



**DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD
NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, PRAYAGRAJ**

**INTERNATIONAL
DEBATE
COMPETITION
REPORT**

AUGUST 30TH, 2025

**ORGANISED BY
DEBATE AND DISCUSSION CLUB**

**TOPIC:
“THE UNITED NATIONS HAS FAILED IN MAINTAINING
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY”**



BRIEF OF THE EVENT

The International Debate Competition (IDC) 2025, hosted by the Debate and Discussion Club (DDC) of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University (RPNLUP), unfolded on 30 August 2025 at the university's academic block, marking its global academic outreach. As RPNLUP's international debating event, International Debate Competition, 2025 drew 28 intellectually vibrant teams from across India and abroad including Nepal, creating a dynamic forum for cross-cultural dialogue and critical thought.

Centered on the theme, "The United Nations has failed in maintaining International peace and security," the competition challenged participants to dissect global governance through the lens of diplomacy, law, and ethics. Teams representing National Law Universities, Public Institutions, and Private Universities showcased exceptional rhetorical skill and analytical depth, transforming the event into a celebration of global youth engagement and academic excellence.

International Debate Competition 2025 concluded on a high note, not only for its seamless execution but for its spirited exchange of ideas that reaffirmed the university's commitment to fostering global citizenship and intellectual leadership.



INTRODUCTION

The Debate and Discussion Club (DDC) of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj, envisions creating a vibrant academic space where ideas are not only expressed but critically examined through dialogue and debate. With a commitment to fostering intellectual curiosity and global engagement, the Club has consistently worked towards building a platform that brings together diverse perspectives, encourages analytical thinking, and nurtures confident expression among students. The organization of the first International Debate Competition marked a significant step in this direction, reflecting the Club's aspiration to extend its academic reach beyond national boundaries and create meaningful opportunities for cross-cultural interaction and exchange of ideas.

The objective of organizing the first International Debate Competition, 2025 was to provide participants with a platform for high-level discourse. It aimed to promote critical thinking, respectful dialogue, and informed argumentation among students. The competition exposed participants to diverse debating styles and global perspectives. It also strengthened the academic environment by encouraging active participation and engagement.

The IDC 2025 was structured as a one-day immersive experience, meticulously curated to offer participants a seamless blend of intellectual rigor and academic engagement. Held on 30 August 2025, the event welcomed 28 teams representing a diverse array of institutions from across India and abroad.



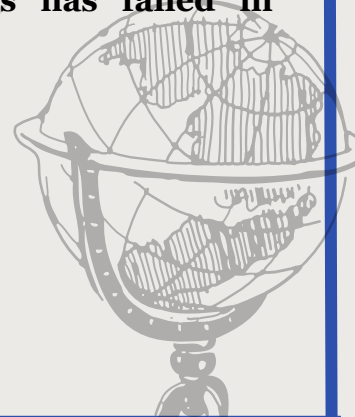
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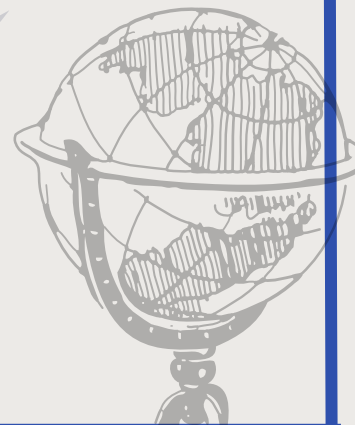
These included University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU; Department of Law, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong; Faculty of Law, United University, Prayagraj; National Law University, Tripura; Department of Law, Aligarh Muslim University; Law College Dehradun, Uttaranchal University; Far Western University, Nepal; Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla; Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow; Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow; Law Faculty, CMP Degree College, University of Allahabad; Vivekananda Institute of Law and Legal Studies, VIPS-TC, Delhi; School of Law, KIIT, Bhubaneswar; Government New Law College, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore; Department of Legal Studies and Research, Barkatullah University, Bhopal; School of Law, Bennett University; K.P. Law College, Prayagraj; Prof. Rajendra Singh University, Prayagraj; Integrated Law Course, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi; Shambhunath Institute of Law, Prof. Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhैया) University, Prayagraj; Faculty of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal; Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Science, National Forensic Science University, Lucknow; Bharati Vidyapeeth, Delhi; Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University; School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR; Faculty of Law, University of Allahabad; Department of Law, Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar; Faculty of Law, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; and Department of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies, NFSU Delhi.

