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DEBATE SOCIETY

# **CHRONICLES OF ORATORY ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTY MEET**

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# PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

Presidency University aspires to be among the best universities in the world in the shortest span possible, with a focus on innovative and research-oriented teaching methodology, state-of-the-art facilities, industry supported labs, industry-friendly curriculum with concrete action plans and an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of excellence. The University believes in nurturing talents amongst all those who join the University. Part of the Presidency Group of Institutions (PGI), constituted by 8 Schools and a College, within a short span of time, Presidency University has created a niche for itself as one of the top-notch institutions in Bengaluru. The University carries the legacy through its close nurturing and mentoring of talent and skills in each individual. It aims to transform students to become successful professionals and responsible citizens.

The courses are designed in a way to invoke students' ability to think originally and creatively.

School of Engineering, Presidency University, Bengaluru, has been ranked No. 1 PAN India under Top Emerging Engineering Institutes and Ranked No. 4 under Emerging Engineering Institutes for Placement. Presidency University, Bengaluru has been Ranked Top 27 in PAN India Under Best Private Institutes, Ranked Top 18 in PAN India under Multidisciplinary Private, Ranked Top 49 Under Best in Stem and Rated AAAA in Karnataka By Careers 360 India's Best Young Universities Ranking 2024 Survey [Issued July 2024].

University had participated in Survey Rankings Careers 360 India's Best Young Universities Ranking 2024 and Business World India's Top Engineering Colleges 2024, Business World India's Top Law Schools 2024. School of Law, Presidency University, Bengaluru has been Ranked Top 52 in Pan India under Private Colleges Category, Ranked TOP 14 in Southern Region (Region Wise) by BW Business World India's Top Law Schools 2024 Survey [Issue Date 10 August 2024]







# PRESIDENCY SCHOOL OF LAW

Presidency School of Law (PSOL), Bengaluru, established in 2015, is a premier institution dedicated to delivering rigorous and contemporary legal education while nurturing professionals with competence, integrity, and leadership. The School offers a wide spectrum of programmes, including five-year integrated undergraduate honours degrees- B.A.LL.B.(H) & BBALL.B. (H) with specialization in Constitutional Law, Business Law, Crime and Criminology, and Intellectual Property Law; postgraduate specialisations -LL.M. in IPR and Technology Law, International Law, Criminal Law, Corporate Law, and Constitutional & Administrative Law; and Doctoral research programmes aligned with the evolving demands of the legal profession.

With a well-structured curriculum designed to strengthen legal knowledge, research, and analytical skills, PSOL combines academic excellence with experiential learning and clinical exposure. Students benefit from the guidance of a distinguished faculty of scholars and practitioners, supported by state-of-the-art facilities such as a fully equipped law library, e-learning resources, research centres, and advanced moot court and advocacy training halls.

PSOL also hosts a range of dynamic academic and co-curricular committees including the Moot Court Society, ADR Committee, Corporate Law Committee, Constitutional Law Committee, and IPR & Technology Law Committee that sharpen advocacy, leadership, and research abilities through national and international events. The initiatives like the Legal Aid Clinic and Pro Bono Club provide opportunities to engage with real-life cases, advance social justice, and serve underprivileged communities. With strong industry tie-ups ensuring excellent internships and placements, and global exposure through international collaborations, guest lectures, and exchange programmes, students are prepared to thrive in diverse legal landscapes.

Consistently ranked among India's leading law schools, PSOL has earned prestigious national recognition for its excellence and impact. It was honoured as the Best Emerging Law College in India in the India Today Best Colleges 2025 Survey, awarded an AAA+ Rating by Careers360 India's Best Law Colleges 2025, ranked among the Top 4 Law Colleges in Karnataka in the CSR Rankings 2024, and secured the 16th position nationally in the IIRF Rankings 2023. With its unwavering focus on innovation, interdisciplinary learning, and societal engagement, PSOL stands as a distinguished destination for aspiring legal professionals and future leaders, empowering students to contribute meaningfully to law, policy-making, and social transformation.

