



## THE ORCHID SCHOOL Baner, Pune - 45



### **INTERNATIONAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION, 2021-A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!**

From 19th to 23rd April 2021, I was fortunate enough to be a part of the International Interschool Debate Competition hosted by Alliance School of Law, Alliance University, Bangalore, across 100 schools with over 200 participants.

After the basic interschool selections, I was selected to go ahead with the Preliminary rounds. There were 4 Preliminary rounds with very relevant and thought provoking topics varying from Climate Change to Brain Drain. With each round I cleared, I had more and more clarity about the issues at hand after hearing the opposition's take.

When I was shortlisted as one of the top four students to make it to the Grand Finale, I was overjoyed! After heated debates and conversations about various topics such as Sports, Cricket and Women Empowerment, I made it to the Top 2; and eventually stood second out of the pool of what started out with over 200 competent and amazing debaters! Prize money of Rs. 50,000 was awarded to me for the same.

More importantly, I couldn't be more thankful to The Orchid School for presenting this opportunity! This competition gave me immense international exposure and I will definitely carry this exhilarating experience with me for the rest of my life!