Event Report: Shivaji Bhosle English Parliamentary Debate 2025

Organized By: DICTUM (English)

College: Shivaji College
Date: 18th - 20th January 2025

Inauguration

The highly anticipated Shivaji Bhosle English Parliamentary Debate 2025 was officially inaugurated on 18th January at 10:00 AM in a ceremony filled with enthusiasm and grandeur. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Principal, Prof. Virender Bharadwaj Sir, who delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the importance of debate in fostering critical thinking and communication skills. The Cultural Convenor, Prof. Deepika Yadav, highlighted the role of such events in promoting cultural and intellectual exchange.

The inauguration ceremony set the tone for the three-day event, with participants and adjudicators eagerly looking forward to engaging in rigorous debates. The presence of distinguished faculty members and guests further added to the event's prestige.

Event Details

The Shivaji Bhosle English Parliamentary Debate followed the Asian Parliamentary Debate format, renowned for its dynamic and intellectually challenging nature. Spanning three days, the event brought together 44 teams from various colleges and universities, competing with great fervour and enthusiasm. A panel of 47 experienced adjudicators ensured fair and insightful judgment, enriching the quality of the debates.

The competition was divided into preliminary rounds, followed by knockout rounds that led to the much-awaited finals. The motions debated covered a wide range of socio-political, economic, and cultural issues, encouraging participants to think critically, present coherent arguments, and engage in constructive rebuttals. The diverse topics ensured a stimulating experience for both debaters and the audience.

Results

After three days of intense competition, the results were as follows:

•**Winners:** Delhi Technological University (DTU)
•**Runners-Up:** Venkateswar College, University of Delhi
•**Novice Winner:** SGTB Khalsa College
•**Novice Runners-Up:** IIT Delhi •**Best Adjudicator:** Basim •**2nd Best Adjudicator:** Rashi Sharma
•**3rd Best Adjudicator:** Aaryav Bansal and Samarth Sachdeva

The winning teams displayed exceptional analytical skills, persuasive communication, and teamwork, earning admiration from both judges and fellow participants. Special recognition was given to novice teams for their impressive performance, demonstrating great potential and promise in the debating arena.

