



دي بي اس - المدرسة الهندية الحديثة  
DPS - MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL  
Doha-Qatar



# War of Words Debating Championship

## 2025

# NEWSLETTER





# INDEX

Message from Our  
Principal

01

Message from Our  
Vice-Principal

02

WWDC: A Legacy of  
DPS-Modern Indian  
School

03

DAY 1

04

DAY 2

08

DAY 3

12

Testimonials

18

Credits

19



# Message from Our Principal

**Ms. Asna Nafees**

A very warm welcome to the **4th edition** of War of Words debating championship hosted by DPS – Modern Indian School. This is a very special year as we are celebrating our silver jubilee.

We at DPS believe in empowering our students with real life experiences and skills. The War of Words Debating Championship is the brainchild of our students from the debate club as well as ably supported by the students of the prefectorial body. The debating team has attracted a lot of positive attention by the entire school landscape of Doha Qatar, and we are closer to 300 participants this academic session.

We are extremely proud of what our students have accomplished with their detailed planning and execution of the program under the able guidance of the school leadership. To all the participants who have enthusiastically come forward to take part in this event, we wish you the very best. Happy Debating.



# Message from Our Vice Principal

**Ms. Soma Bhattacharjee**

The excitement of the 4th edition of the WWDC is approaching. I appreciate the hard work of the core organizing committee and the debate directors who are working together and trying to bring an exciting debate championship from 19th to 21st.

I wish all the very best to the debaters who have applied for this debate championship from different schools. There will be around 200 plus students who will be participating in this championship and around 50 teams have registered themselves.

We are waiting for exciting arguments and debates. I wish everybody all the best.



# WWDC: A Legacy of DPS-Modern Indian School



Marking its 4th edition, the War of Words Debating Championship stands as a proud achievement, originally ideated by the dedicated students and teachers of the DPSMIS Debate Club.



Since its inception, this event has flourished for several years, drawing teams from schools across Qatar and providing a dynamic platform for debate and discourse on issues critical to our future generations. The Debate Club itself has built an impressive legacy, securing accolades in every national debating competition and nurturing a generation of skilled debaters over the past 10 years.



This year, coinciding with the silver jubilee of our school, we achieved a historic milestone by attracting a record-breaking 50 teams, reflecting the event's growing prestige and impact.





# DAY 1:

## Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

---

The War of Words Debating Championship (WWDC) 2025 kicked off in grand style with over 50 teams, and 200+ participants. This marked the 4th edition of the WWDC, which has already become a sensation among debate lovers across Qatar. This year's championship was especially memorable and it added more vibrancy to the Silver Spectrum, Silver Jubilee celebration of DPS Modern Indian School.

Registration for the event started at 3:30 PM, following which the teams proceeded to the auditorium for the Opening Ceremony.



# DAY 1: Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



The Opening Ceremony began by invoking God's blessings, and then the Organising Team introduced the guiding principles of WWDC, shedding light on the development of the concept and the historic achievements of the Debate Club over the years.



The Principal, Ms. Asna Nafees, inspired the budding debaters “to work for peace through meaningful discourse” and set an example to the contemporary world. The Chief Guest, Mr. George Thomas, also urged the gathering “to be effective listeners and to utilize the power of communication to address the burning issues of the current status quo.”

# DAY 1: Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



This was followed by a captivating band performance, which added to the event's energetic atmosphere. A pre-conference video was shown to highlight the inception of the idea of the War of Words Debating Championship, which went on to become a legacy of the school.



The organisers further edified the attendees regarding the rules of the event.

Then, the highly anticipated motion for Round One was unveiled: "Economic equity vs Economic growth."



The adjudicators were also briefed regarding the fair procedures of judging debates.

# DAY 1: Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



The discord began with a lot of compelling ideas on the floor from both the proposition and the opposition.

This helped the debaters to discern Qatar's 2030 Vision of Sustainable Economic Development. The day ended with great enthusiasm in the air as the participants anxiously awaited for the next rounds of debating.

# DAY 1 END



# DAY 2:

## Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



Check-in began at 8 am as debaters and adjudicators presented themselves for Day 2 of the War of Words Debate Championship on June 20th 2025.

A common address by the Core Team was made, after which the impromptu motion for round 3 was revealed- “TH, as the individual, would prioritise living in the present than planning for the future”, charging up the atmosphere as the debaters made their way to their rooms to prepare.



# DAY 2: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



Both sides presented challenging POIs, and provided remarkable responses. The debate concluded with appreciative remarks from the adjudicators, and the debaters adjourned to have a much needed refreshments break.



# DAY 2: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



The breakfast and lunch breaks provided valuable networking opportunities, as participants engaged in lively discussions, sharing insights and strategies that would prove crucial in the debates ahead.



The motion for round 4 was “THO the prevalence of the chosen one narrative in the media”. The participants then anxiously waited for the results of the debates.

# DAY 2: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025



This was followed by the break announcements in which 16 out of 50 teams advanced to the octo-final round. The proposition and opposition were decided by the WWDC Coin Toss Ceremony, which added to the ardour in the room. Finally, the day concluded with high energy in the air and lots of enthusiasm for the final rounds of the championship.

