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Debating has long been a vital part of education. Training in debate improves valuable analytical and speaking skills and enables the discussion of important issues, whether scientific, historical, religious or political. It contributes to the intellectual and ethical development of its participants by challenging them to make defensible judgments in which they must critically investigate complex issues, question given assumptions, evaluate the reliability of data and consider alternative perspectives. Debate stimulates and refines communication skills that empower individuals to speak for themselves, to discover and use their own voices. Debating provides a unique intellectual challenge and excitement.

Debates can take many forms, some highly specialized and others less formal, some that emphasize research and prepared arguments, and others that stress extemporaneous speaking and analytical skills. Parliamentary debates have long been the predominant form of competitive academic debating in most English-speaking nations and commonwealth nations including India.

It is now that the most widely practiced type of intercollegiate debates in India have begun to develop parliamentary debating programs.

We aim to make the takers learn the notions of debate and improve and polish their debating skills through the First Debate of Lextravaganza.

FORMAT OF THE TOURNAMENT

- Each debating match will consist of two teams; one to propose the motion and one to oppose it.
- The team proposing may be known as 'The Proposition' or 'The Government'.



- The team opposing may be known as ‘The Opposition’ or ‘The Negative’.
- Teams will be designated as the Proposition or the Opposition for each round of the competition.
- Participants of a team may be from different Institutions. Inter College participants are welcome.
- The rounds will be conducted in both English and Hindi.
- Teams will comprise of the following members :-

i. GOVERNMENT

1. Prime Minister.
2. Deputy Prime Minister.
3. Government Whip.

ii. OPPOSITION

1. Leader of the Opposition, or First Negative.
2. Deputy Leader of the Opposition, or Second Negative.
3. Opposition Whip, or Third Negative.

- Debaters will speak in the following order:

- i. Prime Minister
- ii. Leader of Opposition
- iii. Deputy Prime Minister
- iv. Deputy Leader of Opposition



v. Government Whip

vi. Opposition Whip

vii. Opposition reply

viii. Government reply

- Common minute will not be given within reply speeches.
- Speakers not 'holding the floor' may not rise during a speech unless it is to offer a 'Point of Information'.
- Speakers doing so, or considered to be heckling, barracking or whose behaviour is interfering with the acceptable course of a debate will be declared 'out of order' or will be 'called to order' by the Chairperson.

MOTION

- The motion for each round will reflect a specific and well-known theme, and each round of the competition will comprise of ONLY ONE motion.
- Printed and prepared materials may be used during the preparation period.
- No access to electronic media or electronic storage or retrieval devices is permitted after motions have been released.
- This includes but is not limited to, all kinds of computers, electronic data banks, cellular phones, etc. Printed and prepared materials may be accessed during a debate, but may not be used by a speaker holding the floor.
- Teams must prepare on their own. Once motions have been released, there must be no contact between debaters in a particular team and coaches, trainers, friends, observers or any other individual for the purposes of assistance in the context of the debate. Such contact and assistance is deemed as 'cheating' and will be punished strictly.



- Teams failing to arrive in time for the debate will forfeit that particular round.

TIMES FOR SPEECHES

i. Substantive Speeches: 6 + 1 minutes.

ii. Reply Speeches: 3+1 minutes in all rounds.

- Time signals will be given in the following manner:

i. End of first minute - single knock of the gavel.

ii. End of sixth minute - single knock of the gavel.

iii. End of seventh minute - double knock of the gavel.

- Reply Speeches:

i. End of third minute- single knock of the gavel.

ii. End of Fourth minute- Double knock of the gavel.

- Once the double knock of the gavel has sounded, speakers have a 20-second 'grace period', during which they should conclude their speech. After this grace period has elapsed, there will be a continuous knocking of the gavel, and adjudicators must disregard the rest of that particular speech. Speakers continuing after the 'grace period' can also be penalized by the adjudicators in the Method category.
- If the speaker concludes his/her speech before the second single knock of the gavel, he or she should be penalized under Method and possibly also under Matter. The latter, assuming that less matter was advanced, or that it was clearly underdeveloped.

POINTS OF INFORMATION

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- Points of Information (POIs') may be offered during the six substantive speeches only, after the first single knock of the gavel and up to the second single knock of the gavel. Points of Information may not be offered during the first and last minutes of substantive speeches. If a Point of Information is offered in the first or the last minute of a constructive speech, it is the duty of the speaker holding the floor to reject the same as being out of order. Only if the speaker holding the floor fails to do the same, the chair of the adjudicator panel may very briefly intervene and call the house to order.
- A POI must be indicated by a member of an opposing team rising from his/her seat. A member offering a Point of Information may draw attention to the offer by saying “on that point Sir/Madam,” or a short word calling attention to the member of the opposing team raising the point of information. If entire questions are posed in the tag this can be marked down under method.
- A member holding the floor must respond to an opposing member, or members offering POI's, in one of the following ways.
 - i. A clear gesture or hand signal rejecting the offer.
 - ii. A verbal rejection of the offer, or
 - iii. A verbal acceptance of the offer.
- If a POI is accepted, the point should be phrased as a question, or clarification, or comment, and ideally made in no more than 15 seconds. Points of Information should be such that they allow the member holding the floor some chance of responding.
- After a POI has been offered, no further clarifications may be sought either by the speaker holding the floor or by the member offering the Point of Information, except strictly in situations where the Point of Information is clearly inaudible, and therefore a repetition of the same is necessitated.



- Once a POI is accepted the speaker holding the stage is bound to give adequate time for the completion of the question.
- Points of Information are marked for their strategic use under Method, and for their content under Matter. Unwarranted use of points of information can be marked down under Manner.

CRITERIA OF MARKS

CRITERIA	MARKS
MATTER	40
MANNER	40
METHOD	20
TOTAL	100

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Participation Certificates to all Participants.

DATES TO REMEMBER

LAST DATE OF EARLY BIRD	<i>31st DECEMBER 2018 11:59 P.M.</i>
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REGISTRATION with DISCOUNT	
LAST DATE OF EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION without DISCOUNT	15 th JANUARY 2019 11:59 P.M.
LAST DATE OF LATE REGISTRATION with LATE FEES	25 TH JANUARY 2019 11:59 P.M.

REGISTRATION FEES

The Registration Fees includes your Registration **FOR ALL THE EVENTS OF LEXTRAVAGANZA**. You do not have to pay any other Fees to participate in the other events.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION with FLAT 25% DISCOUNT	₹ 525
REGISTRATION FEES FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION without DISCOUNT	₹ 700
REGISTRATION FEES FOR LATE REGISTRATION with LATE FEES	₹ 800

THE REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDES YOUR PARTICIPATION, CONFERENCE KIT AND LUNCH.

HOW TO REGISTER?

- All the participants will have to Register by filling the google form here :
LINK :-
- Mention all the events you would like to participate in at the Summit.
- You also have to mandatorily attach a Screenshot of Fee Payment in the Form, without which your Registration shall not be valid.
- Once successfully Registered you shall receive a mail alongwith a Text containing your **Ticket** for the Summit.



GET IN TOUCH

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