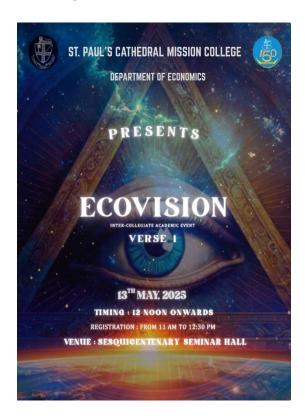
Inter-College Debate Competition at St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College



An inter-college debate competition was held at St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata, on the 13th of May, 2025. The event brought together eloquent minds from leading institutions across the city, showcasing the intellectual vigor and critical thinking of participating students.

The motion for the debate was: "This House Believes That Investing in Sustainable Development is the Most Effective Way to Ensure National Security." The topic prompted vigorous discussion, with teams presenting well-researched arguments both in support of and against the motion, delving into issues of environmental sustainability, economic stability, and geopolitical resilience.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from multiple colleges. After a series of compelling rounds, the first prize was awarded to the team from St. Xavier's University, while the first runners-up and second runners- up prize went to Scottish Church College and the team of Amity University and KPC College respectively. An award of Honourary Mention went to Sri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata. All of them impressed the judges with their clarity of thought, depth of analysis, and persuasive delivery.

In addition to team accolades, individual excellence was also recognized. Best Speaker prizes were awarded to two outstanding debaters—one speaking for the motion (Adrita Chowdhury) and the other against it (Arkopravo Roy)—in recognition of their exceptional oratory skills and well-structured arguments.

The panel of judges comprised three distinguished personalities: Mr. Rohit Das, Dr. Suparna Gangopadhyay from Surendranath College for Women, and the in-house judge, Dr. Indrani Banerjee. Their insightful feedback and balanced assessments contributed significantly to the academic value of the event.

The debate not only served as a platform for intellectual engagement but also highlighted the relevance of sustainable development in the contemporary discourse on national security. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a call to continue fostering dialogue on critical global issues among the youth.













































