



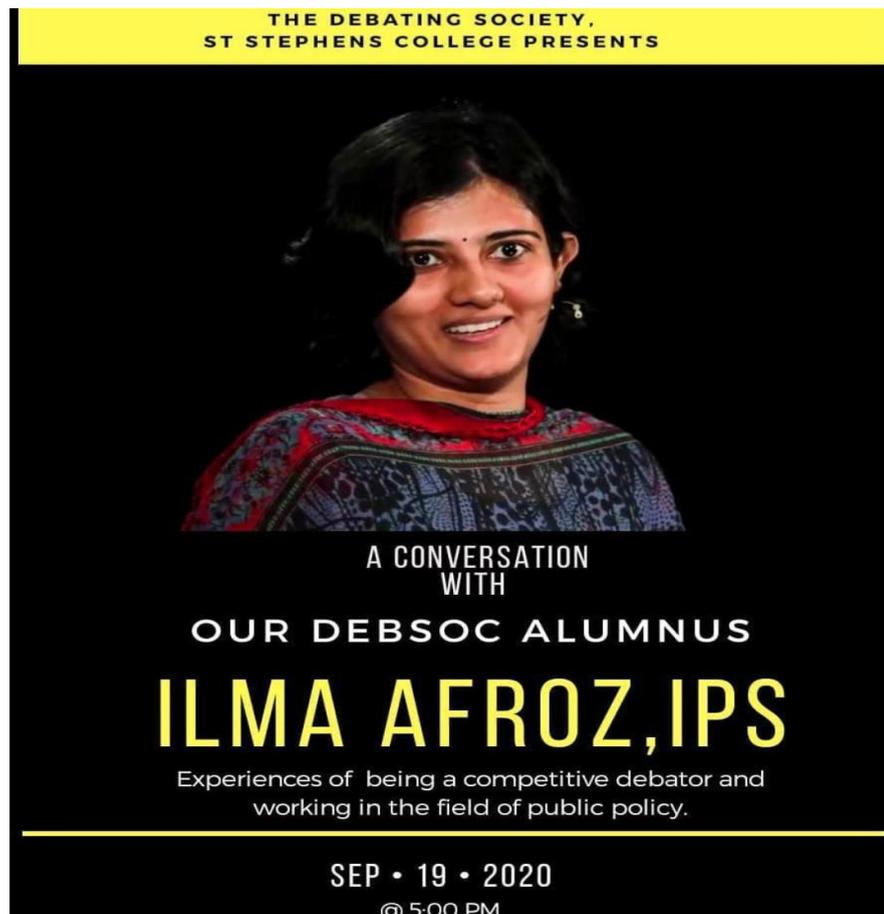
## Society Activity Report 2020-21 Debating Society

- **Seminar with Ilma Afroz:**

A conversation was organised online with Ms. Ilma Afroz (IPS, 2018), an alumna of the college, to hear about her remarkable journey of being a competitive debater while at St. Stephen's College, her journey to the University of Oxford and return to India to join the prestigious Indian Police Services (IPS).

Students across University of Delhi were invited for the same on 19th September, 2020 at 5 PM.

Our Staff Advisor, Annu Malhotra was present for support and assistance. More than 100 students participated in the event.





- **Panel Discussion Series: Mukarji Memorial Dialogues, 2021:**
  - **NEP 2020 and Implications on Higher Education:**
    - This discussion was held online on 9th February, 2021 at 5 PM.
    - The panellists for the discussion were Dr. Shakila Shamsu (Formerly OSD, MHRD), Dr. Nidhi S. Sabharwal (Associate Professor, NIEPA), Dr. Leena Wadia (Senior Fellow, ORF), Dr. Garima Malik (Associate Professor, NIEPA) and Dr. Pushkar (Director, The International Centre, Goa).
    - Around 50 students within and outside St. Stephen's College attended the same.

**Mukarji Memorial Dialogues 2021**

Panel Discussion On  
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**Date: 9th February 2021**  
**Time: 5 PM**

- **Challenges of Mainstreaming Development Journalism in India:**
  - The discussion was held online on 16th February, 2021 at 5 PM.
  - The panellists for the discussion were Patralekha Chatterjee (Independent Journalist), Rachita Vora (Co-Founder and Director, India Development Review), Swagata Yadavar (Independent Journalist), Chirag Chinappa (Co-Founder and Chief Editor, The Bastion) and Padma Priya (Editor-in-Chief and Co-Founder, Suno India).
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- **Conventional Debate, St. Stephen's College, 2021 - Debate Competition:**
  - A conventional debate competition was held online on Zoom on 27th February, 2021.
  - The competition was an individual level competition which started at 2 PM. Each speaker got 3 minutes to speak for/against the motion, which was followed by 1 minute for answering interjections from other participants/judges.
  - Our Staff Advisor, Annu Malhotra was present for support and assistance. 77 students participated in the competition and more than 15 students were involved in the organisation of the same.





