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22nd November 2017

Respected Sir/Madam

Warm Greetings!

International Institute of Human Rights Society (Regd.) (IIHR) is organising a Debate Competition on the theme "*Debating Human Rights in Contemporary India*" on the occasion of Human Rights Day on 10th December, 2017 at Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi.

In today's scenario, a debate on Human Rights is extremely vital, taking into consideration everyday incidents of Human Rights' violations occurring in our country. So it becomes important to encourage young minds to discuss and debate about the meaning and importance of Human Rights and suggest a way forward to create an India where Human Rights are enjoyed and cherished by all.

Human Rights Day is observed throughout the world on 10th December every year. It commemorates the day on which the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10th December 1948. In 1950, the General Assembly passed a resolution inviting all States and interested organisations to observe 10th December every year as Human Rights Day.

IIHR is a non-political, charitable organisation acting as an institutional base and as a vehicle for activities relating to Human Rights. It promotes and disseminates the idea of Human Rights within and outside India. It is an organisation that undertakes and facilitates research study and discussion on the matters related to Human Rights.

Human rights in India is an issue complicated by the country's large population, widespread poverty, wide diversity in culture and lack of proper education. According to the World Report on Human Rights, 2017 published by Human Rights Watch, "India has serious human rights concerns. Civil society groups face harassment and government critics face intimidation and lawsuits".

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We request you to kindly send a team of 2 students from your college to participate in this competition and students who may volunteer for the competition. We will be happy to have them as a part of this event.

Our organizing team is committed to help you with any queries that may arise. Registration process and details of the competition are enclosed herewith. For registrations, kindly contact us at: iihr.india@gmail.com

With Regards,


Pravin H. Parekh,

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS SOCIETY

Theme: 'Debating Human Rights in Contemporary India'

Registration

All teams have to register through their respective colleges. Registration of only one team will be allowed from one college. Each team shall consist of two participants.

Scanned copies of duly filled registration form along with the seal and signature of the Head of the Institution has to be sent to **iihr.india@gmail.com**. Deadline for registration is **30th November 2017 by 5 P.M.**

Kindly note that registration DOES NOT mean that the team has been selected. Selection of teams will done through DRAW OF LOTS and 8 teams will be selected and announcement regarding the same will be made on **2nd December 2017** via email.

The selected participants are required to be present at the venue by 9:00 A.M. on 10th December, 2017 as the process of registration will start at 9:15 A.M. and will close at 10:30 A.M. Kindly bring the hard copies of your duly filled registration forms sealed and signed by the HODs of your respective colleges. Late entries won't be entertained.

Date, Time & Venue

Debate Competition will start from 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. on 10th December, 2017 at Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi.

Eligibility

Students from 3rd, 4th & 5th years pursuing law under the Five-Year Degree Programme and students from 2nd & 3rd years pursuing law under the Three-Year Degree Programme are eligible to participate in the Debate Competition.

Topics for the Competition-

1. Right to Die: Should Euthanasia be legalised?
2. AADHAAR Linkage: Better transparency or invasion of privacy?
3. Should Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, 1986 be struck down for decriminalising homosexuality in India?

4. Should Death Penalty be abolished?

Participants have to prepare for all the topics in advance as any of the aforementioned topics can be put forth to the selected teams for the following rounds-

1. The tournament shall comprise of three rounds namely, **Preliminary Round, Semi-Final Round** and **Final Round**. The Preliminary Round will be open to all the 8 teams. The topic will be given to them before the commencement of the round and their stance with respect to the motion will be decided on the spot through draw of lots.
2. Out of these 8 teams, 4 will qualify for the Semi-Final Round. The topic will be given to them before the commencement of the round and their stance with respect to the motion will be decided on the spot through draw of lots.
3. Out of these 4 teams, 2 will qualify for the Final Round. The topic will be given to them before the commencement of the round and their stance with respect to the motion will be decided on the spot through draw of lots.

Rules of Competition

1. In the **Preliminary Round**, each team shall be given total time of 8 minutes to speak. Each participant from each team has to speak for at least 3 minutes out of the 8 minutes. Teams exceeding their allotted 8 minutes time will be penalised. No rebuttals will be allotted for this round.
2. In the **Semi-Final Round**, each team shall be given total time of 10 minutes to speak. Out of 10 minutes, 2 minutes are reserved for rebuttals. Each participant from each team has to speak for at least 3 minutes out of the 8 minutes. Teams exceeding their allotted 10 minutes time will be penalised. They will be provided with a preparation time of 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Preliminary Round.
3. In the **Final Round**, each team shall be given total time of 15 minutes to speak. Out of 15 minutes, 3 minutes are reserved for rebuttals. Each participant from each team has to speak for at least 5 minutes out of the 12 minutes. Teams exceeding their allotted 15 minutes time will be penalised. They will be provided with a preparation time of 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Semi-Final Round.

Prizes

1st Prize: **Trophy and Cash Prize of Rupees Twenty Thousand Only**

2nd Prize: **Trophy and Cash Prize of Rupees Ten Thousand Only**

Certificates for Participation would be awarded to all the participants.

Volunteers

Colleges may send two students to volunteer for the Debate Competition. Certificates will be awarded for Volunteership.

Note: No accommodation and reimbursements for travel expenses will be provided by the Organisers. Arrangements have to be made by the volunteers themselves. Lunch arrangements will be made for all on 10th December, 2017.

Our organizing team is committed to help you with any queries that may arise. The decision of the organisers shall be final and binding in respect of any disputes or queries related to the competition. For any clarifications/queries, kindly contact:

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PARTICIPANTS' REGISTRATION FORM

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Name of Participant	Year of Study	Mobile No. & Email ID

Name of the Institution:

Signature of Participants:

**Signature & Seal of
Head of the Institution:**

(Note- There is no registration fee. Kindly bring the hard copy of your duly filled registration form sealed and signed by the HOD of your Institution. Participants are also instructed to carry their College IDs with them as the same would be required for verification on the day of event.)

VOLUNTEERS' REGISTRATION FORM

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