

RAYAT COLLEGE OF LAW, RAILMAJRA

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RCL NATIONAL DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

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ABOUT RAYAT GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

Rayat Group of Institutions, Ropar campus is considered among the top educational groups in Punjab, India – one of the largest group of institutions, established in 2001, under the leadership of its Chairman, S. Nirmal Singh Rayat. Since its inception, Rayat Group of Institutions, has offered various undergraduate and postgraduate programs and has been a pioneer in the field of education, which is why it is listed among the top colleges in Punjab. Rayat Education and Research Trust, Ropar has prolifically grown in every area and has since extended to a number of institutes including Engineering, Management, Education, Pharmacy, Law, to name a few. In addition, it also runs two schools.





ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Rayat College of Law, established in 2004, is housed in an independent building at the Rayat Group of Institutions Ropar Campus. The College is affiliated to Panjab University, Chandigarh, and the courses are approved by the Bar Council of India. Equipped with infrastructure including Moot Court, state-of-the-art Library and Computer Lab with 24 hours internet facility and a fully functional Wi-Fi Campus, the College provides an excellent environment for learning and holistic development. With an aim to instil an ability in our students to develop core competencies that are essential to embark on the practice of law, we lay emphasis on practical training. Young legal minds at our college are provided with a multitude of opportunities including moot court competitions, client counselling, seminars, court visits, and expert lectures by authorities on Law and social sciences to ensure all-round growth and exposure. Rayat College of Law has already successfully carved a niche for itself in the field of legal education.



The campus, Rayat College of Law, established in the year 2004, is housed in an independent building at the Rayat Group of Institutions- Ropar Campus. The College has a renowned name in the field of law education. In addition to quality studies, RCL is widely acknowledged for its modern and state-of-the-art infrastructure that includes hostels, canteen and mess, medical care centre, library, Wi-Fi Campus, and playgrounds. Over the years, the college has proved its mettle and today, it stands out one of the best in India . Situated in village Railmajra near Ropar in Punjab, it is a part of the extensive 300 acre Rayat Education and Research Trust Ropar Campus. The sprawling campus has a total of six colleges, and RCL is one of them. RCL provides its students with ample extracurricular activities. This well thought-out strategy of the college authorities yields multifarious benefits. It brings out the hidden talent of students, boosts interdisciplinary interaction and confidence, generates awareness and a sense of competition as also responsibility among students. Frequent National Moot Court Competitions are held in the RCL to give realistic exposure to law students. Three programs are being offered by the college (I) B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) (II) B.Com. LLB. (Hons.) (III) LL.b (3 year) . RCL focuses on catering to the corporate world. The prime objective is to build an intellectual combination of law and commerce which would be beneficial to the economy of the nation. RCL students have been bringing laurels to the college by bagging top positions in Panjab University Examinations, as well as extra-curriculum activities and sports thanks to the supportive atmosphere at the college that acts as a catalyst to inspire students to strive for excellence. Needless to say, for law aspirants who look forward to study in one of the top-notch law colleges , RCL can be a dream destination.



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Furthering the vision of Rayat College of Law, the RCL Literary Society provides platform to young minds to imbue critical thinking and hone communication skills. The Society exhorts young mavericks from colleges and universities to come and rock the podium in National Debate Championship on April 5, 2023.

From the Society Members ×

In the words of Barack Obama, "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the one's we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." It is our greatest privilege to be able to welcome you all to the first ever National Debate Championship being organized by literary society of Rayat College Of Law.

True to our Motto "Dubito, Ergo, Cogito, Ergo Sum.- I doubt therefor I think therefore I am.

We look forward to seeing you!



Hiya Sharma
President



Bismmeet Kaur
Vice - President



Stuti Puri
General Secretary



Urvashi Sharma
Core Member



ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Literary Society at Rayat College of Law is a new, premier organization that encourages healthy and meaningful discourse by actively engaging in debates and public speaking events. In a world where there is an ever rising need of sharing ideas, opinions and encouraging discussion, actively shaping young minds to be articulate in their thoughts is the need of the hour. We endeavour to mould, promote and produce some of the finest minds across industry, politics, and academia.

