

SVKM's PRAVIN GANDHI COLLEGE OF LAW

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & POLICY REFORM SOCIETY

2nd ANNUAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & POLICY DEBATE, 2018

I. **OBJECTIVES:**

The Competition aims at stimulating discussions on constitutional and social issues of contemporary relevance.

II. **TOPICS:**

The topic for each round are as follows:

Preliminary Round

- Whether a Population Control Policy is unconstitutional?

Quarter Finals

- Judicial Activism v. Judicial Overreach

Semi Finals

- Whether the Directive Principles of State Policy have become redundant?

Finals

- Whether the law relating to Adultery in India is gender discriminatory and unconstitutional?

III. **ELIGIBILITY:**

The Competition is open to students of all colleges.

IV. **FORMAT OF THE DEBATE:**

- 1) Each side will comprise of two speakers.

- 2) One round of the debate will consist of two teams – one for the motion and against the motion.
- 3) The sequence of the speeches shall be as follows:
 - Opening Speech (For the Motion) – 4 Minutes
 - Opening Speech (Against the Motion) – 4 Minutes
 - Rebuttal Round – 4 Minutes
 - Closing Speech (For the Motion) – 4 Minutes
 - Closing Speech (Against the Motion) – 4 Minutes
 - Question & Answer Round – 10 Minutes

(Total=30mins)
- 4) **Opening Speeches:** The participants are expected to put forth their constructive arguments during their opening speeches. The opening speaker for the motion shall deliver his/her speech first followed by the opening speaker against the motion.
- 5) **Rebuttal Round:** The opening speeches shall be followed by a four-minute rebuttal round wherein each team may pose two questions to the opposite team. The questions shall be posed alternately by teams. The time limit for each question and the answer thereto shall be 1 minute.
- 6) **Closing Speech:** The participants are expected to summarise, analyse, rebut and provide a conclusion to the arguments already made during the opening speeches and the rebuttal round. No new constructive arguments shall be introduced during the closing speeches. However, the participants are allowed to nuance the arguments already made and state additional facts in relation to the same. The closing speaker for the opposition shall deliver his/her speech first followed by the closing speaker for the proposition.
- 7) **Question & Answer Round:** The judges may, at their discretion, pose questions to the teams during the question and answer round.
- 8) Candidates will be allowed to refer to materials during their speech.

9) The upper limit on the number of participating teams is **16**.

Out of the total teams, top 8 teams will qualify from the Preliminary Rounds for the Quarter-Final Round.

From the Quarter-Final Round, the top 4 teams will qualify for the Semi- Finals.

From the Semi-Final round, the top 2 teams will qualify for the Finals.

10) All rounds are knockout rounds.

V. SCHEDULE:

21st April, 2018; Saturday

8:30 am to 8:45 am	Registration of Teams and Draw of Lots
9:00 – 10:00 am	Inaugural address (Moot Court Room)
10:30 – 11: 10 am	Preliminary Rounds
11:20 – 12:00 noon	Quarter Finals
12:10 – 12:50 pm	Semi Finals
12:50-1:20 pm	Lunch Break
1:30-2:00 pm	Finals
2:05-3:30 pm	Valedictory and prize distribution (Moot Court Room)

NOTE: All participants are required to carry a letter from their present institution granting permission to participate in the event.