

Debate Department (Mimansa Forum)

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“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.”

Joseph Joubert (French writer)

A debate is an organized argument or contest of ideas in which the participants discuss a topic from two opposing sides. Debate is a social way of expression of your point of view on a topic. It teaches students how to accept different point of views of theirs and others in the same topic. They learn agree to disagree, may find a way to solve an issue, learn how to compromise with others.

In debate, Argumentation, disagreement, rebutting points argued from the other side, to put forth your point of view in an emphatic and skilful manner is an integral part of legal education. Debate forum plays an important role in honing the student’s argumentation and presentation skills. The debating skill will help students to appreciate the judicial process and justice delivery mechanism in more effective manner.

In the Academic Year 2020-21 our students have participated in various Inter Collegiate Competitions Namely; Elocution, Debate and Essay Writing competition in Marathi and English Language. Apart from it, Agarkar Debate Competition was hosted by our department through online mode. Due to the Pandemic situation of COVID-19 the competition was conducted through MS Teams application. The details of the competition are mentioned below.

- **College participation in various competitions**

Sr. No	Name of the Student	Name of the Competition	Position/Rank
1	Raunak Nenwani	BLOGATHON (Topic-	Best Blog award

	(3 rd year B.A.LL.B)	Self Employment: What you need to know to be your own boss after the economic crisis)	
2	Urja Mishra (2 nd year B.A.LL. B)	Late Dr. P. G. sahastrabudhe State Level Elocution Competition organised by Sir Parshurambhau College, Pune;.	Consolation price
		Mechmerize, Debate Competition by Vishwakarma Institute of Information Technology, Pune.	Winner
		Declamation Contest by National Human Rights Commission	2 nd Prize
		VOX Jurist National Debate Competition by Shambhunath Institute of Law, Prayagraj.	Semi Finalist
		Vyakt Article Writing Competition by Lex with Flex	2 nd Runner Up, article on “APOCRYPHAL AND SPURIOUS TRANSGENDER RIGHTS IN INDIA”
		National Article Writing Competition by Team Attorneyslex	Special Mention
		Article Writing	Participation

		Competition by Law Guru	
		Orate, Elocution Competition by Argute	Quarter Finalist
		National level Blogging Competition by Poona College of Pharmacy	Participation
		National Article Writing Competition by Lexsyndicate	Participation
		Vagyudh Asian Parliamentary Debate Competition by Ajinkya D. Y. Patil University, Pune	Quarter Finalist
		Online National Level Critique Competition 2021 by Bharati Vidyapeeth's New law College, sangli.	3 rd Prize
3	Kayomard Irani (4 th year B.A.LL. B)	National Online Elocution & Article Writing Competition. Organised by Law Club & Vishwakarma University on 19 th July 2020.	Winner
		First Online National Elocution Competition held on 15 th August 2020 – “Legal & Foreign Policy Law Forum in Association with Law Guru”	Participation
4	Rajlaxmi Nimbalkar (3 rd year B.A.LL. B)	National Online Elocution & Article Writing Competition. Organised by Law Club & Vishwakarma	Runner up

		University on 19 th July 2020.	
5	Rajlaxmi Nimbalkar (3 rd year B.A.LL. B) & Urja Mishra (2 nd year B.A.LL. B)	Justice M.G. Ranade Intercollegiate Debate Competition	Trophy for Runner Up Team
6	Deeksha Dev Singh (3 rd year B.A.LL. B) & Abhishek Mookherjee (3 rd year B.A.LL. B)	National Debate Competition by Law Dexter	Consolation
7	Meera Bora (2 nd LL.B.)	VOX Jurist National Debate Competition by Shambhunath Institute of Law, Prayagraj.	Semi Finalist
8	Siddhi M. Mobharkar (2 nd year LL.B.)	S.P.P.U. Essay Writing Competition	Participation

- **Late. Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak State Level Debate Competition (12th Edition)**

Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar was an educationist who wanted the students to thrive on their intelligence, and through their speech create pioneers for future generations to come. A modern liberal Agarkar was a strong proponent of rationalism and saw morality as distinct from religion. The modern liberal luminaries stand out Gopal Ganesh Agarkar, for his radical social reformism and emphasis on rationality.

As a tradition follows this year too, we organized the 12th edition of our Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak State Level Intercollegiate Debate Competition, which was unique in its own kind where a platform was made available to the students to put forward their thoughts, ideas through debate.

This year due to the pandemic situation the college had organized online debate competition on 4th & 5th Sep. 2020 and also streamed live the rounds of the competition

on social platform. i.e., you tube. Competition was conducted in two languages i.e., English & Marathi. Very great response was received for the competition even during the pandemic.

Following are the topics for the preliminary round:

1. Nepotism is a bedrock of social existence
2. Expel the dragon?
3. Covid 19: pandemic or Bio-warfare
4. Human identity is now recognized only through social platform.

Topic for the final round:

Virtual classroom is the academic future of the next generation.

Prizes:

1. Team Prizes

- Winners: Rs. 7000/- Cash & E-certificate
- Runners-up: Rs. 5000/- Cash & E-certificate

2. Individual Prizes

- Best Speaker: Rs. 2000/- Cash & E-certificate
- Consolation Prize: Rs. 2000/- Cash & E-certificate
- Special Appreciation Prize: (Total 4 from Preliminary Round) - Rs. 500/- Cash & E-certificate

Judges for Preliminary Round:

1. Dr. Roopa Shah
2. Dr. Anagha Baldota
3. Dr. Shubdha Tamhankar
4. Mr. Surendra Joshi

Judges for Final Round:

1. Adv. Yuvraj Narvankar
2. Mr. Neeraj Deshpande

Chief Guest for Inauguration and Prize Distribution:

1. Dr. Avinash Bhondawe (for Inauguration)
2. Rahul Solapurkar (for Valedictory Function)

Results of the Competition:

Winners: Cadets Training Wing, College of Military Engineering, Pune.

Runners Up: Yashwantrao Chavan Law College, Pune.

Best Speaker:

1. Vidul Thimanna (Cadets Training Wing, College of Military Engineering, Pune.)
2. Ruturaj Karande (Yashwantrao Chavan Law College, Pune)

Special Appreciation Prizes:

1. Vansh Kher (Modern Law College, Pune)
2. Yuvraj Tajane (Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law)
3. Deshana Shah (Bharti Vidyapeeth's New Law College, sangli)
4. Sudeep Krishna (Jamia Millia Islamia College)