In the kind of world we live in today, developing speaking skills is of utmost importance. The ability to articulate one's thoughts and ideas goes a very long way in every walk of life. By encouraging young students who will soon step out into the legal arena, we endeavour to instil in them a spirit of fair competition, dignity and integrity. Not only will the young minds of our generation hone an indispensable skill, they will strive to be better, more hardworking individuals in everyday life.

The society comprises undergraduate students with the Faculty Advisor acting as the head of the society. This structure helps us excel in the fields of participation and event organization.

President- Hiya Sharma

Vice President- Bismmeet Kaur

General secretary- Stuti Puri

Core Members- Urvashi
Gautam Vohra

Event Convener- Hiya Sharma
Bismmeet Kaur

Head of Organisation- Stuti Puri
Urvashi

Logistics Head- Anmolpreet Singh
Mayank Passi

Tech Head- Aayush Garg
Navroop Shergill

Registrations Head- Sudha Sharma
Aryan Thakur

Public Relations- Sanchit Bhardwaj
Sidakpal Singh

Food and Accomodation- Shiva Narang
Kanav Handa

Cross-ex, short for cross-examination, is a period of time between speeches where opponents ask each other questions to clarify and better understand each other's case (and, if all goes well, an important concession for you to win the debate).

Ultimately, you can think of cross-ex as another speech, except instead of continuous talking, you actually engage with your opponent. During this time, you are given the opportunity to demonstrate confidence and credibility that will allow you to become a more persuasive speaker and help you win speaker points.

🔍 Purpose of the Debate

The purpose of scholastic debate is to train the student to analyse a problem, conduct thorough and relevant research, and utilize principles of argumentation and advocacy in orally presenting the most effective case for or against a given proposition. Debate provides invaluable training in critical thinking, quick responses, defending worthy ideas and attacking invalid ideas. It teaches the student to tolerate other points of view. Debate exists only in democratic societies, and no democratic society can exist without debate.

🔍 The Propositions

Topics will be stated in the form of a proposition. The proposition is always stated as a change from the status quo.

Like other forms of debate, cross-examination (C-X or Policy) debate focuses on the core elements of a controversial issue. Cross-examination debate develops important skills, such as critical thinking, listening, argument construction, research, note-taking and advocacy skills.

Cross-examination debate is distinct from other formats, with the exception of parliamentary debate, in its use of a two-person team. Cross-examination debate also places emphasis on questioning or cross-examination between speeches. While specific practices vary, cross-examination debate typically rewards intensive use of evidence, and is focused on content and delivery.

Q Structure of the Debate

- Cross-examination (Policy) debate involves two teams, each consisting of two people. One team takes the affirmative position and is responsible for defending and supporting the resolution. The other team takes the negative and is responsible for refuting the affirmative, which may be done in a variety of strategic ways.
- The affirmative team is responsible for the initial interpretation of the resolution, and for presenting a case that defends and supports the resolution. The negative team may challenge this interpretation if they believe the affirmative team's interpretation is unreasonable.



The topic for Cross-Examination (Policy) Debate is typically called a "resolution" or "proposition." Different types of propositions may be used in a Cross-Examination (Policy) Debate, but policy propositions tend to be the most common.

So that clash might occur in a debate, debaters should engage in research on both sides of the topic. Research is primarily the job of debaters.

🔍 Arguing for the Resolution

- The objective of the affirmative team is to construct and present a case that defends and supports the resolution. An adequate case (one that meets a certain burden of proof) depends on what type of proposition is debated. Individual topics and tournaments determine what burden is required.

🔍 Arguing Against the Resolution

The objective of the negative team is to refute the affirmative case, which, by extension, is an argument against the resolution. Depending on the topic and the type of proposition, the negative may have a variety of possible strategies available when refuting the affirmative case.



Do's and don'ts of questioning

Do:

- Keep your questions argumentative.
- Ask relatively short questions.
- Reference speeches in your questions. This keeps questions focused on relevant material in the debate as well as avoid broad questions that allow your opponents to give vague answers that don't give you any advantage.
- Make sure you fully understand arguments before moving on.
- Keep your eyes on the judge.

Don't:

- Start questions with "Do you agree..." or "Are you aware..."
- Re-explain things that are already clear. This wastes time for both you and your opponents.
- Look at your opponent when asking questions. You should always keep your eyes on the judge.



