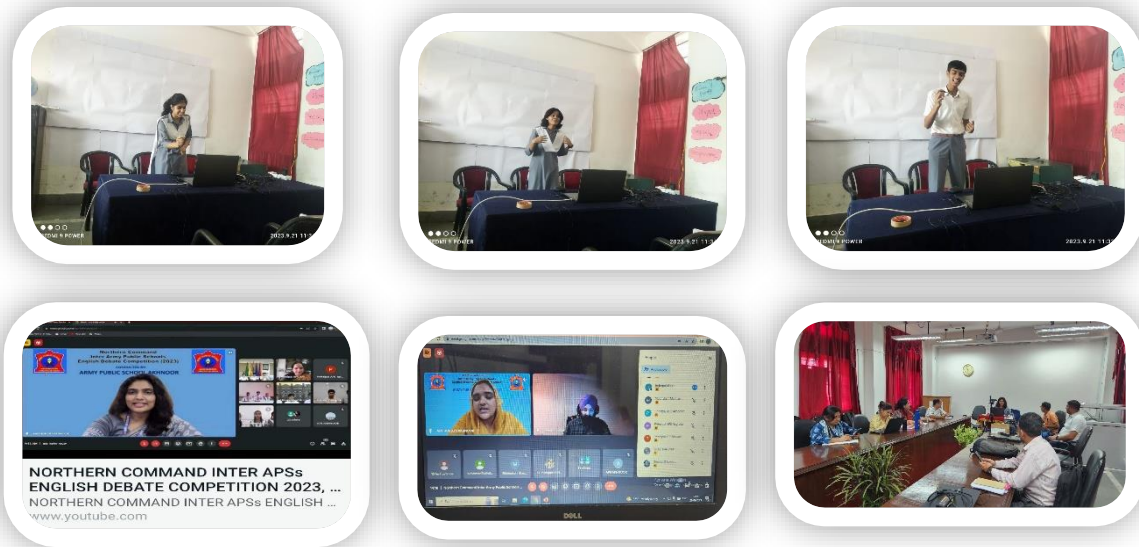


## NORTHERN COMMAND INTER APSs ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION 2023-24



“Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out ”

Feeling the vibrations of passion resonating through every pixel on the virtual veins of the internet today, APS Akhnoor crafted its victory in the Inter-School English debate competition where ideas and words were the gladiators and traversed the distinct minds of the virtual audience. Under the jurisdiction of Northern Command, Army Public School, Akhnoor hosted an Inter-school English Debate competition on 21st Sep, 2023 on the burning topic 'Should Humanity Fear the Advancements of AI?' through virtual window. The debate competition witnessed the active participation of 13 schools across Northern states of India. Graced by the esteemed addressal of Principal APS Akhnoor, Mrs Geeta Devi, the program commenced with a note of gratitude and introduction by the host Mrs Priyanka Adhana. Through her words, she also welcomed the venerated Chief guest, Brig Rakesh Pachora, SM,VSM, Commander 255 (I) Armed Brigade as well as Chairman APS, Akhnoor. She also welcomed other reverent members of the jury -Ms Sheetal Lalotra ( PhD English Literature, Faculty at Punjab Engineering College), Mr Inderpal Singh (IT Expert at Oracle USA), Mr Dilip Singh ( IRTS Officer from 2013 batch, currently at Nagpur Railway Division), Ms Meenakshi Manhas (TGT Mathematics, APS Akhnoor -Time Judge) and all the participating schools. Regardless of physical boundaries, each speaker from the participating school team showcased its debating prowess against and for the motion, facing a minimum of two interjections by the interjector with respect to the given topic. Witnessing the kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts and perspectives of the budding debaters, the winners were selected on grounds of distinct parameters like content, voice modulation, pronunciation etc. by the esteemed panel of jury members with unanimous decision. With a heartfelt note of congratulations, the names of winners were echoed in the air in which APS Akhnoor was declared as the winner of the said competition. APS Nagrota was declared as runner up. Among all the speakers from the different schools, Sonali Dev from APS Akhnoor was declared as the best speaker and Rahini Manrai from APS Akhnoor was chosen as the best interjector. After the announcement of results, Mrs Priyanka Adhana presented a vote of thanks to the worthy jury members and the participating schools in bringing this debate competition live to the aspiration of its true essence. Carrying along the traditions of qualitative contributions for the constructive and holistic development of students, Northern Command, always inspire students by organising such competitions to be a beacon of hope for glorious futures ahead .