

DEBATING THE FUTURE:

SPACE VS EARTH

SARDAR MOHAN SINGH

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On 23 August 2025, **Modern Senior Secondary School, Patiala**, proudly hosted the **3rd Sardar Mohan Singh Inter-School Debate**, a prestigious annual event held in memory of the school's founder.

This year's motion — **“Should Space Exploration Be Prioritised Over Solving Earth's Problems?”** — could not have been more relevant, coinciding with **National Space Day**. Ten leading schools of Patiala and the district participated, transforming the school auditorium into a vibrant arena of ideas.

The debate crackled with passion. On one side, speakers reminded us that “space exploration is not indulgence; it's insight”, pointing to satellites, GPS, and Chandrayaan-3 as symbols of

Runner-up and Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur School as Second Runner-up.

Individual laurels included:

- **Best Speaker: Gurganimat Kaur (Budha Dal Public School)**
- **2nd Position: Anshul Gupta (St. Peter's Academy)**
- **3rd Position: Karmanpreet Kaur (Modern School)**
- **Best Interjectors: Varitti Arora and Samarvir (St. Peter's Academy)**

The distinguished judges — **Ms. Neha Gupta, Dr. Amit Dhir, and Dr. Mamta Gulati** — commended the participants for their originality and conviction. The first and second prize winners received **Bluetooth Speakers**, while the remaining

empowerment and innovation. On the other hand, powerful voices warned that “We fund the stars while children starve” — rockets soar even as millions go hungry. These striking contrasts gave the audience a taste of debate at its finest: fierce, thought-provoking, and deeply human.

After an enthralling contest, **St. Peter's Academy, Patiala** lifted the **Winner's Trophy**, followed by **Budha Dal Public School** as **First**

winners were presented with **Books worth ₹5,000** each, ensuring that the recognition matched the calibre of the performances.

The **Sardar Mohan Singh Inter-School Debate** has now become a hallmark of intellectual engagement in Patiala, continuing to honour the visionary legacy of **Sardar Mohan Singh ji**. This year's edition left one lingering question echoing in the minds of all present: “**To Earth or beyond?**”









