



CASUS BELLI
ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE
EDITION 1

BY:
FACULTY OF LAW, THE ICFAI UNIVERSITY
DEHRADUN



Dr. R.K. Lalwani
Vice Chancellor

Message from Vice Chancellor

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of Casus Belli Asian Parliamentary Debate Competition, to be held on 31st March- 3rd April, 2016 at ICFAI University Dehradun Campus.

Asian Parliamentary Debate is a form of Parliamentary Debate where the participant form a team of three and debate upon a specific issue for a specified amount of time, it is one of the most prominent way for a student to explore his debating skills and logical reasoning.

ICFAI University, Dehradun is hosting the first edition of Casus Belli Asian Parliamentary Debate Competition not only with a gleam of hope but also nurturing with an unfaltering that this Debating platform would facilitate the atmosphere conducive to learning about the art of debating on crucial as well as important topics.

We aim to make this Parliamentary Debate a unique convention, with participants rather debaters from nook and corner of the country, bringing the host of new ideas and opinions which will give birth to a new generation of sturdy, confident and above all compassionate leaders.

I take this opportunity to express my best wishes to debaters from entire nation for their participation, and wish them pleasant stay in Dehradun.

I whole heartedly compliment the meticulous hard work of the organizers and wish the first edition Casus Belli Asian Parliamentary Debate a great success.

- Dr. R. K. Lalwani
Vice Chancellor



Message from Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean, Faculty of Law

Dear Participants,

With increasing aspirations there is rise in conflicts amongst us which necessitates the need to brokerage peace at all levels, National and International. We fight and fight but couldn't give the logics behind initiating or fighting a war in terms of logics, ideology and counterattacks. There are various forums which are tirelessly working towards achieving this goal and Casus Belli Asian Parliamentary Debate is one such platform where you will have an opportunity to get an insight into what happens outside the academic boundaries.

It is a continuous effort of ICFAI University, Dehradun to create an environment for healthy debating which not only inculcates a sense of information and research but also a sense of belongingness and sensitivity towards the critical issues that concern the contemporary world.

I welcome you all to a nourishing, intellectually stimulating and rich experience ahead.

- Prof. (Dr.) B. Kumar
Pro Vice Chancellor

Organizers



ALOK KUMAR



AVISHEK RAJ



ASEEM CHANDRA PALIWAL



SHASHANK SHEKHAR JHA



ABHISHEK GANDHI

Parliamentary debating is the apex of public speaking competitions. It demands every possible skill from logic, rhetoric, well thought out and connected arguments to teamwork and an in depth knowledge of local and world issues. There are 3 components to a Parliamentary Debate: the Debaters, the Adjudicators and the Organizers. A participating team will typically consist of 2 or 3 or 4 members depending on the type of tournament (Casus Belli for instance is a 3 member Debate). A round will have 2 teams facing against each other. Each speaker has a specific role to fulfill in the course of the debate and has to marshal every resource in order to out argue his opponents points. The second component is Adjudication. An adjudicator is one who has decided to enter the no less challenging and lucrative field of being a judge, he is typically a member from the participating team (however independent adjudicators are also entertained in Casus Belli). One round will have 3 adjudicators who after having paid close attention to the arguments being made in the course of the debate are given time to analyze them, mark the speakers on criteria such as matter and method and reach an independent decision on the winner. After the result has been declared each adjudicator must then proceed to reveal which team he gave his decision to and justify that decision openly to the audience and to both teams. Teams are allowed to question their adjudicators on the validity of their feedback. This is designed to reveal the depth of understanding that an adjudicator has and just how much attention he was paying to the debate. Both teams then mark their adjudicators and submit their mark sheets to the organizers who evaluate them and award a series of prizes to the best adjudicators in the tournament. The final component to ensure a smooth and successful debate is the organization. Each society which hosts a Tournament is in charge of the organization of that tournament. This involves everything from invitations, searching for sponsors, booking hostel and hotel rooms, getting permission from college authorities (the most difficult process of all) , ensuring fun, complex and debatable motions along with quality adjudicators and this is all pre debate! An immense amount of coordination is required to ensure that a debate runs like clockwork with no delays and that debaters in each room are well stocked with stationary, water etc.

We are proud to host the 1st edition of Casus Belli Asian Parliamentary Debate at The ICFAI University, Dehradun and we're sure you are looking forward to it as much as we are.

-- Conveners

Abhishek Gandhi

Shashank Shekhar Jha

Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University, Dehradun

The ICFAI University is recognized as one of the premier academic institutions in the country. It stands tall in public esteem and also in the memories of its alumni, many of whom are now prominent figures in judiciary, business and industry, the media and education. The ICFAI University was founded in 1984 as a not-for-profit educational society in Telangana.

