

Debate Competition GUIDELINES

Event Overview

The Debate Competition is an exciting event designed to foster critical thinking, effective communication, and teamwork among students. This event provides a platform for participants to showcase their ability to analyze complex issues, develop compelling arguments, and present them in a structured manner. This event not only highlights the importance of perspective but also promotes respectful discourse and appreciation for diverse viewpoints. With an emphasis on critical engagement, the Debate Competition promises to be an enriching experience for all involved.

Resources Required:

- Two Podiums
- Papers
- Pens
- Projector displaying the debate topics

Venue: CIMP Examination Hall

Time: 2 hrs.

Rounds:

2–3 rounds depending on the number of participants. Half of the participants will get eliminated after each round.

Topic Selection and Rules

Topics:

- Is data privacy more important than national security?
- Is dependence on technology making humans less creative?
- Is economic growth possible without environmental damage?
- Should reservation be based on economic status rather than caste?
- Is consumerism harming society more than helping it?
- Is gender equality achievable in the current social structure?
- Should mental health days be mandatory in institutions?

Set Rules and Guidelines

- Participants will be divided into two groups representing the affirmative and opposition sides.
- Each participant will get a pen and paper and will have 5 minutes to prepare.
- Papers are not allowed at the podium.
- Participants will get 5–7 minutes to speak.
- A 1-minute warning bell will be given.
- Respectful language must be used.
- No interruptions during speeches.

Judges:

2–3 Judges

Judging Criteria:

- Strength and relevance of arguments
- Logical structure
- Confidence, voice modulation, body language, eye contact

Scoring and Evaluation

- Judges will score speakers.
- Feedback may be provided.
- Tie-breaker: additional 3-minute round.

Disqualifying Rules

- Late arrivals
- Misconduct