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**Shri Navalmal Firodia
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Organizes

**The 16th Edition of
Late Gopal Ganesh
Agarkar Smruti Karandak**



National Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition

26th and 27th Sept 2024

Conveners

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**Venue : Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Fergusson
College Campus, Pune**

TOPICS FOR PRELIMINARY ROUND

English

1. “Can doing what's right in politics be achieved when everyone does what it takes to win?”
2. “Is prosperity best built by the invisible hands of the market, or does it need the steady hand of the state?”
3. “Should India prioritise it's appetite for medals over addressing social & economic challenges?”
4. “Is spirituality becoming the new form of consumerism.”

हिंदी

1. “क्या राजनीति में सही काम करना संभव है जब हर कोई जीतने के लिए कुछ भी करने को तैयार हो?”
2. “क्या समृद्धि को बाजार की अदृश्य हाथ के माध्यम से सबसे अच्छी तरह से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है, या इसके लिए राज्य के स्थिर हाथों की जरूरत है”
3. “क्या भारत को सामाजिक और आर्थिक चुनौतियों का सामना करने के बजाय पदक जीतने की अपनी महत्वाकांक्षा को प्राथमिकता देनी चाहिए?”
4. “आध्यात्मिकता नए प्रकार की उपभोक्तावाद बन रही है...”

मराठी

1. “जेव्हा प्रत्येकजण विजय मिळवण्यासाठी काहीही करण्यास तयार असतो, तेव्हा राजकारणात योग्य काम करणे शक्य आहे का?”
2. “समृद्धी ही बाजाराच्या अदृश्य हाताद्वारे अधिक चांगली साधता येते का, किंवा यासाठी राज्याच्या स्थिर हातांची आवश्यकता आहे का?”
3. “भारताने सामाजिक आणि आर्थिक आव्हानांचा सामना करण्याऐवजी पदकांसाठीच्या आपल्या महत्वाकांक्षेला प्राधान्य देणे आवश्यक आहे का?”
4. “आध्यात्मिकता नव्या प्रकारचा उपभोगवाद होत आहे”

TOPIC FOR FINAL ROUND

----- *English* -----

History favours the pragmatic over the poetic!

----- हिंदी -----

इतिहास काव्यात्मकता से व्यवहारिकता को अधिक महत्व देता है !

----- मराठी -----

इतिहास काव्यात्मकतेपेक्षा व्यवहारिकतेला अधिक महत्त्व देतो !

Registration fees:

₹750/- per team

PRIZES



Cash prize ₹15000/-
Trophy,
Certificate of merit.



Cash prize ₹10000/-
Trophy,
Certificate of merit.



Cash prize ₹7000/-
Trophy,
Certificate of merit.

BEST SPEAKER

Cash prize ₹5000/-
Trophy.
Certificate of merit.
(*1 from each language)

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Cash prize ₹3000/-
Trophy.
Certificate of merit.
(*1 from each language)



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1. Registration will be conducted through Google Forms. In the Google Form, participants must upload a screenshot of their payment transaction. The registration fee for the competition is Rs. 750/- (including GST) per team (2 members). (Bank details are mentioned in the Google Form.) No refund policy.
2. Students enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate programs (regular or external) affiliated with any university, including open universities, from any stream or course, can participate in the competition.
3. Participants should not be older than 25 years.
4. Participants must confirm their registration before 15th September 2024.
5. Certificates of Participation will be given to each participant. The winners will be provided with a separate certificate.
6. Each participant will receive an ID at the time of registration on the day of the competition. During the competition, participants should not disclose their identity; they will be addressed by a specific team code number provided at registration.
7. No Travelling Allowance will be provided by the organizers.
8. During the competition, participants are not allowed to refer to any notes or materials.
9. The preliminary round of each language will start at the same time for all participants. Four entries from marathi and Hindi language & Six entries from English language will be selected for the final round, resulting in a total of fourteen entries for the final round on the next day.
10. From the preliminary round, one Best Speaker per language will be selected by the judges (total of 3 best speakers). Additionally, the judges may select one special appreciation prize per language (total of three). The winning team, runner- up, and consolation price winners will be selected from the 14 teams in the final round.