The Do's and Don'ts of Answering

Do:

- Keep your answers short and sweet.
- Be specific to the question. Don't give them any more information than they need.
- Reference authors from the 1AC. Not only will this help you answer questions effectively, but this also shows the judge that you know your speech inside and out, which boosts speaker points.
- Stare at the judge for attention.

Don't:

- Answer irrelevant questions. (You can ask your opponents why a question is relevant before declining to answer.)
- Interrupt your partner if they're answering a question.
- Be afraid to admit you don't know something. If your opponent asks you something that both you and your partner don't know, it's better to admit you don't know than to lie about it. You can always argue later that it's not an important element of the debate anyways.



THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHOULD LEGALISE ALL OR NEARLY ALL OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE COUNTRY:

- **MARIJUANA**
- **PROSTITUTION**
- **SALE OF HUMAN ORGANS**
- **PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE**



Team composition

- All participating colleges/ universities/ institutes must nominate only one team comprising of two members each.
- Each team must consist of two participants: speaker one and speaker two.
- One observer may be allowed to accompany the teams but no certificate shall be provided for the same.

Structure of the competition

The competition will be a cross questioning debate and will be held in the 4 rounds:

Qualifier round; quarter-final; semi-final, finals.

The first three rounds will be of 40 minutes each, and the last round will last for a total of 60

The format for the debate for all round other than the final round will be as follows:

- Each speaker will be given a total of 5 minutes to present their constructive argument followed by a round of cross questioning by the opposite team.
- Each cross-questioning round will last for a total of 2 minutes and will take place after each constructive argument
- After presentation of arguments by both speakers of affirmative and negative side, round of rebuttal from the sides will take place for time of period of 1 minute each.
- Followed by the rebuttal round, a semi- moderated open cross questioning, round will take place for a total of 6 minutes

The format for the final round will be as follows:

- Each speaker will be given a total of 6 minutes to present their constructive argument followed by a round of cross-questioning by the opposite team.
- Each cross-questioning round will last for a total of 3 minutes and will take place after each constructive argument
- After presentation of arguments by both speakers of affirmative and negative side, round of rebuttal from the sides will take place for time of period of 3 minute each.
- Followed by the rebuttal round, a semi- moderated open cross questioning, round will take place for a total of 10 minutes

Dress code

Participants are required to strictly adhere to the following dress code while present in the debating room during the competition

Ladies : Indian or western business formals

Gentlemen: Western business formals

Strict adherence is required for the dress code; non-compliance for the same will result in deduction of points in the team score.

Registration

The link for the registration form has been provide as under; all participating teams are required to completely and correctly fill all details mentioned on the same.

Online registration shall be done though the following link;
(link)

Registration Fee: Rs 300 per team

All participating teams are required to make a payment of Rs. 300 through UPI payment

TIME ALLOTMENT

First 3 rounds		Final Round	
Speaker	Time given	Speaker	Time Given
Affirmative speaker 1	5 minutes	Affirmative speaker 1	6 minutes
Cross X	2 minutes	Cross X	3 minutes
Negative Speaker 1	5 minutes	Negative Speaker 1	6 minutes
Cross X	2 minutes	Cross X	3 minutes
Affirmative Speaker 2	5 minutes	Affirmative Speaker 2	6 minutes
Cross X	2 minutes	Cross X	3 minutes
Negative speaker 2	5 minutes	Negative Speaker 2	6 minutes
Cross X	2 minutes	Cross X	3 minutes
Affirmative rebuttal	1 minute	Affirmative rebuttal	2 minute
Negative rebuttal	1 minute	Negative rebuttal	2 minute
Cross X	6 minutes	Cross X	10 minutes



Registrations



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Online registration shall be done though the following link;

[CLICK HERE](#)

Registration Fee: Rs 300 per participant.

Accomodation and Food will be provided without charge

Regestration fee may be deposited through the following details :

(a) NEFT to account no. 497180994

Bank name: Indian Bnak, Branch: Roopnagar, IFC: IDIB000R027

Accont Holder: Mr. Amrik Chand

or

(b) google Pay no. 8283852950 (Mr. Amrik Chand)



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