The distinct stages of the event were the preliminary and the final round. The preliminary rounds were conducted in two classrooms, each hosting 14 teams, while two judges presided over each room. Every team comprised two members one speaking for the motion and the other against. The time duration for each speaker was 4 minutes to present their argument and 1 minute grace time to conclude their argument. For the question answer round 1 minute interjection period, any member of the opposing teams or the judge can ask one question, in response to this speaker must respond concisely in minutes. Theme for the prelims round was “The United Nations has failed in maintaining international peace and security”.



The judging panel featured distinguished scholars: Dr. Neeraj Kumar Gupta from Nirma University, Dr. Amrendra Kumar Ajit from the University of Delhi, Dr. Sujith Koonan from Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Prof. (Dr.) Maheshwar Singh from NLU Delhi. As the preliminary rounds drew to a close, the atmosphere was charged with intellectual energy and anticipation. Teams had navigated complex arguments with poise and conviction, showcasing a remarkable blend of research, reasoning, and rhetorical skill. Some sizzling thought-provoking argument are highlighted, the member for the motion from United university raised the thought-provoking argument “The UN’s failure to act impartially and decisively in global conflicts exposes its erosion as a peacekeeping force. By citing Russia-Ukraine War” . Further, another speaker from Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla against the motion mentioned “The UN exists to reduce conflict; while it cannot promise a world without war, it serves as a platform for negotiation and mediation”and many more. The judges commended the participants for their thoughtful engagement and nuanced perspectives, noting the diversity of approaches and the depth of analysis across both rooms. Following intense rounds of debate, two teams with the highest scores Himachal Pradesh National Law University and Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya were selected for final round.

After a one-hour break, the final round of the debate competition commenced in the Moot Court Hall. The format was spontaneous teams were given the topic on the spot and allotted 15 minutes to prepare. The topic for the final round was “Is the Veto Power of the UNSC an Obstacle to Global Peace and Security?” Representing the motion was the team from HPNLU, Shimla, while the team from Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya argued against it. Both teams delivered compelling and rhetorically rich arguments. HPNLU, Shimla, asserted that “the UNSC veto power paralyzes global action, allowing national interests to override international peace,” highlighting how the mechanism often stalls humanitarian interventions.



In response, the opposing team opened with a satirical remark: “Owl dancing in this daylight of historicism, I would like to tell them that the UNSC veto power enables powerful nations to block action, undermining global efforts toward peace and justice” a statement that, perhaps unintentionally, echoed the very critique they aimed to refute. The debate quickly escalated into a spirited exchange, with both sides engaging in sharp interjections and rebuttals. Arguments were laced with historical references, legal reasoning, and philosophical undertones, keeping the audience thoroughly engaged. As the final arguments concluded, the jury praised both teams for their eloquence, depth of analysis, and the stylistic flair with which they navigated the intense intellectual battlefield.



Distinguished panel of adjudicators adjudging the Final round of the competition



VALEDICTORY SESSION

Following the Grand Finale of IDC 2025, the Valedictory Session commenced with great enthusiasm. The session began with the arrival of Hon'ble Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta, Senior Judge of the Allahabad High Court, who also, earlier, inaugurated the Law and Policy Action Clinic (LAPAC) by cutting the ceremonial ribbon. He was joined by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of RPNLUP, Senior Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon, and other dignitaries for the formal proceedings.



HVC, Sr. Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon addressing the valedictory programme



Esteemed Guest in the IDC Event

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor extended a warm felicitation to the Chief Guest, followed by the honoring of the eminent jury members—Prof. Ravindra Pratap (Dean, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University), Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh (Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar NLU, Sonapat), and Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha (Vice-Chancellor, DNLU Jabalpur)—in recognition of their valuable contributions to the competition. The Registrar of RPNLUP, Mr. Satya Prakash, in turn, felicitated the Vice Chancellor, and other distinguished guests and faculty members were also acknowledged for their support.

Dr. Neha Dubey, Faculty Convener of the Debate & Discussion Club (DDC), reflected on the club's inspiring journey from organizing its first intra-debate and weekly group discussions to participating in national rounds in Noida and Pantnagar, culminating in the successful hosting of the International Debate Competition. She emphasized how each initiative laid the groundwork for the next, showcasing the students' dedication, vision, and collaborative spirit in fostering a vibrant culture of debate at RPNLUP.



