

The XII NLSIU Student Bar Debate

April 6, 2019

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FORMAT

- There are two sides with three members on each side, comprising of a mixture of guest speakers, students and professors.
- Each speaker gets a total time of approximately ten minutes to speak.
- After a sequence of alternating between proposition and opposition, with each speaker speaking once for approximately ten minutes, we throw the floor open to questions and comments from the members of the house for a period of twenty minutes. Questions directed to the speakers are invited from the audience.
- A formal process of voting by the audience will take place before the commencement of the debate, and after the conclusion of the floor debate.
- The results of the vote will be announced during the closing address after the rejoinders are complete.
- The results will be followed by a vote of thanks,
- This will be followed by a formal dinner where the speakers can engage in fruitful conversations with the college student body and the general public.

For the XI Edition of The NLS Student Bar Debate (formerly known as the NLS Union Debates), we have invited 2 guest speakers in addition to 1 student speaker from NLSIU on each side. Therefore, there will be 6 speeches, each lasting ten minutes.



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BRIEF HISTORY

Modelled on the Oxford Union Debates, the NLS Student Bar Debate (known for 7 editions as the NLS Union Debates), involve hosting lectures followed by topical debates at least twice a year on contemporary issues affecting our lives. So far, we have successfully hosted seven editions of the Debate, which have focused on a wide array of interesting areas such as hunger strikes, legislative oversight over intelligence agencies, politicization of academic syllabuses, intellectual property rights in the context of the DU copyrights case, the National Judicial Appointments Commission ethics in the armed forces, the role of the media and judicial appointments in India. Prominent participants of the NLS Union Debates include Mr. Assadudin Owaisi, Mr. Sandeep Dikshit, Mr. Abhinandan Sekhri, Justice (Retd.) Santosh Hegde, the former Lokayukta of Karnataka; Dr. Chandan Mitra, Member of Parliament and the chief editor of the Pioneer; Lt. Gen. Satish Nambiar PVSM AVSM VRC (Retcl.); Member, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, former Force Commander and Head of Mission of the United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia; Mr. Jacob Applebaum, who is a core member of the 'Tor' project and had collaborated with Wikileaks and Mr. Julian Assange on a number of occasions, and Mr. Ram Jethmalani among others.

