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**JAIPURIA CULTURAL FEST
MAY 1-2 2026**

**CHALLENGE, COUNTER,
CONQUER.**

**DEBATE
(ENGLISH AND HINDI)**

**TOPIC
OLD VS NEW**





"Debate is not about winning arguments, it is about opening minds. So, let's ARGUE, ANALYZE AND OWN THE MIC!"

Event Description

Debate is a platform where ideas meet, opinions are tested, and perspectives are sharpened. It encourages critical thinking, respectful disagreement, and the celebration of diverse

Time allotted

Specific time for zonal and finale is mentioned below.



viewpoints—helping us grow in knowledge while honoring the spirit of dialogue.

India "HAD" and "HAS" a glorious heritage of wisdom, art, traditions, innovation, diversity, and global influence.

The theme "Bharat Vandan" invites students to step into dialogue between the past and the present—between the timeless heritage that shaped our nation and the dynamic forces defining it today. This debate is not just about choosing one over the other, but about exploring how both the old and the new enrich the idea of Bharat.

The debate writing will draw inspiration from themes such as



food—from traditional thalis and ancient cooking methods to modern fusion cuisine that carries Indian flavours worldwide. They may highlight dress—the enduring charm of sarees, dhotis, and turbans alongside contemporary fashion influenced by global trends. Languages too provide ground for debate—from Sanskrit, Pali, and classical literature to today's multilingual India where Hindi, English, and regional languages blend seamlessly. Music and dance offer another dimension—from the depth of Hindustani classical and Bharatanatyam to the global reach of Bollywood songs and hip-hop fusion.



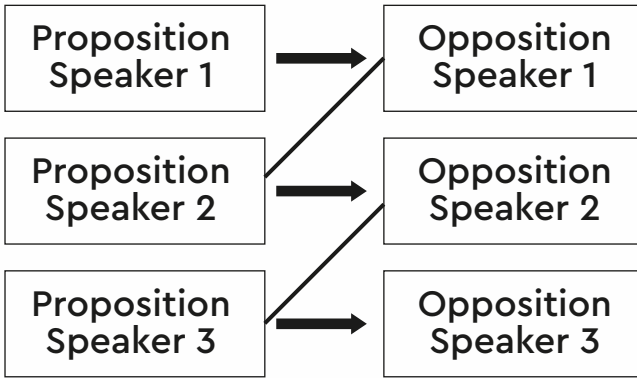
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Type of participation	Team
Maximum number of participants	3 students from each school (1 from each category - Trendsetters, Legends and Elites)
Type of Entry	Zonal – Online; Finale – Live
Total Number of Zones	8
Number of Schools in each zone	6 - 7
Number of online debating sessions	8

General Instructions

Structure of the Debate

- WSDC is a team event. Each team has 3 speakers. One team goes against the other. One team speaks "FOR" the topic and the other team speaks "AGAINST" the topic.
- Teams will follow the WSDC speaker order:
 - Speaker 1 (Proposition) → Speaker 1 (Opposition)
 - Speaker 2 (Proposition) → Speaker 2 (Opposition)
 - Speaker 3 (Proposition) → Speaker 3 (Opposition)
- Each speaker will present their arguments, and rebuttals will be given in real time



First Speaker

- Introduces the motion (Bharat Vandan: Old vs New) and defines key terms to avoid confusion.
- Sets the debate framework, explaining the team's stance and approach.
- Establishes the context of the motion, addressing any nuances or clarifications for a fair debate.



- Presents the team's case with a clear narrative or principle that guides the arguments.
- Introduces 4 main arguments, supporting each with relevant examples or evidence.
- If on the opposition side, challenges the definitions or framework if they seem biased or limiting.

Second Speaker

- Builds on the first speaker's foundation, adding more depth and detail to the arguments.
- Introduces new arguments if necessary, ensuring they align with the team's case.

- Rebuts the opposition's arguments, identifying flaws or weaknesses and presenting counter-examples or evidence.
- Strengthens the case with additional explanations or clarifications to make the logic clearer and more compelling.
- Defends the first speaker's arguments against rebuttals, reinforcing the team's position.

Third Speaker

- Focuses on rebuttal, addressing and dismantling the opposing team's case.
- Highlights contradictions, weak reasoning, or lack of evidence in the opposition's arguments.
- Summarizes and reinforces the team's stance, tying together points made by the first and second speakers.



- Avoids introducing new arguments, but may provide new examples or analysis to support rebuttals.
- Compares the strengths of their case with the weaknesses of the opposing side, showing why their team wins the debate.

Techniques of Argumentation

- Claim: The main point or argument you are trying to make.
- Reasoning: Explains why your claim is valid.
- Example: Supports your claim with facts, anecdotes, statistics, or case studies.

Specific Instructions

Platform and Technical Requirements for Zonal Round- Online

- The debate of the zonal round will be conducted on an online platform (Zoom), and participants must ensure they have a stable internet connection, functioning microphone, and camera.
- Participants should test their equipment before the event to avoid technical disruptions.
- Cameras must remain ON throughout the debate, and microphones must be muted when not speaking.
- The debate will be moderated by Judges and a Key Moderator, ensuring fair play.



Time Allotted

For each set – 23 minutes (including 05 minutes for moderation)

- Proposition Speaker 1 – 3 minutes
- Opposition Speaker 1 – 3 minutes
- Proposition Speaker 2 – 3 minutes
- Opposition Speaker 2 – 3 minutes
- Proposition Speaker 3 – 3 minutes
- Opposition Speaker 3 – 3 minutes
- **Total – 18 minutes**

Timekeeping

- A warning bell will be given 30 seconds before the time limit.
- A final bell will indicate the end of the speech.

Conduct of Debate

- The topic (Bharat Vandan: Old vs New) will be shared 2 days in advance. The team will prepare both FOR and AGAINST the motion.
- Selection of the motion will be done online, along with schools using online tools.
- Both teams will proceed to speak as per the guidelines given in the general instructions.



Finale

- The topic (Bharat Vandan: Old vs New) for Round 1 will be shared 2 days in advance. The team will prepare both FOR and AGAINST the motion.
- The participating schools will be sitting in teams of three.
- For each round, two schools will be chosen using a pickle wheel/school codes/chits.
- A coin will be flicked to decide the team speaking FOR and AGAINST.
- The team who will speak first will be decided by the moderator.
- The topic for round 2 and 3 will be shared on the spot for short listed students.

Time Allotted

For each set – 23 minutes (including 05 minutes for moderation):

- Proposition Speaker 1 – 3 minutes
- Opposition Speaker 1 – 3 minutes
- Proposition Speaker 2 – 3 minutes
- Opposition Speaker 2 – 3 minutes
- Proposition Speaker 3 – 3 minutes
- Opposition Speaker 3 – 3 minutes
- **Total – 18 minutes**



Judgement Criteria

- **Content & Argumentation** – Clarity, relevance, and depth of arguments, supported by facts and evidence.
- **Rebuttal & Counter Arguments** – Ability to effectively address and refute the opposing team's arguments.
- **Speech Delivery** – Clear, confident, and engaging delivery with appropriate tone, volume, and body language.



- **Organisation & Structure** – Logical flow of ideas, clear introduction, body, and conclusion, with effective transitions.
- **Engagement & Persuasion** – Ability to engage the audience and persuade through strong, well-articulated reasoning and emotional appeal.