

Annual Report of the English Debating Society

Academic Year- 2024-25

The English Debating Society of Miranda House is delighted to present its annual report for the academic year 2024-25. Throughout the academic year, the English Debating Society has consistently strived to foster intellectual discourse, critical thinking, and public speaking skills among its members. Our society has adapted and thrived, conducting various events, workshops, and competitions both online and offline.

Key Activities and Events:

1. Council Election: At the outset of the tenure, council elections were conducted to facilitate the seamless transition of leadership and ensure the efficient organization of the society's diverse range of events. The council elected comprised of

- President- Sanchaita Das
- Vice President- Anshika Thakur
- Treasurer- Uphar
- General Secretary- Sneha Yadav
- PR Head- Mariya Abbas
- Logistics Head- Dhvani Jain

2. New members: Multiple auditions were held, attracting approximately 300 participants. Out of these, 50 individuals successfully secured a place within the society.

3. Exhibition Debate- The society conducted an Exhibition Debate, open to all students of the college, on 17th September 2024 in the Student Activity Area. The debate was held in the Asian Parliamentary format to introduce students to Collegiate Parliamentary Debating.



4. Regular Mock Debates: The society conducted daily mock debates covering a wide array of topics, including politics, philosophy, technology, and culture. These debates were held both online and offline, offering members the flexibility to participate according to their schedules and preferences. They served as a platform for members to voice their opinions, engage in constructive dialogue, and refine their oratory skills. In addition to intra-college mock debates, members also participated in inter-college mock debates, both in person and through online platforms, aimed at bolstering confidence and removing hesitation among participants.

5. Intercollegiate Competitions: Members of the English Debating Society participated in several intercollegiate debating competitions, showcasing the talent and prowess of our members. We secured commendable positions in prestigious competitions, earning recognition for our dedication and skill.

6. Workshops and Training Sessions: To enhance the debating skills of our members, the society conducted workshops and training sessions on argumentation, rebuttal, and public speaking. Experienced debaters were invited to share their insights and provide valuable guidance to our members.

7. Shama Kohli- Shama Kohli is our annual conventional debate tournament. It was



held on 4th October 2024 in Miranda House campus. 30 teams, each team with 2 members, participated in the tournament. We saw the participation of three school teams in addition to college debaters, showcasing our commitment to inclusivity and providing opportunities for everyone to engage in the debate. We had a three-member judge panel consisting of

Somedutta Chakrabarty of Miranda House, and 2 external adjudicators; Keshav Rai of MSIT and Anupriya Bhatnagar of Gargi College, University of Delhi. There were 3 motions and the participating teams picked one of the choices. The motions were:

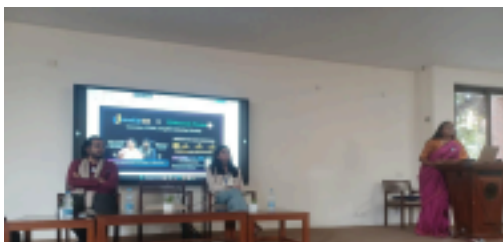
- This House, as feminist movement, believes that public awareness campaigns about male privileges have done more harm than good.
- This House regrets the rise of choice feminism.
- This House regrets rainbow capitalism.



8. Manzar- The English Debating Society hosted its annual British Parliamentary Debating Tournament from February 21st to 23rd, becoming the second largest British Parliamentary Tournament in the country this year. Over 250 participants from various colleges and universities nationwide joined in the competition. The debates covered a wide array of topics, from international relations to economics, fostering healthy competition among the participants.



9. LevelUp IAS Seminar cum Quiz competition: A seminar cum quiz, in collaboration with LevelUp IAS institute, was hosted in the Mini Auditorium on 21st February 2025. The event



was honored by the presence of Civil Servant Dipika Kumari, Deputy Director, Ministry of Defence, along with Mr. Nikhil Sheth, faculty and mentor of History. This sponsorship event aimed to raise funds for the society, supporting the organization of Manzar and ensuring its seamless operation.

10. Career Fair- A career fair was organised in collaboration with Upschool Edvunture Pvt Ltd in Nescafe Lawns on February 21, 2025. Multiple prestigious universities took part in the fair. This sponsorship event aimed to raise funds for the society, supporting the organization of Manzar and ensuring its seamless operation.