## DEBATE SOCIETY

The Debate Society (DEBSOC) is a distinguished platform dedicated to promoting intellectual growth, the development of critical thinking, and the enhancement of public speaking skills among students. DEBSOC offers a structured environment for formal debates, it also encourages participants to engage in thoughtful discussions on a wide range of contemporary issues, thereby fostering a deeper understanding of the world around them. Through carefully organized debates and discourse, DEBSOC provides an opportunity for individuals to not only express their ideas confidently but also to refine their ability to construct and defend well-reasoned arguments. The society emphasizes the importance of civil discourse, teaching its members the value of respecting diverse perspectives while effectively presenting their own viewpoints.

By nurturing both oratory and argumentative skills, DEBSOC aims to cultivate a community of well-informed, articulate individuals capable of contributing meaningfully to intellectual and public debates. The society is committed to preparing its members to excel not only in academic and competitive settings but also in real-world situations where critical thinking and persuasive communication are essential.



## NATURE OF THE EVENT

The Indian Youth Parliamentary Debate – CHRONICLES OF ORATORY, hosted by Presidency University, Bengaluru, is a full-day formal and competitive debating platform designed to replicate the workings of a parliamentary system. It encourages structured reasoning, persuasive oration, and critical analysis on pressing social, political, and developmental issues, with a special emphasis on youth-led perspectives.

The debate involves student participants assuming designated parliamentary roles, divided into two opposing sides: THE GOVERNMENT (Proposition) and THE OPPOSITION. Each team comprises three speakers who follow a fixed sequence of speeches, engage in rebuttals, and employ structured summaries to present their case. The central focus lies on the motion, which pertains to themes of youth, governance, policy, and progress.

A defining feature of this format is the inclusion of Points of Information (POIs)—short interjections from the opposing side intended to clarify or challenge arguments during speeches—making the exchange dynamic, interactive, and intellectually stimulating. Motions are disclosed 90 minutes prior to each round, testing participants' adaptability and strategic thinking.

The event unfolds in three debate sessions, each progressively intensifying in complexity and rhetorical expectations, culminating in a final advanced debate round. The day also features an inaugural ceremony, a valedictory session with awards, and post-event media coverage.

Debates are adjudicated by qualified judges on three key criteria:

- MATTER: Content, logic, and depth of argument
- MANNER: Delivery, persuasiveness, and style of speech
- METHOD: Organization, coherence, and structure of case-building

The overarching theme, "Ideas for a Better Tomorrow: Youth, Policy, and Progress", ensures that the motions encourage participants to reflect on governance, accountability, education, innovation, environment, social justice, and global diplomacy.

Through this platform, students cultivate vital academic and interpersonal skills including logical reasoning, public speaking, leadership, and teamwork. The event serves as an experiential extension of classroom learning across disciplines such as Constitutional Law, Political Science, Mooting, Communication, and Public Policy.

By fostering intellectual rivalry in a supportive environment, the Indian Youth Parliamentary Debate not only sharpens oratory and analytical skills but also instills democratic values, confidence, and policy awareness among the next generation of leaders.

### WORDS THAT BUILD FUTURES: LINKING SDG 4 & 16

Chronicles of Oratory embodies the essence of SDG 4 (Quality Education) by providing students with an experiential platform that nurtures critical thinking, structured argumentation, and effective communication—skills that extend beyond classrooms to real-world problem solving. At the same time, it directly resonates with SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by simulating democratic processes, encouraging respectful discourse, and cultivating an informed youth capable of engaging with issues of governance, justice, and accountability. By fostering a culture of debate rooted in fairness, inclusivity, and civic responsibility, the event not only strengthens academic growth but also prepares participants to contribute meaningfully to building transparent and resilient institutions in society.



