



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI

Activity report for academic year 2014-15

Debate – Frank Anthony - Qualifier

SENIOR/JUNIOR SCHOOL	: Senior School
ACTIVITY/COMPETITION	: Debate
DATE	: 11 th July 2014
DAY	: Friday
VENUE	: Vidya Prastisthan Auditorium
CLASSES INVOLVED	: 9 th & 10 th
ORGANIZED BY	: ICSE Council
PARTICIPANTS	: Omkar Purandare & Kriti Gupta
TEACHERS IN CHARGE	: Mrs. J. D'Souza, Mrs. A. Deore & Mrs. R. Alex

A BRIEF REPORT

THE FRANK ANTHONY MEMORIAL ALL INDIA INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITIONS are prestigious annual competitions conducted by THE COUNCIL FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS. The participants of different ICSE schools from Maharashtra gathered at Vidya Prastisthan Auditorium, Baramati on 11th July, 2014 (Friday) for a battle of wits at the preliminary round of Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-school Debate. The students were divided into two categories— While Classes XI and XII were in Category I, Classes IX and X were put in Category II. Each of the 10 teams consisted of a pair of students, one for and the other against the motion. Omkar Purandare and Kriti Gupta represented The Bishop's Co-Ed

School, Undri in this extempore debate. The topic given was—"Modern living has led to the present Environmental Crisis". What added zing to the thinking exercise was the fact that the topic was given just an hour before the encounter. Armed with nothing but with pen and wit, they set out to prepare a speech within an hour. Kriti Gupta spoke for the motion and Omkar Purandare spoke against the motion. It was very evident that all the teams did their level best and used skills like understatement, definition, irony to convince the judges and the audience. Eminent personalities having good exposure to public speaking were adjudging the competition. With butterflies in the stomach, the students eagerly waited for the results that brought the ultimate glory to The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri that was declared as the Best Team and Omkar Purandare was adjudged as the best speaker of the house. They have now qualified for the Second Round of this prestigious debate to be held shortly and it is expected to be laced with more nail biting moments and an intense face off. We wish them all the best. All in all seeing the best team win by the end of the day, exuberance was writ large on every face . The host school took special care to award Participation Certificates to all the contestants as a token of appreciation and encouragement.

Report by J. D'souza

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