

ILS DEBATING SOCIETY (estb. 2012)

(A) Brief Introduction of the Cell:

The ILS Debating Society is not only a conduit for students to be able to participate in inter-collegiate tournaments but also organizes a variety of intra-college events. The Society seeks to build a solid foundation for students to succeed in critical thinking and the exploration of various ideas.

(B) Faculty In-Charge : Dr. Nitish Newsagaray, Ms. Swatee Yogeshh and Mr. Ashish Pawar

(C) **Student members:** Lisa Mishra, Parvesh Baba (V B.A. LL.B.), Rudhdi Walawalkar, Raina Mitra (IV B.A. LL.B.), Himanshu Patil (III LL.B.), Poornima Jacob Eapen, Bhargav Bhamidipati, Nauman Baig, Himanshu Saraswat (III B.A. LL.B.).

(D) Details of the activities conducted by the Cell during Academic year 2019-20

Sr. No	Title of the Activity	Name of Resource Persons	Participants	Brief overview of the activity	Date
1.	College Novice Parliamentary Debate qualifiers	54 debaters and 12 adjudicators	-	An intra collegiate debate competition consisting 3 rounds. The ranks obtained by students in these qualifiers served as basis for selection for participation in inter college debates	3 rd November, 2019
2.	NUJS Asian Parliamentary Debate 2020	3	Himanshu Patil, Poornima Jacob Eapen and Neha Dhavalikar	Annual Parliamentary Debate held by NUJS	17 th to 19 th January 2020
3.	COEP British Parliamentary Debate	3	Himanshu Patil, Poornima Jacob Eapen and Prachi Kaushik	Annual British Parliamentary Debate held by COEP	10 th to 12 th January 2020
4.	BITS Goa British Parliamentary Debate	6	Meenal Bhagat, Dewanshi Bharadwaj, Namita Pandey, Vaishnavi, Garima, Dhruv	Annual British Parliamentary Debate held by BITS Goa	1 st to 3 rd November, 2019

5.	IIT Bombay British Parliamentary Debate	1	Namita Pandey	Annual British Parliamentary Debate held by IIT Bombay	11 th to 13 th October, 2019
6.	Proverb British Parliamentary Debate, Manipal	3	Himanshu Patil Parvesh Baba, Chandrashekhar Haridh	Debate organised by Manipal Institute of Technology	-
7.	NALSAR IV British Parliamentary Debate 2019	2	Himanshu Patil and Raina Mitra		20 th to 22 nd Septemb er 2019
8.	MSRMPD 2019	9	Prachi Kaushik, Nauman Beig, Rudhdi Walawalkar, Umang Motiyani, Aarzo Guglani, Himanshu Patil, Poornima Jacob Eapen, Varad Kolhe, Bhavya Chikkara	Annual British PD organised by MSR Law, Bangalore	14 th to 16 th Septemb er 2019
9.	Ramaiah Intervarsity Debating Tournament	2	Himanshu Patil, Poornima Jacob Eapen	-	-
10.	The GNLU Debate 2019	5	Himanshu Patil, Shalanki Prasad, Subodh Singh, Prachi Kaushik, Aarzo Guglani	Annual Debate organised by Gujarat National Law University	31 st August to 7 th Septemb er 2019
11.	SLS PD	12	Himanshu Patil, Raina Mitra, Lisa Mishra , Parvesh Baba, Bhargav Bhamidipati, Himanshu Saraswat, Namita Pandey, Ashutosh Ghag, Debayan Gangopadhyay,	British Parliamentary Debate organised by SLS, Pune.	23 rd to 25 th August 2019

			Chandrashekhar Haridh, Rudhdi Walawalkar, Namrata Chandorkar		
12.	DY Patil Debate 2019	2	Namrata Chandorkar, Rohan Tyagi	Conventional Debate organised by DY Patil University	
13.	Rotary Club of Pune Cantonment's "Last Word"	3	Dewangi Sharma, Aarzoo Guglani and Vishakha Patil.	Conventional Debate.	
14.	VIIT MUN	6	Bhargav Bhamidipati won the Overall Best Delegate award. Shreyash Masurkar won the Best Delegate in UNHRC and Anubhav Sinha won the High Commendation in the same committee.	VIIT MUN is the annual model united nations competition organized by Vishwakarma Institute of Information Technology.	15 th to 16 th February 2020
15.	SIMS MUN	5	Bhargav Bhamidipati won Best Delegate and Shreyash Masurkar won the Special Mention in UNESCO. Ashutosh Ghag won Best Delegate in UNSC. Tushar Rajput got a High Commendation award in UNHRC.	The conference was organized by the MUN Society of Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies, Pune.	18 th to 19 th January 2020
16.	Synchronis MUN	3	Ashutosh Ghag and Maitreyee Borse won the Best Delegate and Tushar Rajput got a High Commendation in the UNSC.	Annual MUN conference organized by Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce since 2016.	10 th to 11 th January 2020

