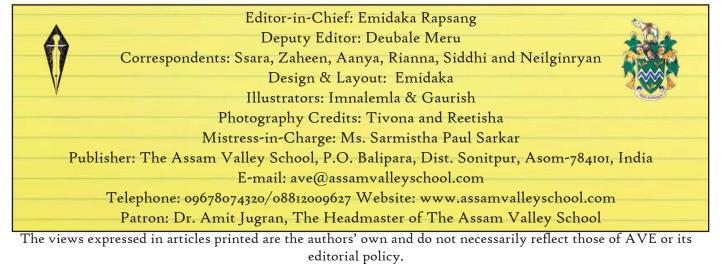






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