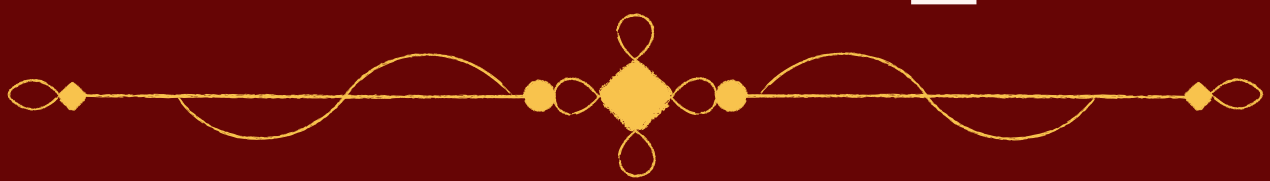
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11. Participants coming from outside Pune will be provided with accommodation for the days of the competition. Participants must inform the coordinators if they wish to avail themselves for the accommodation.
12. All participants, at the time of registration on the day of the competition, will be provided with a docket consisting of a notepad, pen, itinerary for the competition, and food coupons for both days of the competition.
13. The organizers may change any of the rules mentioned herein as and when necessary, without prior notice. The organizers reserve the right to make decisions regarding the conduct of the competition, and their decisions will be final and binding. The decision of the judges shall also be final and binding.



• Rules of competition •



- Participants can choose English, Marathi, or Hindi as their language of expression. Teams cannot change the language later on.
 - Each team can select only one topic from the given topics for the preliminary round.
 - A college may send a maximum of 3 teams: 1 for English, 1 for Marathi, and 1 for Hindi.
 - The time allotted for per team in the preliminary round is 7 minutes (5 minutes + 2 minutes).
 - The time allotted for per team in the final round is 13 minutes (8 minutes+ 5 minutes).
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1. Four teams for Hindi and Marathi language & six teams for English language from the preliminary round will be selected for the final round. This means a total of 14 teams will appear in the final round (6 from English, 4 from Marathi, and 4 from Hindi).
2. In the preliminary round, one participant from each team shall speak for the motion, and the other against the motion.
3. The results of the preliminary round will be declared on the same day, i.e., 26th September 2024. Details about the rules for the final round will be briefed after the declaration of the preliminary round results.
4. Teams will learn about their respective sides through a draw of lots. Therefore, teams should be prepared to argue both sides of the motion for the final round.
5. In the final round, the time allotted to each team will be 13 minutes (8 minutes for the argument and 5 minutes for the rebuttal). A detailed discussion about the rules and norms for the final round, as well as an explanation regarding any queries, will take place after the completion of the preliminary round.

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Report: Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak National Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition

Dates: 26th and 27th September 2024

Venue: Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune

Participating Teams: 85 Teams from Across India

1. Introduction

The Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak National Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition is an esteemed annual event that brings together some of the brightest minds from law and other disciplines to engage in intellectual debates. The 2024 edition of the competition was held over two days, the 26th and 27th of September. A total of 85 teams from various colleges across India participated, making it one of the largest debate competitions in the country.

2. Day 1: Preliminary Rounds (26th September 2024)

The competition commenced on the 26th of September with a vibrant opening ceremony. Shri Suryakant Pathak, an eminent personality, graced the event as the chief guest for the day. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the importance of debating as a tool for fostering critical thinking and public discourse, drawing from the philosophies of Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar.

