

**SPG, India, Ahmedabad Chapter Organizes Inter-School Quiz and Debate contest held at IRS on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 11 as precursor to SPG, India's National Level Quiz/Debate Competition during 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial SPG Intl. Conference & Exposition, Hyderabad-2012; for spreading earth sciences awareness among school level students**

SPG India, Ahmedabad chapter has conducted an Inter-school Quiz and Debate competition for the students of class XI on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at IRS, ONGC Ahmedabad premises. This was done as a part of SPG, India's continuing endeavor to promote awareness of the role of Earth Sciences in exploration/exploitation of earth's mineral/energy resources in the minds of talented young students who can be the potential future geoscientists. SPG, India is organizing an All India Inter-School Quiz & Debate Competition during the 9th Biennial International Conference and Exposition at Hyderabad during Feb. 16 -18, 2012 and the winners from the regional chapters would be participating in this national level competition.



The response was excellent and the performance of the participating students in both the events viz. the Quiz and the Debate Competitions was exceptional and beyond expectations, much to the satisfaction of the SPG body of Ahmedabad.

Dr. R.V. Marathe, ED-HOI, IRS inaugurated the program and addressed the students highlighting the applications and importance of the earth sciences in our day-to-day life apart from the mineral and fossil fuel exploration and development. He underscored the immense opportunities awaiting the prospective earth scientists, both in conventional and non-conventional sources of energy.

*Mr.G.C. Katiyar, President, SPG, Dr.RV Marathe,ED-HOI,IRS addressing students flanked by Sh.GC Katiyar,President and PP.Deo Vice-President of SPG,Ahmedabad chapter*

Ahmedabad Chapter spoke about the SPG's intended mission of spreading awareness amongst the student community the importance of Geo-sciences and said that the entire Earth is a lab for the student of earth sciences and one which provide the basis for precious earth and energy resource exploration and development.Mr. P. Vidya Sagar, Secretary, SPG Ahmedabad chapter anchored the program, and conducted the Quiz program for the participating students from various schools. The standard bars of the students have been raised high as was evident from their performance. Accompanying teachers and parents complimented the SPG team for the quality of the quiz questionnaire.



*Sh.P.VidyaSagar,Secretary,SPG-Ahmedabad Chapter anchoring and conducting the QUIZ*

After the quiz program, the debate was conducted on the topic **“Will Green Energy be a viable option by 2050?”** Some students spoke for and others spoke against the motion and the kind of research and learning they made available on the topic was simply superb and took everyone listening to these future talents by surprise and assured the minds of the audience that the gen-next is well aware of the future trends/issues involved in the energy scenario.

Mr. P.P. Deo, Vice President, SPG, Ahmedabad Chapter, while announcing the results of the Debate Competition made an excellent summary of the debate and outlined some of the key/punch lines of each debater. While taking excerpt from E.F. Schumacher's book entitled 'Small Is Beautiful', he told the students that the issue of conventional versus the green energy has been a continuing one since the early seventies when the first oil shock was felt around the globe.

Dr. R.V. Marathe, ED-HOI, IRS taking time out from his busy schedule on a Sunday, congratulated the winners and emphasized the fact that the branches of Earth Sciences are as important as the other engineering and medical sciences. He gave away the trophies and certificates to the winning teams of the Quiz and winners of Debate competitions.

Mr. Anil Sharma, DGM (W) proposed the vote of thanks. The program was a grand success due to the concerted efforts of the entire executive body of SPG, Ahmedabad Chapter. The Executive Body of SPG, Ahmedabad Chapter expresses deep sense of gratitude to Dr. R.V. Marathe, ED-HOI, IRS for his liberal help in extending the use of infrastructure and giving his valuable time for providing the students insights into the role of geo-sciences in understanding natural phenomena and winning mineral and energy resources from Mother Earth.



*Dr.RV Marathe,ED-HOI,IRS presenting trophies to the winners of quiz and debate*



*HOI,IRS and SPG executive body.(above)..with winning team*



*Group photo of participating students, accompanying teachers, parents, Dr. RV Marathe, ED-HOI, IRS and SPG executive body.*

The winners of the QUIZ and Debate program are from DPS School. Gandhinagar. They are:

1. Tathagat Uday.....class XI
2. BNS Sai Kartik.....class XI

Winner of Debate contest

Ms. Sukriti Chabra.....class XI