

SECOND EDITION Online National Level Debate Competition

"ERISTICA"

SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Navi Mumbai



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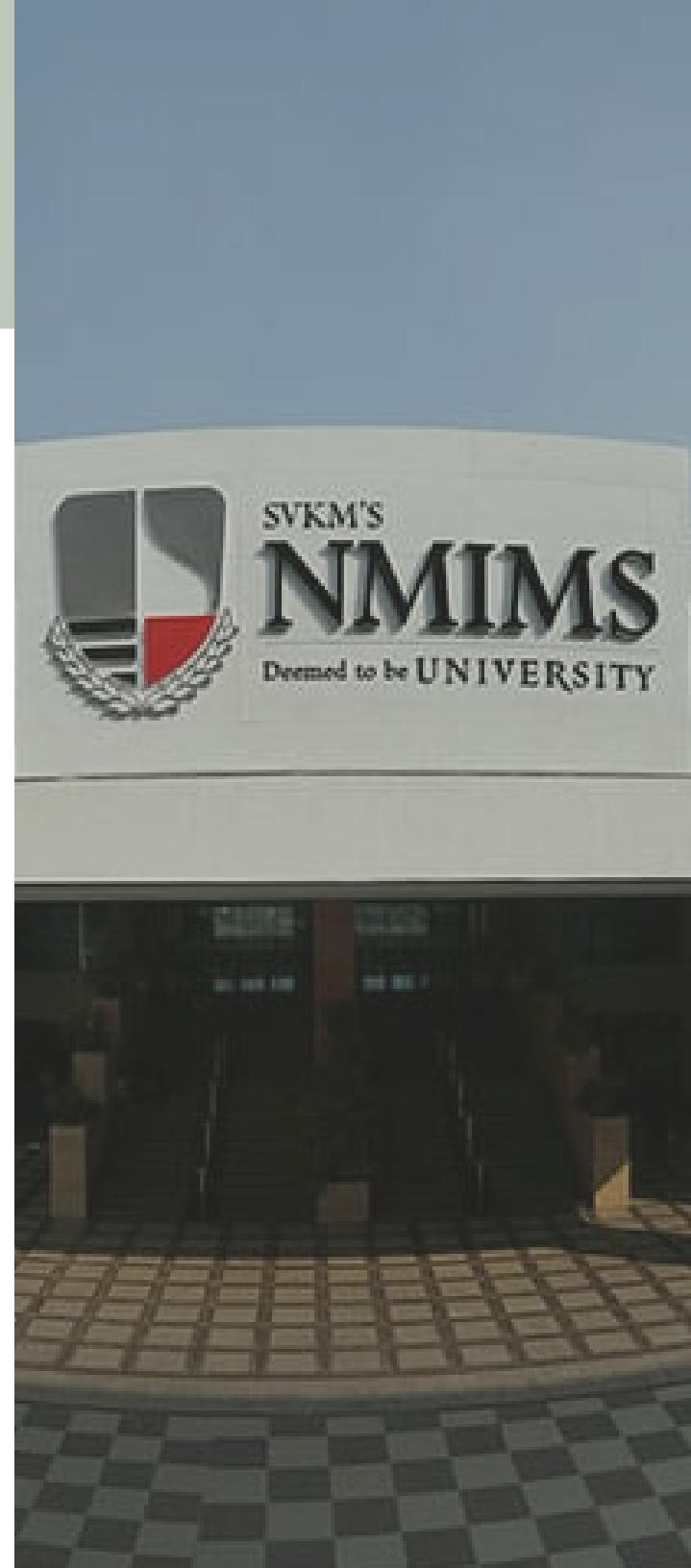
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ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Navi Mumbai was established in 2017. The School of Law offers undergraduate courses namely BA.LLB (Hons) and B.B.A.LLB (Hons). It is recognized by the Bar Council of India. The School of Law pioneers in excelling in all fields of law and public service. It strives to provide the students with the best form of learning by inculcating value-based education. It provides the students with ample room and liberty to grow and experiment and emphasizes on the importance of skill-based learning by frequently conducting workshops and seminars on diverse subjects. The backbone of this institute is the teaching faculty who endeavour to nurture and mentor the students through their experience and expertise in the field making this experience one in a lifetime. The School of Law also promotes different extra and co-curricular activities in the form of clubs and committees like the Debate Committee. The institute also provides the students with state of art facilities like the moot court, the library and the computer lab with top notch technology and provides all its student's remote access to all important databases and journals.



COMPETITION BRIEF

Our society is constructed to place quieter people at a disadvantage. The voice of the marginalised is often overshadowed by the voice of the powerful. A debate offers a safe platform to open ourselves to positive discussion and provides a safe environment for learning how to brush off your mistakes, learn from them and ultimately move forward. The last two decades has seen an uproar of intelligence and excellence. In the tussle between knowledge and experience, students often lose out on communication skills. A debate aids in providing a platform for the students to experiment and learn. A debate drastically improves one's linguistic and logical skills, along with the ability to construct strong arguments in a short amount of time, which is paramount in this world with cutthroat competition. Our debate competition aims to provide the students with an opportunity to come forward and experience the art of debating and take away experience, expertise and excellence. Being a part of the newer generations, it is imperative to discuss and debate over the problems in society and any solutions for the same that may arise as students and future lawmakers of the country.