## SCHEDULE & VENUE

Venue: Management Block,  
Presidency University, Bengaluru

Event Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

Registration confirmation & ID card distribution

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM**

Inauguration Ceremony

- Welcome Address
- Inaugural Address by Dean, School of Law
- Chief Guest's Speech
- Declaration of Event Opening by Faculty Coordinator

**9:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

Briefing by Judges and Moderator

Format, judging criteria, timekeeping instructions, decorum, and Q&A

**10:00 AM – 11:15 AM**

Session I: Preliminary Round

- All participants debate
- Motions released 90 minutes before
- 3 judges + timekeeper/moderator
- Evaluation based on Argument, Rebuttal, POIs, and Delivery

**11:15 AM – 12:20 PM**

Session II: Intermediate Round

- Focus on logical rebuttals, humor, rhetoric
- Best Speaker shortlist begins

**2:20 PM – 1:12 PM**

Lunch Break

**1:15 PM – 2:30 PM**

Session III: Final Round (Top 6 Speakers)

- Portfolio-based roleplay (PM, LoO, Whip, etc.)
- Advanced motions
- Optional live audience Q&A

**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

Deliberation + Photo Session

- Judges finalize winners
- Participants interact and take photos with faculty and guests

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Valedictory & Award Ceremony

- Announcement of Winners:
  - a. Best Speaker
  - b. Best Rebuttal
  - c. Emerging Orator
  - d. High Commission / Special Mentions
- Distribution of Certificates
- Closing Address





## 1. RULES FOR REGISTRATION

1.1. Participants must register individually through the Google Form link circulated to enrol for the event. After the registration, participants will be provided a link to the WhatsApp group for further communication. The portfolios will be distributed along one week prior to the event via mail. Whereas the motion for the competition will be released 90 minutes before the event starts.

Note: The portfolio will be distributed based on the participants' prior engagement in such events and their achievements (data for the same will be collected in the registration forms).

1.2. Participants will be provided with the portfolio of various members of the Parliament from different States, and they must make arguments in their debate and discussion based on the same portfolio and stance of the parliamentarian allocated to them and must strictly avoid coloring the views with their individual point of view.

1.3. Reiterating the arguments should not be influenced by their opinion. Participants are expected to think from the allotted person's perspective. For example, if a participant is given the portfolio of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, they must adopt and defend the State's official stance.

1.4. Participants are kindly requested to always maintain the decorum of the debate. The behavior of the participants will be observed throughout the duration of the competition and will be influenced in the scoring as well.

1.5. Participants are advised to research thoroughly on the portfolio allocated to them. We also request the participants to kindly avoid the discolouring or assassination of the character of the other leaders in any personal or professional manner. Any hate speech which contains homophobia, xenophobia, racism, sexism, gender-based speech will not be tolerated by the moderators. Be respectful and professional throughout the debate.

## 2. FLOW OF EVENTS OF THE COMPETITION

2.1. Participants are expected to report to the venue at 8:30 AM on the day of the competition to register themselves and collect their participant tags from the registration desk

2.2. The competition is expected to start at 9:00 AM sharp with the presence of the Chief Guest along with Dean, School of Law. There will be a small inauguration program to commence the competition post which, a briefing will be conducted by the Judges and moderators for the participants on the flow of competition.

2.3. The competition is divided into 3 sessions wherein the first round will be a preliminary round. Participants will be evaluated based on the Arguments, POI, Rebuttals and Delivery during this round and the motion for this round shall be released 90 minutes before the start of this round. This round shall be conducted for 45 minutes

2.4. The second round of the competition shall be the intermediate round where the shortlisting for the best speaker shall be done and the focus is given on logical rebuttals and rhetoric. The intermediate round shall last for 45 minutes as well.



2.5. Post the intermediate round, the participants will be given an hour for their lunch break after which, the final round with the shortlisted 6 speakers shall be conducted.

2.6. For the final round, participants shall be given a different portfolio to participate from the following portfolios (Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader of Opposition, Government Whip, and Opposition Whip etc.) based on which they shall make their advanced arguments. Moreover, there shall be live Q&A session from the audience during this round as well. This round is expected to last 90 minutes.

### **3. LANGUAGE TO BE USED/ OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

All participants and attendees are hereby informed that English will be the official language for the Asian Parliamentary Debate. All speeches, Point of Information, and remarks must be in English to ensure clarity and fairness. Use of any other language is not permitted.