Judges for the Preliminary Rounds

- **Hindi Debate Judges:**
 1. Mrs. Pooja Baghel
 2. Mr. Rajesh Jamdale
- **Marathi Debate Judges:**
 1. Mr. Dipak Karve
 2. Mr. Amit Gogawale
- **English Debate Judges:**
 1. Advocate Harpreet Singh
 2. Mrs. Shweta Gupta
 3. Advocate Megha Deshmukh
 4. Dr. Preetam Jain

- **Topics for the Preliminary Rounds**

1. “Can doing what's right in politics be achieved when everyone does what it takes to win?”
2. “Is prosperity best built by the invisible hands of the market, or does it need the steady hand of the state?”
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Structure of the Preliminary Round

- The competition saw teams divided into three language categories: Hindi, Marathi, and English. Each team was given a topic and a fixed time to present their arguments, with each member expected to offer substantial points either in favor or against the motion.
- The preliminary round consisted of intense debates across multiple halls in the college. Teams engaged in thought-provoking discussions on a variety of contemporary legal, political, and social issues, reflecting the national scope of the event.
- Judges evaluated the teams based on content, clarity, delivery, and the ability to rebut opposition arguments. The passion and skill exhibited by participants made for a highly competitive round.

Key Highlights of Day 1

- The diversity of topics ranged from legal reforms, environmental issues, and constitutional rights to socio-political challenges faced by India.
- The quality of arguments, especially on complex topics such as constitutional amendments and climate change, reflected the preparedness and depth of knowledge of the participants.
- By the end of the day, 14 teams were selected to proceed to the final round, with an equal distribution of teams across the Hindi, Marathi, and English languages



3. Day 2: Final Rounds (27 September 2024)

The second day of the competition saw the 14 selected teams return for the final showdown. The final rounds were held in a packed auditorium, with students, faculty, and guests eagerly waiting for the results.

Judges for the Final Round

- **Final Round Judges:**
 1. Dr. Varsha Todmal
 2. Mr. Anand Pawar

Chief Guest for the Finals:

Advocate Dr. Sudhakar Avhad, a renowned legal expert and scholar, was invited as the chief guest for the final round. In his keynote address, Dr. Avhad inspired the students with anecdotes from his legal career and stressed the role of young lawyers in shaping India's future. He emphasized that debating is not just about winning an argument but about learning to listen, respect differing opinions, and arrive at rational conclusions.



Format of the Finals

- The final round featured more complex and nuanced topics, testing the participants' depth of knowledge, critical thinking, and oratory skills.
- The teams were given one hour to prepare for the final debate after receiving their topics, ensuring a level of spontaneity and innovation in the arguments presented.
- The debates were structured in such a way that each team had an opportunity to present their points, followed by a session of rebuttals from the opposition and final counterarguments.

Topics Discussed in the Final Round

The topics in the final round was highly engaging and reflective of current socio-political dynamics – **History favours the Pragmatic over the poetic**

Winners of the 16th Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak 2024

English Category

Best Speaker: Rehana Iqbal Irani (Balaji School of Law, Pune)

Special Appreciation: Arijit Mitra (Chandigarh University)

Hindi Category

Best Speaker: Shivansh Narayan Tripathi (AFMC, Pune)

Special Appreciation: Atharva Singh (Chandigarh University)

Marathi Category

Best Speaker: Tejas Patil (SP College, Pune)

Special Appreciation: Abhay Krishnakant Aalshi (V.G. Vaze College, Mumbai)

Second Runners up - Team

Balaji Law College, Pune

First runners up - Team

S.P College, Pune

Winners Team

Chandigarh University



4. Closing Ceremony

The competition concluded with an elaborate closing ceremony where the winners were announced. Advocate Dr. Sudhakar Avhad felicitated the winning teams and appreciated the efforts of all participants. He also commended the organizing committee for hosting a

successful national event that provided a platform for youth to showcase their intellectual prowess.

5. Conclusion

The Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar Smruti Karandak National Level Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 2024 was a resounding success. With 85 teams participating from all over India, the event not only celebrated the art of debate but also fostered an environment of learning and growth. The competition was a true testament to the spirit of legal education and its role in empowering students to think critically, speak confidently, and act responsibly.