

BEST TEAM TROPHY AND PREVIOUS YEAR WINNERS

Previous Year Participants

In 2024, 34 teams from renowned universities across India competed for the prestigious Best Team Trophy and other prizes. Participating institutions included: Delhi University (Delhi), Jamia Millia Islamia (New Delhi), IMS Law College (Noida), Lovely Professional University (Jalandhar), Delhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research (DIPSAR, New Delhi) and several other institutions affiliated with various universities.

Winners 2024: Mr. Yatin Bhaskar Duggal (For English) Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar. Shatakshi Sharma (For Hindi) Law College Uttaranchal University Dehradun

Winners 2023: Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar.

Winner 2020: Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Winner 2019: Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh

Winner 2018: Law College, Dehradun

Winner 2017: Law College, Dehradun

Winner 2016: Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh

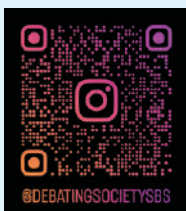
Winner 2015: Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh

Winner 2014: Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar

Travel/Accommodation Reimbursement Details

1. Accommodation: Participants will be provided free hostel accommodation at SBS University from the evening of 3rd April 2025 to the evening of 5th April 2025.
2. Travel Reimbursement: Outstation participants will be reimbursed for to-and-fro travel costs (Non-AC train/bus fare via the shortest route) upon submission of valid tickets.
3. Accompanying Faculty: A Teacher-in-Charge may accompany the participants and will be provided complimentary accommodation in the university hostel. However, no TA/DA will be provided..

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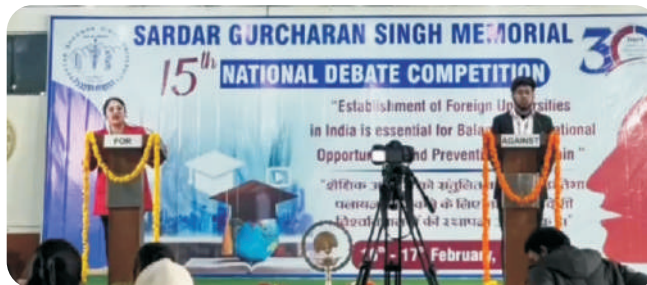
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15th National Debate Competition

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Winners 2024



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SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH MEMORIAL

16th NATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION

Topic

A Standardized Curriculum Can Effectively Address the Diverse Needs of 21st Century Learners

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SARDAR BHAGWAN SINGH UNIVERSITY (SBSU)

Sardar Bhagwan Singh University (Formerly the Sardar Bhagwan Singh Post Graduate Institute of Biomedical Sciences & Research), established in 1994, is nestled in the picturesque foothills of the Shivalik range. Spanning 25 acres, the university has emerged as a leader in Biomedical Sciences, renowned for its academic excellence and research contributions. SBSU attracts some of the brightest minds from across the country, offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in various disciplines. The university's research and academic initiatives are driven by a distinguished faculty, many of whom are recognized globally for their contributions. The SBSU alumni network is a testament to the institution's impact, with graduates excelling in industry, academia, research, business, government, and social sectors. The university actively collaborates with industries and research organizations to enhance academic learning through real-world interactions and innovation-driven programs.

Sardar Gurcharan Singh Memorial National Debate Competition

"For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, and debate."— **Margaret Heffernan (Entrepreneur, England)**

The SBSU Debating Society was established with the vision of cultivating leadership qualities among students by sharpening their ability to think critically, listen attentively, and articulate their thoughts confidently and persuasively. The Sardar Gurcharan Singh Memorial National Debate Competition was introduced in 2008 in fond memory of our Founder Director and Chairman, Late Sardar Gurcharan Singh Ji. A visionary with multidimensional leadership, he recognized the urgent need for professional education in the late 1980s and early 1990s—a time when such institutions were primarily confined to the Southern states of India. His relentless efforts transformed the landscape of Balawala, shaping it into a sacred abode of learning that led to the establishment of several academic schools, including School of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Technology, School of Life Sciences, School of Agriculture & Forestry, School of Allied Health Sciences, School of Applied Chemistry & Basic Sciences and School of Commerce & Management

Sardar Gurcharan Singh Ji's unparalleled contributions to education and social development reshaped the professional education landscape of this region. Inspired by his vision, many followed in his footsteps, leading to the establishment of prestigious institutions and universities that today impart quality education to students across the region, the nation, and the world. Sardar Bhagwan Singh University stands as a living monument to his legacy, continuing to uphold his ideals and vision for education, innovation, and societal progress.

