

*Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Debating Society*

**DEPARTMENT OF LAWS  
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

*Organises*

**2<sup>nd</sup> PROF. ANIL KUMAR THAKUR MEMORIAL NATIONAL DEBATE  
COMPETITION**

**ON**

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**THEME - "SAME SEX MARRIAGES: REJECTION OR RECOGNITION?"**



**COORDINATORS**

**Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur**  
Professor

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Associate Professor

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Chairperson

**PATRON IN CHIEF**

**Prof. (Dr.) Raj Kumar**  
Vice Chancellor

## **About the Department**

The Department of Laws, originally established at Lahore in 1889, was re-established at Shimla in 1948, shifted to Jalandhar in 1950 and finally re-located at the University Campus at Chandigarh in 1959. Its Alumni include Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, Union Cabinet Ministers, State Chief Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, Ambassadors, Senior Bureaucrats, Police Officers and other legal luminaries.

The Department always strives to create new opportunities for its students. The Department provides practical training to the students to hone their skills in various fields for overall development of personality such as-in the arena of Debate, Moot Court, Client Counselling, etc. by organising various competitions and seminars.

## **About the Competition**

The Department of Laws is organizing 2nd Prof. Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial National Debate Competition to be held on November 10, 2022 in the loving memory of Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur.

## **About Theme**

The decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India* ignited a nationwide debate on recognition of same-sex marriage when it ruled that sexual orientation and gender identity are protected under the fundamental Right to Equality. India does not recognize same-sex marriages and its codified matrimonial laws neither explicitly recognises nor prohibits same-sex unions. Supporters of same-sex marriages referring to the principles of non-discrimination and equality contend that gay and lesbian couples should be treated no differently than their heterosexual counterparts and they should be permitted to marry like others. However, social conservatives and others who oppose same-sex unions assert that marriage between a man and a woman is the bedrock of a healthy society and this union is based on age-old customs, rituals, practices, cultural ethos and societal values, thus exists a "legitimate state interest" in preventing same-sex couples from marrying. Thus, this competition provides an opportunity to students to show their debating skills on the topic "Same Sex Marriages: Rejection or Recognition?"

## **Eligibility**

Any undergraduate student from any discipline is eligible to take part in this competition. Only one team per university/ college/Institute is allowed to take part in the competition. Online registration with payment of fee is mandatory to confirm the registration. The registration form is required to be sealed and signed by the concerned

person of the university/ college/Institute. **The Students from The Department of Laws, Panjab University are not eligible to participate.**

## **Language**

This medium of communication for this debate shall be English only.

## **Prizes & Perks**

Winner Team	:	Cash Prize of <b>INR 5000/-</b> + Trophy + Certificate
Runner Up Team	:	Cash Prize of <b>INR 2000/-</b> + Trophy + Certificate
Best Team	:	Cash Prize of <b>INR 2000/-</b> + Trophy + Certificate
Best Debater	:	Cash Prize of <b>INR 1000/-</b> + Trophy + Certificate

Winner and Runner-up prize will be awarded on the basis of total marks of the team given by the judges.

Best team and Debater will be decided on the basis of overall scores of the all rounds of the competition.

In case of tie, a tie breaker would be executed.

*The detailed rules and instructions would be passed at the time of registration at venue for all the rounds of the event.*

## **Perks**

Certificate of Participation to all participants who have participated in allocated rounds and attended final round.

## **Date & Venue:**

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Venue:** Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

## **General Rules and Regulations & Team Composition:**

1. Each team should comprise of two members. Single member team would be considered as disqualified team. Only one team is allowed from each department/ institute/ college/ organisation/etc.
2. Team should prepare from both sides of the motion. Motion would be assigned to the team prior to commencement of round.
3. Only **24** teams shall be considered for Preliminary Round of the Debate Competition based on first come first registered basis. "First Come First Registered" means the first dully completed online registration form along with the payment of registration fee on or before the last date of online registration i.e. 30.10.2022 till 12:00PM.

4. The online pre-registered teams should also bring the printed copy of enclosed registration form duly signed by the concerned person of University / Department/ College/ Institute along with the proof of payment.
5. Out of 24, top scoring 12 teams shall be advanced to Semi-Final round and top scoring 02 Teams shall be advanced to Final round.
6. The detailed rules for execution of each round would be shared at the time of registration at venue, thus, it is mandate to reach the venue at least an hour prior to the commencement of the event

### **For Preliminary Round:**

1. There shall be 'two team'. Out of these two teams, one would be 'For / Affirmative' the motion and another would be 'Against/ Negative' the motion.
2. Both the speaker of a team should speak for assigned motion
3. Each Speaker will be given 5 minutes to speak.
4. There shall be intimation after 4 minutes and then another after 1 minutes for time up, next speaker of same team shall proceed after this.
5. After both the members of a team has finished, the Judge / Panel of Judge will have 3 minute which can be utilised in any of the following ways:
  - a. Ask questions individually to both member of team;
  - b. Address questions collectively to both speakers;
  - c. Ask the opposite team to ask questions (rebuttal)
  - d. Cross examination after the permission of Jury.
6. After this the next team shall proceed.

