

## STUDENT ACTIVITY REPORT (2022-23)

### The English Debating Society, Miranda House

#### Overview of the Society

The English Debating Society of Miranda House is a group of individuals who are eager to learn, read, and grow in various spheres of life. We make an effort to practice the art of debating by concentrating on three crucial areas: manner, content, and procedure. Additionally, we encourage members to gain as much experience as possible, and we do our best to respect and accommodate the various identities that make up our society.

#### Activities

The **Annual Council Elections** were held with the freshers inducted to form a band of the faces that were to take on the brunt of organizational work and spearhead training and logistics of the Society. Nominations were followed by the manifesto reading, and post that elections took place on the 28th of April, 2022

The council composition was as follows -

- President: Suhani Duhan
- Vice President: Tarini Mathur
- Treasurer: Samridhi Mishra
- General Secretary: Chaahat Arora
- Public Relations Head: Medhavini Singh

**Inaayat was a one-of-a-kind fundraiser debate**, organized in collaboration with Q.E.D. The English Debating Society of Gargi College, in order to extend tangible support to women and children in need, as part of our shared responsibility as NCM societies in the circuit. The tournament was conducted in the Asian Parliamentary Format, across three days i.e., 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. It was an offline tournament with the five in-rounds conducted in Miranda House college and the out-rounds held in Gargi college.

All proceeds from the tournament including the entirety of registration fees and money raised from sponsorships that was in excess of what we needed to break even on the organizing costs of

the tournament, was donated to **Prerna: Social Development and Welfare Society**, a non-profit, non-political and non-government organization registered under the societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, which is actively engaged in social services with a focus on the upliftment of the underprivileged. A total of Rs. 61,500/- was donated to the foundation after the successful conclusion of the tournament. Inayat PD 2022 saw participation from various colleges and was indeed a huge success. More significantly, the tournament did not just provide an able platform for debaters and judges to compete but it also contributed in the fulfillment of our commitment towards the social upliftment and empowerment of women.

**Auditions for the term were held in full fervor, with almost 300 applicants** across courses going through rounds of rigorous selections. The first round was in the turncoat debate format where speakers were given impromptu topics to support and defend within the same speech. This was followed by an interview round where speakers were met with questions to gauge debate aptitude as well as the time they would be able to allot to the activity. With well-rounded insight in hand, we were able to band together a group of the top 32 applicants as valuable additions to Debsoc to be trained into vivid, opinionated debaters of Miranda House DebSoc.

Debsoc held its **annual British Parliamentary Tournament, Manzar 2023**, through the online forum of Zoom+Discord on 25-26th March, 2023. It saw participation from Institutions not only across the country but across the globe, which made it a one of a kind experience for participating debaters to gain exposure to ideas from debating circuits outside their own. The tournament saw invigorating debates on topics ranging across various themes, such as economics, politics, philosophy and others.

Manzar 2023 hosted over 400 individuals, making it not only Miranda House's biggest parliamentary tournament till date, but also one of India's grandest tournaments in this season. It not only received enthusiastic participation from across the country, but also had participants from countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, South Africa, Malaysia, Russia, Philippines, Indonesia, Britain and the United States.

## **Student achievements**

**Medhavini** won accolades including, Uhuru Worlds 2023: ESL Finalists and 10th Best ESL Speaker, Ikhtilaf PD 2023 (Zakir Husain Delhi College): OPEN CHAMPIONS-10th best speaker, Institute Of Law, Nirma University BPD 2023: OPEN GRAND FINALISTS- 10th Best speaker, Tabtastic Summer Open 2023: Open Quarter Finalists and 10th Best Speaker, RPMD 2023-BP-23rooms-OPEN GRAND FINALIST, Ramaiah College of Law Parliamentary Debate 2023: OPEN SEMI-FINALISTS, NALSAR IV 2023 - OPEN QUARTER-FINALISTS , Munaazra 2023: OPEN GRAND FINALISTS- 7th Best Speaker, Bits Pilani BPD 2023: OPEN GRAND FINALISTS- 4th Best Speaker, Wax Eloquent 2023: OPEN SEMI-FINALISTS- 8th Best Speaker, IITD PD 2023: OPEN QUARTER FINALIST - 8th Best Speaker , Zamboanga Debate Open 2022: OPEN QUARTER FINALIST , National Law University Jodhpur PD 2023: OPEN QUARTER FINALISTS, Ramaiah College of Law Parliamentary Debate 2022: OPEN PRE-SEMI FINALS, SRDF 2023 (SRCC): Reserve Open Break

**Kaushiki** won, ESL Finalists: Uhuru worlds 2023, Winner: SCMS 2023/5th best speaker & FBS, Winner: Qaynaat: Women & Gender sexual Minorities debate 2023/3rd best speaker, Runners up: NSMPD 2023/2nd best speaker, Runners up: Axiom 2023/3rd best speaker, Open semi finalist: FTD 2023/7th best speaker, Open Semi Finalists: CBS 2023/5th best speaker/, Open semi Finalist: LSR PD 2023/8th best speaker, Open semi finalist: Ehsaas 2023/4th best speaker, Open Semi Finalists: Royal Rhetorics Women's Open British Parliamentary Debate Championship 2022, Open semi finalists: Polemic 2023/9th best speaker, Open pre-semi finalists: SDSSMPD 2023/Open best speaker

