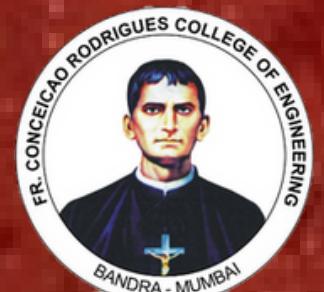




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MOULDING ENGINEERS WHO CAN BUILD THE NATION

THE 25TH EDITION

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# **Sustainable Coalescence**

**A SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
ODYSSEY**

**DATE: 6TH AND 7TH  
OCTOBER, 2023**

# FEEDBACK OF OUR PAST AUDIENCE

"The debate was well-organised and the participants were well aware. You people reminded me of the smart youth our country is famous for"

- Madhur Bhandarkar



"Way beyond my expectations. Never expected a technical college to hold such a non-technical Debate!"

-Dolly Thakore



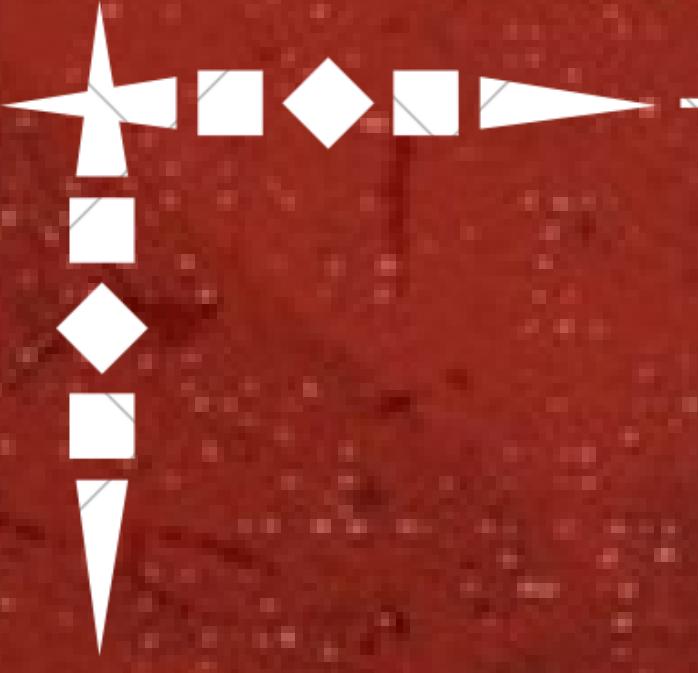
"No wonder films don't always do well. After seeing a debate like this where so many intellectual young minds fight it out who would want to go to a movie theatre?"

