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COMPETITION



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Prizes

Each for Hindi & English Category

1st Prize - ₹11,000

2nd Prize - ₹7,500

3rd Prize - ₹5,000



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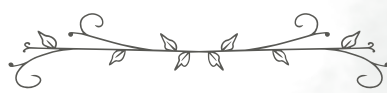
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About Doon University



Located in the lush green location of the Shivalik range, Doon University is a state public university located in Dehradun, the capital city of the Indian state of Uttarakhand. The University has been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It is also a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and is endorsed by numerous professional bodies. The university is admired for its emphasis on inter disciplinary studies, its research-oriented approach to education, and its academic excellence with well-equipped laboratories, libraries, and modern classrooms. It boasts a faculty of highly trained and experienced teachers that are dedicated to providing students with an intellectually engaging atmosphere. Doon University strives to foster a culture of research and innovation among its faculty and students. It aspires to be an epicenter for revolutionary research in a variety of sectors that can benefit society. The vision of Doon University is to be a world-class institution that is committed to academic excellence, research, and innovation, and producing graduates who are ethical, socially responsible, and globally aware.



Message From The Vice Chancellor



With utmost pride and honour, I extend my warm welcome to all the prestigious institutions of the country to be a part of the fourth edition of "Gaura Devi Memorial National Debate Competition", being organized by VATSALYA: the Literary and Debating club of Doon University. This event is being organized to bring some of the country's best minds under one roof, to celebrate the very culture of debates and discussions, and to encourage the youth of the country to lay the foundational building blocks of a democratic society.

Doon University, since its genesis, had provided a platform for students for excelling not only in the academics but also in exploring their potential in the arena of other valuable skill sets. It has been our sincere motive to foster the multidimensional growth of our students with competitive events of this kind. We have successfully conducted multiple events such as debates, elocutions, quizzes, conferences, seminars of national and international level, and various other competitions in order to foster the art of public speaking and sow the seeds of self-confidence among the students.

Our nation is advancing towards a more inclusive and progressive future with the enactment of the "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (2023)," a significant step in building a 'Viksit Bharat.' This landmark initiative underscores the importance of women's empowerment, equal representation, and active participation in shaping the nation's growth. It highlights the vital role of women across all sectors and recognizes their contribution to a balanced, equitable, and forward-looking society. The spirit of this vision encourages collective responsibility at both individual and national levels to ensure dignity, opportunity, and leadership for every woman. In this spirit, we warmly invite institutions across the country to be a part of this event and engage in the diverse aspects of public speaking, fostering dialogue and ideas that contribute to a stronger, more inclusive India.



About Vatsalya Club

The famous English philosopher Francis Bacon famously said:

"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man."

VATSALYA- the Literary and Debating club of Doon University aims to use the above-mentioned concept by helping individuals inculcate a complete personality. VATSALYA, since its genesis, aims at encouraging creative and critical thinking among its members and empowering individuals who can differentiate themselves from the crowd. The club provides a milieu where students can express themselves cohesively with confidence. Another aspect of the club is to provide opportunities for creative expression, from developing the fundamental habit of reading to producing self-created pieces of artistic intelligence and emotional stability, and finally, to giving a fine form of speech to those passionate expressions. This provides an outlet for self-expression and creativity and helps members to develop their reading, writing as well as speaking skills.

Due to its fruitful efforts, Vatsalya Club, in the present times, has an array of fervent writers, national debaters, national representatives in the Jury for International Freedom Prize, and state representatives in the Parliament of India.

To develop a constructive personality with great communicators and writers, providing pen to emotion and a mic to opinions, is the goal of VATSALYA.



About The Event

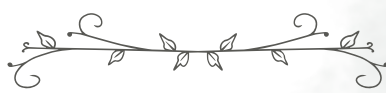
The Gaura Devi National Debate: A Legacy in the Making

Launched in 2023, the Vatsalya National Debate was envisioned as a platform to foster critical thinking, articulate expression, and meaningful dialogue among young minds across the country. In its inaugural edition, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from numerous institutions, setting a strong foundation for a tradition of intellectual excellence.

