

## ILS Debate Society

**Introduction:** The ILS Debate Society consists of fifteen members who are selected from cohorts 1-4 of the BALLB/BBA LLB programmes. It aims to promote student discourse and engagement, with a focus on developing debating skills and Model United Nations (MUN) participation. These activities aim to improve their abilities in comprehension, critical analysis, public speaking, and argumentation.

**Faculty Coordinators:** Mr. Ashish Pawar and Mr. Rugved Gadge.

**Student Coordinators:** Ojas Date, Anoushka Singh, Rajyawardhan Singh, Vinayak Singh Chauhan (All IV BA LLB), Mahima Srivastava, Riya Kadu, Koonjal Hatewar, Sushmita Karnatak (All III BA LLB), Aarohi Bharadwaj, Snigdha Mukherjee, Hardit Singh, Madhav Chandra Birari (All II BA LLB), Anushka Sarkar (I BA LLB), Trisha Bangari (I BBA LLB) and Divya Singh (I LLB).

**Details:** As a proactive cell, the society arranged an introductory seminar in addition to multiple mock debates throughout the academic year. The praiseworthy results of these endeavours are demonstrated by the outstanding performances of ILS students in a variety of intercollegiate debates and MUN forums. In addition, an Intra-college Asian Parliamentary Debate was organised to introduce first and second-year students to the formalities and procedural aspects of parliamentary debating.

Highlighting the society's commitment to fostering a competitive environment, the Justice V.M. Tarkunde Debate, an annual intercollegiate parliamentary debate competition, was organised by the society in April 12-14, 2024. This debate drew participation from academic institutions throughout Maharashtra, in addition to enthusiastic participation from the ILS student body.

### SEMINARS

- **Student Seminar I**

**Title:** Orientation and Demo Debate

**Date:** October 13, 2023

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Ojas Date, Vinayak Singh Chauhan (Both IV BA LLB), Madhur Tiwari (II BA LLB), Shaurya Kashyap, Gaurangi Pande and Amogh Hebbar (Symbiosis Law School)

**No. of Participants:** 48

**Report:** The seminar introduced the students to the functions of the Debate Society and the plans ahead, including the future Intra-college parliamentary debate, and also introduced the activity of debating and its basics through a demonstration debate in the Asian Parliamentary format.

The speakers in the demonstration debate were Ojas Date, Vinayak Singh Chauhan (both IV BA LLB), Madhur Tiwari (II BA LLB) in one team, and Shaurya Kashyap, Gaurangi Pande and Amogh Hebbar (all Symbiosis Law School), invited speakers and accomplished debaters from Symbiosis Law School, Pune, in the other team.

- **Student Seminar II**

**Title:** Speaker and Judge Briefing for Intra Parliamentary Debate

**Date:** November 4, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Person:** Rajyawardhan Singh (IV BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 73

**Report:** The seminar went over the basics of debating and adjudication, with going into more details into the specifics of argumentation, motions, and persuasion, as preparation for the coming Intra Parliamentary Debate competition as well as to familiarize students with the core aspects of debating.

- **Student Seminar III**

**Title:** Mock Asian Parliamentary Debate

**Date:** November 23, 2023

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Persons:** Ojas Date (IV BA LLB), Koonjal Hatewar and Sushmita Karnatak (Both III BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 27

**Report:** The seminar involved 4 simultaneous mock debates in the Asian Parliamentary format, and further feedback and clarifications, to train students for future inter-college competitions.

- **Student Seminar IV**

**Title of Session:** Mock British Parliamentary Debate

**Date:** February 29, 2024

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Ojas Date (IV BA LLB) and Aarohi Bharadwaj (II BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 41

**Report:** The seminar involved 4 simultaneous mock debates in the British Parliamentary format, and further feedback and clarifications, to train students for future inter-college competitions.

- **Student Seminar V**

**Title of Session:** Briefing for Organizing Committee of Justice V.M. Tarkunde PD, 2024

**Date:** March 27, 2024

**Mode:** Online

**Resource Persons:** Anoushka Singh (IV BALLB) and Mahima Srivastava (III BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 10

**Report:** The seminar involved preparing students for organizational activities for Justice V.M. Tarkunde PD, 2024, and thus also entailed a briefing on the basics of debating and the organizational challenges specific to debate competitions.

- **Student Seminar VI**

**Title:** Briefing for internal adjudicators of Justice V.M. Tarkunde PD, 2024

**Date:** April 10, 2024

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Ojas Date and Rajyawardhan Singh (Both IV BALLB)

**No. of Participants:** 44

**Report:** The seminar went over the basics of debating and adjudication, with the primary purpose of preparing students participating as internal judges in the annual Justice V.M. Tarkunde Parliamentary Debate, 2024.