11. Boarding schools association of India opportunity summit 2025 at Chitkara



University: Our society members were invited as mentors and adjudicators for a three day immersive program at Chitkara University in Chandigarh. They trained and judged about 20 boarding schools from all over India in 5 debate formats; Australian Parliamentary, Moot court, British Parliamentary, Policy debate, Presidential debate, Extempore, block tackle and turncoat. They were also awarded with recognition and appreciation by the organization.

Members' achievements:

- Aarohi Chauhan- BAP
- Open grand finals, 2nd best adjudicator Alfaaz open
- Open quarter finals adjudicator, st. Xavier's debate

- Tab team manzar 24
- Tab team dtu monsoons 24
- Tab team indo Pacific pre abp 24
- Tab team shastrarth 24
- Tab team WSDC Guantanamland 24
- Tab team : Athena
- Tab team : bhaavarth 24
- Deputy tab director: parlance 24
- Tab director: Manzar
(upcoming)
- Tab director: speak up (upcoming)
- Tab director: UIET
- Tab director: IIT guwahati pd
- Tab director MMPD 24
- Tab director: EHIS WSDC.

- Anshika Thakur- BAP

- Participated; Rahat PD 2024
- Tab team: EHIS WSDC

- Khushi Bhatia- BAP

Qayanaat PD- OGF Panel and Semis Chair

- Samaara Ravish- BA History (Hons)

- NRMD PD, 2024, APD, Open Winner, 8th best speaker
- NLUJA PD, 2024, APD, Open Runner's Up, 9th best speaker
- DNLU Jabalpur PD, 2024, BPD, Open Grand Finalist
- SBS PD, 2024, BPD, Open Runner's Up, 10th best Speaker
- Satyam Jha Memorial Pro-Am, 2024, BPD, Open Semi Finalist, 2nd Best Pro Speaker
- Shivaji PD, 2024, APD, Open Quarter Finalist, 10th best speaker
- Eristic PD, 2024, APD, Open Quarter Finalist
- UIET PD 2025 APD, Open Semi Finalist, 10th best speaker
- UPES Dehradun, Invited Adjudicator (ongoing)

-Best Judge, (4/5 in-rounds chaired) Open Quarters judge, Manzar PD'24, BPD -Subsidised Adjudicator, (4/5 in-rounds Chaired) Semi Finals Judge, Debutant PD, 2024 -Invited Adjudicator, 2nd Best IA, Novice Finals Judge, (4/4 In-rounds Chaired), Bhaavarth PD, 2024, BPD

1 Invited Adjudicator, OGF Judge, CVS PD'24, (5/5 in-rounds chaired)

-4th Best Adjudicator, Open Semi Finals Chair, SRDF PD, 2024, APD

-Novice Semi Finals Judge, People Speak, 2024, BPD

-Khalsa Conventional Invited Adjudicator

-GGS Speak Up, Invited Adjudicator (upcoming)

-Equity Team, Irtiqa PD'24

- Samriddhi Upadhyay- BA Geography (Hons)

-Open Quarter-Finalists NUJS Kolkata APD 2024

-Subsidised Adjudicator Open Grand Finals Chair Overall Best adjudicator, NITK-PD'24

-Best Competing Adjudicator, open grand finals judge, Manzar PD'24

-Subsidised Adjudicator Novice Pre-Semis judge 5th Best Competing Judge RDO-BP'24

-Breaking Adjudicator Novice Finals judge BITS PD'24

-Breaking Adjudicator, Novice Finals Judge, KMC Iron Giant'24

-5xIA: Qaynaat (OSF), Parlance, Bhaavarth, Celesta (3rd Best IA, OSF), Athena (IA+EC)

-Tab Team, EHIS WSDC

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- Equity, Athena

- Sanchaita Das- BA Political Science (Hons)

- Mukherjee Memorial '24 - 4th best adjudicator, OSF chair, OGF panel

-SRDF '24 - Breaking adjudicator, Novice semi finalist chair

-FTD '24 - 6th breaking team, open pre semi finalist, 10th best open speaker

-Rahat '24 - 6th breaking team, semi finalist

-Celesta '24 - 1st breaking team, open winners, open best speaker

-Parlance '24 - 7th breaking team, semi finalist

-Athena '24 - 6th breaking team, grand finalist, finals best speaker

- Somedutta Chakrabarty- BA English (Hons)

