

**Date:** 31st March, 2023

**Time:** 12.00 am – 1.00 pm

**Venue:** Room no. 11, ACTC Building, Asutosh College, Kolkata

**Title of the event:** Students' Debate

**Name of the Department:** Biochemistry

**Organizing Committee:** Department of Biochemistry & IQAC, Asutosh College

**Summary of the event:**

The Department of Biochemistry organized a Students' Debate Competition on the following topics: (1) Urban upbringing can alter how genes influence one's brain; (2) Should people be encouraged to purchase genetic medicines and (3) Are antidepressants a good solution.

Participants from Semester 2 and 4 of Biochemistry Department fought for or against the motions. Each of them was given 10 minutes time for the defense and 5 minutes for question-answer session. The talk was evaluated by four faculty members of the department. All the participants were given participation prizes and certificates of participation and were ranked according to their merits of presentation as follows:

1. Aniket Singh
2. Soumyadeep Paul
3. Shayantan Mitra
4. Bhaswati Bhatattacharya

**Benefits/outcome of the initiative for the students:**

The sole purpose of conducting the Students Debate in the Department of Biochemistry is to encourage and teach the students how to prepare scientific presentations and defend in any competition. This was the first official platform for the students who have just entered their graduation program in Biochemistry. By this event all the present students were enlightened with the information on the allied topics and the participants gained confidence which would help them to take part in different such competitions in future. In addition, the faculty members also guided them during the debate about the ways for improvement.

**Gallery:**

