DEBATE-- ENERGY PARLIAMENT

***"*I may be wrong and you may be right and, by an effort, we may get nearer the truth."**

*Karl Popper*

Debate is a formal contest of argumentation between two teams or individuals. More broadly, and more importantly, debate is an essential tool for developing and maintaining democracy and open societies. More than a mere verbal or performance skill, debate embodies the ideals of reasoned argument, tolerance for divergent points of view and rigorous self-examination. Debate is, above all, a way for those who hold opposing views to discuss controversial issues without descending to insult, emotional appeals or personal bias.

A key trademark of debate is that it rarely ends in agreement, but rather allows for a robust analysis of the question at hand. Perhaps this is what French philosopher Joseph Joubert meant when he said: “It is better to debate a question without settling it, than to settle a question without debating it.”

**PRELIMS**

* A group discussion will conducted with a group size depending on the number of registrations.
* The topics for the Group Discussion will be general or Energy related. The topics are chosen such that it can be easily managed on the spot.
* Out of all the groups, around 10 members will be selected based on the performance in the Group Discussion.

**FINALS**

* The selected 10 members will be divided into two groups with equal members.
* The debate will be conducted for these two groups on a general topic. The topics are chosen such that it can be easily managed on the spot. We will also provide a small time to think on the topic, say about, 10 minutes.
* The best team which convinces their view on the topic will be awarded with Prizes.

**PRIZES**

Cash prize to the top team and the best speaker.

All registered participants will receive a certificate of participation from NIT Tiruchirappalli.