17.	Pune Leadership Conference MUN	5	Tushar Rajput won the Best Delegate award in UNHRC. Avantika Kadapatti won a Special Mention in the UNGA-ESS. Bhargav Bhamidipati also won a special mention in the AIPPM.	Pune Leadership Conference conducted by Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts Pune.	31 st August to 1 st Sept 2019
18.	WHIS MUN (Nashik)	3	Bhargav Bhamidipati won the Best Delegate in UNSC and Meenal Bhagat got a Special Mention in the UNESCO.	The conference is an open conference organized by Wisdom High International School with participants from major colleges in Maharashtra.	21 st to 23 rd June 2019
19.	Metanoia MUN	4	Ashutosh Ghag won Best Delegate in KGB. Tushar Rajput won High Commendation in CCPCJ. Bhargav Bhamidipati won the Best Delegate and Nauman Baig got a Special Mention in the Historic AIPPM.	Metanoia MUN is private MUN conference organized in Pune with large scale participation of students from Pune and Mumbai.	27 th to 28 th April 2019
20.	PICT MUN	2	Ashutosh Ghag won the Best Delegate in the United Nations Human Rights Committee.	MUN organized by Pune Institute of Computer Technology.	1 st to 2 nd February 2020
21.	Metropolis MUN	3	Tushar Rajput won a High Commendation award in CSW. Bhargav Bhamidipati won the Best Delegate and Soham Jadhav got a	Metropolis MUN is a private conference organized at the Symbiosis Law School, Pune.	13 th to 14 th April 2020

			Special Mention award in AIPPM.		
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Marathi Debating Society

(A) **Brief Introduction of the Cell:** Marathi Wadsabha (debating society) is one among the student activity cell which imparts the best of the debating, deliberation and comprehensive skills. It conducts activities like debating week, elocution series, weekly sessions and few annual activities. With its motto 'Let's express', Marathi debating society has been constantly ensured to create the best of the student personalities in the society.

(B) **Faculty In-Charge:** Dr. Nitin Nawsagaray

(C) **Details of Activities Conducted during the Academic year 2019-20:**

Sr N	Title of the Ac	Name of Resource Perso	Brief overview of the activity	Date of the activity
1	Annual Inaugural Session	Mahesh Gadade, Suryakant Surwase	The map of annual activities was put forth to the students which involved day and dates of weekly sessions, 'Lekhan Katta', Kavi Katta, Feedback systems, book banks, holding of intra-college debating qualities, holding of annual state level competitions, participation in inter-college competitions.	18th July 2020
2	Annual Intra-College Qualifiers	Ashpak Mulani, Shreyas Dharap, Akanksha Chaughule, Satyam Chaughule, Saiprasad Phad, Chetan Shelar, Pratiksha Budhe and Vaibhav Shendge	The objective is to identify the required skills of reading, comprehension and presenting the debates and topics at competitive levels. 14 students participated in the Qualifier i.e. 'patrata feri' from II BA LLB to V BA LLB. The qualifiers were adjudicated by Ms. Varsha Khandhagale and monitored by Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray.	8th August, 2019

3	State Level Elocution Competition held at Jadhvar Junior College, Pune		Sharmishtha Dongre and Nirmohi participated in it (Both II BA LLB)	
4	11th State Level Marathi Elocution Competition 2019-20	Mahesh Gadade, Swapnil Surwanshi, Ashwini Sanap, Pranali Chavan, Rutuja Bhagwat, Akanksha Chaughule, Jayashree Kawade, Pratiksha Buddhe, Shraddha S., Aishwarya B., Suryakant Surwase, Ashpak Mulani, Shreyas Dharap, Pruthviraj Kolhatkar, Chetan Shelar Charudatta K., Saiprasad P., Akash Deshmukh, Chetan Rakshe, Ritwik K., Tushar Gajbiye, Nirmohi, Kalyani M., Snehal Palwe, Tejas Teli, and Gauri Phatangre.	This activity is a platform for various undergraduate students from all over the state of Maharashtra to understand, comprehend and to express their views in standard format on contemporary political and social issues. 40 students participated from various senior colleges from Maharashtra. Competition was adjudicated by Prof. Pandurang Kand and Prof. Shriranjan Awate. The winner of the competition was Mr. Sujit Kalange	6th October 2019
5	Teacher's Day Celebration	Tejas Teli, Sharmishta Dongre, Nirmohi, Akash Deshmukh, Suryakant Surwase, Tushar Gajbiye, Ashpak Mulani, Ritwik Khobragade, Chetan Shelar	On the occasion to honour a teacher's relentless service, Marathi Debating society took this opportunity to express our gratitude towards our beloved faculty-in-charge Dr. Nitish Nawsagaray on the occasion of Teacher's Day	5th September 2020
6	Celebration of		The Society paid tribute to	27th