In the Novice Category, **Samaara won**, Riwaayat Intra-BP Winner, Best Speaker, Novice winner Polemic'23, 7th novice speaker , Novice Finals Ikhtilaf'23, Best novice speaker, Novice semis MNMPD'23, 6th Novice speaker, Open Quarter Finalist SRDF'23, 4th best Novice speaker, Open Pre Quarter Finalist Mukhtilaf'23, 3rd best novice speaker , GGS'23 top breaking team, 3rd best speaker, Best Novice speaker, 4th best Open speaker Qaynaat'23

**Samridhhi** won, ZHDC, 4th Best Novice Speaker, Novice Finalists, NLUD, open finalists , Riwaayat, finalists, finals best speaker and 3rd best speaker overall, RPMD- open reserve break, Stephens proam-semi-finalists, 5th best am speaker. **Sanya** won, ZHDC Finalists, 3rd best

Novice Speaker, GGS Top Breaking Team, Open Pre-Semi Finalist NLUD. **Shriya** won, ZHDC Semi Finalists, 9th best Novice speaker, Open Quarter Finalist, Symcharcha 2023. **Yushvita** won Winner, Riwaayat Intra-BP and Open Pre-Semi Finalist NLUD. **Mugdha** won ZHDC Semi Finalist. **Khushi** won ZHDC Semi Finalist. **Radhika** won Open Pre-Semi Finalist NLUD and Open Octo- Finalist Rahat PD. **Somedutta** won Vinod Chowdhary Memorial Debate, St. Stephens, Grand Finalist. **Anasab** won Vinod Chowdhary Memorial Debate, St. Stephens, Grand Finalist and Runners up, Riwaayat Intra BP

The Judging credentials include **Medhavini** winning Core Adjudication Panel (IIT Patna) -Celesta APD 2023, Deputy Core Adjudicator: R V College of Engineering Debate 2023, United Asian Debating Championship 2022: Open Octofinals Judge, United Asian Debating Championship 2023: Semi-Finals (EFL) Judge, Edinburgh University Debate Union Open 2023: Open Grand Finals Chair, DTU Summers Pre-UADC 2023: Invited Adjudicator and : Open Grand Finals Judge , The DTU Parliamentary Debate 2023: Overall Best Adjudicator and Semi-Finals Judge, Government Law College BP 2023: Invited Adjudicator and Novice Finals Judge , Vito Cruz Open 2022: Overall Best Adjudicator and Grand Finals Chair , Vitark 2023 (DDUC): Overall Best Adjudicator and Semi-Finals Panel, Invited Adjudicator, Shivaji PD 2023: Overall Best Adjudicator and Semi-Finals Panel, Invited Adjudicator, People Speak 2023 (Sri Venkateswara College): Open Grand Finals Judge , Diliman Pre-Australs: Overall 4th best judge and Open Grand Finals Judge, FTD 2023 (Kirori Mal College): Open Grand Finals Judge, Invited Adjudicator, K.K. Birla Memorial Knock-out Debate 2023 (Indraprastha College): Invited Adjudicator, Grand Finals judge , Symcharcha 2023 (Symbiosis Noida): Open Quarter Finals Juge, Invited Adjudicator, Cordillera Administrative Region Debate Open 2022: Subsidised Adjudicator, NSMPD 2023- Invited Adjudicator, Mukhmem (St Stephens)- Invited Adjudicator

**Kaushiki won**, Double octo finals chair & EFL quarters: Malaysia UADC 2023 , IA & Open Grand Finals Judge: VIT RR 2023/BPD, Breaking adjudicator: Monash open 2023/30 rooms/APD, Breaking adjudicator: Mukhmem 2023/15 rooms/APD,Open Grand Finals Judge, Seattle IV British parliamentary championship 2022/BPD/40 rooms, Open Grand Finals Judge, Japan British Parliamentary Championship 2022/BPD/40 rooms,Open Quarter Finals Chair and top 5 adjudicators, 11th Zamboanga Debate Open 2022/60 rooms,IA & Open Quarter Finals Chair/Diliman Debate Open/40 rooms/BPD, OSF and 5th best adjudicator, SBS BPD 2023/30 rooms, Open partial double quarter finals, Linkbate debate championship 2023/BPD/70 rooms, Subsidized adjudicator and Open quarter finals Chair , IIT Delhi, 15x Invited adjudicator: Tokyo

IV, Mara Pre-UADC, Piper Pre-WUDC, WAX Eloquent, Untitled Pre-EUDC, Doxbridge WSDC, Vice chancellors Cup 2023, Shivaji PD 2023, ISDC, IDL"

**Pratishtha won** 2023 Open Semi Finals Judge, 10th best Adjudicator. **Shriya**, Novice Finals Judge IIT PD 2023. **Somedutta**, Open Grand Finals Judge, Overall 3rd Best Judge.