

The Great CONVERSATION

- Chingkhei Nongthombam,
Associate Editor, XII

For three decades, the East India Debates have stood as more than a competition. They have been a meeting place of minds, a testament to the enduring power of the spoken word as well as a celebration of reasoned disagreement. Today, that legacy returns. Nestled amidst the tea gardens and rain-washed greenery of Assam, The Assam Valley School once again throws open its doors to welcome schools from across the country to the 30th East India Debates, proudly hosted by The Athenaeum, the school's debating society. As familiar podiums are readied and old traditions awaken, the campus prepares to witness another chapter in a journey that has shaped generations of young thinkers. Over the next three days, classrooms will become chambers of argument, corridors will hum with conversations that stretch far beyond the motions on the floor, and every debate will affirm a timeless truth: that ideas matter. Here, conviction is tested by



reason, disagreement is tempered with respect, and eloquence finds its greatest purpose in the pursuit of understanding.

This year's edition is guided by Mr. Leslie Peter Watts, one of The Athenaeum's longest-serving Master-in-Charge, who has helped shape generations of debaters under his steadfast mentorship. Working alongside him are Khushi Todi, Debating Captain and Head Girl, whose vision and leadership have inspired the organising team, and Mrs. Kamalika Rakshit, whose tireless energy and meticulous planning have been instrumental in bringing this landmark edition to life. Together, they lead a dedicated committee of students and staff whose quiet commitment ensures that every delegate experiences the warmth, excellence and spirit for which

the East India Debates are known. To every school joining us, we extend our warmest welcome. May these three days challenge your intellect, forge lasting friendships, and inspire conversations that continue long after the final motion has been debated. Welcome to the 30th East India Debates. Welcome to a tradition. Welcome to The Assam Valley School.

It is truly a privilege to host.

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"This House Believes that Democracy does not really exist."



Estd. 1972

Sunbeam School Lahartara,
Varamasi
vs.
St. Joseph's Convent, Tezpur



Vandhya International School,
Guwahati
vs.
The Assam Valley School,
Balipara



Livingstone Foundation
International, Dimapur
vs.
Maria's Public School,
Guwahati



Royal Global School, Guwahati
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Delhi Public School, Guwahati



"This House Believes that the wealthy have always exploited the poor."



The Shri Ram School, Moulisari
vs.
Hollotoli School, Dimapur



GD Goenka Public School,
Siliguri
vs.
La Martinière College,
Lucknow



Bishop Cotton School, Shimla
vs.
The Bishop's School, Camp



Vivek High School, Chandigarh
vs.
Vasant Valley School,
New Delhi



MOTION:

“This House Believes that
Democracy
does not *really* exist.”



DEMOCRACY: *A BETRAYED IDEAL?*

- Lorene Aishisa
Rapsang, XI



Livingstone Foundation International,
Dimapur (GOVERNMENT)

vs.

Maria's Public School,
Guwahati (OPPOSITION)



The opening debate witnessed a spirited exchange on the motion questioning whether democracy has become an illusion. By citing media monopolies, electoral manipulation and the prolonged conflict in Manipur, The Government argued that democratic institutions have been hollowed out by elite control. “Manipur has been burning for years, and nothing has been done,” asserted Prime

Minister Hinovi T. Zhimomi, calling democracy a betrayed ideal. The Opposition countered that despite its imperfections, democracy remains a living, evolving system. According to Indranushi Sharma, the capacity for reform remains the greatest strength of a democracy as “Democratic countries, nomatter how bad, are always better.”