Faculty Convener, (Dr.) Neha Dubey addressing the gathering

In his Valedictory Address, Justice Gupta praised RPNLUP's commitment to co-curricular excellence and commended the student-led vision of the Debate & Discussion Club. He lauded the successful execution of IDC,2025 as a platform that nurtures critical thinking, leadership, and international collaboration, while acknowledging the tireless efforts of the organizing team.



Winner of IDC-Team from HPNLU Shimla Receiving Award

The results were disclosed and the winners of IDC 2025 were then announced: Ms. Vaanya Sharma and Ms. Akshata Sharma from Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, secured the Winners' Trophy along with a cash prize of ₹50,000.

Ms. Jiya Hedav and Mr. Sarthak Singh Chouhan from G.N.L.C., Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, were declared Runners-Up and awarded ₹20,000; and the Best Speaker Award, with a prize of ₹5,000, was conferred upon Ms. Shranaya Sehgal from Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, New Delhi. The Vice-Chancellor also presented token of appreciation to international participants, notably the team from Nepal, and expressed gratitude to all participants for their preparation, engagement, and contributions to the event's success.



Runner-up of IDC-Team from G.N.L.C, Devi Ahiliya Vishwavidyalaya Receiving Award



Best Speaker of IDC-Ms. Shranaya Sehgal, VIPS Receiving Award

The session concluded with a group photograph capturing all participants, organizers, and dignitaries, followed by high tea and snacks. An informal interactive session allowed students, faculty, and guests to network, share experiences. All the participants received participation certificates. Following the conclusion of the final competitive debates and the announcement of results, the International Debate Competition 2025 transitioned seamlessly into a vibrant post-tournament interactive session.



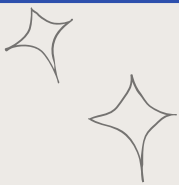
International Team of IDC- Team from Faculty of Law, Far Western University, Nepal Receiving Token of Appreciation

POST EVENT - INTERACTIVE SESSION

The informal interactive session was hosted by Ms. Stuti Mishra, co-convener along with Ms. Janhavi Singh and Mr. Durgesh Yadav, Executive members of the Debate and Discussion Club, along with other volunteers to make the day more memorable and delightful. The session radiated camaraderie, cultural exchange, and celebratory spirit. Participants mingled freely, setting aside the intensity of competition to embrace shared joy and mutual respect. The room echoed with laughter and applause as students enthusiastically recited poetry, sang songs, and engaged in heartfelt conversations that reflected the bonds forged during the event. The celebration continued with a soul-stirring musical performance by a member of the winning team, further enhancing the sense of unity and shared accomplishment. A standout moment came when the delegation from Nepal taught a few words of Nepali that made the whole room light and curious. The team from Nepal also extended an invitation to RPNLUP students to participate in their upcoming events, which reflects the interaction and fruitful outcome for this event as it successfully upholds the vision of the International Debate Competition. Throughout the session, visiting participants expressed sincere appreciation for the organizing committee's hospitality, efficient management, and the high standard of facilities provided, reflecting the meticulous planning and dedication of the Debate and Discussion Club and the broader university community.



Informal Interactive Session with Participants



MEDIA COVERAGE



BREAKING NEWS

Live law, in its article reports “ RPNLU, Prayagraj Hosts its First International Debate Competition “. highlighting the scale of participation and innovation in the debate’s format, commending Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University for emerging as a center for dynamic academic engagement.

<https://www.livelaw.in/lawschool/competitions/rpnlu-prayagraj-international-debate-competition-united-nations-law-schools-302554>

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In one of their article, Bar & Bench reports “ RPNLU Prayagraj International Debate Competition sparks dialogue on UN and global peace “ also noting the exceptional hospitality extended to all teams and the event’s potential impact on fostering international academic relations

<https://www.barandbench.com/Law-School/rpnlu-prayagraj-international-debate-competition-sparks-dialogue-on-un-and-global-peace>

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lawoctopus coverage on first International Debate competition by RPNLUP

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International Debate Competition on U.N. has Failed in Maintaining International Peace and Security at Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj [August 30; Cash Prizes of Rs. 75k]: Register by July 20

Apart from these renowned agencies many more media houses praised and reported positively about the event. which includes Legal Bites and WordPress.

