



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

presents

2nd
EDITION
of

International
DEBATE COMPETITION

ORGANIZED BY
Debate & Discussion Club

Total
PRIZE POOL
RS.
75,000/-

SATURDAY-
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

Venue- Academic Block, Dr. Rajendra Prasad
National Law University, Prayagraj
Gaddopur, Phaphamau, Prayagraj, U. P., India



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ABOUT RPNLUP

Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj is dedicated to legal excellence that meets an unparalleled environment for aspiring lawyers, judges, academia and other professionals.

Nested in the Prayagraj, a city which has been known for her academic legacy and where knowledge, aspiration and justice confluence like the three rivers, NLU, Prayagraj offers extraordinary opportunities for students to embark on a transformative journey into the world of law. It is dedicated to nurturing the legal minds of tomorrow through interdisciplinary and innovative curriculum designed to provide comprehensive understanding of the law and its implications in contemporary society.

The University aims to have students from diverse backgrounds, each bringing unique perspectives and experiences in classrooms. This diversity fosters an environment of intellectual vitality, encouraging lively debates and discussions both inside and outside the classroom. It aspires to culminate in a conducive environment where Professors, students, and industry share a strong sense of camaraderie, creating lasting connections that extend beyond graduation. Its commitment to mentorship and professional development ensures that every student is well-prepared for the legal profession and is a useful member of the society.

The University offers a five-year B.A LL.B. (Hons.) programme, One-Year LL.M. (Public Law) Programme and Ph.D. (Law).



(Upcoming Permanent Campus)



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ABOUT THE COMPETITION



Topic for preliminary round

“ECONOMIC SANCTIONS HAVE BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF GEOPOLITICAL COERCION RATHER THAN LAWFUL MEASURES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW”

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026 (SATURDAY)

Building upon the resounding success of its inaugural global event, the Debate and Discussion Club (DDC) of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj (RPNLUP) is set to host its 2nd International Debate Competition. The central motion for this second edition turns its focus toward the complex mechanics of global politics and financial warfare, with the thought-provoking topic: “Economic Sanctions have Become Instruments of Geopolitical Coercion Rather Than Lawful Measures Under International Law.” This debate seeks to rigorously examine the ethical, legal, and practical effectiveness of unilateral and multilateral sanctions.



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ABOUT DEBATE AND DISCUSSION CLUB

Under the distinguished leadership of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Sr. Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon, the Debate and Discussion Club (DDC) of RPNLUP is flourishing as a dynamic platform that nurtures critical thinking, effective communication, and intellectual engagement among students. The club remains deeply dedicated to fostering a culture of open dialogue, reasoned discourse, and academic excellence across the campus.

In the last academic year marked a period of extraordinary growth and milestone achievements for the club across institutional, national, and global stages. In a landmark achievement, the DDC successfully organized and executed its first International Debate Competition, drawing global perspectives and elevating the university's academic footprint. Alongside this flagship global event, the club maintained a robust internal competitive ecosystem by organizing various intra-university debate competitions utilizing multiple debating formats, alongside its highly successful annual intra-debate tournament that drew enthusiastic participation from across all batches.

Beyond campus, our students have proudly represented the university at prestigious national debate competitions, earning widespread recognition for their elite oratorical skills. At the heart of this success is the club's consistent internal ecosystem, driven by weekly debate and discussion sessions held every Thursday on diverse, contemporary topics. To complement these sessions and prepare members for varied competitive landscapes, the DDC regularly conducts specialized workshops focusing on public speaking, rigorous research methodologies, and advanced debating techniques. Moving forward, the club remains steadfast in its mission to expand its horizons and deepen student involvement, continually bridging the gap between academic theory and real-world discourse to empower members as confident, impactful global communicators.

ABOUT INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION

The International Debate Competition (IDC) 2025, hosted by the Debate and Discussion Club (DDC) of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj (RPNLUP), unfolded on August 30, 2025, at the University's academic block, marking a significant milestone in the institution's global academic outreach. Designed as a one-day immersive experience, the competition was meticulously curated to offer participants a seamless blend of intellectual rigor and academic engagement. The event welcomed 28 intellectually vibrant teams representing a diverse array of national law universities, public institutions, and private universities from across India and abroad, including Nepal. This impressive turnout created a dynamic, cross-cultural forum where participants were exposed to varied debating styles, successfully fulfilling the competition's core objective of strengthening the academic environment through active participation.



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Centered on the provocative theme, “The United Nations has failed in maintaining International peace and security,” the competition challenged participants to dissect global governance through diplomacy, international law, and ethics. Following an intellectually rigorous final round, Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla, secured the Winner's Trophy, while Government New Law College (G.N.L.C.), Indore, finished as the Runners-Up.



The Best Speaker Award was conferred upon a representative from the Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS), New Delhi, while a special international token of appreciation was presented to the Faculty of Law, Far Western University, Nepal, honoring their cross-border participation. This landmark event directly advances the core vision of RPNLUP's Debate and Discussion Club to create a vibrant academic space where diverse perspectives are critically examined through structured dialogue, successfully extending the university's academic footprint beyond national boundaries.



(Glimpses from 1st International Debate Competition, 2025)



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RULES & REGULATIONS

Format: The debate is adhering to the classical format with a twist.

Eligibility: Undergraduate students currently enrolled in Law discipline of any University of India and Abroad.

Rounds: There will be only two rounds – Preliminary and Final.

-Preliminary Round- The debate will begin with a preliminary round where all teams will compete. Topic for preliminary round is 'Economic sanctions have become instruments of geopolitical coercion rather than lawful measures under international law.'

-Final Round- The top four teams from the preliminary round will advance to the final round. In the finale, teams will receive the topic on the spot. 20 minutes on the clock will be given to prepare the topic. They may use mobile phones, laptops, and other resources to aid their preparation. Each team will be assigned to speak either for or against the motion. This assignment will be determined on the spot through a draw of lots.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Language: The debate will be conducted in English Language

Team Composition: Each University is allowed to send only one team to compete. Each team will have two speakers: one will argue in favour of the motion, and the other will argue against it.

Speech Duration: Each speaker will be given 4 minutes to present their arguments. After the 4-minute speech, there will be a 1-minute grace period to conclude the argument.

Speaking Order: The order in which each team's speakers will present will be determined through a pre-event draw.



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Question-Answer Round:-

Structured Interjection: Following each speech, there will be a structured interjection round.

Questioning: Within this 1-minute interjection period, any member of the opposing teams or judges can ask one question. -

Response: The speaker must respond to the question concisely within 2 minutes.

Time Management: Participants must adhere to the allocated time for their speeches and the Q&A round. Exceeding this time will lead to deduction of marks or disqualification, depending on the judges' discretion.

Note: Further rules and regulations will be shared before the commencement of the competition.

PRIZES



Best Team

RS. 50,000/-



Runner Up

RS. 20,000/-



Best Speaker

RS. 5,000/-



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REGISTRATION AND FEES

FEES:

- Indian Participant (per team): Rs. 1000*
- International Participants (per team): \$20 USD*

*Registration fees will be non- refundable.

*It covers modest accommodation on need basis, meals, stationery, etc.

*Participants must bear their own travel expenses.

Link for Registration: [Click here for registration](#)

(Before the registration kindly take the screenshot of the payment to upload in the registration form)

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DATES TO BE NOTED

11TH
July,
2026

Event Notification
and commencement of Registrations

25TH
August,
2026

Last Date of Registration

30TH
August,
2026

Announcement of the registered
teams

26TH
September,
2026

The Event



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PATRON



Sr. Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPNLUP

FACULTY CONVENER



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