Winner: Maria's Public School

Result: The Motion was Lost

Government:

Prime Minister - Hinovi
T. Zhimomi

Deputy Prime Minister - Olemnaro
Aier

Whip - Visita

Reserve Speaker - Bisali Sangtam

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition- Indranushi
Sharma

Deputy Leader of Opposition -
Devam Bhattacharjee

Whip - Thanglenlal Doungel

Reserve Speaker - Abheejit Sarmah

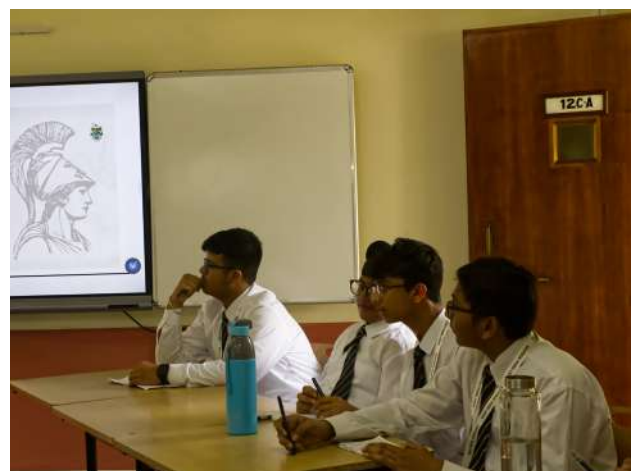


HYPOCRISY, NOT DEMOCRACY.

Sunbeam School, Lahartara
(GOVERNMENT)

vs.

St. Joseph's Convent, Tezpur
(OPPOSITION)



- Raisah Yesmin Hazarika, XII

The debate explored whether democracy truly exists in practice or merely as an ideal. The Government argued that democratic institutions have become mechanisms controlled by elites, contending that elections and constitutional bodies alone do not constitute democracy. Deputy Prime Minister Ayan Mehrotra maintained that capitalism and the influence of wealth have made meaningful representation impossible, while the Whip described the cyclical replacement of one elite by another as “hypocrisy” rather than

democracy. The Opposition defended democracy as an evolving system whose imperfections do not invalidate its existence. Deputy Leader of the Opposition Shibsha Goyary captured the House’s attention, asserting, “Money can buy a microphone, but it cannot force millions of people to listen to it,” emphasising the enduring power of citizens to shape governments and public policy.

“Money can buy a microphone, but it cannot force millions of people to listen to it..”

Winner: Sunbeam School, Lahartara
Result: The Motion was Passed

Government:

Prime Minister - Shubhan Singh
Deputy Prime Minister - Ayah Mehrotra
Whip - Prem Pandey
Reserve Speaker - Diksha Mishra

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition- Alveera Amin Aziri
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Shibsha Goyary
Whip - Parnika Barman
Reserve Speaker - Biranga Borah

IDEALS OR IMPERFECTIONS?

How Democracy Should be Judged.



Royal Global School, Guwahati (GOVERNMENT)

vs.

Delhi Public School, Guwahati (OPPOSITION)



- Lara Khaidem, XI

Royal Global School opened with a compelling case for the motion, arguing that modern democracies have drifted far from the ideal of “rule by the people.” Prime Minister Gautam Jain contended that concentrated political power, electoral manipulation and majoritarian dominance have reduced democracy to little more than an aspiration. The Opposition maintained that democracy exists despite its imperfections, insisting that its ability to evolve is its greatest strength. Leonard Barooah argued that flaws do not negate democracy, while Vihaan



Malhotra, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, censured the Government for setting standards that were “imaginary” and “unicorn-like.” The debate ultimately centred on whether democracy should be judged by its ideals or by its imperfections.

Winner: Delhi Public School, Guwahati
Result: The Motion was Lost

Government:

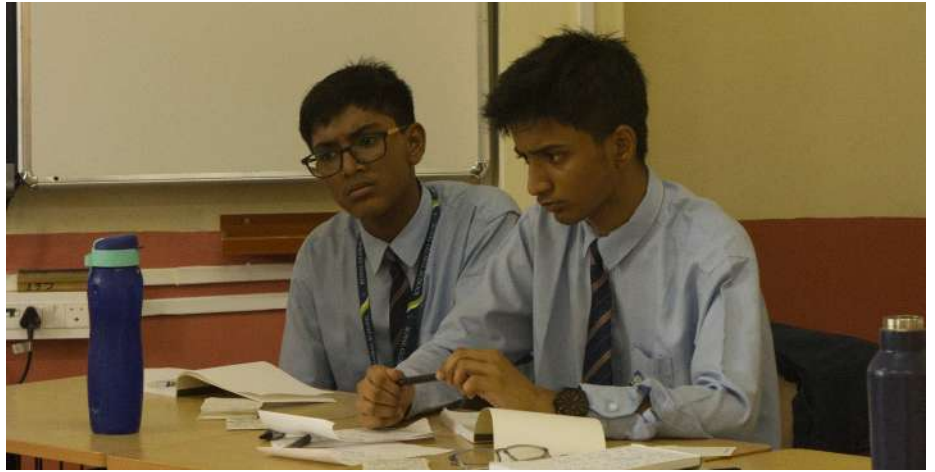
Prime Minister - Gautam Jain
Deputy Prime Minister - Arjun Agarwal
Whip - Ayaan Khemka

