

THE POWER OF AN IDEA: A DEBATE BEYOND THE ORDINARY

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When preparation time was limited but the power of ideas was limitless, young minds rose to the occasion at the **4th Sardar Mohan Singh Inter-**

Sri Aurobindo International School emerged as the Team Winner, followed by **Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Public School** and **Our Lady of Fatima**

School Debate, hosted by **Modern Senior Secondary School, Patiala**, on 22 August 2026. Eight leading schools of Patiala participated in this stimulating contest of knowledge, reasoning and eloquence.

In an unconventional format, the topic, “**Society kills passion by forcing students into ‘safe’ careers,**” was disclosed only an hour before the debate. With electronic gadgets not permitted, participants had to depend entirely on their knowledge, analytical skills and presence of mind to build arguments and counter opposing views.

The distinguished jury comprised **Ms Geeta Datta**, senior television journalist and producer; **Ms Jasinder Sekhon**, environmental and citizens’ rights activist; and **Mr Angad Singh**, North India schools debating champion.

Convent School.

Tanvi Gupta of **Sri Aurobindo International School** secured first position individually, followed by **Amber Kaur** of **Modern Senior Secondary School, Patiala**, and **Avneet Kaur** of **Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Public School**.

Hetal Sharma of **Modern Senior Secondary School, Patiala**, and **Partap Veer Singh** of **Sri Aurobindo International School** were adjudged Best Interjectors.

More than a competition, the event became a celebration of independent thought, fearless expression and the ability to think on one’s feet—reminding everyone that when young minds are given a voice, ideas have the power to inspire change.

Congratulations to all the winners!







