



SHEERSHASHTH

THE BILINGUAL DEBATING SOCIETY

Report on Baddbole 2024 Day One



Date: 07th Feb 2024

Venue: Seminar Hall, SLC

No. of participants: 30 people

Introduction:

The "Baddbole" series of events, organized by the bilingual debating society of Shyam Lal College *Sheershashth*, was an event bringing together young scholars and thought leaders, under one roof. The purpose of this gathering, singular: to encourage debate, gain an understanding of the issues plaguing the nation, and how the youth can contribute to the building of an environment of understanding and nuanced discussion.

The series of events, comprising of an open mic session, extempore speaking sessions, and a presidential debate. Held on the 7th, the 13th, and the 22nd of February 2024, the events were a resounding success, thrilling participants and audience members alike.

Organized in the Seminar Hall of the Shyam Lal College campus in New Delhi, the three days saw an intense and lively sharing of ideas, open-minded discussions, and nuanced takeaways for all who bore witness to the events. Drawing in students, across all streams, from various colleges and universities in the city of Delhi, the three-day event saw many young minds meet and discuss various issues under the sanguine atmosphere of reasoned and educated debate.



Day One – Open Mic Event:

The first day of the Baddbole 2024, on the 7th of February 2024, saw the true meaning of uninhibited speech and openness of opinions. The event, being an open mic event, saw participants argue about many issues plaguing both the university, the city of Delhi and the nation as a whole, all the while enjoying a healthy rebuttal from the other open mic participants, and sometimes the audience. Through an open mic, audience members and registered participants alike, sharing their views, give everyone an opportunity to make their voice heard without any fear of a timer, or a strict sense of moderation and structure, ensuring a free flow of ideas.



This open mic event, convened by Dr. Abbasuddin Tapadar, with the President of the Debating Society, Ms. Aditi Verma, and the Principal of Shyam Lal College, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, was one of the many events organized by the Debating Society and Delhi University. Through this event, minds were opened, discussions were abundant, and the event was one which will be remembered for some time to come. Students from across the various colleges and universities of Delhi, participants and audience members alike, gained a greater understanding of many concepts and topics once thought beyond the scope of their comprehension.

This event was the culmination of the hard work of the convenor, the President of the Debating Society, along with the guidance of the Principal of Shyam Lal College, and the dedication of the students who were part of the various committees dedicated to the smooth functioning of the open mic event. The winners of the Open Mic 2024, while tough to come to a conclusion, on, were chosen to be Ms. Jiny Jama in First Place and Mr. Sarthak Bisht taking Second Place.