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition- Leonard Barooah

Deputy Leader of Opposition - Vihaan Malhotra

Whip - Punyabrat G. Choudhury



“IMPERFECTIONS WITHIN A SYSTEM DOES NOT MEAN THE SYSTEM ITSELF DOES NOT EXIST.”

*Opposition Whip Opposed
by Government Arguing Against
the Existence of Democracy*

Vandhya International School, Guwahati
(GOVERNMENT)

vs.

The Assam Valley School, Balipara
(OPPOSITION)



The Government mounted a detailed critique of modern democracies. They argued that elections alone are insufficient to constitute a genuine democracy. Prime Minister Ayush Longkho contended that while many nations claim democratic credentials, they frequently fail to uphold the principles of accountability, along with transparency as well as representation. The Deputy Prime Minister Shaizaib R. Hussain expanded on the case, arguing that citizens

often choose from “cherry-picked” candidates rather than exercising true political choice, while accountability is delayed until the next election cycle. Government Whip Pragyan Mazumdar reinforced the argument, declaring, “Democracy is not simply about holding elections, but about meeting the needs of the people,” citing governance failures and the lack of accountability as evidence that democracy remains more promise than reality.

Winner: Vandhya International School, Guwahati

Result: The Motion was Passed.

Government:

Prime Minister - Ayush Longkho
Deputy Prime Minister - Shahzaib R. Hussain
Whip - Pragyan Mazumdar

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition- Agnivh Prakash Borah
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Karan Somani
Whip - Vidhi Chopra

- Urvashi Borah, XII

MOTION:

“This House Believes that the *wealthy* have always *exploited* the poor.”



Sunbeam School, Lahartara
(GOVERNMENT)

vs.

St. Joseph's Convent, Tezpur
(OPPOSITION)



“Inequality
and
Poverty
Are Not the
Same
Thing.”

Argues Opposition Whip

There was a fierce battle of wordplay between the Vivek High school as side government and the Vasant Valley School as the side opposition. The topic for the debate had been “The house believes the wealthy have always exploited the poor rather than enable them” for which both schools put up an eloquent performance. Srishti, the Prime Minister of the government, began her stance by arguing that “the rich simply do not have any benefit in enabling the poor” as every company or corporation has only one goal which is profit. She argues that enabling the poor only endangers the security of their wealth. Naaz Mujral, the government whip argued “The fact that for the poor to have food on the table depends on the good will of the rich proves

that exploitation exists”. The Side opposition retaliated by reminding everyone that the key word is “always”, Aisha Goyal, the Prime minister of the opposition claimed that “industrialists create hundreds of jobs” and argued that for the rich corporations to get investment they cannot exploit their workers for that would mean government intervention.

She made fairly good arguments and cited examples of Jamsedji Tata and Andrew Carnegie who had prioritized enabling and serving the society. Vedaa Menon, the Opposition whip retaliated with her argument that the benefit of the rich will eventually trickle down to the poor through the trickle down effect. She claimed that “exploitation creates short term harm but

the enablement of the poor creates long term change.”