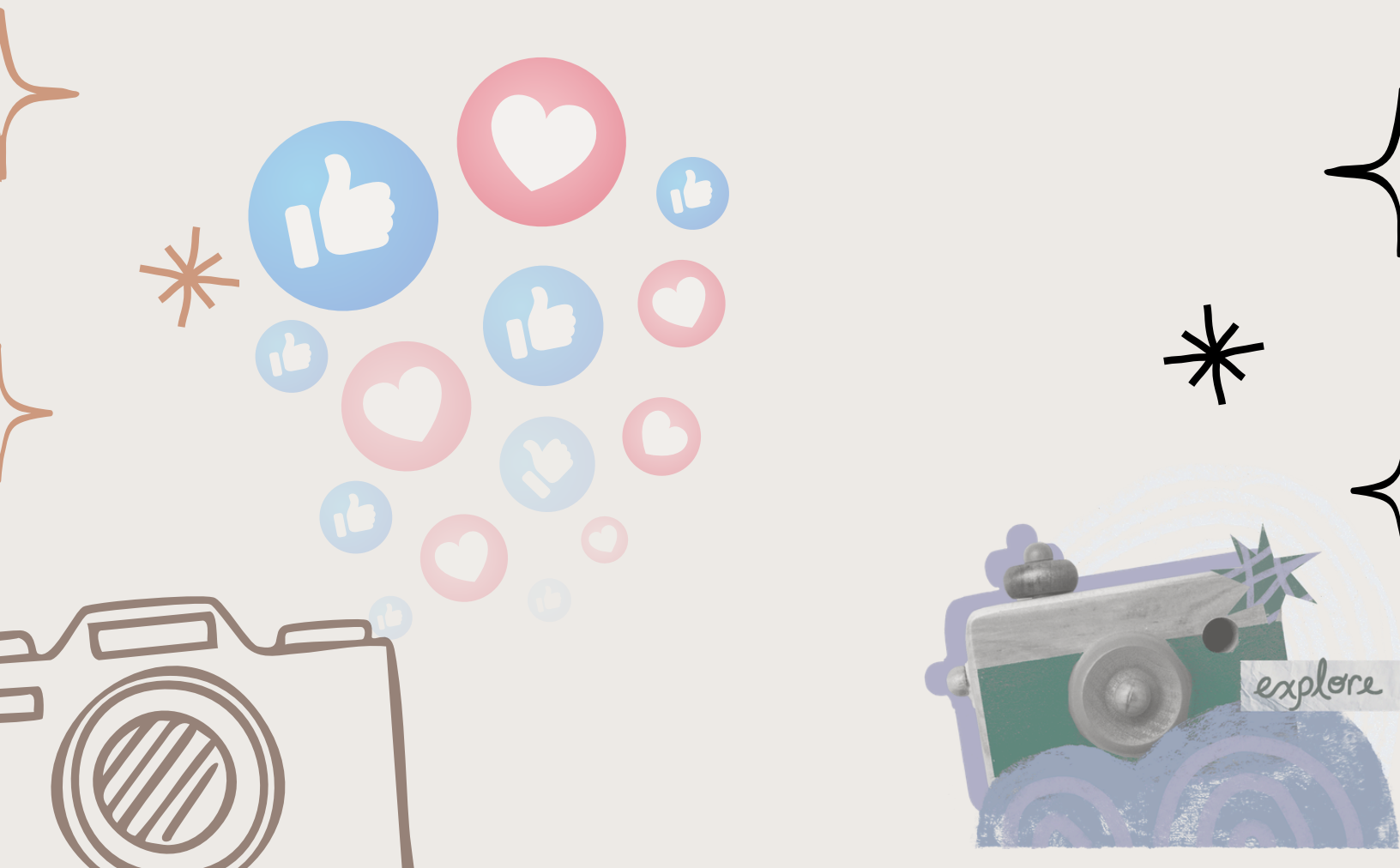
<https://lawislawing.wordpress.com/2025/06/17/call-for-participation-international-debate-competition-2025-at-dr-rajendra-prasad-national-law-university-prayagraj/>

**Call for Participation: International Debate Competition
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<https://www.legalbites.in/categories/opportunities/competitions/debate/rpnlui-international-debate-competition-2025-1150216>

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**RPNLU International Debate Competition 2025 [Cash
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