

Crossroads (Debate Competition)

"For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate."

- Margaret Heffernan

Deliberate and Win. This is a call for all the logical thinkers to come and prove their point.

Registration:

Rs. 100/- per head

Rs. 200/- per team (Team of 2 members)

***ON-SPOT REGISTRATION AVAILABLE**

General Rules

- 1) Each team will consist of **two members** (one for the motion, one against the motion). Members may or may not belong to the same academic institution. Team entries / individual entries are allowed. Participants who are registered individually will be assigned a team on the day of the event.
- 2) Each team needs to register through the fest website before the commencement of the event on 27th of January, 2017. Spot registration is also available.
- 3) Payment must be done by **27th of January, 9 a.m.**, beyond which the team registrations shall stand canceled.
- 4) Participants are **not allowed to use internet or any other reference** material once the event commences.
- 5) Participants are expected to bring their **identity proof** (preferably institute identity card), with them.
- 6) All speakers are expected to maintain decorum during the debate.
- 7) Speakers considered to be heckling, barracking or whose behavior is interfering with the acceptable course of a debate shall be disqualified.
- 8) The organizing committee reserves the right to rescind the speaker's speech if found objectionable.

Preliminary Round:

- 1) The preliminary round will be an Oxford style debate.
- 2) A list of **5 topics** will be announced on the official page 48 hours prior to the main event.

- 3) During the event, the judge chooses the topic (out of the 5 topics provided) on which the teams have to deliberate.
- 4) Each team shall be given **15 minutes of preparation time** after the declaration of the topic.
- 5) A ballot will decide the order in which participants will speak.
- 6) Each speaker will be given **3+1 minutes** to speak.
- 7) At the end of his/her allotted time, every speaker is entitled to be cross examined by the opposing group.
- 8) The speaker can be asked up to **2 questions**.

Final Round:

- 1) The final round will be an Oxford style debate.
- 2) The topic for the final round will be provided on the spot.
- 3) Each team shall be given **30 minutes of preparation time** after the declaration of topic.
- 4) A ballot will decide the order in which participants will speak.
- 5) Each speaker will be given **3+1 minutes** to speak.
- 6) At the end of his allotted time every speaker is entitled to be cross examined by the opposing group.
- 7) The speaker can be asked up to **3 questions**.

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