

For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument and debate.

Keeping this quote in mind, St. Xavier's School, Bathinda organized the Second Edition of St. Xavier's Youth Parliament 2024, Vox Juventa (The Voice of Youth), with an aim to strengthen the roots of democracy and familiarize Xavierites with the functioning of the Parliament. The event was graced by the august presence of Fr. Principal Cidloy Furtado, School Coordinator Ma'am Mrs. Archana Rajput and Supervisor Ma'am Ms. Nupur. The opening ceremony kickstarted on an optimistic note with an inspirational message from the Director General, Aarav Bansal. Father Principal appreciated the dedication and perseverance shown by the members of the School Parliament right from the initial stage planning to its implementation and final execution. He praised innovative ideas and out of the box thinking. Then the session of the Youth Parliament was declared open by the Director General with great enthusiasm and zeal. It was rather overwhelming to witness various delegates portraying the roles of renowned members of the Lok Sabha and Punjab Vidhan Sabha. The delegates of Lok Sabha vehemently participated in an enchanting discussion on the agenda 'Current Status of Democracy in India with special emphasis on Non-Governmental agencies' whereas the delegates of Punjab Vidhan Sabha, fruitfully put forth their opinion on the agenda 'Migration of people of Punjab with special emphasis on Job Displacement', thus discussing its advantages and disadvantages. The Xavierites skillfully demonstrated their public speaking skills and ability to express their views during these sessions.

The performance of the deserving delegates was appreciated. They were awarded with medals, trophies, cash prizes and certificates in the oral mention, honourable mention, high commendation and best delegate categories.

From Lok Sabha

Oral Mention

Shashi Tharoor (Aakarshi 9D)

Amit Shah (Udaykesar Singh Gill 8E)

Maneka Gandhi (Abiir Sinha 9A)

Honourable Mention

Nitin Jairam Gadkari (Madhav Garg 9A)

S Jaishankar (Ansh Gupta 9 A)

High Commendation

Rahul Gandhi (Khushi Garg 9D)

Best Delegate

Narendra Modi (Setay Bindal 9C)

Punjab Vidhan Sabha

Oral Mention

Kultar Singh Sandhwan (Parth Jindal 9A)

Naresh Puri (Deepanshu Garg9B)

Hardev Singh Laddi (Ariana 8A)

Honourable Mention

Bhagwant Mann (Pardeep Singh Sadeora 9B)

Harjot Singh Bains (Siddhant Bansal)

High Commendation

Baljeet Kaur (Prapti 9B)

Best Delegate

Sukhpal Singh Khaira (Sehaj Sharma 9 B)

Indian Press

Ishpreet Singh (8B) Best Journalist

The Executive Board members were also awarded for the hard work and sincere efforts displayed by them.

As everything has an end, this event also ended with a lot of fun and frolics. Everybody enjoyed the social evening. This enriching programme provided a platform to the Xavierites to broaden their horizons, develop insights into the functioning of the Parliament and inspired them to have healthy discussions on important political issues and problems.