Winner: Vasant Valley School, Delhi
Result: The Motion was Lost

Government:

Prime Minister - Shristi
Deputy Prime Minister - Raihat Kaur Baur
Whip - Naaz Mujral

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition- Aisha Goyal
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Amaira Chopra
Whip - Vedaa Menon
Reserve Speaker - Ananhit Rene Ganeshan

- Chingkhel Nongthombam,
Associate Editor, XII



GENUINE INNOVATION OVERLOOKED?

Opposition Speaks Out.



Shri Ram School, Delhi
(GOVERNMENT)

vs.

Hollotoli School, Dimapur
(OPPOSITION)



- Kohana Kakati, XI

“Elon Musk has probably never seen the people in assembly lines that manufacture his cars,” said Veer Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Prime Minister for the Government. Evvah Mittal, the Prime Minister, pointed out Walmart’s meagre wages in contrast to its president’s soaring salary as proof of imbalance, while the Government Whip Sara Gupta added that the poor are left choosing between exploitation and starvation. The opposition hit back firmly on

the word “always.” Their leader, Chavi Jain, cited Jamshedji Tata and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw as proof that wealth can genuinely uplift, while their Deputy Aiko Kiyala argued inequality is simply the texture of mutual dependence, not exploitation. Lian Tungnung, the Opposition Whip, pointed to taxation and industry as quiet engines of upliftment, and reserve speaker Soreni Jami closed sharply, arguing the Government had overlooked genuine innovation.

Winner: Shri Ram School, Delhi

Result: The Motion was Passed
Government:

Prime Minister - EVVAH
MITTAL

Deputy Prime Minister - VEER
SINGH AHLUWALIA
Government Whip -
SARA GUPTA

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Chavi Jain
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Aiko
Kiyala
Opposition Whip - Lian Tungnung
Reserve Speaker - Soreni Jami



GD Goenka Public School,
Siliguri (GOVERNMENT)

vs.

La Martinière College,
Lucknow (OPPOSITION)



- Kainaat Naser, XI

“History is filled with examples of wealth based on unequal power,” began Bibhusikha Dhungel who opened for the Government, and they went on to further strengthen their case by bringing up examples from the past where the elites heavily depended on the working class to gain their work, exploiting them to unimaginable extents in the process. Kaashvi Siotia laid emphasis on

“Jisko naa de maula, usko de Asaf-ud-Daula.”



the fact that there is no doubt the wealthy have enabled the poor to some extent but the advantages they've taken outweigh the help given. The Opposition was prompt to hit back, repeatedly bringing up the large-scale aid the wealthy have provided the poor, and notably mentioning Asaf-ud-Daula, and the phrase 'Jisko naa de maula, usko de Asaf-ud-Daula.' The opposition

justified the motion by stating how many wealthy people have given back to the society.

**Winner: La Martinière
College, Lucknow**
Result: The Motion was Lost

Government:
Prime Minister - Bibhusikha
Dhungel
Deputy Prime Minister - Kaashvi
Siotia
Government Whip -

Devishi Sah
Reserve Speaker - Nitika Chettri

Opposition:
Leader of Opposition - Japjot Singh
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Aadi
Chandra
Opposition Whip - Anay Singh
Reserve Speaker - Pranav Bhargav



OPPORTUNITY IS CREATED BY THE WEALTHY

*...According to Deputy
Leader of Opposition*



Bishop Cotton School, Shimla
(GOVERNMENT)

vs.

The Bishop's School, Camp
(OPPOSITION)



- Aahil Faraj, IX

"For a company to profit, the workers must give in more than they gain," said Rushan Kakkar, the deputy Prime Minister. The debate on the motion, "This House believes the wealthy have always exploited the poor rather than enable them," produced a thought-provoking exchange on capitalism, philanthropy and social responsibility. Opening for the Government, Prime Minister Abhijato Chatterjee argued that wealth is sustained through unequal systems, remarking that "Taxation does not work

on the ultra-wealthy." Deputy Prime Minister Rishan Kakkar reinforced the case, claiming that capitalism depends upon the labour of the poor. The Opposition countered that wealth and exploitation are not inseparable, with Leader of Opposition Advika Parmar highlighting Corporate Social Responsibility and Deputy Leader Aryan Srivastava arguing that "Opportunity is created by the wealthy." The debate ultimately questioned whether wealth is inherently exploitative or a catalyst for social progress.

