

Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Debating Society

**DEPARTMENT OF LAWS
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

Organizes

**3rd PROF. ANIL KUMAR THAKUR MEMORIAL
NATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION**

ON

18th October, 2023

THEME: – Uniform Civil Code (Should be or Should not be)



COORDINATORS

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About the Department

The Department of Laws, originally established at Lahore in 1889, was re-established at Shimla in 1948, shifted to Jalandhar in 1950 and finally re-located at the University Campus at Chandigarh in 1959. Its Alumni include Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, Union Cabinet Ministers, State Chief Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, Ambassadors, Senior Bureaucrats, Police Officers and other legal luminaries.

The Department always strives to create new opportunities for its students. The Department provides practical training to the students to hone their skills in various fields for overall development of personality such as-in the arena of Debate, Moot Court, Client Counselling, etc. by organizing various competitions and seminars.

About the Competition

The Department of Laws is going to organize 3rd Prof. Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial National Debate Competition on October 18, 2023 in the loving memory of Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur. Earlier, the Department has successfully organized two editions of the said Competition on the themes “Same Sex Marriages: Rejection or Recognition?” on 10th November 2022 and “Social Media and Right to Privacy” on 15th March 2022.

About Theme

Uniform Civil Code refers to the proposition of having a uniform set of personal laws for all citizens of a country, irrespective of their religious or cultural affiliations. The concept of a UCC is rooted in the idea of equality and uniformity before the law and it aims to merge and uniform the personal laws based on religious practices that currently govern matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption, and succession. In India people are governed by personal laws but keeping in mind the equality enshrined in the Constitution, whether these laws should be made uniform or not? The participants are required to debate on the issue from both the perspectives in the light of Constitutional provisions and Political scenarios.

Eligibility

- Any undergraduate student from any discipline is eligible to take part in this competition.
- **Only one team per university/college/Institute is allowed to take part in the competition.**
- Multiple entries from the same University/ college/ Institute **shall not** be entertained in any case.
- Entry in this event shall be on First cum First Serve Basis.

Along with the Online registration form, it is mandatory for the participants to attach the payment receipt to confirm their participation.

The registration form is required to be sealed and signed by the concerned competent authority.

Students from the Department of Laws, Panjab University being host of the event shall be ineligible to take part in the competition.

Language

The medium of communication for this debate shall be English only.

Prizes & Perks

- **Winner Team:** Cash Prize of **INR 5500/-** + Trophy + Certificate
- **Runner Up Team:** Cash Prize of **INR 2500/-** + Trophy + Certificate
- **Best Team:** Cash Prize of **INR 2500/-** + Trophy + Certificate
- **Best Debater:** Cash Prize of **INR 1500/-** + Trophy + Certificate

Winner and Runner–up prize will be awarded on the basis of total marks of the team given by the judges.

Best team and Best Debater will be decided on the basis of overall scores of the all rounds of the competition.

In case of tie, a tie breaker would be executed.

The detailed rules and instructions would be passed at the time of registration at venue for all the rounds of the event.

Perks

Certificate of Participation shall be given to all the participants who have participated in allocated rounds and have attended final round.

Date & Venue:

Date: 18th October, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Venue: Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

(Last date for registration shall be 4th October, 2023)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Each team should comprise of two members. Single member team would be considered as disqualified team. **Only one team per university/college/Institute is allowed to take part in the competition.**
2. Team should prepare from both sides of the motion. Motion would be assigned to the team prior to commencement of round.
3. The competition shall comprise of three rounds. Only **24** teams shall be considered for Preliminary Round of the Debate Competition based on first come first registered basis. "First Come First Registered" means the first duly completed online registration form along with the payment of registration fee on or before the **last date of online registration i.e., 04.10.2023 till 12:00PM.**
4. Out of 24, top scoring 12 teams shall advance to Semi-Final round and top scoring 02 Teams shall advance to Final round

*(The detailed rules for execution of each round would be shared at the time of registration at venue, thus, it is mandate to reach the venue at least **one hour** prior to the commencement of the event.)*

For Preliminary Round:

1. There shall be 'two teams. Out of these two teams, one would be 'For / Affirmative' motion and another would be 'Against/ Negative' motion.
Both the speaker of a team should speak for assigned motion.
2. **Each Speaker will be given 4+1 = 5 minutes to speak.** There shall be intimation after 4 minutes and then another after 1 minute for time up, next speaker of same team shall proceed after this.
3. After both the members of a team has finished, the Judge / Panel of Judge will have 3 minute which can be utilised in any of the following ways:
 - *Ask questions individually to both member of team;*
 - *Address questions collectively to both speakers;*
 - *Ask the opposite team to ask questions (rebuttal)*

Cross examination after the permission of Jury.

For Semi Final Round:

1. There shall be 'two teams'. Out of these two teams, one would be 'For / Affirmative' the motion and another would be 'Against/ Negative' the motion. Both the speaker of a team should speak for assigned motion

2. **Each Speaker will be given $8 + 2 = 10$ minutes to speak.** There shall be intimation after 8 minutes and then another after 2 minutes for time up, next speaker of same team shall proceed after this.
3. After both the members of a team has finished, the Judge / Panel of Judge will have 3 minute which can be utilised in any of the following ways:
 - *Ask questions individually to both member of team;*
 - *Address questions collectively to both speakers;*
 - *Ask the opposite team to ask questions (rebuttal)*

Cross examination after the permission of Jury.