-CJ Raphael Memorial-Stephen's 2nd prize

- VC Memorial Debate- OGF
- Internal Adjudicator- Shama Kohli Conventional
- Speak for India OGF
- VGMF National CD- 2nd prize

- Urvashi Malav- BAP

- Novice Finals; Munaazrah'24 KNC
- Quarter finalists; Wax Eloquent' 24

- Kanishka- BA Geography (Hons)

- LSR debate comp
- adj in munazarah and muntazar

- Kaaviya- BAP

- Novice finals, Top breaking team, DTU BP PD
- Novice semi finals, 4th Best speaker, SBS BP
- Novice reserves, 5th Best speaker, NUJS
- Best team for the motion- 1st tricord soc MH - Conventional Debate

- Vaishnavi- BA Philosophy (Hons)

- Participated in IWGM, Shivaji college, SRCC and IIT delhi

- Yashika Madhulkar- BAP

- Participated in 3rd Ikhtilaf PD
- Participated in SRDF
- Finalist in Riwayat (Intra debsoc BP tournament)

- Ahintara- BA Economics (Hons)

- 3rd Round, Athena

- Akshita- BA English (Hons)

- Open Pre Finalists at IITKanpur BPD'24
- Open Octo Finalists at XPD Pre UADC'24
- Open Semi Finalists at IIT Dhanbad Paralnce'24
- Breaking Adj, 2nd Best Adj, Open semis chair at IITP

-Mnbpd'24 Open Quarter Finalist

- Atulya Saurabh- BAP

-Participated, Dialectica Pre Abp

-Rahat PD, open quarter finals, 7th best novice speaker

-Participated; muntazar pd, srpb, qaynaat pd, parlance pd, Eristic bpd, Athena, MNBPD

-Equity, Eristic

- Gurbani Mahajan- Physics Hons

-SRCC SRDF novice winners 8th best novice speaker

- Kashvi Dixit- BA Political Science (Hons)

-participated, Daulat Ram College Conventional debate

- Kasturi Raghuvansh- BAP

-Novice Finals- DTU

-7th best novice speaker, Parlance 2023

-10th best novice speaker, IIT D 2024

-Participated - Gambit 2023, Parlance 2023, DTU 2024, IIT D 2024, Dialectica 2024, Qaynaat 2024

- Sneha Yadav - BA(H) English

- Open Winner, 3rd Best Speaker, Finals Best Speaker,top break - Ehsaas APD 2025,
ARSD

- Winner, 3rd breaking team- IITD Debutant,2024, APD

- Open Grand finalist, open best speaker, Top break- Istanbul Open 2025, International -
Open grand finalist- Summer Debate Symposium 2024, international

- APD, 2025, 30 teams, open best speaker, Top break, semi finalist- Logicia APD 2025,
SGTB Khalsa College

- Open semi finalist- Mukmem, APD, 2025, St Stephen's

- open semi finalist- IIT Parlance, APD, 2024

- open semi finalist- MNBPD Pre-ABP, BPD,2025, International

- open quarter finalists- MNBPD, BPD,2025, MLNC
- Open Quarter finalist- SVDC, APD, 2025, SVC
- Open octo finalist- Xavier's Pre UADC,2024, International
- Novice Semi finalist- Ehsaas,2024, APD, ARSD
- Novice semi finalist- SBS, 2024,BP, International
- reserve break- NUJS, 2024, AP, International

- Best judge- Celesta IITP, 2024 , APD
- second best adj, open grand finals judge- speak up, 2025, APD, GGS -
- Novice Finals Panel- Manzar,2025,BP, Miranda House
- 3rd best judge, invited adjudicator- Khalsa Pre-ABP, SGTB Khalsa College -
- Open semi finals judge- Munaazrah 2024, overall top 10 judges
- Open pre semi finals judge- Qaynaat,2024, Hindu College
- Octos chair- Debutant, 2025, APD, IITD
- quarters chair, Invited adjudicator- Senatus, 2025, MSIT
- Invited judge- NCC CD SGTB Khalsa
- Subsidized adjudicator- CVS APD 2024
- Subsidized adjudicator- SRCC Gambit 2025
- Invited adjudicator- Jaipur Debate Open, Neerja Modi School