ABOUT THE TOPIC: A Standardized Curriculum Can Effectively Address the Diverse Needs of 21st-Century Learners

Education in the 21st century must equip students with the skills and knowledge required to navigate an ever-evolving world. A standardized curriculum provides consistency, quality, and equal learning opportunities, ensuring that all students receive a structured and well-defined education. It establishes clear learning objectives, making assessment and accountability more effective while aligning educational standards at a global level. Additionally, this approach streamlines teacher training and resource development, fostering a more efficient and cohesive learning system. However, the rigidity of a standardized curriculum raises concerns about its ability to address the diverse needs of learners. Individual learning styles, cultural backgrounds, and personal career aspirations vary significantly, making a one-size-fits-all approach potentially restrictive. Standardized models may inadvertently limit creativity, critical thinking, and adaptability—skills essential for success in modern careers. Furthermore, rapid advancements in technology and the evolving job market demand a more flexible and adaptive educational system. Striking a balance between standardization and personalized learning is crucial to ensuring that students not only meet academic benchmarks but also develop the critical, innovative, and problem-solving skills necessary for the challenges of the future.



PARTICIPANTS' ELIGIBILITY

1. Participants must be bona fide students of the participating institution and must be enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate programs during the current academic session at any recognized college, institute, or university in India.
2. The debate competition will be conducted in two separate categories based on the language of delivery: English and Hindi. Participants must compete exclusively in the category they have selected.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

The prizes for each category (Hindi & English) are as follows:

1. **Best Team Trophy** – Running Trophy (awarded based on the joint performance of both speakers in a team)
 2. **First Prize – ₹20,000/- (for each category)**
 3. **Second Prize – ₹15,000/- (for each category)**
 4. **Third Prize – ₹10,000/- (for each category)**
- Additionally, a Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all participants.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Participants may present their arguments in either English or Hindi, based on the category selected. However, speakers must strictly adhere to the chosen language throughout their speech.
2. Each team will be assigned a unique team code, and participants must refer to themselves using this code only. Disclosure of personal identities or university affiliations will result in immediate disqualification.
 - Each speaker will have a total of 6 minutes, allocated as follows: 4 minutes for the main speech; 1 minute for the conclusion; 1 minute for the rebuttal.
 - A single bell will indicate the completion of 4 minutes.
 - A double bell will sound at 5 minutes, marking the end of the allocated time.
 - Exceeding the time limit will result in a negative marking.
3. The competition will be judged separately for English and Hindi categories.
4. Speakers are not allowed to carry notes, slips of paper, or any electronic gadgets onto the stage. Engaging in written debate or reading from any material will result in disqualification.
5. The verdict of the judges will be final and binding. No protests or objections regarding the decision or procedure will be entertained.
6. This is a hybrid event:
 - The preliminary round will take place off-campus, at the participants' respective institutes or universities.
 - The final round will be conducted on-campus at SBSU.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

All contestants must submit a self-recorded video (maximum 2 minutes in duration) by 25th March 2025 via email at debatesocietysbs@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION

- Participants are required to register for the Debate Competition.
- No registration fee is applicable.
- Registration can be completed using the link provided or by downloading the application form from the university website: www.sbsuniversity.edu.in.
- The duly filled application form, forwarded by the Head of the Institution, must reach the Convener, Debating Society, Sardar Bhagwan Singh University, Balawala, Dehradun-248019, by 25th March 2025.

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1X1q2HoXUN1lLnZx8cu9AUqZhJdCtWdDgTg31XNh1Ec/edit?pli=1>