### **For Semi Final Round:**

1. There shall be 'two team'. Out of these two teams, one would be 'For / Affirmative' the motion and another would be 'Against/ Negative' the motion.
2. Both the speaker of a team should speak for assigned motion
3. Each Speaker will be given 7 minutes to speak.
4. There shall be intimation after 5 minutes and then another after 2 minutes for time up, next speaker of same team shall proceed after this.
5. After both the members of a team has finished, the Judge / Panel of Judge will have 10 minute which can be utilised in any of the following ways:
  - a. Ask questions individually to both member of team;
  - b. Address questions collectively to both speakers;
  - c. Ask the opposite team to ask questions (rebuttal)
  - d. Cross examination after the permission of Jury.
6. After this the next team shall proceed.

### **For Final Round:**

1. There shall be 'two team'. Out of these two teams, one would be 'For / Affirmative' the motion and another would be 'Against/ Negative' the motion.
2. Both the speaker of a team should speak for assigned motion
3. Each Speaker will be given 10 minutes to speak.
4. There shall be intimation after 8 minutes and then another after 2 minutes for time up, next speaker of same team shall proceed after this.
5. After both the members of a team has finished, the Judge / Panel of Judge will have 15 minute which can be utilised in any of the following ways:
  - a. Ask questions individually to both member of team;
  - b. Address questions collectively to both speakers;
  - c. Ask the opposite team to ask questions (rebuttal)
  - d. Cross examination after the permission of Jury.
6. After this the next team shall proceed.

### **TIE Breaker Round:**

*Detailed rules would be disclosed at the time of registration at venue.*

### **General Rules applicable to all rounds:**

1. The competition will be held offline mode at the venue mentioned above; therefore, participants should make sure their physical presence at the venue before the commencement of the event. Failure to present in due time would about to disqualification of the team.
2. Every participant should be present punctually, at least 15 (fifteen) minutes before the competition starts. We do not compromise any tardiness. If the participant is late to be present, then the organiser will decide unilaterally to disqualify the participants from the competition.
3. During the competition, Participants are expected to maintain the decorum of the house and disturbance caused may lead to disqualification.
4. Participants should not disclose their identity except the identity provide at time of registration at venue. However, Student ID card is mandate at the time of registration at venue along with duty filled Registration form. Disclosure of Identity may lead to disqualification.
5. During the competitions, the registered participants cannot be represented by anyone else, or otherwise will be disqualified.
6. During presentation, strict adherence of the time limits shall be observed otherwise there shall be deduction of 2 marks wholly on extending every single minute.

7. Use of unparliamentarily language or shouting hall lead to disqualification.
8. Use of Unfair Means would lead to disqualification of team. Furthermore, all perk would be forfeited.
9. Paper reading will lead to deduction of marks. However, reference to paper material is allowed.
- 10.No objections shall be entertained as the decision of Judge shall be final and binding.

**Marking and Evaluation Parameters:**

<b>Content</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Content Quality	10
Knowledge of Subject	10
Confidence	05
Command on Language	05
Time Management	05
Question and Answer	05
Dress Code and Conduct of member	10
Total of each team member	50
Team Total	100

**Dress Code:**

For Gentlemen and Ladies: Socially Acceptable Professional Attire.

**Important Dates**

<b>Concerned Deadline</b>	<b>Date</b>
Last Date of Online Registration & Payment of Registration Fee	30th October 2022 till 12:00 p.m.
Date of Event	10th November 2022 (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

## Accommodation

Registered participants will be provided Accommodation on the payment of additional cost to the organizer. Last minute request for accommodation will not be entertained.

## Registration Details along with Fee and Payment Details

- Participants have to submit a registration form via below given link along with the payment of Registration fee.
- Registration Fee is **INR 500/- per team (without accommodation)**
- Registration Fee is **INR 1000/- per team (with accommodation)**

**Register here:** <https://forms.gle/5QQCsxXnjaJ9QJTD9>

## Bank Details:

A/c Holder Name : HEAD DEPTT OF LAW MISC  
A/c Number : 10444977656  
Bank : STATE BANK OF INDIA  
IFSC : SBIN0000742  
Bank Address : PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH.

## Contact Details:

Team member		
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# REGISTRATION FORM

## Team Details

Name of Speaker 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/ Class/ section / Stream / Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email id \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact number, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Speaker 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/ Class/ section / Stream / Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email id \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact number, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation Required : \_\_\_\_\_

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## Payment Details

Mode of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

(Credit Card/ Debit Card/ Net Banking / UPI / PAYTM/ GooglePay/ PhonePe/ Others)

Transaction number: \_\_\_\_\_

Transaction Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Transaction Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please do bring the physical print of “proof of payment” at the time of registration.

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## Declaration

We, under named solemnly declare that the above mention information is true and correct to my believe and knowledge. We haven't provided any false/ misleading information to seek any benefit. If we found guilty of provided any false/ misleading information then our team participation should stand cancelled *ab-initio* and we would be labile to return all the benefit received from the organisers with penalty. We do undertake to follow the rules and regulation prescribed by the organiser pertaining to event and social conduct. Furthermore, we provide consent on behalf of whole team to use the aforementioned information for all and every purpose of this academic event only.

Sign of Speaker 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign of Speaker 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Institution Details

Name of University / Department / College / School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of University / Department / College / School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University / Department / College / School Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Details of the Concern Person from University / Department / College / School :

Phone no \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Seal and Signature of the Concern person with University / Department / College / \_\_\_\_\_

Sign & Seal of the Concerned Person from  
University / Department / College

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**Note: Print copy of Registration form need to be submitted at Venue along with proof of payment.**