



THE DEBATING SOCIETY  
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## Annual Report 2019-2020

The Debating Society believes in fostering a spirit of critical inquiry within its members by providing a space for engagement and discussion. We feel that the activity of debating is of integral value within an academic institution and we encourage it in various structured and unstructured forms. Apart from holding debate mocks for training on a daily basis, we organised academic events which were meant to provide deeper insight into some relevant topics and subject areas. We also hosted one of our annual events, the 7th Mukarji Memorial ProAm Debate and some other sessions in association with it. The occurrence of tragic events within the city and the unforeseen pandemic that followed, brought an abrupt end to our activities but we hope to effectively utilise technology that is available in order to carry on within our limited capacity.

A summarised accounts of our events for the 2019-2020 academic session has been provided on the following sheet-

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a1ZMc2XLVSpADjobhwtKGwQyhT3K4L0sKsZ2\\_8IWa48/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a1ZMc2XLVSpADjobhwtKGwQyhT3K4L0sKsZ2_8IWa48/edit?usp=sharing)

The members of our society participated in numerous debating tournaments across the country in the Asian and British Parliamentary formats. In lieu with the principles associated with an open society, we have always strived to provide training to all interested students through our daily debate mocks and we encourage those who are regular to compete at tournaments without taking any prior experience into account. Many of our society members have performed well at these competitive events and we hope that this motivates us to pursue this activity further. We have outlined some of these achievements:

1. Gujarat National Law University Parliamentary Debate , August 2019- Sarthak Saluja and Sai Karthik, pre-quarter debate finalists



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Evita Rodrigues, adjudication break

2. NALSAR IV Parliamentary Debate , September 2019-

Sarthak Saluja and Disha Kashyap, pre-quarter debate finalists

Meghna Chakravorty and Evita Rodrigues, reserve debate break

3. Daulat Ram College Parliamentary Debate, September 2019 -

Devak Namdhari, adjudication break, adjudicated till finals

4. IIT-Bombay Debate, October 2019-

Anushka Ganguli, debate finalist

5. Premchand Parliamentary Debate, Hindu College, October 2019-

Devak Namdhari, adjudication break, adjudicated till finals

6. SRCC Gambit Freshers' Debate, September 2019-

Aditya Nath, Jagannath Jha, Agrima Sharma, Octa-finalists

7. People Speak, Sri Venkateshwara College Parliamentary Debate, January 2020 -

Meghna Chakravorty, adjudication break, adjudicated till quarterfinals

8. College of Engineering Pune Parliamentary Debate, January 2020 -

Kshitij Chauhan, adjudication break, adjudicated till semi-finals

9. Annual Hansraj Parliamentary Debate, February 2020 -

Charisma Nathan and Anushka Ganguli, debate finalists

Sarthak Saluja, adjudication break, adjudicated till finals, Best Adjudicator prize

Kshitij Chauhan, adjudication break, adjudicated till semi-finals

Aditya Nath, adjudication break, adjudicated till quarter-finals

Sai Karthik, adjudication break

10. Shaheed Bhagat Singh College Parliamentary Debate, February 2020 -

Anushka Ganguli, Invited Adjudicator

Evita Rodrigues and Kshitij Chauhan, Subsidised adjudicators

Evita Rodrigues, Adjudication break

11. Christ University Parliamentary Debate, February 2020 -



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Anushka Ganguli, Noumaan Anwer and Sarthak Saluja, quarterfinalists

12. Sardar Patel Institute of Technology Parliamentary Debate (Online), April 2020-  
Aditya Nath, adjudication break, 4th best adjudicator, Finals Chair

13. Altamash Debate Open (Online), March 2020 -  
Priyankush Adhikary, Adjudication break, Third Best Adjudicator

## Financial Report

Budget (2019-2020)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E7bnZo2rLZyy6MFGbEK9jF9Qly46JxC6eDGOLtbDtpg/e/dit?usp=sharing>

Financial income (2019-2020)

Unimoni	50000
Lunar	10,000
Alumni	30,000
IARB (amount returned upon cancellation of the Mukarji Memorial Debate)	100,000
Alumni	40,000
Jindal College	17700
Total	1,47,700



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In kind sponsorship

Unimoni	Food during the ProAm Debate
Saltt Catering	Food during the ProAm Debate
Lunar	Accommodation for Core Adjudicators

Account of expenditure (2019-2020)-

Flight and train subsidies for society members (for outstation tournaments)	32,346
Core adj flight ticket	11,000
Flight reimbursements for MukMem participants (due to cancellation of the event)	25,026
ProAm stationery expenses	6,944
ProAm Core Adjudicator Hospitality expenses	3,750

Note- The money from our sponsor O.P. Jindal University reached the society account very recently. We provided the deliverables as per our agreement during the ProAm debate but when we realised that we would not have the cash in time, we negotiated for in kind sponsorship from our partners to fulfill our requirements.