



**Dr. Rajendra Prasad
National Law University, Prayagraj**

presents

International
**Debate
Competition**



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Debate & Discussion Club

**Prize money
Rs. 50,000/-
for the
Winning
team**



Saturday - August 30th, 2025

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



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ABOUT RPNLUP



(Upcoming Permanent Campus)

Nested in Prayagraj, a city which has been known for her academic legacy and where knowledge, aspiration and justice confluence like the three rivers, the University 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 an interdisciplinary and innovative curriculum designed to provide a 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 into 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 various stakeholders of the legal profession 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 society.

The University offers a five-year B.A LL.B. (Hons.) programme, One-Year LL.M. (Public Law) Programme and Ph.D. (Law). In July 2024, the University has organised an international workshop (online) on 'Integrated Legal Education: Transformative Approach to Pedagogy and Research in Law' in which distinguished speakers from different jurisdictions.

Most recently, in commemoration of its Foundation Day, the University hosted a prestigious International Conference on Law, Technology, and Sustainable Development from 7th to 9th March 2025, bringing together Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan; and Hon'ble judges of Allahabad High Court. Renowned legal scholars from across the globe - USA, Canada, England, France, New Zealand, South Africa, Estonia, South Korea and Nigeria, enriched the discussions with their erudite propositions. This milestone event reaffirmed the University's growing commitment to global academic engagement and excellence in legal research.



Our Founding Vice-Chancellor with the First Batch



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About the Competition



Topic for preliminary round:

**“U.N. HAS FAILED IN MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY”**

Date: August 30th, 2025 (Saturday)

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

RPNLUP's Debate and Discussion Club (DDC) is set to host its first international debate competition, bringing together sharp minds to engage in a thought-provoking discussion on the topic: *UN has failed in maintaining international peace and security*. This debate seeks to examine the effectiveness of the United Nations in addressing global conflicts, preventing wars, and ensuring stability across nations. The competition promises a platform for rigorous arguments, insightful perspectives, and to challenge conventional understandings of international governance.

ABOUT UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations (UN) is the most comprehensive international organization, bringing together 193 member states. Founded on 24 October 1945 after the devastation of World War II, it was created to foster global peace, security, and cooperation. Replacing the League of Nations, the UN emerged with a stronger and broader international consensus aimed at preventing future conflicts.



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The UN Charter outlines its core objectives, including maintaining international peace, promoting friendly relations among nations, facilitating global cooperation on key issues, and ensuring collective action toward shared goals.

The UN operates through various main organs: the General Assembly, Security Council, International Court of Justice, Economic and Social Council, UN Secretariat, and the suspended Trusteeship Council. It is further supported by various specialized agencies, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Food Programme (WFP), which work to achieve its mission. Over the decades, the UN has contributed significantly to human rights advancements, humanitarian aid, sustainable development, conflict mediation, and environmental initiatives. Its peacekeeping missions and crisis responses, particularly in natural disasters, refugee movements, and pandemics, have proven vital.

Despite these achievements, major conflicts, including the Syrian Civil War, Afghanistan crisis, and tensions in Ukraine and Gaza, illustrate its limited ability to counter aggression. Its reliance on member states for resolution enforcement has led to selective implementation and frequent disregard. Bureaucratic inefficiencies, corruption, and political bias further undermine effective peacekeeping. The UN faces criticism, especially regarding the veto power held by the five permanent members of the Security Council, which often obstructs decisive action. As calls for restructuring grow louder, will the organization evolve to meet the demands of an increasingly complex world, or will its limitations lead to a shift in international governance?

ABOUT DDC

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. Every Thursday, DDC hosts debates and discussions on diverse contemporary topics, encouraging participants to explore multiple perspectives and refine their argumentation skills.

During the 2024-2025 academic year, the club successfully organized an intra-debate competition, drawing enthusiastic participation. Beyond campus, our students have proudly represented the university at national-level debate competitions, showcasing their skills and earning recognition. Alongside debates, the club conducts workshops to enhance public speaking, research methodologies, and debate techniques, empowering members to become confident communicators.

Moving forward, DDC remains dedicated to expanding its activities, increasing student involvement, and fostering a culture of open dialogue and reasoned discourse. The Club continues to prepare students for meaningful engagement in academic and real-world discussions.



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Rules & Regulations

Screening: Maximum 14 teams will be shortlisted. The shortlisting criteria of teams is mentioned under.*

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

Eligibility: Undergraduate Law Students currently enrolled in 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 'U.N. has failed in maintaining international peace and security'.

-Final Round: The top two 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 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.

*Selection Criteria for Shortlisting Teams

Participants will be selected on the following criteria-

- First-come, first-serve.
- Geographical diversity.
- Inclusivity.

General Guidelines

Language: The debate will be conducted in English Language.

Team Composition: Each University is allowed to send only one team to compete. There will be maximum of 14 teams. 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.



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Best Team
RS. 50,000/-



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Runner Up
RS. 20,000/-



+

Best Speaker
RS. 5000/-



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Registration and Fees

FEES

INDIAN PARTICIPANTS (PER TEAM)

RS. 750*

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS (PER TEAM)

\$10 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: <https://forms.gle/nfYb891qSgdQwGJP6>

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

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IMPORTANT

Dates

10TH
JUNE,
2025

EVENT
NOTIFICATION AND
COMMENCEMENT OF
REGISTRATIONS

20TH
JULY,
2025

LAST DATE OF
REGISTRATION

25TH
JULY,
2025

DECLARATION
OF THE TEAMS
SELECTED

30TH
AUGUST,
2025

THE B- DAY

It will be a One Day event. Both the Preliminary and the Final round will take place on August 30th, 2025 (Saturday)



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