Winner: Bishop Cotton School, Shimla

Result: The Motion was Passed

Government:

Prime Minister - Abhijato Chatterjee
Deputy Prime Minister - Rushan Kakkar
Government Whip -
Shovrye Sood
Reserve Speaker - Rishaan Das

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Advika Parmar
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Aryan Srivastava
Opposition Whip - Saachi Thadani
Reserve Speaker - Mihir Paranjpe

*"This House Believes That Indians
Do Not Have It in Their DNA
to Make It to the
Football World Cup."*



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Varamasi

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Bishop Cotton School,
Shimla



Vasant Valley School,
Delhi

vs.

Maria's Public School,
Guwahati



Vandhya International
School, Guwahati

vs.

Delhi Public School,
Guwahati



Sri Ram School, Delhi

vs.

La Martinière College,
Lucknow



*"This House Believes That Patriarchy
Has No Place in Modern Society"*



The Bishop's School, Camp

vs.

Vivek High School,
Chandigarh



The Assam Valley School,
Balipara

vs.

St. Joseph's Convent,
Tezpur



Royal Global School,
Guwahati

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Dimapur



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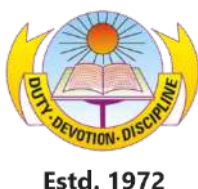
MOTION:

“This House Believes has Indians do not have the DNA to make it to the Football World Cup.”



FAILURE IS ADMINISTRATIVE NOT GENETIC,

...According to Deputy Leader of Opposition



Sunbeam School Lahartara,
Varamasi
(GOVERNMENT)
vs.
Bishop Cotton School,
Shimla (OPPOSITION)



- Sneha Ngangom, Deputy Editor, XII

The debate on whether Indians have it in their “DNA” to qualify for the FIFA World Cup focused on whether the country’s shortcomings stem from culture or capability. Opening for the Government, Prime Minister Diksha Mishra argued that India’s footballing struggles arise from a weak sporting ecosystem, comparing the nation to a seed planted in infertile soil. She maintained that overwhelming dominance of cricket has left football with

little institutional or cultural support. The Opposition rejected any suggestion that biology or inherent ability was to blame.

As Rushan Kakkar argued, “If there was a problem in the DNA, no nation would perform,” insisting that administrative failures, rather than the players themselves, have held Indian football back, citing Minerva’s success under Ranjit Bajaj as evidence of India’s untapped potential.

Winner: Bishop Cotton School, Shimla
Result: The Motion was Lost

Government:

Prime Minister - Diksha Mishra
Deputy Prime Minister - Ayan Mehrotra
Government Whip - Shuban Singh

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Abhijato Chatterjee
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Rushan Kakkar
Opposition Whip - Shovrye Sood
Reserve Speaker - Rishaan Das

CHALLENGE LIES IN FACILITIES NOT GENETICS.

Vasant Valley School, Delhi
(GOVERNMENT)
vs.
Maria’s Public School,
Guwahati (OPPOSITION)



The debate on whether Indians have it in their “DNA” to reach the FIFA World Cup centred not on biology but on sporting culture. Opening for the Government, Prime Minister Vedaa Menon argued that India’s footballing potential has long been constrained by a cricket-dominated ecosystem, inadequate infrastructure and societal priorities that favour academics over sport. Deputy Prime Minister Amaira Chopra reinforced the case,



contending that systemic change, though possible, would take decades. The Opposition rejected the notion that talent was lacking, pointing instead to improving infrastructure, the Indian Super League, and football's growing popularity in regions such as the Northeast, Goa and Kerala. As Leader of Opposition Indranushi Sharma remarked, "The challenge India faces is not

the talent of its players, but the facilities they are deprived of."

Winner: Vasant Balley School, Delhi
Result: The Motion was Passed

Government:
 Prime Minister - Vedaa Menon
 Deputy Prime Minister - Amaira Chopra
 Government Whip - Anahita Rene Gaushan

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Indranushi Sharma
 Deputy Leader of Opposition - Devanan Bhattacharjee
 Opposition Whip - Thangulai Doungeel
 - Urvashi Bora, XII

“DNA” A METAPHOR?