- **Conventional Debate in collaboration with Kachrawala - Debate Competition:**  
The society organised a conventional debate online on Zoom in collaboration with the Kachrawala (Teach for India) on 15th February, 2021.  
50 participants were involved in the competition. Around 20 students were involved in the organising of the same.

The poster has a light green background with faint illustrations of people speaking into microphones. The text is centered and reads:

The Kachrawala  
*in collaboration with*  
The Debating Society, St. Stephen's College  
*presents*  
**Conventional Debate**  
*For grades 8th, 9th, and 10th*

*Finals' Motion:*  
*THBT individuals who indulge in activities that degrade the environment (improper handling of the garbage) should be taxed additionally.*

*Context: In this debate, it is important to understand the responsibility of waste management, i.e. one must take care of their own waste. If not so, a garbage tax should be levied.*

Date: 15 February '2021  
Time: 5:00 pm onwards  
Medium: Zoom

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## Tournaments Organised

- **8th Mukarji Memorial Pro-Am Debate - Competition/Parliamentary Debate**

**Tournament:**

- This international level debate tournament was organised online from 23rd October, 2020 to 25th October, 2020, in which 60 teams and 37 judges participated (230 students). 21 students were involved in the Organising Committee for the same.
- The tournament had an all-female Core Adjudicator Panel for the first time ever, and was the largest ever Debate Tournament organised by the society (excluding MukMem 2021). The tournament hosted international participants for the first time.
- Every team participating in the tournament had pro (experienced) and amateur debaters. The tournament followed the British Parliamentary Debate Format.
- The tournament was co-convened by Annie George and Kuber Bathla.
- The Core Adjudicators for the tournament were Anushka Ganguly, Jainah, Raina Mitra, Pratyaksha Jha and Sudiksha Ravi.
- The Invited Adjudicators for the tournament were Felina Das, Ribhu Mukherjee, Tiyasha Mitra, Vinamre Dhar, Jibran Ahmed Khan, Shvabh Chakarwanti, Vignesh Hariharan, Arya Bhandankar, Pranav Kagalkar, Shakya Chandra and Sakshi Singhal.
- Abhijeet Narayanan and Prithvi from Ashoka C were the winners, whereas the best adjudicator in the tournament was Raghav Mangalapalli.
- Our Staff Advisor, Annu Malhotra was present for support and assistance

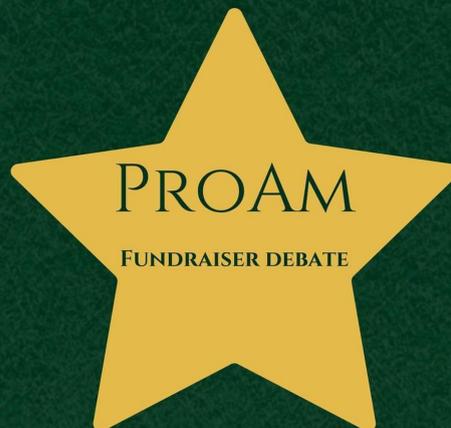
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8TH MUKARJI MEMORIAL  
PROAM DEBATE



OCTOBER 23RD TO 25TH, 2020  
ONLINE | BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY FORMAT



- **2nd Intra-College Pro-Am Debate - Society Competition/Parliamentary Debate Tournament:**  
KDO is an intra-college Pro-Am Debate Tournament held to nurture fresher debaters in the society. No prior debating experience is required to participate. The tournament followed Asian Parliamentary Debate Format and was held online on 7th February, 2021, 8th February, 2021 and 10th February, 2021. 12 teams participated in the tournament. A total of 79 students were involved, which included 6 adjudicators outside of St. Stephen's College.



Hey, It is Deb Soc again :D

## 2'ND INTRA PROAM K.D.O.

Debate with your seniors  
before they leave!