	Marathi bhaasha diwas		the work done by writers, poets in Marathi Literature who did their best to preserve Marathi literature. Students delivered speeches, recited poems and shared their views and thoughts. A documentary film was shown on Kusumagraj	February 2020
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8TH JUSTICE V.M. TARKUNDE MEMORIAL NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE, 2019.

Overview: The 8th Annual Justice V.M. Tarkunde Memorial National Parliamentary Debate was conducted from 7th- 9th February 2020. The competition saw participation of 46 teams and 61 adjudicators, representing 23 institutions from all over India. Spread over 5 preliminary rounds on the 7th and the 8th of February, the teams debated a variety of themes spanning Indian Politics, Art, State Policy, Narratives and Intersectional Social Structures, etc.

Core Committee: The adjudication core for this year's tournament comprised Bharath Gururagavendran (School of Law, Christ University), Himanshu Patil (ILS Law College, Pune), Mehar Jauhar (CBS Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies), Vijeeth Srinivas (B.Com (Hons) at Kirori Mal College - KMC, Delhi University), Vedika Walia (Symbiosis Law School, Pune).

Format of the Competition: 12 teams, with the highest number of wins and cumulative speaker scores qualified to the Pre-Quarter finals held on the 9th of February. The finals saw a Panel of 9 judges, chaired by Lisa Mishra (ILS Law College, Pune), Abhijit Vadavalli (NALSAR), Karthik Bansal (School of Law, Christ University), Himanshu Patil (ILS Law College, Pune), Jithin George (PES University), Mallika Dandekar (GLC, Mumbai), Pranav Kagalkar (GLC, Mumbai), Pratyakasha Jha (TISS) and Raina Mitra (ILS Law College, Pune). The team comprising Arya Bhandankar, Kaustav Roy and Sayantan Bhattacharyya from Symbiosis Law School, Pune on the side of Opposition, beat the team comprising of Jaymal Lodha, Namit Agrawal and Pushkar Mohile from Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay on the side of Government.

The winners were awarded a cash prize of INR 30,000, with the runners-up being awarded INR 21,000. Additionally, Jaymal Lodha from IIT Bombay and Arya Bhandankar from SLS, Pune tied for the Best Speakers Award were awarded with a cumulative cash prize of INR 12,500. Sayantan Bhattacharyya was awarded Third Best Speaker with a cash prize of INR 3,000. Mallika Dandekar from GLC, Mumbai, was awarded Best Adjudicator with a cash prize of INR 7,500. Altamash Kadir from GLC, Mumbai was awarded Second Best Adjudicator with a cash prize of INR 5000 and Jithin George from PES University was awarded Third Best Adjudicator with a cash prize of INR 3000. Namita Pandey and Nauman Beig were tied for the award of Best Internal Adjudicator cumulatively winning a cash prize of INR 4,000.

The semi-finalist teams were Rohit Bhatachaarya, Aastha Kapoor and Shrish Suresh from Symbiosis Law School, Pune and Aditya Sunkara, Suhas Prasanna and Yash Chaturvedi from Birla Institute of Technology and Science Goa. Cumulatively, semi-finalists were awarded cash prizes of INR 18,000.

This year, in view of the significant novice participation, saw the addition of a Novice Break, a separate round of qualification for debaters with less than 3 prior debates experience. The Novice winning team comprised Rahul Rajasekar, Abhijeeth Suresh and Joyston D'souza from School of Law, Christ University, who beat Dhananjay Dhonchak, Bishesh Joshi and Harsh Jain from National Academy of Legal Studies and Research. The judges panel comprised 7 adjudicators namely, Namita Pandey (ILS Law College, Pune), who was the chair, Abhishek Sinha (PES University), Aditya Agarwal (GLC, Mumbai), Aditya Kaushik (IIT Dhanbad), Jithin George (PES University), Mallika Dandekar (GLC, Mumbai) and Rishi Rathi (IIT Bombay).

(E) Future Plans

The ILS Debating Society plans to conduct several other types of activities in relation to debates, MUNs etc. We will conduct online sessions on debating, developing speaking skills and circulating material for the same. In light of debates being conducted virtually due to the COVID pandemic, we are adapting to the world of virtual debate tournaments as well.