

## 1st Regional SPG Inter-School Debate Competition organized at Dehradun on Nov. 5, 2012

**Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG)**, India, an internationally renowned body of practicing geoscientists organized the **1st Regional SPG Inter-School Debate Competition** featuring students of Class XI and XII from the top schools of Dehradun at the KDMIPE Mini Auditorium, ONGC, Dehradun on Nov. 5, 2011. The motion for the debate was a topic very relevant to the energy sector "Nuclear Power is the best alternative to tackle the energy crises due to depleting supply of fossil fuels"

Eleven of the best schools of Doon participated in an enthralling debate analyzing, emphasizing and rebutting on the merits and demerits of nuclear power. The session was chaired by Dr. C.H. Mehta, Former Executive Director, ONGC and judged by an eminent panel of judges. The competition was won by **Raghav Mittal** of Welham Boys' School, while the first runners-up was **Ms Sanchi Ranyal** of Ann Mary School. The second runners-up position was bagged by **Ms. Suparna Das** of KV, ONGC. The prestigious Best School team trophy was bagged by Ann Mary School, represented by **Ms. Divya Sharma** beside Ms Sanchi Ranyal.

The participants were at their best while vying for the top honours and many made an impact on the audience, bringing to the fore the issue of energy crises and the pros and cons of nuclear energy and other forms of unconventional energy. The motion was put to the house for voting and majority had voted for the motion. The organization of the event was well appreciated from all quarters.



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The winner of the Competition gets a golden bonanza to showcase his debating skills at the National Level in the SPG All India Inter-School Debate Competition to be organized during **Hyderabad 2012**.