- External Equity member - Senatus BP, MSIT
- External Equity member - eristic 2024, international
- External Equity member - IGTUW
- External Equity member - IITR

- Participation - IITD 2024, Dialectica 2024, DTU Monsoons, AUD Equinox, UPES Prativaad, Vitark 2025,

- Mariya Abbas- BAP

- Novice Winner, 4th Best Novice Speaker, Top of Novice tabs break, Ehsaas '24 (ARSD College DU);
- Novice Winner, Novice Finals Best Speaker, 4th Best Novice Speaker, Top of Novice Tabs Break, SRDF '24 (SRCC, DU);
- Novice Semi-finalist, Dialectica '24;

- Open Pre-Semi Finalists, FTD '24 (KMC DU);
- Open Semi Finalists, CVSPD '24;
- Open Runners up, Stephen's ProAm (St Stephen's College, DU)
- Participated: Vitark '24, NLUDPD '24, RMLPD '24, IITDPD '24.

- Naiyah Prakash- BAP

- Participated; ftd
- Participated; toa varsity

- Sravani- BAP

- Parlance: chair in qf, ogf panelist
- Athena: participated

- Aishwarya Singh- BA Political Science (Hons)

- Open Grand Finals- QED Bits Pilani debate
- Participated- IIT Delhi Debutant

- Anjali Mishra- BA History (Hons)

- Participated; IITK BPD:
- Participated ; Eristic
- KMCF24: Quarterfinals

- Anmol Sobti- BA History (Hons)

- Pre-Quarter Finalist; QED BITS Pilani

- Bhumika Jain- BSc Mathematics (Hons)

- participated, IIT Debutant

- Bhumika Sharma- BA Political Science (Hons)

- IIT Debutant : Prelims
- QED BITS Pilani: Open Grand Finals, 7th best speaker
- Conventional Debate organised by Ritva MH : Winner

- Devanshi Singh- BA History (Hons)

- Participated , Eristic bpd

-Participated, kmcf

- Hiya Bose- BA Philosophy (Hons)

-participated, KMCF tournament

- Kalpana Pandey- BAP

-Participated , eristic BPD

- Kinisha Gulati- BA English (Hons)

-Participated; KMCF tournament

- Kinza Rehman- BA Economics (Hons)

-Quarter Finalist- KMCF'24

- Konkona Kar- BA English (Hons)

-Participated; Irtiqa- Freshers' Parliamentary Debate organised by Dyal Singh College

- Lavanya Karki- BA Political Science (Hons)

-Finalists , QED BITS Pilani

- Panna Singhal- BA Sociology (Hons)

-Participated, IIT Delhi Debutant

- Paridhi Jesrani- BAP

-Participated, IIT Delhi Debutant

- Prachi Nyol- BAP

-QED BITS Pilani; 11th breaking team pre quarter finalists

- Pragati- BA Sociology (Hons)

-Participated, Irtiqa, Dyal Singh College

- Raeesa Parveen- BA Sociology (Hons)

-Participated; Irtiqa; Dyal Singh college

- Ritika Kumari- BA Political Science (Hons)

-Participated; kmcf 24

- Participated; Dayal singh college freshers competition

- Rumish- BAP

-Participated; Irtiqa DSC Fresher's Competition

- Sai Monga- BA English (Hons)

-Participated; Irtiqa; Dyal Singh College

-Participated; IITKPD

- Sania Minnat Majumder- BA Geography (Hons)

-Participated; Irtiqa Dyal Singh College

- Shambhavi Sharma- BA English (Hons)

-Arguendo at Daulat Ram (Winner- Best Team);

-JIIT Conventional Debate (Participated)

- Shrishti Shandilya- BAP

-Participated, Eristic BPD

- Srijani Choudhary- BSc Hons Botany

-Participated; IIT Debutant

- Vrinda Sharma- BA Sociology (Hons)

-Participated; IIT kanpur APD

- Yashya Ankit- BAP

-Open Pre Quarter Finals, 11th Breaking team, BITS PILANI QED (2024)

-Participated, Irtiqa (2024)

- Yogita Singh- BA English (Hons)

-Participated; IITK APD