

Sarvajanik University Sarvajanik College of Engineering & Technology



A Report on

BATTLE OF MINDS: DEBATE COMPETITION

Organized by

Student Activities and Welfare Counsel (SAWC), under Soft Skill Development Cell, SCET

on

11th & 12th September, 2025

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Faculty Coordinators:

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Soft Skills Development Cell and Student Activity and Welfare Committee Initiative



ON SEPT 11-12 2025

AT EC-AV room(F-102) TIME: 3 TO 5 PM

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Introduction

The Soft Skill Development Cell successfully organized a two-day Debate Competition on 11 and 12 September 2025. This event aimed at sharpening students' communication, analytical, and reasoning skills. It served as an intellectual platform where participants confidently expressed their opinions on various current affairs topics. The competition also encouraged teamwork, research, and effective articulation, which are vital elements of professional success.

Objectives:

- Enhance students' ability to construct logical arguments and defend their views.
- Build confidence and fluency in public speaking.
- Broaden awareness of contemporary social, political, and technological issues.
- Promote a spirit of healthy competition and mutual respect among students.

Event Details:

Dates: 11 & 12 September, 2025

Venues: EC AV Room & NJ Seminar Hall

Judges: Prof. Dhara Desai, Prof. Niket Shastri, Prof. Vishakha, Ms. Jalpa Panchal

Total Participants: 95

Topics: Various Current Affairs

Proceedings

The competition was conducted in two sessions over consecutive days. It commenced with a welcome address highlighting the importance of debating as a skill that blends logic, research, and spontaneity. The judges were introduced, followed by an explanation of the rules and evaluation criteria. Participants presented their arguments on various issues ranging from technology and society to environment and governance. Each speaker was allotted time to present their stance, followed by lively rebuttal rounds that tested their quick thinking and composure. The audience responded enthusiastically, applauding strong arguments and thoughtful presentations. The event concluded with constructive feedback from the judges, emphasizing clarity, evidence-based reasoning, and structured delivery.



A few glimpse of the event











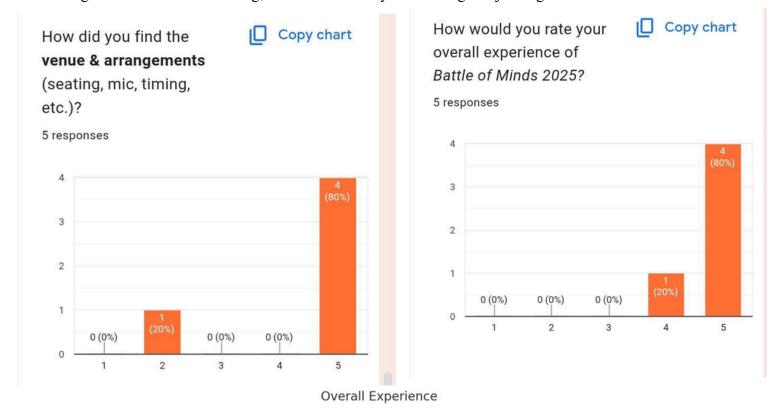
Participant Feedback

Suggestions for Improvement:

- Keep the participation listvery clear.
- Clarify group allotment earlier; participants were unsure until the last moment.
- Each participant's speaking time should be limited so everyone can speak.
- Provide 2 microphones for each team.
- Allow more time for team members to know each other before competition rounds.

Best Parts of the Event:

- Over coming nervousness and effectively rebutting during debates.
- The coordination and teamwork of the student coordinators; very organized and blunder-free.
- Effective communication through WhatsApp, marketing, designing, and reminders.
- Everything was best.
- Interesting debates and engaging arguments.
- Knowing people, learning to speak with confidence, and seizing opportunities quickly.
- Amazing back-and-forth debating; seniors and first years did a great job together.



4 (20%) 20.0% 80.0%

Results and Awards:

First Prize: Pakzaad Karanjia (EC)

Second Prize: Mehta Vedika (IC)
Third Prize: Vinay Jariwala (MCA)

Verbal Commendation: Harsh Patel (EC)

Verbal Commendation: Sreyansh Thorat (Mech)





Observations and Feedback

The judges lauded the overall quality of research and the confidence displayed by the participants. They observed that many students demonstrated excellent command over language and presented well-reasoned perspectives. A few participants were advised to focus on time management and to structure their rebuttals more concisely. The judges encouraged the continuation of such events to cultivate informed, articulate communicators.

Final Note

The Debate Competition proved to be a highly enriching experience for both participants and audience members. It provided an opportunity for students to showcase their analytical acumen, quick wit, and poise on stage. Beyond competition, the event strengthened bonds among peers, promoted respect for diverse opinions, and highlighted the importance of civil discourse in addressing contemporary challenges. The success of the program was made possible through the unwavering support of the Principal, faculty members, and volunteers, whose contributions ensured the seamless execution of every aspect of the event. The Soft Skill Development Cell looks forward to hosting similar activities in the future, fostering a vibrant culture of dialogue, learning, and growth on campus.

Event Core Committee

