

## **Parliamentary Debate**

We at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam promise to provide you with a wonderful opportunity to hone your debating skills and adorn the thinker's cap and let those words of wisdom flow from the orator hidden inside of you. Come, prove your mettle at the stage we proudly call ADUJ! We await your presence at the 1st Edition of the Annual ADUJ Parliamentary Debate to be held from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2017 at NLUJAA.

The 1st Annual ADUJ Parliamentary Debate 2017 shall be governed by the Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines as applicable in the Asian Parliamentary format (3+1) of debating. We promise to make your stay and visit memorable – a vibrant and thought-provoking gala which will not only bring out the best debater in you, but also allow you to meet with the best from all across the country.

### **Registration**

- Charges for Team Registration: Rs. 2,100/- per team (Accommodation charges extra, please intimate requirements and travel plans)
- Adjudicator: Rs.1000/- (Accommodation charges extra, as per ADUJ Accommodation rules)
- A total of 30 Teams will be allowed to participate in the tournament. Registration of teams shall be on first come first serve basis.
- Maximum Two teams are allowed to register from one institution along with One Adjudicator.

### **Prizes**

- Winning Team: Rs. 25,000/-
- Runner's Up: Rs. 15,000/-
- Best Speaker For Government: Rs. 5,000/-
- Best Speaker for Opposition: Rs. 5,000/-
- Best Adjudicator: Rs.5,000/-

### **Rules/ Regulations:**

1. Format of the Tournament
  - a) Team: - Total 30 Teams can participate in the competition - Two teams from one university/college can register for the same. Selection of Team shall be done on First Come First Serve basis.
  - b) Each debating match will consist of two teams; one to propose the motion and one to oppose it. The team proposing may be known as 'The Government'. The team opposing may be known as 'The Opposition'. Teams will be designated as Proposition side-

proposes and defends the motion; Opposition side- refutes and negates the motion for each round of the competition.

- c) Each debate shall be adjudicated upon by a panel comprising of an odd number of adjudicators. Out of them one will be the Chairperson.
- d) Each debate shall be timed by a Timekeeper. In the absence of a timekeeper, a member of the adjudication panel will time the speeches.
- e) Teams will comprise of the following members:

**The Members of the Proposition-side are the following:**

- i. Prime Minister (PM) - opens the debate, defines the motion and advances arguments;
- ii. Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) - refute at first instance the case of the opposition, re-establish the government's claim, and advances arguments;
- iii. Government Whip (GW) - makes an issue-based rebuttal of the opposition's case and summarizes the case of the government.

**The Members of the Opposition side are the following:**

- i. Leader of the Opposition (LO) - responds directly to the case of the government by giving a direct clash, and advances arguments. May challenge the motion if the definition is challengeable;
- ii. Deputy Leader of the Opposition (DPL) - refutes the case of the DPM, reestablishes the case of the opposition, and advances an argument;
- iii. Opposition Whip (OW) - makes an issues-based rebuttal of the government's and summarizes the case of the opposition.

**Debaters will speak in the following order:**

- i. Prime Minister
- ii. Leader of the opposition
- iii. Deputy Prime Minister
- iv. Deputy Leader of the Opposition
- v. Proposition Whip
- vi. Opposition whip
- vii. Opposition Reply
- viii. Proposition Reply

During the constructive speeches, Point of Information (POI) may be raised by the opposing side after the first minute up to the sixth minute. POI may be refused or accepted by the speaker. During reply speeches, no POI may be raised.

Common minute will not be given within reply speeches.

Speakers not 'holding the floor' may not rise during a speech unless it is to offer a 'Point of Information' (see Part Five of this document). Speakers doing so, or considered to be heckling, barracking or whose behaviour is considered to be interfering with the acceptable course of a debate will be declared 'Out of Order' or will be 'Called to Order' by the Chairperson.

### **Timing**

- i. It is the duty of the timekeeper, or of a panel member or Chair (in absence of a timekeeper), to time all the speeches in each round.
- ii. The timing of each speech starts at the moment that the member begins speaking.
- iii. Times for speeches:

Each speaker is allocated seven minutes (6 + 1) to deliver their constructive speeches. One speaker from each side (For the Proposition: PM/DPM, for Opposition: LO/DLO) is given five minutes (4+1) to deliver a reply speech.

### **Reply Speeches:**

Reply speech is a comparative analysis of the strength and weaknesses of the case of both sides. The aim of the speech is to give a bias judgment as to why should the people support the team's claim. The speech is first delivered by the opposition side and followed by the government side that will close the debate.

- i. End of four minute- single knock of the gavel.
- ii. End of fifth minute- Double knock of the gavel.

Once the double knock of the gavel has sounded, speakers have a 20-second 'grace period', during which they should conclude their speech. After this grace period has elapsed, there will be a continuous knocking of the gavel, and adjudicators must disregard the rest of that particular speech. Speakers continuing after the 'grace period' can also be penalized by the adjudicators in the Method category.

If the speaker concludes his/her speech before the single knock of the gavel, he or she should be penalized under Method and possibly also under Matter. The latter, assuming that less matter was advanced, or that it was clearly underdeveloped.

**Note: Detailed Rules and Regulations will be provided to the selected teams *via* email after confirmation of their registration.**

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