This debate will be based on the Lincoln-Douglas debate format, i.e. one on one debate in order to promote individualism amongst contestants. Participants will have to advance in 3 rounds, with Preliminary and Semi Finals having the topic "Does cultural appropriation promote the heritage of a community or hamper it?" and the Final round having the topic "Is language/accents another basis for Racial Discrimination?"

ABOUT THE TOPIC

The first Topic for the Preliminary and Semi-Final Round is “Whether cultural appropriation promotes a culture or does it hamper it?” Cultural appropriation refers to the use of objects or elements of a non-dominant culture in a way that doesn't respect their original meaning, give credit to their source, or reinforces stereotypes or contributes to oppression. As people from various backgrounds come together and interact, it may be natural for cultures to merge and blend. Indeed, the fusion of such cultures has resulted in many wonderful inventions and creations, such as country music. When a dominant cultural group uses elements of a non-dominant group in a way that the nondominant group perceives as exploitative, the line is drawn. The agenda of the debate really lies into the question whether cultural appropriation promotes the values and elements of one culture or does it hamper it? The Topic for the Final Round is “Whether language/accent can be another basis for Racial Discrimination?” Every individual in this world has a language as a mother tongue, different people have different accents and Linguistics. Differences often become a variable for discrimination in the society, our first language is often the language spoken by our parents or guardians, as well as others who look after us as children. There is almost always a link between our ancestry, ethnic origin, or place of origin on the one hand, and the language we speak or the accent with which we speak that language on the other. Some believe that language discrimination occurs when a person is treated differently because of her native language or other characteristics of her language skills. Often not being fluent in one particular language also differentiates an individual, However the agenda for the debate is to analyze whether language/accent can be another basis for Racial Discrimination?”

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RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to all the students pursuing an undergraduate course in any registered University.
- By applying for the competition, the teams shall be deemed to have accepted the rules, terms and conditions of the conditions as stated in this document.
- The competition will be conducted in the Lincoln-Douglas debate format, i.e. one on one debate.
- **It will be divided into 3 parts, namely:**
 - 1. PRELIMINARY ROUND**
 - 2. SEMI-FINALS**
 - 3. FINAL ROUND**
- Participants will have the topic “Does cultural appropriation promote the heritage of a community or hamper it?” for Preliminary and Semi-Finals.
- Once a participant clears these two rounds, they will advance onto the finals and will debate on the topic “Is language/accent another basis for Racial Discrimination?”
- The participants will be required to prepare for both the sides – FOR and AGAINST and their stand will be allotted to them 30 minutes prior to the debate.
- The Competition will be conducted ONLINE through ZOOM Application. Details and information concerning every round will be shared through email & Whatsapp by the committee with the participants 20 minutes before every round.



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- There shall be a trail for all the participants to get accustomed in handling the application, two days prior the D-day. Details regarding the same shall also be shared via email & Whatsapp.
- There will be 1 Adjudicator and 2 Teams and 1 member of the Organizing Committee in a meeting room.
- Each candidate will be allowed 3 minutes to talk about the topic and 1 minute will be allotted for rebuttal. Which gives them a total of $3+ 1= 4$ minutes (Per speaker time)
- Three (3) participants will be allowed from each college. Each participant will be considered to be one team.
- Medium of communication for the debate competition will be English only.
- The dress code for the event is western or Indian formals.
- At any point of conflict, the decision of the Host Institute would be final and binding.
- The organizers reserve the right to alter or change the rules or the procedure of the competition.
- The adjudicator may raise a Point of Information during the debate, the clarification of which must not exceed 90 seconds.

PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION

- Use of foul language or use of any written document/chits/any other source during debate will result in disqualification of the candidate.
- Candidates are required to have a proper internet connection failing which will result in the disqualification of the candidate.
- If a violation of the rules is believed to have been committed by a team or one of its members, the Organizing Committee may in its own discretion, upon its initiative or complaint from another team or assessor, impose a penalty or disqualify the team.
- The Competition Grievance Panel shall be informed before any action of disqualification is taken.
- The panel shall consist of the head of the Host institution, the chief coordinator of the Organizing Committee, and two assessors from the panel of assessors.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Step 1- Each participant will register themselves by filling this Google form

<https://bit.ly/3zrNYFJ>

Step 2- Each participant is required to pay Rupees 250/- as the registration fee which is to be paid through an NEFT transaction.

NEFT Details: -

Account Holder Name: Soumitra Joshi

Account Number:- 993910110011762

IFSC Code: BKID0009939

Bank Name: Bank of India

Branch Name: Pansemal

Step 3- Download the payment receipt. Take a screenshot and upload it on the Google form.

Submit the registration form. You shall receive a confirmation email on the completion of the process.

The deadline for registration is 11:59pm, 11th July, 2021.

**SCAN TO PAY FOR
REGISTRATION**



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TO REGISTER**

AWARDS

Winner- **INR.5000/-**

First Runner Up- **INR.3000/-**

Second Runner Up-**INR.2000/-**

All the participants will be awarded
E-certificates for participation

