

DEBATE: WORDS HAVE THE POWER

“DEBATE IS ANGULAR, CIRCULAR CONVERSATION AND RADIANT OF THE UNDERLYING UNITY”-Amos Bronson Alcott.

Words are more powerful than what we think about it. It's one of the most crucial weapons that can bring changes.

- **MOTION:** *Motion will be disclosed prior to the day of the event*
- **DATE:**
- **CRITERIA OF PARTICIPATION:**
 - Any school student or college student under 26 years can take part in this debating.
 - Participants must show their valid identity cards of respective institutions. Only then they will be allowed for participation.
 - Each team will consist of two members- cross college/ cross school/ cross college-school teams are very much allowed.
- **RULES:**
 - Participants can keep their views in either of English, Hindi or Bengali. But when one chooses any one language then he/ she must continue with that chosen medium only (special permission for changing language in case of adding quotes or extracted portions from any poem, articles etc.).
 - Every speaker will get maximum 4 minutes to present his/her opinion. In a team, if one chooses “For The Motion”, then another partner gets to choose “Against The motion” and VICE-VERSA.
 - Each speaker will get a warning bell from event coordinator after 3 minutes and after that the participant will get 1 minute more to wrap up the proceedings. In case the time slot is crossed there will be repeated alarms as well as marks will be deducted for delay. Again, decision of judges will be final.
 - After each speaker finishes with speech, there will be a Rebuttal Session.
 - **REBUTTAL** is form of evidence that is presented to contradict or nullify other evidence that has been presented by an adverse party. It's an informal process by



which statements designed to refute or negate specific arguments put forward by opponents are challenged.

- ✓ By this process, any one from the participants, irrespective of FOR/ AGAINST , the audience and even the judges (provided they feel so) can question the speaker. Second rebuttal session will be allowed keeping in mind the merit of answer of first rebuttal session.
 - ✓ An opposition will get just one chance to question the speaker and the speaker too gets a chance to clarify. On other hand the speaker can also quit the question from opposition. No heckling from both parties will be entertained further.
 - ✓ In addition, participants in rebuttal session are requested not to take out books/props etc . from their bags or at all carry them to debate. All such possessions are inadmissible in the proceedings.
- A speaker is forbidden from using Non-Parliamentary language and carrying papers up to the podium is discouraged.
 - NO RELIGION or COMMUNITY SENTIMENTS should be hurt by any speaker's speech.
 - In the event of dearth of participants, teams can be broken up into individual participants subject to such situation.
 - Provided an individual is unable to find a team member, he/she can register as single participant. In this case however, the organisers will try to pair up the individual with another single participant. If that doesn't happen then the individual will be allowed to go TURN-COURT.

PS: Rules are subject to change without prior information (if needed). The decision of the event coordinators will be final in regards to all the issues pertaining to the event.

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