

### BEST TEAM TROPHY AND PREVIOUS YEAR WINNERS

Winner 2008: Sardar Bhagwan Singh (PG) Institute of Biomedical Sciences & Research, Balawala, Dehradun

Winner 2009: Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi

Winner 2010: Dehradun Institute of Technology (DIT), Dehradun

Winner 2011: Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi

Winner 2012: (Inter Collegiate): Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi  
(Inter School): St. Joseph's Academy, Dehradun

Winner 2013: Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, Delhi University, Delhi

Winner 2014: Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar

Winner 2015: Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh

Winner 2016: Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh

Winner 2017: Law College, Dehradun

Winner 2018: Law College, Dehradun

Winner 2019: Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh

Winners 2020 **Best Team**: Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi

1<sup>st</sup> Prize- Siraj Alam - (Against, English) Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi

Mansi Singh - (Against, Hindi) Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- Novleen Kaur - (For, English) SBS, University, Dehradun

Meenakshi Bhatia - (For, Hindi) Pt. LMS College, Rishikesh

Forty eight teams from various renowned Universities like Delhi University (Delhi), NIPER, (Mohali), Aligarh Muslim University (Aligarh), GLA University (Mathura), DIPSAR, (New Delhi) and various other Institutions affiliated to various Universities contested for the trophy and other prizes. The participants spoke in English/Hindi on the topic, "The Development of Artificial Intelligence is harmful for mankind".

#### Travel/Accommodation Reimbursement Details

- 1) The Participants will be provided accommodation in hostels of the University, free of charge from the evening of 16 March 2023 to the evening of 18 March 2023.
- 2) The outstation participants will be reimbursed to and fro, Non-AC Trains/Bus fare by shortest route on production of tickets by the Organizing Institution
- 3) Participants may be accompanied by a Teacher-in-charge, who will be the guest of the Institute and will be accorded the usual accommodation in the Hostels of the Institute. However, no T.A./D.A Shall be admissible.

#### Patrons:

Shri S.P. Singh, Chairman Gaurav Bharti Shiksha Sansthan, Dehradun & Dr. Gaurav Deep Singh, Chancellor, SBS University

#### Organizer:

Prof. Veerma Ram, Vice Chancellor

#### Organizing Committee:

Dr. Santosh Karn (Convener), Dr. Meghna Wadhwa (Co-convener)  
Mr. Mausin Khan, Dr. Priya Kamboj, Mr. Anil Panwar, Ms. Jyoti Rawat

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## 13<sup>th</sup> National Debate Competition

### Glimpses



### Winner 2020



**SARDAR BHAGWAN SINGH  
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## SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH MEMORIAL 14<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION



### Topic

**Social Media Is Actually  
Making Us Less Social**

सामाजिक माध्यम वास्तव में  
हमें कम सामाजिक बना रहा है

**MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2023**



## ABOUT DEHRADUN

Dehradun nestled in the mountain ranges of the Himalayas, blends heritage with vibrant youth culture and a thriving artistic community combines these qualities with the cosmopolitan style of the great cities of India. It is renowned for being the ideal town for education and research. It is no wonder that some of the most prestigious world-renowned national institutes such as Forest Research Institute, Indian Military Academy, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Wild Life Institute of India, Indian Institute of Petroleum and National Institute for Visually Handicapped are located here. It is well connected by road, rail and air to almost all the major cities of the country.

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

Sardar Bhagwan Singh University (Formerly Sardar Bhagwan Singh Post Graduate Institute of Biomedical & Sciences established in 1994) is located amidst the beautiful foothills of Shivalik with sprawling 25 acres campus and is recognized as a leader in the field of Biomedical Sciences, reputed for its outstanding caliber. The University attracts best students from the country for its bachelor's, masters and doctoral programme. Research and academic programmes at SBS University are driven by its outstanding faculty, many of whom are reputed for their research contribution internationally. The SBS alumni have distinguished themselves through their achievements and contribution to industry, academic, research, business, govt. and social domains. The University strives to work closely with the industry to enhance its activities through interaction in academic and research programme.

## ABOUT THE DEBATE

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

The main aim of the Debating Society is to inculcate leadership qualities in its students by sharpening their ability to think and listen critically and articulate their thoughts confidently and persuasively. The National Debate Competition was introduced in the year 2008 in the fond memory of our Founder Director and Chairman, Late Sardar Gurcharan Singh Ji (17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1940 - 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005). He was an agriculturist by birth but opted for law as his profession. Sardar Sahib was a great visionary with a multidimensional personality instilled with core values. He recognized the necessity of providing professional education in the era of the late eighties-early nineties when this was mainly confined to the Southern States. He sacrificed his profession of law and propelled through the lofty hurdles, finally achieving his aim of establishing SBSPGI- a Biomedical Institute in 1994, by shaping the landscape at Balawala, into a sacred abode of learning in which School of Pharmaceuticals 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 came up.