Vandhya International School, Guwahati
 (GOVERNMENT)
 vs.
 Delhi Public School,
 Guwahati (OPPOSITION)



- Lorene Aishisa Rapsang, XI

The debate on India's prospects of reaching the FIFA World Cup centred on whether the nation possesses the sporting culture required for sustained success. The Government defined "DNA" as a metaphor for passion, identity and sporting spirit, arguing that football lacks the widespread support enjoyed by cricket. Deputy Prime Minister Shazaib Raif Hussain observed, "We will fail today because we do not support our players, and we will fail tomorrow because we do not support our players," while



Whip Pragyan Mazumdar questioned why Indian footballers receive so little recognition. The Opposition attributed India's struggles to structural and physiological challenges, including inadequate nutrition, poor infrastructure and administrative failures, contending that talent exists but has long been undermined by systemic neglect rather than cultural limitations.

Winner: Delhi Public School, Guwahati
Result: The Motion was Lost

Government:

Prime Minister - Ariv Das
Deputy Prime Minister - Shazaib
Raif Hussain
Whip - Pragyan Mazumdar
Reserve - Ayush Longkho

Opposition:

Leader Of Opposition - Leonard
Barooah
Deputy Leader Of Opposition -
Vihaan Malhotra
Opposition Whip - Punyabrat G
Choudhury
Reserve - Anamitra Alamyam



**STRONGEST
TEAMS
are
built not
BORN,**

*...Concludes Deputy
Leader of Opposition*

- Lara Khaidem, XI



Shri Ram School, Delhi
(GOVERNMENT)

vs.

La Martinière College,
Lucknow (OPPOSITION)



The House witnessed an engaging contest over the motion, "This House believes Indians do not have it in their DNA to make it to the Football World Cup." Opening for the Government, Shri Ram School clarified that "DNA" referred not to biology but to India's sporting culture, arguing that the nation's obsession with cricket, academic pressures and the absence of footballing role models have hindered its progress on the global stage.

La Martinière College rejected this interpretation, maintaining that DNA is biological, not cultural, and pointed to India's qualification for the 1950 FIFA World Cup as evidence that talent has never been the issue. Deputy Leader of Opposition Japjot Singh concluded memorably, "The strongest teams are built, not born."

Winner: Shri Ram School, Delhi

Result: The Motion was Passed

Government:

Prime Minister - Evvah Mittal
Deputy Prime Minister - Veer Singh Ahluwalia
Government Whip -
Sara Gupta

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Pranav Bhargava
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Japjot Singh
Opposition Whip - Anay Singh
Reserve Speaker - Aadi Chandra

MOTION:

*This House Believes That the
Patriarchy Has No Place in
Modern Society*



*Leadership
Should Not Be
Confused With*

SUPERIORITY

*...Says the Leader of the
Opposition, While Talking
About the Patriarchy.*



GD Goenka Public School, Siliguri
(GOVERNMENT)

vs.

Livingstone Foundation
International, Dimapsur
(OPPOSITION)



- Chingkhei Nongthombam,
Associate Editor, XII

restricts opportunity on the basis of gender rather than merit, making it incompatible with a society that values equality and efficiency. The Opposition contended that the deeper issue was not patriarchy itself but the misuse of power.

As Deputy Leader of Opposition Hinovi asserted, "The real problem is not patriarchy but the abuse of power." The Government challenged this distinction, with Deputy Prime Minister Nitika Chettri concluding that "Equality should be ordinary, not revolutionary," reaffirming the team's call for a society that was free from the structural bonds of the patriarchy.

