



Deccan Education Society's Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune

MIMANSA DEBATE FORUM PRESENTS



The 18th Edition of

**Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar International
Inter-Collegiate Oratory Festival**



— A Journey of 18 Glorious Years —

DATES

11th & 12th September 2026

VENUE

*DES Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Fergusson College
Campus, Pune*

Debate • Asian Parliamentary Debate • Model United Nations

About the Festival



Now in its eighteenth year, the Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar International Inter-Collegiate Oratory Festival is the flagship platform of the Mīmāṃsā Debate Forum — uniting Debate, Asian Parliamentary Debate, and Model United Nations under one banner in honour of reformer Gopal Ganesh Agarkar.

Objectives

- ❖ Promote advocacy & diplomacy
- ❖ Build constitutional literacy
- ❖ Offer a rigorous judged platform
- ❖ Connect India's young orators

Why It's Unique

- ❖ Three formats, one festival
- ❖ Trilingual — English, Hindi, Marathi
- ❖ Eighteen years of legacy

About DES

Founded in 1884, among India's oldest & most respected educational trusts.

DES's Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College

One of the most prestigious institutions of LAW.

Mīmāṃsā Forum

The College's premier Oratory society & host of this festival.

History & Legacy

Instituted in the memory of Shri. Gopal Ganesh Agarkar — a reformer and the second principal of Fergusson College — the festival has grown from a single debate competition into a Three-format celebration of reasoned public discourse, drawing colleges from across the world each year.

Debate



Debate will be conducted in English, Hindi and Marathi across the preliminary and final rounds. Debate tests two-team argumentation and rebuttal; Elocution, like the first round, tests individual extempore public speaking — both judged on content, delivery, and command of language. Both are treated as a single combined format, with the same rules, schedule and registration fee applying to each.

Format

- ❖ Trilingual: English, Hindi, Marathi
- ❖ Preliminary & Final rounds
- ❖ Strict individual/team time limits
- ❖ No reference material is permitted

Judgment Criteria

- ❖ Content, logic & evidence
- ❖ Delivery & command of language
- ❖ Audience engagement
- ❖ Time management & decorum

Registration Fee

₹1,000/- per team (2 members)

TOPICS

1. Do great powers cause more wars than they prevent?
2. This House would prioritise public order over the right to protest.
3. This House believes that economic growth came at the cost of human well-being.
4. Legislators who switch parties should seek a fresh mandate from the electorate.
5. This House believes marriage is a private affair; free from state & societal interference.
6. Are the educational ideas of Shri. Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Shri. Gopal Ganesh Agarkar and Shri. Vaman Shivram Apte more relevant today than ever?

TOPIC FOR FINALS

In this modern world, are we
*‘truly living’ or ‘merely
existing’?*

TOPICS

१. क्या महाशक्तियाँ युद्धों को रोकने के बजाय उन्हें और अधिक बढ़ावा देती हैं?
२. यह सदन प्रदर्शन करने के अधिकार की अपेक्षा सार्वजनिक व्यवस्था को प्राथमिकता देगा।
३. यह सदन मानता है कि आर्थिक विकास मानव कल्याण की कीमत पर हासिल किया गया है।
४. दल-बदल करने वाले जनप्रतिनिधियों को मतदाताओं से पुनः जनादेश लेना चाहिए।
५. यह सदन मानता है कि विवाह एक निजी मामला है, जो राज्य और समाज के हस्तक्षेप से मुक्त होना चाहिए।
६. क्या श्री बाल गंगाधर तिलक, श्री गोपाल गणेश आगरकर और श्री वामन शिवराम आपटे के शैक्षिक विचार आज पहले की अपेक्षा अधिक प्रासंगिक हैं?

अंतिम चरण का विषय

इस आधुनिक दुनिया में हम 'वास्तव में जी' रहे हैं या केवल 'अस्तित्व बनाए हुए हैं'?

TOPICS

१. महासत्ता युद्धे रोखण्यापेक्षा ती अधिक घडवून आणतात का?
२. हे सभागृह निदर्शने करण्याच्या अधिकारापेक्षा सार्वजनिक सुव्यवस्थेला प्राधान्य देईल.
३. हे सभागृह मानते की आर्थिक विकास हा मानवी कल्याणाच्या किंमतीवर साधला गेला.
४. पक्ष बदलणाऱ्या लोकप्रतिनिधींनी मतदारांकडून पुन्हा जनादेश घ्यावा.
५. हे सभागृह मानते की विवाह ही एक खाजगी बाब आहे, जी राज्य आणि समाजाच्या हस्तक्षेपापासून मुक्त असावी.
६. श्री. बाळ गंगाधर टिळक, श्री. गोपाळ गणेश आगरकर आणि श्री. वामन शिवराम आपटे यांचे शैक्षणिक विचार आज पूर्वीपेक्षा अधिक सुसंगत आहेत का??