Sardar Gurcharan Singh Ji's achievements in the field of social development and education are perhaps unsurpassed in the recent local history. He revolutionized the professional education scenario of this region, as others inspired by him followed his footsteps. As a result, today this region is sprawling with prestigious Institutes and Universities imparting quality education to the youth of the region, nation and the world as a whole. SBS University is the living monument to his unforgettable memory and it continues to carry forward his ideals.

## ABOUT THE TOPIC:

### Social Media Is Actually Making Us Less Social

The impact of social media has gone from being an entertaining platform to a fully integrated part of nearly every aspect of daily life. As quickly as social media has insinuated itself into politics, the workplace, home life, and elsewhere, it continues to evolve at lightning speed, making it tricky to predict which way it will morph next. It's hard to recall now, when was the last time people used books to clear their doubts. Almost a quarter of the world's population is now on Facebook. As of December 2022, twitter's audience accounted for over 368 million monthly active users worldwide. Today, WhatsApp is reported to have more than 2 billion monthly active users globally. Observing the condition, we can confidently say that social media is slowly killing real activism and replacing it with "slacktivism." No doubt, the social media activism brings an increased awareness about societal issues; questions remain as to whether this awareness is translating into real change. In the present time, several people are addicted to smartphones and especially social media. This leaves them with no time to interact with people in real life. Even when they are speaking with people face to face, they are getting distracted by their phones and are not concentrating on the conversations.

On the other hand, through close-knit communities or micro communities based on shared interests on social media along with private messaging, social media gave us an opportunity to build real connections with people we can really relate to. During the covid pandemic time, social media helped people in maintaining their social life. In the context of pandemic itself, WhatsApp has emerged as a very important connectivity tool and when it comes to twitter itself, when there was oxygen crisis, you would have seen MPs, MLAs and government officials using twitter as a mode to ask for help and to spread information.

## PARTICIPANTS OF CONTEST

Participants must be bonafide students of the participating Institution, enrolled for the undergraduate or postgraduate courses of study in current academic session in any recognized College/Institute/University in the country. Full-time research scholars are also eligible for participation in the debate. There will be two categories for evaluation of debate competition i.e

- 1) English
- 2) Hindi.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) Eligibility of the speakers for participation in Sardar Gurcharan Singh Memorial 14th National Debate Competition is that he/she has participated in debate competitions at District/State/National level. It is mandatory for the students to send the attested photocopy/copies of their certificates along with the registration forms.
- 2) The participating Institute has to send two students, one to present 'For' and the other to present 'Against' the topic. An Institute can send a maximum of two teams for the competition.
- 3) The total time for debate will be 5 + 1 minutes.
- 4) Speaker can present his/her point either in English or Hindi subjected to the category selected for the competition.
- 5) Evaluation of the competition will be done in both the languages separately.
- 6) Competitors with a written debate will not be eligible for prizes. However, a slip of paper bearing points will only be permitted.
- 7) Admission to the debate will be subject to the presentation of a letter of the credentials from the Head of the Institution/ Cultural/ Literary Coordinator/ Dean Student Welfare certifying the bonafide status of the participants.
- 8) The verdict of the judges will be final. No protest or objection with regard to either the decision or procedure will be entertained.
- 9) The speaking order of the participants shall be decided on the basis of draw of lots.
- 10) Names of the participants should reach the Convener, Debating Society, Sardar Bhagwan Singh University, Balawala, Dehradun-248161, on the prescribed form duly forwarded by the Head of the Institution by 05 March 2023.

## REGISTRATION

Participants are requested to register for the National Debate Competition. There is no registration fee for the competition. The application form can be downloaded from the University website [www.sbsuniversity.edu.in](http://www.sbsuniversity.edu.in) Duly filled application form forwarded by the Head of the Institution should reach the Convener Debating Society, Sardar Bhagwan Singh University, Balawala, Dehradun-248161, by 05 March 2023.

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

National Debate Competition Awards and honours to winners will be given in the memory of Late Sardar Gurcharan Singh Ji, Founder Director of the Institute. Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all participants. The prizes in each category are as follows:

1. **Best Team Trophy : Running Trophy**
2. **First Prize : Rs. 20,000/- (Each for Hindi & English category)**
3. **Second Prize : Rs. 15,000/- (Each for Hindi & English category)**
4. **Third Prize : Rs. 10,000/- (Each for Hindi & English category)**

Best team trophy shall be awarded on the basis of joint performance of both the speakers of the participating team.