

IITI Asian Parliamentary Debate

(IITI APD)

Debating Competition

Ingenium 3.0 — IIT Indore

Competition Overview

The IITI Asian Parliamentary Debate (IITI APD) is a cultural competition hosted as part of Ingenium 3.0. The competition aims to foster critical thinking, structured argumentation, and public speaking through the globally recognized Asian Parliamentary Debate format.

Debating lies at the intersection of cultural and intellectual expression, encouraging participants to engage deeply with real-world issues through logic, teamwork, and persuasive communication.

Introduction and Background

The Debating Society of IIT Indore has consistently worked towards promoting analytical thinking, effective communication, and structured discourse among students.

Asian Parliamentary Debate (APD) emphasizes collaborative reasoning, policy analysis, and ethical engagement. Hosting an APD competition during Ingenium 3.0 aligns with the festival's vision of holistic education by integrating intellectual and cultural competition into the broader techno-cultural framework.

Problem Statement

Although interest in debating at IIT Indore has grown steadily, opportunities for regular exposure to high-quality competitive debating remain limited.

Participation in external tournaments often involves logistical challenges, financial constraints, and accessibility issues, restricting students from gaining consistent competitive experience. An in-house APD competition with participation from other institutions addresses this gap by providing an accessible platform for skill development while strengthening IIT Indore's presence in the national debating circuit.

Competition Description

The competition follows the standard Asian Parliamentary Debate format. Teams of three speakers compete across preliminary and knockout rounds.

Debate motions will span a wide range of themes, including public policy, ethics, technology, and socio-political issues. The competition structure is designed to maintain a balance between competitiveness and inclusivity.

Objectives

- Promote critical thinking and analytical reasoning
- Encourage structured articulation and persuasive communication
- Foster collaboration within teams and interaction across institutions
- Provide exposure beyond classroom learning and campus boundaries

Competition Structure and Flow

Phase-wise Breakdown

Phase 1: Preliminary Rounds

- 16-team competition
- Four preliminary rounds

Phase 2: Semi-Finals

- Top four teams qualify based on number of wins and speaker scores

Phase 3: Finals

- Winners of the semi-final rounds qualify for the final
- Winner of the final round is declared the champion

Judging and Evaluation Criteria

Participants will be evaluated based on:

- Depth and relevance of arguments
- Logical consistency and engagement with the motion
- Innovation in argumentation and effectiveness of rebuttals
- Strategic execution and teamwork
- Clarity, structure, and persuasive impact of presentation

All evaluation and marking will be conducted in accordance with the **UADC 2025 Handbook**.