For Final Round:

1. There shall be 'two teams'. Out of these two teams, one would be 'For / Affirmative' the motion and another would be 'Against/ Negative' the motion.
Both the speaker of a team should speak for assigned motion
2. **Each Speaker will be given $5 + 2 = 7$ minutes to speak.** There shall be intimation after 5 minutes and then another after 2 minutes for time up, next speaker of same team shall proceed after this.
3. After both the members of a team has finished, the Judge / Panel of Judge will have 3 minute which can be utilised in any of the following ways:
 - *Ask questions individually to both member of team;*
 - *Address questions collectively to both speakers;*
 - *Ask the opposite team to ask questions (rebuttal)*

Cross examination after the permission of Jury.

TIE Breaker Round:

Detailed rules would be disclosed at the time of registration at the venue.

General Rules applicable to all rounds:

1. The competition will be held offline mode at the venue mentioned above; therefore, participants should make sure of their physical presence at the venue before the commencement of the event. Failure to present in due time would result in disqualification of the team.
2. Every participant should be present punctually, at least 15 (fifteen) minutes before the competition starts. We do not compromise any tardiness. If the participant is late to be present, then the organizer will decide unilaterally to disqualify the participants from the competition.
3. During the competition, Participants are expected to maintain the decorum of the house and disturbance caused may lead to disqualification.

4. Participants should not disclose their identity except the identity provided at time of registration at the venue. However, Student ID card is mandatory at the time of registration at venue along with duly filled Registration form. Disclosure of Identity may lead to disqualification.
5. 5. During the competitions, the registered participants cannot be represented by anyone else, or otherwise will be disqualified.
6. 6. During presentation, strict adherence of the time limits shall be observed otherwise there shall be deduction of 2 marks wholly on extending every single minute.
7. Use of unparliamentarily language or shouting shall lead to disqualification.
8. Use of Unfair Means would lead to disqualification of team. Furthermore, all perk would be forfeited.
9. Paper reading will lead to deduction of marks. However, reference to paper material is allowed.
- 10.No objections shall be entertained as the decision of Judge shall be final and binding.

Marking and Evaluation Parameters:

Content	Marks
Content Quality	10
Knowledge of Subject	10
Confidence	05
Command on Language	05
Time Management	05
Question and Answer	05
Dress Code and Conduct of member	10
Total of each team member	50
Team Total	100

Dress Code

Formal Attire.

Important Dates

Concerned Deadline	Date
Last Date of Online Registration & Payment of Registration Fee	4th October 2023 till 12:00 p.m.
Date of Event	18th October 2023 (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Accommodation

Registered participants will be provided accommodation only on the basis of the **response filled in Google Form**.

Last minute requests for accommodation will not be entertained.

Registration Details along with Fee and Payment Details

- Participants have to submit a registration form via below given link along with the payment of Registration fee.
- Registration Fee is **INR 800/- per team (without accommodation)**
- Registration Fee is **INR 1200/- per team (with accommodation)**.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/1kqB7ZdbiWGDhqX9A>

Bank Details:

A/c Holder Name: HEAD DEPTT OF LAW MISC

A/c Number : 10444977656

Bank : STATE BANK OF INDIA

IFSC : SBIN0000742

Bank Address : PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

The online pre-registered teams should also bring the printed copy of enclosed registration form duly signed by the competent authority of University / Department/ College/ Institute along with hard copy of payment receipt.

Contact Details

For any query, participants are advised to contact the following Co-ordinators: -

Teacher Co-Ordinator	Student Co-Ordinators	
Dr. Manisha Garg Assistant Professor +91-9988749884	Ms. Bhoomika +91-9814466475	Mr. Anand Goyal +91-9417560054
Email id: – debatepulaws@gmail.com		

REGISTRATION FORM

Team Details

- **Speaker's Details**

Speaker I

Name: _____

Gender: _____

Department/ Class/ Section/ Stream/ Branch: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email ID: _____

Alternate Contact Number: _____

Speaker II

Name: _____

Gender: _____

Department/ Class/ Section/ Stream/ Branch: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email ID: _____

Alternate Contact Number: _____

- Accommodation Required: Yes/No

Payment Details

- Mode of Payment:
(Credit Card/ Debit Card/ Net Banking/UPI/Others)
- Transaction Number: _____
- Transaction Date: _____
- Transaction Amount: _____

Note: Please do bring the physical print of “proof of payment” at the time of registration.

Declaration

We, under named solemnly declare that the above mention information is true and correct to our believe and knowledge. We haven't provided any false/ misleading information to seek any benefit. If we are found guilty of providing any false/ misleading information then our team participation should stand cancelled *ab-initio* and we would be liable to return all the benefits received from the organizers with penalty. We do undertake to follow the rules and regulations prescribed by the organiser pertaining to event and social conduct. Furthermore, we provide consent on behalf of whole team to use the aforementioned information for all and every purpose of this academic event only.

Sign of Speaker 1: _____

Sign of Speaker 2: _____

Details of the Institution

Name of University/ Department/ College/ School: _____

Address of University/ Department/ College/ School: _____

Contact Details of the Competent Authority from University/ Department/ College/ School:

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

(Seal and Signature of the competent authority)

Registration Fee:

- INR 800/- per team (without accommodation) &
- INR 1200/- per team (with accommodation)