### **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Chronicles of Oratory seeks to create an environment of respectful, fair, and stimulating debate. All participants must adhere to the following:

#### **1. Respect & Courtesy**

Treat opponents, adjudicators, organisers, and volunteers with dignity and respect at all times.

Discriminatory, offensive, or derogatory language will not be tolerated.

#### **2. Compliance with Format**

Follow the Indian Parliamentary Debate (IPD) format strictly, including the structure, timing, and procedures for Points of Information (POIs).

Respect speaking time limits — repeated overruns may incur penalties.

#### **3. Venue Decorum**

Maintain silence during speeches, except when raising permitted POIs.

Applaud only at the end of speeches; avoid heckling, shouting, or unnecessary movement during rounds.

#### **4. Language & Content**

Avoid vulgarity, hate speech, or discriminatory content.

Satire and humour are welcome, but must remain relevant and respectful.

#### **5. Punctuality & Preparedness**

Arrive at the assigned venue at least 15 minutes before the scheduled round.

Late arrivals without valid justification may face forfeiture.

#### **6. Fair Play & Integrity**

No plagiarism, fabrication of facts, or misrepresentation of evidence.

Use of AI-generated speeches or pre-written scripts is prohibited during debates.

#### **7. Contact with Judges**

Participants must not approach, contact, or attempt to influence judges/adjudicators before, during, or immediately after rounds (other than for feedback in designated times).

Any attempt to discuss the outcome with judges outside permitted channels will result in penalties or disqualification.





#### 8. Anonymity & Misconduct

Teams must not reveal their identity during the debate unless explicitly permitted (to avoid bias).

Misconduct such as intimidation, harassment, or inappropriate behaviour will lead to immediate disciplinary action, including disqualification.

#### 9. Adjudication Decisions

The Chief Adjudication Panel's verdict is final and binding. Participants may request constructive feedback after rounds but must accept results respectfully.

### EXTERNAL EQUIPMENT

To ensure fairness and balance between resource access and competitive integrity:

#### 1. Permitted Devices

Laptops and tablets are allowed during preparation time for drafting arguments and accessing offline resources.

#### 2. Internet Restrictions

Internet use is prohibited once preparation time ends unless specifically authorised by the adjudication core.

Organisers reserve the right to monitor compliance.

#### 3. Mobile Phones

Must be kept on silent mode or switched off during rounds.

Phones may not be used for research, communication, or recording speeches.

#### 4. Allowed Materials

Printed documents, handwritten notes, dictionaries, and offline reference materials are allowed.

Materials may not contain pre-prepared speeches or debate scripts.

#### 5. Security & Responsibility

Participants are responsible for the safekeeping of their devices and belongings.

Organisers are not liable for loss, theft, or damage of personal items.

### DRESS CODE

- Western formal or Indian formal attire is required for all rounds.
  - Avoid overly casual clothing (no shorts, flip-flops, or ripped jeans).
  - Gentlemen: Shirt, formal trousers, optional tie/blazer.
  - Ladies: Saree, salwar-kameez, kurti with trousers, or formal western wear.
- Adjudicators are encouraged to dress in formal neutrals for easy identification.

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All grievances/disputes shall be addressed to the faculty convenors, student convenors, or co-convenors of the Debate Society, Presidency School of Law. The body's decision in this regard shall be final.

### POWER TO REMOVE DIFFICULTIES

The Debate Society, Presidency School of Law, reserves the right to add, modify, or repeal any rule in order to give effect to the purpose of the competition.



## RESIDUARY

The Debate Society, Presidency School of Law, may take such other measures as may be required for the purposes of giving effect to any or all provisions of these rules and for the fair conduct of the competition.

## AWARDS (PRIZE MONEY)

To honour skill, eloquence, and the spirit of debate, prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Winner – ₹8,000 + Certificate
- Second Place – ₹6,000 + Certificate
- Third Place – ₹4,000 + Certificate

Special Recognitions:

- Best Speaker – Certificate of Excellence
- Best Adjudicator – Certificate of Excellence

Every registered participant will receive an E-Certificate of Participation, acknowledging their valuable involvement in the event.

**Total Prize Pool: ₹18,000 + Certificates**

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