#### **COMPETITIONS ORGANIZED:**

- **Intra-College Parliamentary Debate**

➤ **Title of the Competition:** ILS Intra-College Parliamentary Debate

**Date:** November 6-8, 2023

**Level:** Intra-college

**No. of Participants:** 102

**Judges:** The preliminary rounds were judged by Krishna Nair (V BA LLB), Ojas Date, Rajyawardhan Singh, Anoushka Singh (IV BA LLB), Riya Kadu, Koonjal Hatewar, Gaurisha Khot, Mrunmayee

Nagdive, Soumik Ghosh, Tanishq Mishra, Varadraj Patil, Manaswi Kedar (III BA LLB), Aarohi Bharadwaj, Adnan Nhavakar, Apnatva, Caren Gonsalves, Madhav Chandra Birari, Sara Pathan, Sarvadnya Dixit, Vishwajit Balasaheb Pawar (II BA LLB), Aditya Sidha (I BA LLB), Kashish Bansal (I BBA LLB), Divya Singh, Sumit Anil Kondhalkar (I LLB), Aarya Kawalay, Ajinkya Naik and Vivek Kiran Patil (Invited Judges)

The qualifier rounds were judged by Rajyawardhan Singh (IV BA LLB), Riya Kadu, Koonjal Hatewar, Soumik Ghosh, Varadraj Patil (all III BA LLB), Madhav Chandra Birari, Adnan Nhavakar, Sarvadnya Dixit, Caren Gonsalves (all II BA LLB), and Divya Singh (I LLB)

**Report:** The Debate Society organized and Intra-College Parliamentary Debate, in the Asian Parliamentary format, with each team consisting of 3 members. The competition was conducted over 3 days, with the preliminary rounds being held on November 6 and 7, and the qualifier rounds being held on November 8.

4 teams reached the qualifier rounds, and 2 teams to the final round. The motions up for debate were drafted by Medhavini Singh and Rushdoon Ahmed, who were invited as Core Adjudicators.

The tabulation for the competition was managed by Vinayak Singh Chauhan (IV BA LLB).

**Winners:**

First place: Vaibhavi Pathak, Nidhi Modiyani (both I BA LLB), Arya Mitkari (II BA LLB)

Runners-up: Digvijay Bhoite, Rugved Gambhir, Parth Chavan (all II BA LLB)

Best judge: Madhav Chandra Birari (II BA LLB)

Best speaker: Parth Chavan (II BA LLB)

**Prize details:** Certificate of Merit to the Winners and Runners-up

**Details of Collaboration/ sponsorship:** The Debate society invited two Core Adjudicators who joined remotely, Medhavini Singh and Rushdoon Ahmed, to draft the motions that were debated on, and Aarya Kawalay, Ajinkya Naik and Vivek Kiran Patil from College of Engineering Pune to judge the preliminary rounds.

- **Inter-College Debate**

- **Title: ILS Justice V.M. Tarkunde Parliamentary Debate, 2024**

**Date:** April 12-14, 2024

**Level:** Inter-college

**No. of Participants:** 57

**Judges:** The preliminary rounds were judged by Krishna Nair (V BA LLB), Ojas Date, Rajyawardhan Singh (IV BA LLB), Yashaswini Joshi, Vrunda Nabira (III BA LLB), Aaroahi Bharadwaj, Tanushree Pateriya, Mimansa Mishra (II BA LLB), Tanishka Vaishali (I BA LLB), Anushikha Pokhriyal, Chinmaya Mohan (Core Adjudicators), Malhaar Dhavale, Shashank Renwa, Raj Singh, Kshitij Ranade, and Aditi Rai (Participants).

The qualifier rounds were judged by Krishna Nair (V BA LLB), Ojas Date, Rajyawardhan Singh (IV BA LLB), Vrunda Nabira (III BA LLB), Aaroahi Bharadwaj (II BA LLB), Tanishka Vaishali (I BA LLB), Anushikha Pokhriyal, Chinmaya Mohan (Core Adjudicators), Malhaar Dhavale, Shashank Renwa, Raj Singh, Kshitij Ranade and Aditi Rai (Participants).

**Report:** The Debate Society organized the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual Justice V.M. Tarkunde Parliamentary Debate, conducted in the Asian Parliamentary format, with teams consisting of 3 members.

The motions up for debate were drafted by Core Adjudicators invited by the Debate society, of which Shruti Deb and Manasija Das joined remotely, and Anushikha Pokhriyal and Chinmaya Mohan joined in-person.

