

Report on Debate Competition

The Debating and Elocution Club of St. Aloysius College, Edathua organized a debate competition on the topic **“Young voters are driven more by social media narratives than real issues”** on 11th December 2025 at 2.00 pm in the Smart Room.

The programme began with an introductory session by the coordinator, Ms. Rosmin John, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, who explained the format of the debate, rules and regulations, and guidelines for effective participation. Her briefing helped the participants understand the structure of the competition and the evaluation criteria.

A total of six students from various departments actively participated in the debate. The participants presented well-articulated arguments both in favour of and against the topic, highlighting the influence of social media on young voters while also discussing real socio-economic and political issues. The debate provided a platform for students to express their views, enhance critical thinking, and improve public speaking skills.

The competition was judged by Ms. Rosmin John, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, and Mr. Eldo Abraham Thomas, Department of Physics. The judges appreciated the confidence, clarity of thought, and logical reasoning demonstrated by the participants.

The results of the competition were as follows:

First Prize: Alex S. Mathew (3rd BA English)

Second Prize: Sharon Joseph (1st M.Com)

Third Prize: Tim Cherian (1st BA English) and Adersh S. (1st MA Economics)

The event concluded with a note of appreciation to the participants and judges. The debate competition was a great success and effectively contributed to fostering awareness, analytical skills, and democratic values among students.