



VIVEKANANDA SCHOOL OF LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES

in collaboration with



ATMA RAM SANATAN DHARMA COLLEGE

presents its

1ST NATIONAL VIRTUAL DEBATE COMPETITION

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ABOUT VIPS

Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University was established in the year 2000 with the vision to maintain and promote excellence in education and for imparting quality professional education comparable with the best in the world. Our aim is to put across a 'renovated and rejuvenated spirit of education'. We understand the need to build a 'character' of the institute which is nurtured not merely by the quality and commitment of the faculty but also by the ethos and environment upon which its foundations have been laid. We stand with determination, moral sight and strength of mind to create capable and ethical human beings with infinite power, infinite knowledge and indomitable positive energy. To impart training to the students in this direction, we provide innovative pedagogies to encapsulate the prescribed curriculum along with consistency, thereby focusing on the holistic growth of every student at VIPS.

ABOUT VSLLS

Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies (VSLLS) of Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS), is committed to realizing the words of Swami Vivekananda: ***“Man Making, Character Building and Nation Building”***. VSLLS is doing progressive efforts to equip its law students face the world. In recognition for its robust initiatives in legal education, VIPS is recognized by Bar Council of India, UGC under section 2(f) and has been accredited by an ‘A’ grade by NAAC. We at VSLLS, develop the conceptual clarity and focus on creation of research aptitude and critical approach amongst students to prepare them to be good and successful professionals. VSLLS ensures all round development by engaging students in soft skill training programs, namely, moot courts, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, research, legal aid, debates etc. VSLLS also has collaborations with foreign and national universities to provide exposure to students at international and national levels. Thus, VSLLS is progressing and marching towards perfection consistently.

ABOUT VSLLS DEBATE SOCIETY

VSLLS Debate Community is a platform that provides recognition and support for students participating in speech and debate activities. Debating enables participants to elucidate their standpoint through utilizing rhetorical eloquence. It instills in debaters a great sense of poise and confidence. Our mission at VSLLS Debate Community is to connect, support, and inspire a diverse community committed to empower society while nurturing and honing their oratorical, research, and analytical skills. Through regular mock debates and workshops, the members of the society aim to imbibe knowledge that will equip them to perform well. Various competitions at inter, intra and state level are regularly organised and diversified contemporary issues are debated upon. To get better understanding, participants' experiences and views help uncover the causes of the problem and its possible solutions because future is

in the hands of a well informed generation. The society has performed capably and won many prestigious debates including debate at national and state level and shall strive to do better.

ABOUT ARSD

Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College is a premier educational institution of Delhi University which aims to nurture excellence in education. It emphasizes on fostering the quality of human resources and promoting productive ideas that benefit the students. Since its inception, the College is focused on character building and idealism inspired by Sanatani values. The College is concerned primarily with creating an institution in tune with contemporary demands and enabling the holistic development of all its stakeholders. College's exponential growth over the past few years, its emphasis on undergraduate research, entrepreneurial initiatives, skill development, strong industry-institution linkages, and ICT-enabled learning environments, are geared towards the facilitation of sustainable and self-sufficient systems as well as institutions. The motto of the College, Tejasvi-naavadhitam-astu, has been taken from Taittiriya Upanishad and means, "May our learning be endowed with radiance". The College takes pride in its past achievements and looks to the future with great hope and determination.

ABOUT NIMBUS, ARSD DEBATE SOCIETY

Nimbus, the English Debating society of ARSD College is a platform that brings together passionate people to develop a curious and learning attitude towards life as they debate on various socio-political issues. This demeanour improves their diction, as well as provides them with a broader perspective of things happening around them. Since its formation in 1980, the society has grown manifold but the basic idea of thinking rational thoughts and arguments, communicating the same in a clear, coherent manner and enriching the channels of the mind of each member remains the same.

THEME FOR THE COMPETITION

"THE HOUSE BELIEVES THAT WHILE FIGHTING COVID 19, THE STATE HAS BEEN JUST WITH BOTH, LIVES AND LIVELIHOOD."

Corona virus is the defining global health crisis of our time. The World Health Organization (WHO) was left with no other choice but to declare it a pandemic after taking into consideration the alarming levels of spread and severity of the outbreak. In these tumultuous times when every country is striving to adapt to this unprecedented situation, it seems that the poor are receiving the full force of it. Unemployment coupled with the yearning of the migrant workers to return home safely, has made their lives miserable and uncertain. Nevertheless, it goes without saying that the first step to solve a problem is to acknowledge that it exists. The Government of India has acted very promptly and swiftly by adopting

significant measures, like the announcement of the economic stimulus by our Prime Minister or demarcation of the entire nation in different colour zones to ease the restrictions of the lockdown, the authority deserves acclaim. It is pertinent to note that even the WHO and the international community have lauded these remarkable welfare efforts of the government and taken lessons from it.

On the other side of the coin, the livelihoods of millions of people are at stake, if the country continues to remain in a partial lockdown. So, the question that arises is whether the government has been able to strike equilibrium between the lives of the citizens and their livelihoods. Having said that, we need to look in the direction of “*Jaan bhi aur Jahaan bhi*” and if we have that approach, then we’ll definitely emerge victorious from this raging storm.

ELIGIBILITY

The event is open for students across all departments and institutes pursuing undergraduate courses in India.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- The language of the competition shall be ENGLISH only.
- A participant may choose to speak on either For or Against the motion. Though the final call shall be made by the organizing committee.
- The time limit for each participant shall be 2+1 minutes. Non-adherence may lead to deduction of marks.
- We shall be entertaining interjections during the rebuttal round.

Evaluation Criteria

- The Speakers shall be evaluated on the following parameters:
 1. Research & Content.
 2. Cohesiveness (logical Sequence)
 3. Use of Tone & assertiveness
 4. Eye Contact (Memorization instead of use of paper)
 5. Adherence to time limit
- Reading out the entire debate from a paper/other source isn’t allowed. However, one can keep a short note for reference.
- Participants are not allowed to reveal their name, institute, course or any other identity details. They would be identified as codes allotted to them by the organizing

committee before the competition. Disclosing the name to the judges will result in disqualification.

- The organizers may change part(s) of the rules of the competition without any prior intimation, but every team shall be informed about such amendments and/or additions. The participants are requested and expected to maintain the decorum of the competition by sticking to formal attire.
- Sides allotted to all the participants shall be confirmed by the organizing committee four days prior to the event.
- The decision of the judges and organizing team shall be final and binding on all the participants.
- E-certificate of participation shall be provided to all the participants on the email ID so provided by them at the time of the registration. All the e-certificates will be issued in the name of both, VIPS, GGSIPU and ARSD, DU.

Registration

- Participation fee is Rs. 100 for individual registration and Rs. 200 for team registration.
- The payment for the same is to be made via PayTM or Google Pay on 9818886982.
- The registration shall be entertained on FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis. Hence, it is requested to all the anticipating participants to complete the registration process as soon as possible. The last date for registration is 11th June 2020 till 23:59 Hrs.
- The registration portal will automatically expire on the said date or on filling up of slots, whichever is earlier.
- Since there is cap on the number of participants for logistical reasons. The organizers reserve the right to refuse the registration of participant(s). However, the organizers will try their best to accept such participation(s).

Awards

- Top 3 Debaters: Cash prizes, INR (3000, 2000 and 1000) and Certificates of Merit
- Best Interjector: Cash prize, INR(500) and Certificate of Merit
- All participants: E-certificates

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