



Sage: The Debating Society of Sri Aurobindo College
Annual Report 2023-24

The academic year 2023-24 has been a momentous journey for Sage, the debating society of Sri Aurobindo College. Upholding our tradition of excellence and intellectual rigor, we have not only participated in numerous competitions but have also left an indelible mark across various platforms. Under the guidance of our faculty convenor- Prof Sangeeta Kaul, our Faculty Coordinator Dr Poonam Jain, and the leadership of Urmi Nandi- the President, Sage continues to be a hub for critical thinking, persuasive communication, and vibrant discussions, nurturing the next generation of orators and thinkers.

Achievements

Sage members Ansh Mishra, Priyanshu Singh, Aadya Jha, MD Shadman, Mallika Thakur, Anshuman Singh, Keshavi, Abhishek Tiwari, Gyan and Sonali Gupta have collectively won over 100 prizes in various debate competitions throughout the year. These accolades are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of our debaters who have consistently pushed the boundaries of excellence. Our success is not just measured in trophies but in the spirit of camaraderie, growth, and learning that each member brings to the table.



Events Organized

Echoes of Eloquence - G20 Debate Competition

Under the aegis of IQAC and the G20 Cultural Council, we proudly organized "Echoes of Eloquence," a pan-India speech competition. This prestigious event served as a platform for some of the brightest young minds to engage in meaningful discourse on a range of critical issues. The competition was a grand success, attracting participants from across the nation and contributing to the academic vibrancy of our college.



Mehak '24 - Annual Fest Debates

Sage played a pivotal role in the intellectual dimension of Mehak '24 by organizing a series of debates, including:

-Conventional Debate: Where participants engaged in structured arguments on contemporary issues, demonstrating the art of persuasion and reasoned debate.



- **Turncoat Debate:** A unique format where speakers had to argue both for and against a motion, showcasing their adaptability and depth of knowledge.
- **Extempore Debate:** Challenging participants to think on their feet, “Improv Impulse” tested their spontaneity and clarity of thought on a variety of unexpected topics.



These events were met with enthusiastic participation and highlighted the diverse talents within the debating community.

Mentorship and Development:

Sage is committed to fostering an environment where every member can thrive. This year, we expanded our mentorship programs, pairing experienced debaters with newcomers to help them hone their skills. Regular practice sessions, workshops, and mock debates were conducted to ensure continuous learning and improvement. The success of our mentorship program is reflected in the remarkable performances of our members across various platforms.



Conclusion:

The year 2023-24 has been one of significant achievements and growth for Sage. We have not only upheld our legacy of excellence but have also set new benchmarks in debating. As we look forward to the next academic year, we remain committed to fostering a culture of intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and eloquence. Sage continues to be a beacon of knowledge and discourse at Sri Aurobindo College, and we are excited to build on this year's successes.