The tabulation for the competition was managed by Vinayak Singh Chauhan (IV BA LLB).

The competition was conducted over 3 days, with the preliminary rounds on April 12 and 14, and the qualifier rounds on April 14, 2024.

4 teams and 11 judges advanced to the qualifier rounds, with 2 teams in the final and 7 judges on the final panel.

**Winners:**

First place: Jessica Das, Taera Singh, Vikrant Dwivedi

Runners-up: Anish Joshi, Rick Gonsalves, Shaurya

Best judge: Malhaar Dhavale

Best speaker: Vikrant Dwivedi

**Prize details:** Certificate of Merit to the Winners, Runners-up, best 3 judges and best 3 speakers.

Trophies and cash prizes to the Winners, Runners-up, Best judge and Best speaker.

**Details of Collaboration/ sponsorship:** The Debate Society received sponsorship from the litigation firm Karanjawala & Co. for the purpose of remunerating the Core Adjudicators for their services and giving prize money to the awardees.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Title of the Activity:** Guest Lecture

**Topic:** Strategy – A Systematic Approach to Winning

**Date:** March 6, 2024

**Resource Person:** Shaurya Chandravanshi

**No. of Participants:** 45

**Report:** The Debate Society invited Shaurya Chandravanshi, an accomplished debater with two WUDC breaks, to give a seminar on the overall mindset and strategy to approach debating with. The seminar went into depth about preparation, practice, and into considerations about the context this activity is in that should inform such preparation and practice.

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

Part of the Debate society's work is to train students through mocks and seminars for Inter-college Debate and Model United Nations (MUN) competitions. Said training has reflected in achievements by students in various competitions, listed below:

Name of Student	Batch	Achievements
Ojas Date	IV BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. NALSAR IV- Invited Adjudicator + finals panel</li><li>2. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Debate- Invited Adjudicator + Novice finals panel</li><li>3. DTU PD- Invited Adjudicator + breaking judge</li><li>4. CBS PD- Invited Adjudicator + breaking judge</li><li>5. People speak- Invited Adjudicator + quarters judge</li><li>6. Vish PD- open finalist, overall best speaker</li><li>7. SLSPD- Invited Adjudicator +quarters panel</li><li>8. ILNU RR- Invited Adjudicator +finals panel</li><li>9. GLC PD- Invited Adjudicator + breaking judge</li><li>10. Bits Pilani Parliamentary Debate- Invited Adjudicator + Novice finals panel</li></ol>
Rajyawardhan Singh	IV BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. IIM Ahmedabad PD 2024, Open Semifinals Chair</li></ol>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. NALSAR IV 2023, Invited Adjudicator +Novice Semifinals Panelist</li> <li>3. RMLBPD 2023, Open Semifinals Panelist</li> <li>4. DTU Summers 2023, Open Octofinals Chair</li> <li>5. COEP VISH PD 2024, Best Judge</li> </ol>
Aarohi Bharadwaj	II BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monash Pre-WUDC 2023, Open Quarter Finals panel</li> <li>2. SLS PD 2024, Open Grand Finals panel, 2nd Best Judge</li> <li>3. Hansraj PD 2024, Open Semifinal panel, Best Judge</li> <li>4. GLC PD 2024, Open Semi Final panel, Best Judge</li> </ol>
Tanishka Vaishali	I BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Alfaaz Open -24, Breaking Adjudicator, Open Semi Final and Novice Finals Panel</li> <li>2. Munaazrah 24- Breaking Adjudicator, Novice Semifinal panel</li> </ol>
Ishwaree Mahajan	I BBA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special mention (3rd rank) at synchronisMUN (Symbiosis)</li> </ol>
Shardul Khanolkar	I BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. VISH PD Open Finalist</li> </ol>
Vaibhavi Pathak	I BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. VISH PD Novice Finalist, 3rd best open speaker</li> </ol>
Nidhi Modiyani	I BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. VISH PD Novice finals, 8th best open speaker</li> </ol>
Aditya Sidha	I BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special Mention COEP AIPPM Youth Parliament MUN.</li> </ol>
Tanu Priya	I BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special mention at Synchronis MUN (DISEC)</li> </ol>
Shreeya Mulye	II BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. High Commendation, FC Youth Parliament</li> </ol>
Amit Todkar	II BA LLB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ALC MUN - Best Dialogue.</li> </ol>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Bhartiya Chatra Sansad Mumbai - Best Dialogue.</li><li>3. COEP MUN - High commendation.</li><li>4. FCYP - Verbal Mention</li><li>5. Synchronis MUN- Verbal Mention</li></ol>
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