(100 pts if you can guess the fullform)

FORMAT: Asian  
Parliamentary Debate

DATE: 7-8 Feb

No prior experience  
needed. Registrations Open



- **73rd Mukarji Memorial Debate - Competition/Parliamentary Debate Tournament:**

- This inter-varsity parliamentary debate tournament was organised online by the society from 9th April, 2021 to 11th April, 2021, in which 70 teams and 50 judges participated (307 students). 54 students were involved in the organising of the same.
- The tournament was the largest ever Debate Tournament organised by the society, and had international participation.
- The Core Adjudicators for the tournament were Ribhu Mukherjee, Vishakha Raj, Navneet Khubber, Pranav Kagalkar, Vignesh Hariharan and Piali Bopanna.
- The invited adjudicators for the tournament were Tejasvvi Yadav, Jibran Khan, Dianne B. Ablay, Nikhila Pushadapu, Shruti Deb, Anoushka Singha, Shitij Malik, Srijit Talukdar, Saynatan Bhattacharyya, Sneha Das, Daniel Monteiro, Adya Sharma, Narayan Sharma, Kevin Santhosh, Aryan Tripathy, Chesta Behl, Ira Gosavi, Ananya Kukreti, Mathew Chazhavor, Poojil Tiwari, Anil Sebastian Pulickel, Damini Mehta, Avi Vijayvergia, Akshat Kalra, Afif Bellikunhi, Abheepsita Purkayastha, Akashraj Murthy Tamkeen Nwab, Chinmaya Mohan, Medhansh Bhardwaj, Kavita Mohanty and Manya Gupta.



- Hindu B, represented by Abhilasha Rawat, Anuna Paul Chaudhuri and Shivansh Raman, were the winners in the Novice Category, whereas LSR-Ex LSR Cross, represented by Apala Mandal, Vibha Swaminathan and Arunima Subramaniyum were the winners in the Open Category.
- Chinmaya Mohan, Nikhila Pushadapu and Ayushman Somani bagged the Adjudicator prizes.
- Our Staff Advisor, Annu Malhotra was present for support and assistance





The Debating Society  
St. Stephen's College  
presents

**THE  
73<sup>rd</sup> MUKMEM  
DEBATE**

**Block the Dates :  
9th, 10th and 11th April.**

### Tournaments Won

- Safar Fundraiser Debate 2020, Ashoka Debating Union
  - Sarthak Saluja - 2nd Best Competitive Adjudicator, Grand Finals Panelist
- Bombay Debate Open 2020
  - Agrima Nidhi Sharma: breaking adjudicator and Grand Finals chair
  - S Aditya Krishna: 10th best speaker (open category)
- Pre-ABP Debate 2020
  - Jagannath Jha - breaking adjudicator, Octo and Quarter Finals panellist, 5th best adjudicator
  - Debanjali Biswas - breaking adjudicator, Semi-Finals chair, Grand



- Finals panellist
- Agrima Nidhi Sharma: Invited Adjudicator
  - Sarthak Saluja and Kshitij Chauhan: Octofinalists
- DTU Parliamentary Debate 2021
    - Sarthak Saluja, Kshitij Chauhan and S Aditya Krishna: Runners-up
  - Speak Up 9.0 - GGS College of Commerce Parliamentary Debate- (Jan 2021)
    - Satyam Jha - 6th Best Speaker
    - Callistine Lewis: 9th Best Speaker
    - Rhea Gupta - 16th Best Speaker
    - Debanjali Biswas, Grand Finals Adjudicator
  - Vitark Parliamentary Debate 2021
    - Jagannath Jha: Open Quarter Finalist
  - Christ University Parliamentary Debating Tournament (Feb 2021)
    - Callistine Lewis, Muskaan Saxena, Sophia Sara Mathew: Novice Quarter Finalists
    - Annie George - Breaking Adjudicator and Novice Quarter Finals Panellist
  - Pratijja v16.0 Asian Parliamentary Debate 2021, KIIT Debating society
    - Jagannath Jha- Open category Winner and 2nd best speaker of the tournament
    - Sarthak Saluja- Open category winner and 3rd best speaker of the tournament
    - Kshitij Chauhan- Open category winner and 5th best speaker of the tournament
  - People Speak - 18th Annual Debating Tournament of Sri Venkateswara College (19th-21st March, 2021)
    - ":3" (cross-team) - Quarter-finalists, top-of-tabs open break
    - Kshitij Chauhan - 5th Best Speaker
    - Adis - 6th Best Speaker
  - Heritage Parliamentary Debating (March 2021)
    - Callistine Lewis, Megh Mazumdar, Sophia Sara Mathew: Novice Finalists
    - Debanjali Biswas, Semi-Finalist
  - The Rahat Fundraiser Debate-  
Debanjali Biswas, Quarter Finalist
  - The Annual Hansraj Parliamentary Debate-  
Debanjali Biswas, Semi-Finalist