OP Jindal Modern School prides itself in the overall development of its students, and prepares them immaculately for the global challenges that await them in the modern society. With that aim, a plethora of activities, encompassing debates, declamations and public speaking competitions are held. Debates are a healthy way to expose students towards adoption of a holistic viewpoint on subjects of common interest. Development of arguments enables the participants as well as the listeners to become more accepting towards counter-arguments. Invariably, it leads to firming up their own minds on important subjects or issues.

The Inter-House debate competition for classes IX to XII was held on 26th April’14. For classes IX and X, this was an intra-class, inter house activity. Students from each class were selected to represent their houses further. The subject of debate for class IX was ______, for class X was ‘Should a Leader be Visionary or Realist’ and for class XI and XII was ‘Reservation is dividing our country’. In each group, there were a total of twelve students, six speaking ‘FOR’ and six speaking ‘AGAINST’ the motion. That comes to two students each from six houses.

In each of the three categories, the very first round comprised of all the participants putting forth their arguments, in a confident manner. The very next round was the rebuttal round, wherein all the three judges posed their questions to each of the speakers and the participants articulated their opinions with panache. Each student was expected to answer only one question. The audience was enthusiastic and cheered the participants, by applauding them in good measure. The results of this competition were declared on the following day and the winners of all the three categories, were rewarded with books as prizes.