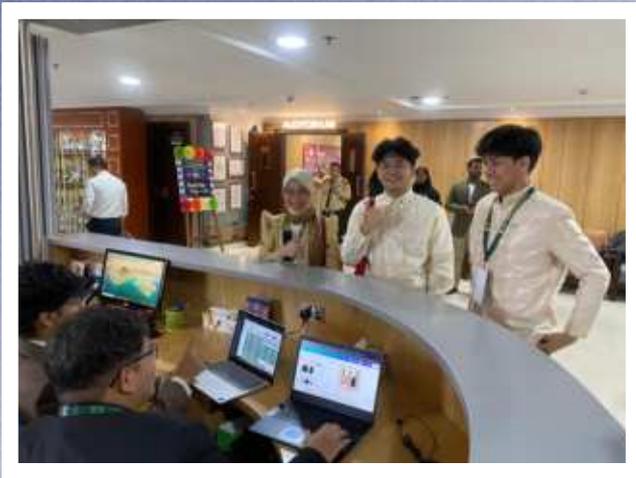


## DAY 2 END



# DAY 3:

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025



The final day of WWDC commenced with check-in at 8AM, which was followed by the highly anticipated octo-final round, where the top 16 teams contended to secure their spots in the quarter-finals and the semi-finals, and to inch closer to the coveted WWDC trophy.

All the teams delivered impassioned performances, captivating the judges with their exceptional command of language and ability to craft compelling arguments.



# DAY 3: Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025



The motion for the octo-final was: “TH prefers a world in which people did not attempt to leave behind a personal legacy”. The motion for the quarter finals was “TH Opposes Consequentialism”.

The motion for the semi-finals was “TH believes that the device does more harm than good,” with the description ‘For the purpose of this debate, you have obtained a small, portable device with two buttons: A “save” button and a “return” button.

When you hit the “save” button, you are able to save the current time point, like in a video game. When you hit the “return” button, your life will return to the last time you saved. The machine will not erase any of your memories. If you do not keep and use the device, it will eventually blow up on its own.’

# DAY 3: Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025



After an intense debate in the semi-finals, Team DPS Connoisseurs and Monarch AAA advanced to the Grand Finals. The long awaited finals began after a short preparation break.



The motion for the Grand Finals was: “TH supports the narrative of narratives.”, with the description- ‘In recent years, public disclosure has increasingly been shaped by the use of compelling personal or collective “narratives” - emotionally charged stories used to drive political movements, frame social issues or influence public opinion. These narratives often prioritise emotional appeal over factual nuance and are used across media, activism and politics to shape how events are understood and remembered.’

# DAY 3: Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025



Both teams put forth incredible points, showcasing a remarkable depth of understanding and rhetorical finesse that impressed the audience and judges. After an intense battle of wits and words, the last debate concluded.



The participants then convened after a break for the Closing Ceremony which was honoured by the Chief guest, Mr. George Thomas. After a speech by the Chief guest and an encouraging address by Principal, Ms. Asna Nafees, a post conference video prepared by the Organising Committee was played to revisit the highlights of the three day championship.

# DAY 3: Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025



The award ceremony finally began with the announcement of the breaking judges followed by the all-around champion: Monarch AAA. Cheers of sheer joy erupted in the auditorium as the students congratulated the winners.

Team DPS Connoisseurs bagged the award of Runner-up. Next, the top 10 best speakers of WWDC 2025 were awarded for the first best speakers of the championship.



# DAY 3: Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025



The event was a testament to the participating students' talents, hard work, and the unwavering support of the Principal, Vice-principals, the organising committee of the Debate Club of DPS-Modern Indian School, student members, the press team and staff members.

Overall, the War of Words Debating Championship 2025 was a resounding success as it provided a platform for students to express themselves, learn from one another, and create unforgettable memories. It served as a reminder of the power of words and the bonds that bring a student community together. The War of Words Debating Championship 2025 proved once again that words hold power—to persuade, to provoke thought, and to bring people together.

## DAY 3 END



# TESTIMONIALS

*"I was extremely satisfied with the energy given by the contesting teams and the spirit of debating!"*

**-Shaurya Viraj Singh**  
**Debater**

*"I was honestly impressed by the large number of experienced panels. It was a really enjoyable event as my team even advanced to the final few rounds. I wish WWDC happened twice a year, can't wait for the next one!"*

**-Mohammad Waleed**  
**Debater**

*"The event was really impressive and I especially appreciate the number and quality of teams and judges in this competition as it allowed for healthier environment for all. Kudos to the team!"*

**-Fatma E**  
**Adjudicator**

*"Event was very enjoyable and well organised. The food was also delicious. The volunteers and organising committee were also very helpful throughout."*

**-Libertin Nijel**  
**Adjudicator**



# **CREDITS**

---

**Written & Designed by:**  
Anwita Sekhar (XII-C)

**With the guidance of**  
Mr. Justin Varghese

**Photographers:**  
Rayed Rabbani (XII-C)  
Akshit (XII-C)  
Jude  
Aman  
Shakthi  
Rayan

---

***Special Thanks to Principal, Ms. Asna Nafees and Vice Principal, Ms. Soma Bhattacharjee for their invaluable support.***