Building upon the success of its previous editions, the fourth edition in 2026 marks a significant milestone in the journey of Vatsalya. With an even greater number of teams participating in the preliminary rounds, this year's debate continues to expand its reach and impact. It provides a dynamic and inclusive platform for students to engage with contemporary issues and present well-reasoned perspectives.

As we step into the fourth edition, Vatsalya has evolved into a distinguished forum that celebrates the spirit of dialogue, diversity of thought, and academic rigor. This year's theme, "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam (2023) stands as a crucial milestone in building an inclusive and progressive 'Viksit Bharat'. It highlights an important national discourse, encouraging participants to critically analyze the role of women's empowerment in shaping the future of the nation.

We warmly invite active participation in this year's edition and look forward to a vibrant exchange of ideas, intellect, and inspiration. The Vatsalya National Debate is not merely an event; it is a movement dedicated to nurturing informed, responsible, and visionary leaders of tomorrow.



About The Topic

The topic for the Fourth Edition of the Gaura Devi Memorial National Inter-University Debate Competition will be:

“Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (2023) stands as a crucial milestone in building an inclusive and progressive ‘Viksit Bharat’”

“नारी शक्ति वंदन अधिनियम (2023) समावेशी और प्रगतिशील विकसित भारत के निर्माण में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर है।”

In a nation striving toward the vision of a developed and equitable future, the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (2023) emerges as a transformative step aimed at strengthening women’s representation in governance. By mandating greater political participation of women, the Act aspires to reshape the democratic landscape and address long-standing gender disparities in decision-making institutions.

This topic invites participants to critically examine the implications, potential, and challenges of this landmark legislation. It raises vital questions about whether enhanced representation can translate into substantive empowerment, foster inclusive policymaking, and accelerate the journey toward a truly progressive ‘Viksit Bharat’ or whether structural, social, and political barriers may limit its impact.

Through this debate, speakers will engage with the evolving narrative of gender justice, democratic reform, and nation-building, while envisioning the role of women’s leadership in shaping India’s future.



Guidelines

THE TOPIC FOR THE DEBATE COMPETITION:

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DEBATE FORMAT & RULES: Team Formation:

- Each university/ college will consist of a minimum of 1 team (One speaker for the Motion & one speaker against the Motion).
- Each speaker will be allotted 4 minutes, structured as follows:
 1. 3 minutes – Main speech, 1 minute – Conclusion
 2. A single bell will ring after 3 minutes.
 3. A double bell will ring at 4 minutes, marking the end of the allotted time.
 4. Exceeding the time limit will attract negative marking.

LANGUAGE RULE:

- Use of only one language throughout: either English or Hindi.
- No mixing of languages mid-speech.

DISCIPLINE:

- No unparliamentary language.
- Explicit reading from paper is prohibited.
- Maintain respectful, formal conduct at all times.



Miscellaneous

- 1.English) comprising two individuals each.
- 2.To ensure a smooth beginning, participants are requested to arrive by 9:00 AM. Participant must be carrying their student identity card of the concerned university or college.
- 3.Participants are requested to wear proper formal attire (e.g., suits, dresses, etc.). University uniforms are not allowed to maintain anonymity.
- 4.The participants shall be provided accommodation within the campus, free of charge, if informed in a timely fashion.
- 5.Upon completion of the payment, upload the screenshot of the confirmation in the Google form.

6. BANK DETAILS:

- NAME: DOON UNIVERSITY – CONFERENCE/SEMINAR
- BANK NAME: BANK OF BARODA
- BRANCH NAME: AJABPURKALAN, DEHRADUN
- ACCOUNT NUMBER: 58930100004247
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- UPI ID: doonu98976@barodampay
- Rs. 1000 inclusive of 18% GST

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