-Mahesh Bhatt



# **ABOUT US**

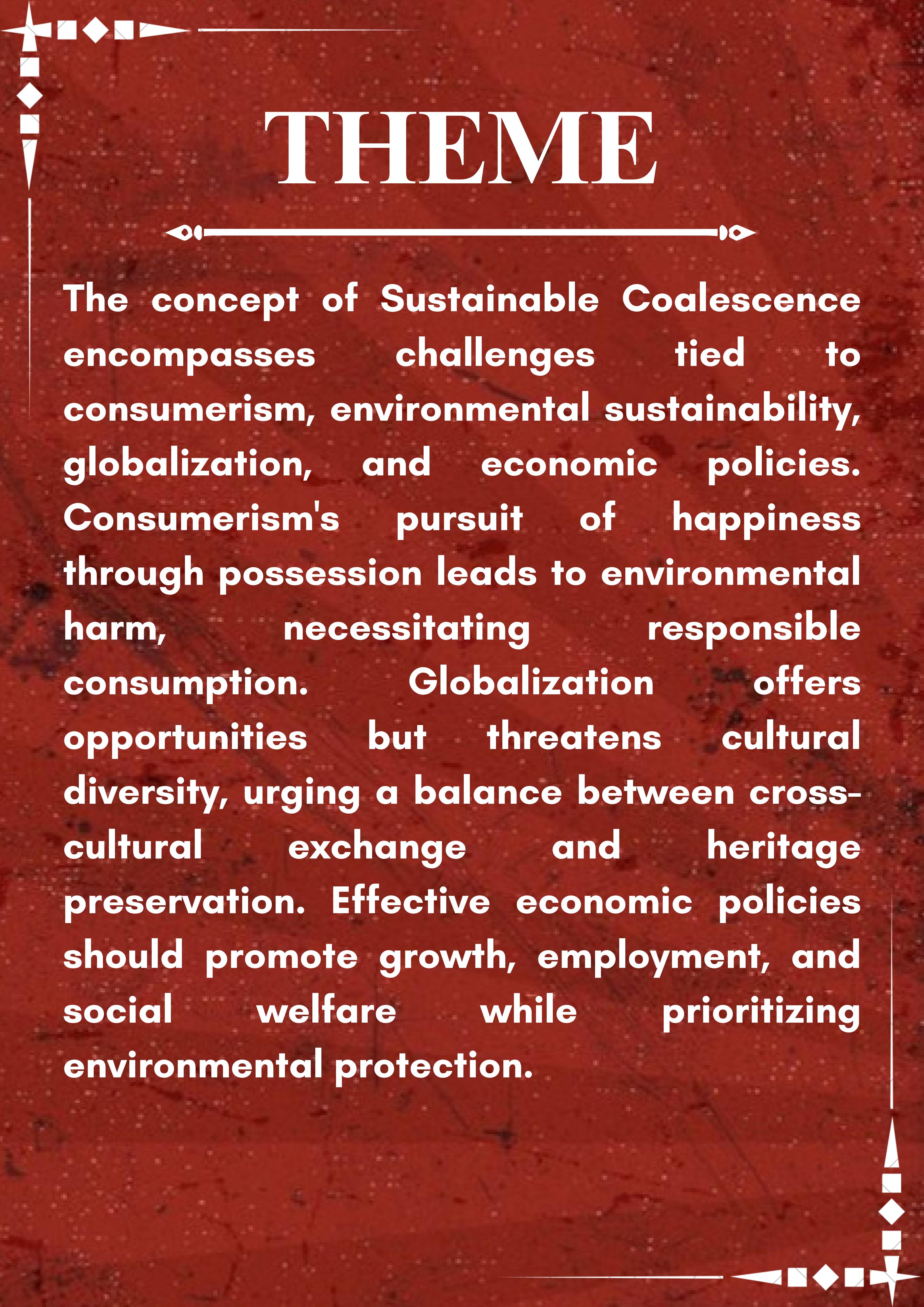
**The National level Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues Memorial Debate is a prestigious Debate Competition in Mumbai, hosted annually by Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Bandra. Inaugurated in the year 1999 as a debate competition for colleges within Mumbai, it became a National level Competition in 2012. This year, we celebrate the 25th year of this esteemed competition. It is a 2 day event held on 6th and 7th October, 2023 organised by our Students' Council. The debate aims to provide a forum for today's youth to articulate views and engage in a dialogue on various issues.**



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# THEME

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**The concept of Sustainable Coalescence encompasses challenges tied to consumerism, environmental sustainability, globalization, and economic policies. Consumerism's pursuit of happiness through possession leads to environmental harm, necessitating responsible consumption. Globalization offers opportunities but threatens cultural diversity, urging a balance between cross-cultural exchange and heritage preservation. Effective economic policies should promote growth, employment, and social welfare while prioritizing environmental protection.**

**Achieving Sustainable Coalescence requires collective action to harmonize progress with environmental stewardship, preserve diverse cultures, and create policies that foster prosperity and sustainability, paving the way for a more equitable and harmonious future. Proposed solutions span systemic changes, altered values, higher taxes on harmful products, and inclusive economic measures. Through such endeavors, society can shape a future where human progress is achieved alongside environmental preservation, striking a balance between global interconnectedness and the uniqueness of individual cultures.**

# **PRIZE POOL**

**Exciting prizes**

**worth upto**

**Rs. 80,000/-**

# **BASIC FORMAT**

The debate follows an intermediate oxford format. The following are the details about the format, the rules, regulations and instructions for the teams. A debate will have one team proposing the topic and one team opposing the topic with each team consisting of 2 members. Opening speech by proposition and then by opposition. Refutation round. Closing speech by opposition and then proposition.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

- One speaker of the team makes the opening speech while the other makes the closing speech.
- The proposition starts the debate; the proposition gives the first opening speech, followed by the opposition's opening speech.
- The opposition raises the first point in the refutation round.
- The last thirty seconds of Refutation Round at any stage of the competition is reserved for 'The Concluding Statement'.
- It is a concise and precise statement that sums up a team's argument.
- The debate is concluded by the closing speech, first from the opposition and then the proposition.
- No new points may be introduced in the closing speech.