अंतिम फेरीसाठी विषय

आधुनिक जगात, आपण 'खऱ्या अर्थाने जगत' आहोत
की 'केवळ अस्तित्वात' आहोत?

Asian Parliamentary Debate



Two benches — Government and Opposition— comprised of three speakers each contest a motion revealed shortly before the round, closing with a Reply Speech from either side.

Speaker Order

1st Proposition → 1st Opposition → 2nd Proposition → 2nd Opposition → 3rd Proposition → 3rd Opposition → Opposition Reply → Government Reply

Adjudication

- ❖ Panel of trained judges
- ❖ Scored on matter, manner, and method
- ❖ Oral adjudication after each round

Draw of lots will be taken for -

- Deciding Ruling/Opposition
- Topic of Debate

Registration Fee

₹1,200/- per team (3 members)

Motions

1. This House believes that retired judges should be barred from being appointed to post-retirement government posts.
2. This House supports the Recognition of Palestine as a Sovereign State by all democracies.
3. This House believes that the criminal justice system should prioritise rehabilitation over retribution, even for violent offenders.
4. This House believes that governments should have the power to suspend internet access during periods of severe civil unrest temporarily.

Model United Nations

Delegates simulate global deliberation—research, negotiation and resolution drafting.

Research

Command of policy & precedent.

Negotiation

Lobbying & bloc formation.

Drafting

Precise, actionable clauses.

Registration Fee

₹1,000/- per participant (1 delegate).

Committees & Agendas

AIPPM

All India Political Parties Meet

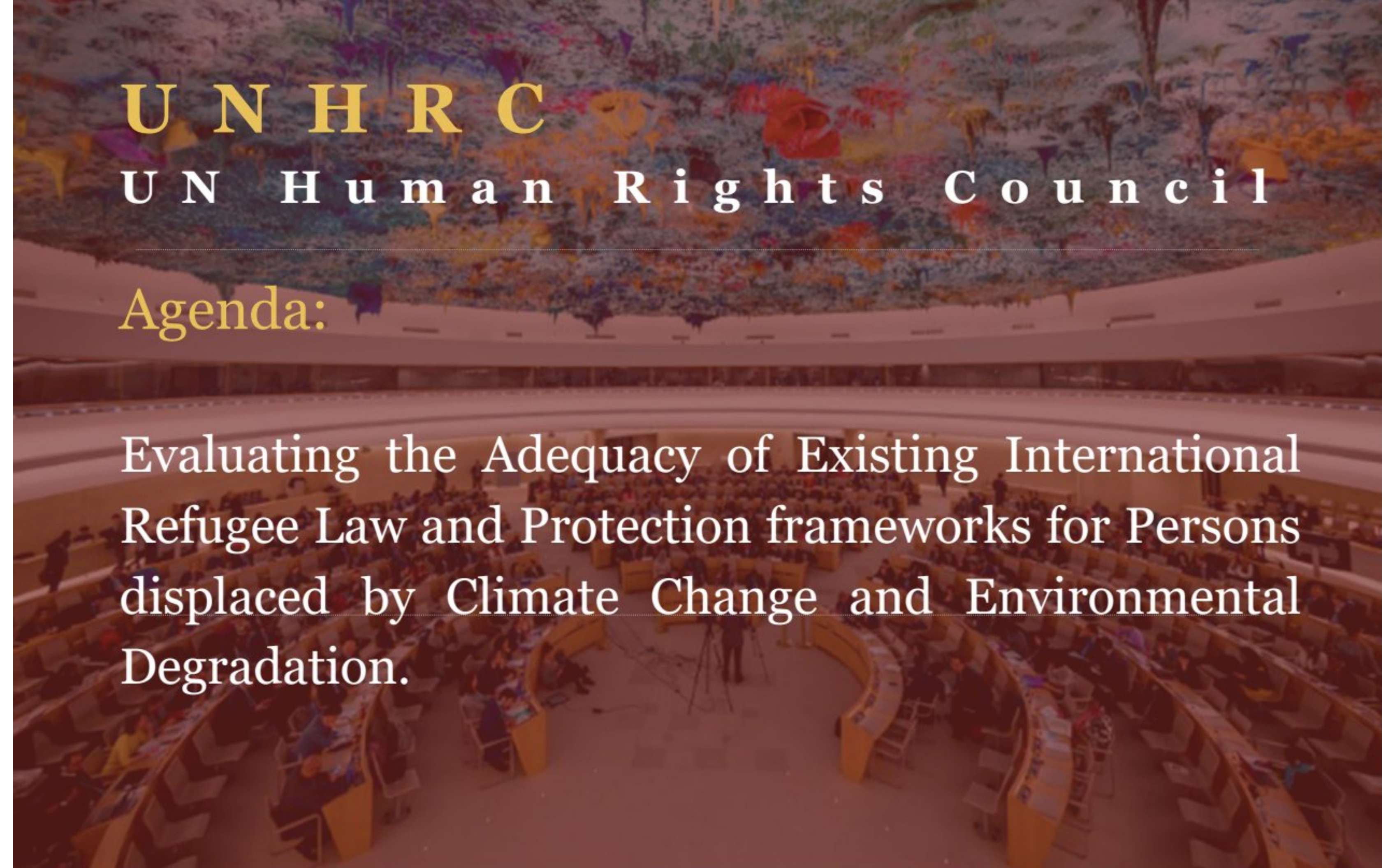
Agenda:

