

## Josephites emerge with flying colours

All the enthusiastic participants of the declamation, debate, and quiz competitions arrived at XIM



University with a sense of anticipation, gathering at the venue precisely at 7:50 AM. Selected Josephites were also in the group. As they stepped into the hallowed halls of the University, their excitement was palpable. They dutifully registered their names with the respective authorities, marking the commencement of this remarkable day.



After about 15 minutes of breakfast, an announcement beckoned them to assemble in the basement hall for the much-anticipated Introduction Ceremony. Their spirits soared as they began with a solemn prayer, invoking blessings for the day ahead. The Presiding sisters of XIM University graced the stage with inspiring

speeches, setting the tone for the event. They then assigned each group of participants, whether in debate, declamation, quiz, or recitation, to their respective judges and escort teachers. Meanwhile, their school teachers remained in the hall, awaiting the proceedings.

As the declamation, quiz, and other events kicked off with fervor, our Joseph debates were granted an invaluable hour, along with access to a secure Wi-Fi connection, to meticulously craft and rehearse their speeches. With a palpable sense of excitement, they were whisked away to another classroom in the basement when



their preparation time was up, signalling the start of the debate competition.



The day unfolded with grace, and by 1:30 PM, the echoes of enthusiastic speeches and fervent discussions subsided. All competitions had culminated, and our participants were summoned back to the main hall for the grand concluding ceremony. It commenced with a thought-provoking speech by a revered teacher from the commerce department, capturing attention and hearts. Following this, the stage was graced by the mesmerizing prayer dance performed by the talented young girls of St. Joseph's, Cuttack.

Cheers of joy and applause filled the hall as they declared the triumphant winners of the quiz,

recitation, and declamation competitions.

Our school emerged with flying colours, S. Manish Kumar od Std XII and Tammana Biswal od Std X secured 2nd prizes in both the junior and senior categories of the debate competition. Our school also secured 2nd position in the quiz competition. The sense of achievement and pride swelled within us as we received our well-deserved accolades.

As the ceremony came to a close, we made our way once again to the inviting dining hall, where a sumptuous lunch awaited us. With contented hearts and minds, the Josephites bid adieu to XIM University, marking the end of an extraordinary day filled with knowledge, competition, and the joy of shared experiences.

