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Editorial Note

I'll admit, when I was first told I'd be writing this editorial, my first reaction was: where do I even begin? You'd think that stepping in as Editor-in-Chief of Mayoor for the very first time would fill me with ideas, quotes, and maybe even a grand opening line. But the truth is, all I could think about was the weight of the milestones stacked on my shoulders: our school's 150th year, Mayoor's 75th year, and the 30th year of the J.T.M. Gibson Memorial Quiz and Debates. How do you sum that up in a single page?

The answer, I suppose, is that you can't; not neatly, anyway. Much like this term (and like debate prep itself), it's messy, intense, and at times overwhelming, but it's also exhilarating. Because behind every frantic deadline, every crumpled draft, every late-night brainstorming session, there's the thrill of building something together. Something that isn't just about dates or numbers, but about the people who make them meaningful.

This special edition is our way of honouring that spirit. The Gibson Memorial Quiz and Debates has, for three decades now, celebrated the art of words and ideas. The courage to stand up, to speak, and to be challenged. It's a tradition that embodies the very heart of what our school stands for: dialogue, curiosity, and excellence carried forward for 150 years. And it feels only right that Mayoor, in its 75th year, pauses to spotlight this legacy.

For me personally, stepping into this role has been daunting and rewarding. It's a reminder that the stories we write, the voices we amplify, and the milestones we celebrate are part of something far greater than ourselves. And maybe that's the real magic: in the chaos of deadlines and debates, we find clarity, connection, growth.

So here it is - a short, special edition, but one filled with history, passion, and promise. May it remind us that even as we chase the next challenge, we are also part of a much larger story.

*Until the next edition,
Krishnav Agarwal
Editor-in-Chief, Mayoor - Gibson Edition*

Look Inside

1 *Quiz*

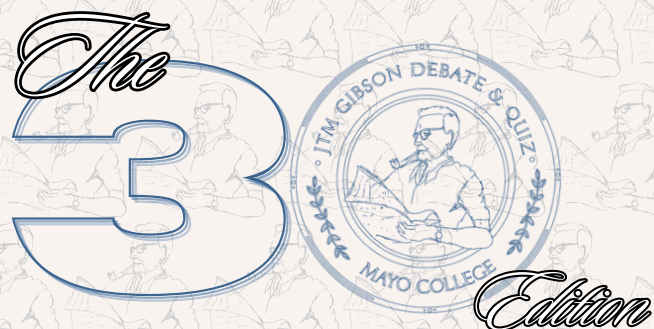
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Did You Know?

The JTM Gibson Memorial English Debate & Quiz was established in the honour of Jack T.M. Gibson who was the principal of Mayo College from 1953 to 1969. To commemorate his legacy, the event was conceptualised to reflect his values: not just in academics but also public speaking, critical thinking, general knowledge and inter-school standards. These are all the values the former principal focussed on during his tenure at Mayo College.



The Winners!

"The quiz was highly engaging for us. The questions and the entire format was quite new and unique. We really had to rack our brains to come to the answers and we got a new dimension to direct our research to."

—Sunbeam Lahartara



Review

The quiz finals, held at the packed Kangra amphitheatre, challenged the very limits of knowledge. The questions were diverse: from the name of the music instrument played by Rishi Kapoor in a Bollywood song to how the world map would look if the colours of each countries' flags were mixed together. While the Sunbeam School, Lahartara dominated the top spot throughout, it was an unpredictable match, at least for the second place. Till the last question, it was between Modern School and Vasant Valley School and then The Scindia School pulled a surprise upset. Certainly, one for the books.

-Arman Khan (Faculty, Mayo College)

Results

POSITION	SCHOOL
First	Sunbeam School, Lahartara
Second	The Scindia School, Gwalior
Third	Modern School, Barakhamba
Third	Vasant Valley, Dehli
Fifth	The Doon School, Dehradun
Sixth	Mayo College, Ajmer

The Sunbeam School, Lahartara defended their title by winning the quiz for the second consecutive time, this year.



The Winners!

Vasant Valley, Delhi

- *Veda Kalra*
- *Kaavya Mukherjee*
- *Aveer Singh*

Reflections

The Shri Ram School's experience at the JTM Gibson debate at Mayo College Ajmer was an extremely memorable one. The school organised the debates with university-level motions, fair adjudications and extremely charitable feedback. Post the debate, we can safely conclude that our students developed a greater understanding of perspectives and ideas. Whether it was the wide variety of food choices or the intellectual breadth of the motions, every aspect made the experience exceptional.

-The Shri Ram School, Moulisari

Debate Stars

Best Interjector Overall:

*Aarohi Bhattacharjee
- Rajmata Krishna Kumari*

Best Speaker Overall:

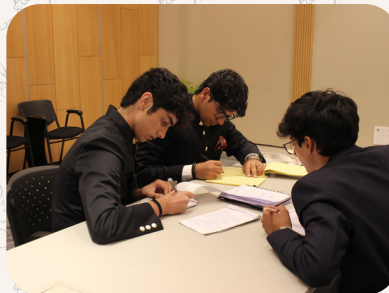
*Arnav Agarwal
- Pathways World School, Gurgaon*

Best Speaker Final Round:

Veda Kalra - Vasant Valley

Best Interjector Final:

*Arnav Agarwal
-Pathways World School, Gurgaon*





Note By The College Debating Captain

Convenor's Note

The 30th JTM Gibson Debates: A Festival of Ideas
Over two and a half days, the 30th JTM Gibson Debates brought together 22 teams, 66 participants, 44 Asian Parliamentary debates, and 7 Oxford Union debates — making this milestone edition one of the most dynamic and challenging yet. Along the way, we celebrated 51 best speakers and 8 best interjectors, each showcasing the very best of advocacy and live reasoning.

What made Gibson stand out this year? No googling, no AI—just pure intellect. Debaters spoke extempore, listened actively, argued passionately, and embodied the art of persuasion at its finest. It was a reminder that when young minds are given the space to engage, question, and imagine, they rise magnificently to the occasion.

The motions were not for the faint of heart. Across philosophy, life, power, and humanity, students wrestled with questions that cut to the core of our existence: Why do we search for meaning? What does freedom really mean? How does culture and technology shape our identity? Can power ever be harmless? And are the stories we tell about progress and success true, or just comforting myths?

At Gibson, there are no losers. Everyone leaves enriched, challenged, and expanded. This is not just a debating competition; it is a celebration of the human mind at its most agile and authentic.

Thirty years on, the JTM Gibson Debates continue to be a living tradition — one that honours inquiry, nurtures respect for diverse voices, and keeps alive the courage to ask the hardest questions.

Priyanka Bhattacharya
Convenor, 30th JTM Gibson Debates



The Gibson Debates have grown into more than just a competition—they are a tradition that celebrates excellence, teamwork, and the spirit of debate. Over the years, I've seen this platform evolve into one of our most successful events, uniting participants through passion, preparation, and camaraderie. From late nights of planning to the intensity of every round, this journey has reflected the very best of our institution.



As I bid farewell, I carry not just personal memories but immense pride in what we've built together. The Gibson Debates will continue to inspire long after the applause fades.

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