Deliberation on Strengthening Freedom of Press and Journalism in India with Special Emphasis on Media Accountability, Protection of Journalistic Independence, and the Future of Digital Journalism.

Lok Sabha

Agenda:

Deliberation on Reforming India's Education System with Special Emphasis on Recent Educational Reforms, Educational Inequality and the Future of Learning and Skill Development.

The background of the first section is a photograph of the United Nations Human Rights Council chamber. The room is semi-circular with tiered seating for delegates. The ceiling is a large, colorful abstract mural. The text is overlaid on this image.

U N H R C

U N H u m a n R i g h t s C o u n c i l

Agenda:

Evaluating the Adequacy of Existing International Refugee Law and Protection frameworks for Persons displaced by Climate Change and Environmental Degradation.

The background of the second section is a photograph of a large assembly hall with a red and white striped backdrop. The United Nations logo is faintly visible in the center. The text is overlaid on this image.

E C O S O C

E c o n o m i c & S o c i a l C o u n c i l

Agenda:

Ensuring equitable climate adaptation financing for Least Developed and Developing Countries facing agricultural collapse and internal displacement through integration of modern financing instruments

ECOSOC
United Nations



The Festival Experience

Networking

Meet delegates and debaters from colleges across India.

Leadership

Learn leadership instinct.

Certificates & Awards

Every participant receives a certificate; winners take home trophies and cash prizes.

Academic Exposure

Engage with contemporary constitutional and political themes.

Professional Growth

Adjudication, research and diplomacy build real-world skills.

Campus Experience

Two days on the historic Fergusson College campus.

"An education in argument is an education in citizenship."

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Schedule & Registration



Day 1 — Schedule

Time	Session
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 AM to 9:15 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Inauguration
10:40 AM to 5:00 PM	Competition (Lunch and High Tea Included)
5:30 PM	Result Announcement

Day 2 — Schedule

Time	Session
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Competition Begins
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM	Valedictory
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Lunch
2:30 PM	End Of Festival

Registration Fees

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Debate & Elocution	₹1,000/- per team (2 members)
Asian Parliamentary Debate	₹1,200/- per team (3 members)
Model United Nations	₹1,000/- per participant (1 delegate)

- ❖ Register via the official Google Form (QR / link to be added).
- ❖ Upload the payment screenshot at registration.

Eligibility

- UG/PG students from any recognised University.
- Participants must not be older than 25 years.

Important Dates:

Milestone	Date
Registrations Open	11 th August, 2026
Registration Deadline	31 st August, 2026
Festival Dates	10 th – 11 th September, 2026

Convenors

Adv. Ashok Palande
Vice Chairman GB & Council DES,
Chairman CDC, DES SNFLC

Dr. Sunita Adhav
Principal DES SNFLC

QR Codes for detailed rule sheets



QR Code for Registration forms of Asian Parliamentary Debate



QR Code for Registration forms of Debate.



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CASH PRIZES

Debate

Winner Team: 15,000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Runner up: 10,000 (Along with certificate and trophy)

Second runner up: 7,000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Hindi Debate Room:

Best speaker: 5000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Special Appreciation: 3000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Marathi Debate Room:

Best speaker: 5000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Special Appreciation: 3000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

English Debate Room:

Best speaker: 5000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Special Appreciation: 3000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

CASH PRIZES

Asian Parliamentary Debate

Winner Team: 10,000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Runner up team: 7000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Best Speaker: 5,000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Special Appreciation: 3,000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

Model United Nations

Two winners from each committee

Best Delegate: 5,000/- (Along with certificate and trophy)

**High Commendation: 2,000/-
(Along with certificate and trophy)**

With Gratitude



*Participation is not merely being present; it is
choosing to be a part of something
meaningful.*

Thank you for being part of the eighteenth
year of the Late Gopal Ganesh Agarkar
International Inter-Collegiate Oratory
Festival. We look forward to welcoming
you — and your argument — to Pune this
September.

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