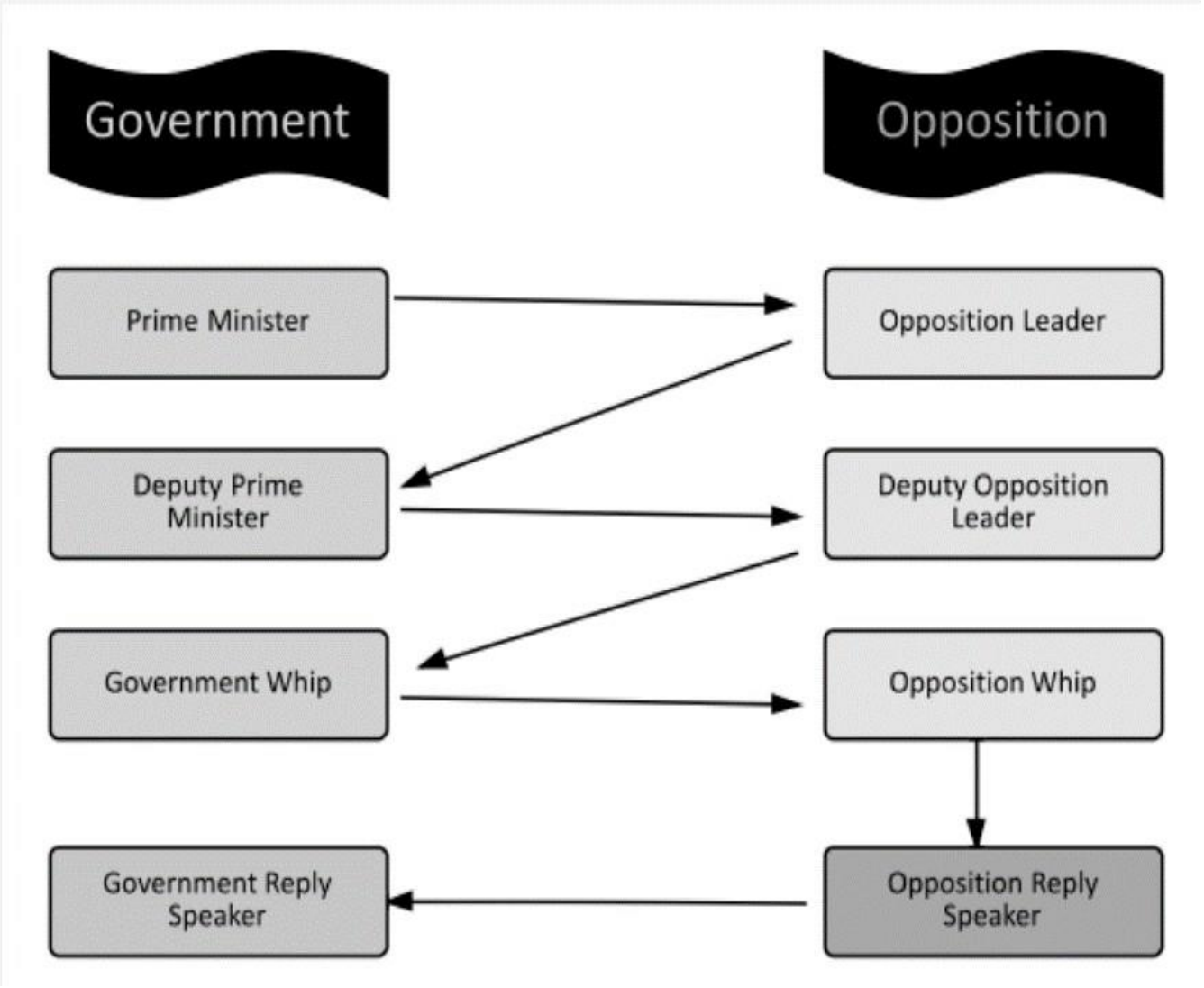
Valedictory Function

The grand valedictory function marked the culmination of the event on 20th January 2025 at 6:00 PM. The ceremony began with an address by the Principal, Prof. Virender Bharadwaj, who congratulated all participants for their hard work and passion. He commended the organizers for their meticulous planning and execution, which ensured the event's success.

Awards were distributed to the winning teams and outstanding individuals, with trophies and certificates presented by the respected principal sir. Dictum Convenor Dr. Rangnath Ravi delivered the vote of thanks to all the participants. The ceremony was a celebration of talent, perseverance, and camaraderie, leaving participants with a sense of accomplishment and inspiration.

Conclusion

The Shivaji Bhosle English Parliamentary Debate 2025 was a resounding success, thanks to the collective efforts of the organizers, participants, and adjudicators. The event showcased the power of debate as a platform for intellectual exchange and personal growth. It fostered an atmosphere of learning, collaboration, and mutual respect, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved. The organizing committee extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, adjudicators, and sponsors who contributed to the event's success. We look forward to hosting another enriching edition of the debate next year!



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BEST ADJUDICATOR
BASIM
AVERAGE SCORE - 9.4

2ND BEST ADJUDICATOR
RASHI SHARMA
AVERAGE SCORE - 9.1

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ATHENA: THE ENGLISH TURNCOAT DEBATE 2025

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Out of Dictum's two esteemed tournaments, Athena was efficiently orchestrated on 28th of February 2025 by the members and the council, under the guidance of the society's revered coordinators Dr. Ranganath Ravi and Prof. Deepika Yadav, for they have had provided active support in fostering the essence of debating under the blessings and presence of our honourable principle, Prof. Virender Bharadwaj sir, with his compassionate and extraordinary aid to motivate students and keep the community active. Athena was held on the second day of college's annual cultural event VIBERATIONS'25; in the morning where about 30 students participated from various institutions.

The format which was followed was turncoat; the individuals were given diverse motions and a preparation time of 5 minutes, it is a unique and exciting debate format where **one speaker argues both for and against** a motion — switching sides midway through their speech. Out of all the total participants, our honourable judges, on the basis on critical thinking, analysis, and delivery over the given motion, chose the best three speakers, and one best interjector at the end of the tournament.

The best speakers were as followed :
1st best speaker was ***VINEET DETHA*** of ***HANSRAJ COLLEGE***
2ND best speaker was ***ROBIN AHUJA*** of ***INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY***
3rd best speaker was ***VRISHTI DEY MUNSHI*** of ***SATYAWATI COLLEGE***
The best interjector was also**,** ***ROBIN AHUJA*** of ***INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY***

The winners were congratulated with prizes on the same day after the announcement of the best speakers by our honourable judges — *Dr Ritu Madan, Prof Manish Kumar Meena, Dr Nishtha Srivastava*, coordinators, and members for their outstanding skills, delivery, and intellect.

The event ended with an heartful gratitude expressed by the council, who had been truly grateful to the participants for their presence and participation, to the judges for their time, fair and thoughtful evaluation, to the faculty for making the event possible and constant guidance throughout thick and thin, to the staff who had been available to aid with technical and manual requirement, with that Athena 2025, was closed for the season as a success! We look forward to hosting Athena next season with same enthusiasm.

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