- If a certain team does bring up a new point; the opposition may request the moderator an opportunity to point out the new points at the end of the closing speech which will lead to a negative marking.
- For the debates when topics are being given to the teams 15 minutes prior to their debate, they are strictly prohibited from using the internet or any other reading material.
- They will be provided with papers and writing material to note down their points which they can carry with themselves into the debate.
- Personal comments of any kind directed against the opposite team are strictly prohibited.
- Participants cannot comment on the opposite team's stance or statements made in previous competition debates.

- Negative marking for exceeding time limit.
  - Participants will be judged on the following criteria: Analysis, confidence, engagement with opposition, organization of points, argumentation level and rapport established with partner.
  - Discrepancies of any sort during the debate will be resolved at the moderator's discretion. The decision will be final and binding.
  - Any electronic devices will not be allowed during the debate.
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- Note: The topic for the first round of debate (League Round 1) will be given one week prior to the debate. In the next rounds (League Round 2 & 3), the topics will be given 20 minutes prior to the debate. For the quarters, semi-finals and the finals the topics will be given one hour prior.

# STIPULATIONS

## League Rounds and Quarter-Finals

- **4 minutes opening and closing speech**
- **Warning bell after 3 minutes 45 seconds (1 bell).**
- **No new points can be introduced after the warning bell for the opening speaker.** A contestant can however complete his current point and summarize.
- **2 bells after 4 minutes are completed.** Contestants are expected to conclude in the next 15 seconds. He/she would not be allowed to speak after 4 min 15 seconds. The time for the refutation rounds is 10 minutes

## Semi-Finals and Finals

- **5 minutes opening and closing speech.**
- **Warning bell after 4 minutes 45 seconds (1 bell).**
- **No new points can be introduced after the warning bell for the opening speaker.** A contestant can however complete his current point and summarize.
- **2 bells after 5 minutes are completed.**
- **Contestants are expected to conclude in the next 15 seconds.** He/she would not be allowed to speak after 5 min 15 seconds.
- **The time for the refutation rounds is 15 minutes for the semifinals and 20 minutes for the final.**

# STRUCTURE OF DEBATE

The debate will comprise of the following rounds:

- 3 League rounds
- Quarter Finals
- Semi-Finals and Final
- Structure of the Rounds:

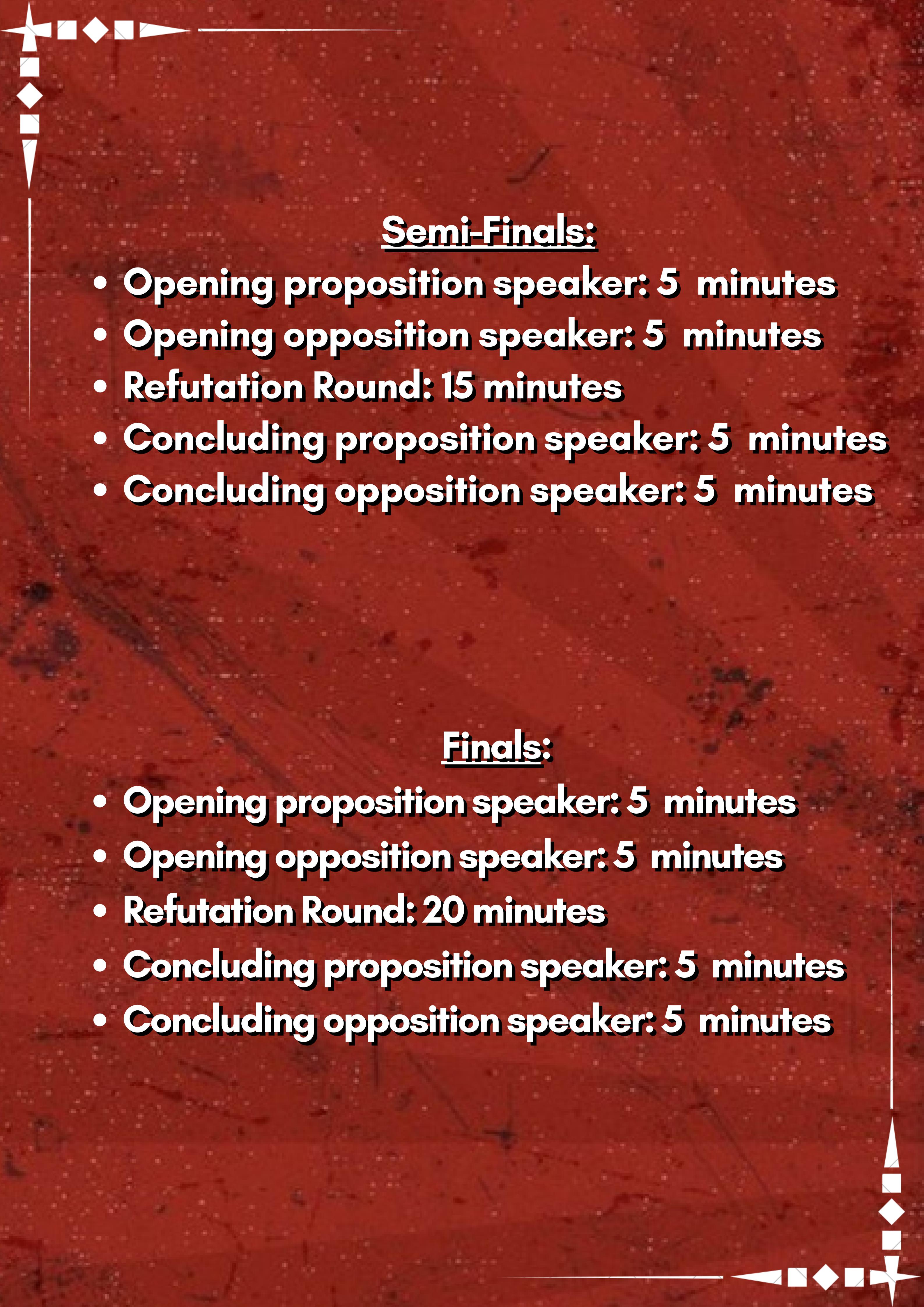
All the rounds of the debate will be oxford style and will comprise of formal debating with the following format specifics

## League Rounds:

- Opening proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Refutation Round : 10 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker : 4 minutes

## Quarter-Finals:

- Opening proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Refutation Round : 10 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker : 4 minutes



## Semi-Finals:

- **Opening proposition speaker: 5 minutes**
- **Opening opposition speaker: 5 minutes**
- **Refutation Round: 15 minutes**
- **Concluding proposition speaker: 5 minutes**
- **Concluding opposition speaker: 5 minutes**

## Finals:

- **Opening proposition speaker: 5 minutes**
- **Opening opposition speaker: 5 minutes**
- **Refutation Round: 20 minutes**
- **Concluding proposition speaker: 5 minutes**
- **Concluding opposition speaker: 5 minutes**

# **DIRECTIVES**

- There will be registration fees of Rs.300/-.  
Link for the payment would be provided.
- Any changes in the name of the participants from your college will be entertained only after clarification with the General Secretary or Cultural Secretary of your college.
- Participants are requested to register themselves at the reception desk on the first day of the event.
- All participants are requested to report at the Samvaad auditorium of Fr. CRCE on the 9th floor of the college building on 06th October 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
- Lunch will be provided to all the participants.
- Every team will be provided with a team in-charge. Please keep him/her informed about your whereabouts at all times.

- Every college can send only one team consisting of two members
- Student Council and the College Management will be the deciding authority in case of any discrepancy in hospitality related issues and will not be responsible for any loss of property.
- The decision of the Management will be final as far as the management and the debate is concerned.
- Please bring along your college ID and ID proof.
- Please confirm as soon as possible since entry is given on 'first come first serve' basis and the same is limited to 32 colleges.
- All participants are requested to be present in formal attire

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