The ICFAI University, Dehradun was formed on July 08, 2003 spread over 25 acres of land, the College premises is located in Selaqui, Chakrata Road. The University boasts an accomplished faculty/ academic staff of about one hundred, and more than one thousand students. It is also proud of its efficient and very supportive non-academic staff. It offers a number of educational programs are offered in management, finance, banking, insurance, accounting, law, information technology, education and science & technology at bachelor's and master's levels on full-time campus and distance learning formats.

Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University is one of the premium private law colleges in the country. The college has seen remarkable growth over the years. And, today it is one of the most distinguished graduate and postgraduate co-educational institutions in the country. The College also has a rich collection of books and journals in its library, a Boys' Common Room, etc. The College provides a liberal, lively and competitive environment enabling students to carve out a niche for themselves in their chosen arenas. Besides the infrastructural facilities, the strength of the college lies in its congenial and enriching atmosphere, which plays a crucial role in maintaining the excellent record the college is renowned for. Generations of students who have been groomed in this college have excelled in different walks of life, with the years spent in the College providing them a solid foundation on which they could craft their success.

The mission of Faculty of Law is to offer world class, innovative, career- oriented professional post graduate and undergraduate programs through inclusive technology - aided pedagogies to equip students with the requisite professional and life skills as well as social sensitivity and high sense of ethics. It will strive to create an intellectually stimulating environment for Research, particularly into areas comprising of the Constitution, Business Law, Intellectual Property Rights and International Law which would help in development of the state and the nation.

Format & Schedule*

Tournament Format

Casus Belli Asian PD 2016 shall consist of 32 teams from 20 or more institutions of repute from across India. There will be 5 preliminary rounds of debating, followed by octa-finals, quarter-finals, semi-finals and the grand final. Thus each team is assured of participating in at least 5 debates. For the first round, teams shall be matched up randomly. For subsequent rounds power match up will be followed. Further details on scoring and tabbing shall be provided to all participants on the first day. Each debate in the preliminary rounds, octa-finals and the quarter-finals will be judged by a panel of at least 3 adjudicators, one of whom will be the designated Chairperson. Each semi-final will be judged by a panel of at least 5 adjudicators. The 7 top judges of the tournament will judge the grand final. In exceptional circumstances, it is possible that one or more preliminary debates are judged by a single senior adjudicator. Monetary Prizes will be awarded to the best team, runners up and losing semi finalists. There will be generous adjudicator prizes as well.

Debate Format

Casus Belli Asian PD follows a modified 3 on 3 Asian style of Parliamentary Debating. In each debate, there are two teams, called Proposition/ Government and Opposition. There are three speakers per team, namely the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister & Whip [side Proposition/ Government] and the Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader of Opposition & Whip [side Opposition]. Three Motions will be released by the Organizers of the debate once the teams have reported to the correct room. A coin will be tossed, and the winning side will choose its role for the upcoming debate. Both teams then get a common minute to rank the three motions in order of preference [1st, 2nd or 3rd]. The 3rd preference for both teams will be crossed out, and in case of an impasse the motion to be debated will be selected by toss of coin amongst the remaining 2 motions. The teams get 20 minutes of preparation time before debating commences. The Proposition can choose to debate the motion as it stands or to define it in suitable terms, within the scope of the pre-defined theme for the round. Starting with the Prime Minister, each speaker addresses the House for a specified time. Once all six substantive speeches have been completed, there are reply speeches [Opposition replies first]. Introduction of new arguments is only allowed in 4 substantive speeches. Any new matter that may be introduced in the reply speeches is ignored by the adjudicators. Therefore, reply speeches are meant for teams to summarize their respective positions and clashes of the debate for the benefit of the House.

*Any or the entire above format are subject to change at the discretion of organizers

Schedule*

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Events</i>
31 st March, 2016	Inauguration, Registration, 2 Preliminary Debate Rounds
1 st April, 2016	3 Preliminary Rounds, Octa finals
2 nd April, 2016	Quarter finals, Semi finals
3 rd April, 2016	Grand finals, Valedictory ceremony

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Awards:

Best Team – Cash Prize - ₹ 21,000 + Trophy + Certificate + Other Goodies

Runners-up Team - Cash Prize - ₹ 9,000 + Trophy + Certificate + Other Goodies

2nd Runners-up Team - Cash Prize - ₹ 3,000 + Trophy + Certificate + Other Goodies

Best Adjudicator - Cash Prize - ₹ 7,000 + Trophy + Certificate + Other Goodies

2nd Best Adjudicator - Cash Prize - ₹ 3,000 + Trophy + Certificate + Other Goodies

Registration:

Eligibility: Courses: no bar; Age: no bar; Must be a student of recognized Education Institute.

Link: <http://goo.gl/forms/8MuiNzOL6n>

Fee: ₹ 1000 per pax, excluding accommodation (Accommodation Charges ₹ 500 per pax)

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