Amidst the humid July afternoon, GD Goenka School and Livingstone Foundation School engaged in a spirited debate on the motion, "This House believes patriarchy has no place in modern society." Opening for the Government, Prime Minister Kashvi Siotia argued that patriarchy

Winner: GD Goenka Public School, Siliguri
Result: The Motion was Passed

Government:

Prime Minister - Kashvi Siotia
Deputy Prime Minister - Nitika Chettri
Government Whip - Bibusikha Dhungel
Reserve Speaker - Devishi Sah

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Hinovi T. Zhimom
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Olemnaro Aier
Opposition Whip - Visita
Reserve Speaker - Bisali Sangtam

"A SYSTEM BUILT FOR YESTERDAY"

The Prime Minister, On the Patriarchy



The Assam Valley School,
Balipara (GOVERNMENT)

vs.

St. Joseph's Convent,
Texpur (OPPOSITION)



- Kainaat Naser, XI

The debate on patriarchy in modern society featured a nuanced exchange on whether the system continues to shape contemporary life. Opening for the Government, the Prime Minister described patriarchy as a hierarchical structure that has become "a system built for yesterday," arguing that equality has increasingly emerged as society's governing principle. Deputy Prime Minister Karan Somani reinforced the case through constitutional provisions and contemporary data, contending that modern institutions have steadily moved towards gender equality. The Opposition

maintained that patriarchy has not disappeared but merely evolved, arguing that its influence persists in everyday life and social attitudes. As one speaker observed, "Equality has become the governing principle," prompting the House to question whether aspiration has truly become reality

Winner: The Assam Valley School
Result: The Motion was Passed

Government:

Prime Minister - Khushi Todi
Deputy Prime Minister - Karan Somani

Government Whip - Vidhi Chopra
Reserve Speaker - Agnivh Prakash Borah

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Alveera Amin Azmiti
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Birangana Borah
Opposition Whip - Parnika Barman
Reserve Speaker - Sipsha Goyary

The debate on the motion, "This House believes patriarchy has no place in modern society," featured a compelling exchange on equality, choice and social tradition. Opening for the Government, Prime Minister Advika Parmar argued that patriarchy has outlived its purpose, contending that no system which places one gender above another has a place in contemporary society. Government Whip Saachi Thadani reinforced the case, declaring that "Patriarchy is simply irrelevant in today's society." The Opposition maintained that individuals should remain free to embrace traditional

PATRIARCHY NOW IRRELEVANT?



The Bishop's School, Camp
(GOVERNMENT)

vs.

Vivek High School,
Chandigarh (OPPOSITION)





gender roles if they choose. Deputy Leader of Opposition Aryan Srivastava captured the team's position, asserting, "The question isn't whether patriarchy once existed; it is whether it is still required."

Winner: The Bishop's School, Camp
Result: The Motion was Passed

Government:

Prime Minister - Advika Parmar
Deputy PM - Aryan Srivastava
Whip - Saachi Thadani
Reserve Speaker - Mihir Paranjpe

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Srishti
Deputy Leader of Opposition: Raihat Kaur Brar
Whip : Naaz Mujraal

- Aahil Faraj, IX

BLIND PROBLEMS

- Raisah Yesmin Hazarika, XII



Vandhya International School, Guwahati
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Guwahati (OPPOSITION)



Patriarchy was defined by the Government as a social system that grants men greater power and authority, identifying women, men, and families as its key stakeholders. They argued that patriarchy restricts opportunity,

reinforces workplace prejudice, wastes talent by limiting women's participation, and burdens men with rigid expectations of strength and emotional restraint. A society free from patriarchy, they contended, would promote

equality, innovation, and healthier social functioning.

The Opposition acknowledged that patriarchy has no place in a modern, egalitarian society but argued that it undeniably still exists. Citing statistics and the case of state-level tennis player Radhika Yadav, they maintained that recognising patriarchy is the first step towards dismantling it, concluding, “You cannot solve a problem you cannot see.”

Winner: Hollotoli School
Result: The Motion was Lost.

Government:

Prime Minister - Gautam Jain
Deputy Prime Minister - Arjun Agarwal
Government Whip - Ayaan Khemka

Opposition:

Leader of Opposition - Lian Tungnung
Deputy Leader of Opposition - Soreni Jami
Opposition Whip - Aiko Kiyala
Reserve Speaker - Chavi Jain





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