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P R E S E N T S

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RULE BOOK

About the Competition

This competition is built on the idea of embracing diverse viewpoints (Vividh). Participants are provided with a topic usually a draft Bill or policy paper and are expected to propose their amendments to it.

All submitted proposals are then discussed in detail. Participants analyze the provisions, examine the nuances of the topic, and articulate their positions clearly. Every participant has complete liberty to:

- Propose or not propose any amendment(s).
- Agree, disagree, or remain neutral on the points raised by co-participants.
- Recommend alternative approaches to their own or others' proposals.

Participants must, however, substantiate their views articulately and engage constructively with the viewpoints presented by others.

Structure of the Discussion

Each discussion follows a specific format, determined by the topic, the moderator, and the amendments submitted. The discussion format may include:

- Allocation of time for each point or round
- Order in which points will be discussed
- Reservation of time for specific interventions
- Procedure for proposing and submitting amendments

The Moderator will communicate the structure, rules, and duration of the round before the discussion begins. The process is entirely moderator-driven, and participants are expected to respect and follow the moderator's directions at all times.

Objective and Spirit of the Competition

The primary aim of the competition is to:

- Enable participants to express their viewpoints on the topic
- Encourage understanding and analysis of differing viewpoints
- Facilitate the addressing of potential clashes in perspectives

Participants are expected to present their arguments with clarity and proficiency so that others can understand and possibly empathize with their

perspective. Likewise, they should remain open to appreciating the perspectives of their fellow participants.

Ultimately, the goal is to work together, navigate differences constructively, and strive toward a meaningful collective conclusion.

This competition requires participants to:

- Brainstorm and think critically
- Remain calm, composed, and analytical
- Apply wit, intelligence, and reasoning
- Engage thoughtfully with the nuances of this unique format

Circulation of Draft Bills

Drafts of the Bills prepared by Drishtikon shall be circulated to all through the links in the brochure. Each draft will serve as the core document for the discussion. The drafts will be inspired by real-world occurrences and presented in the form of a Bill or policy paper. Participants are required to confine their submissions and analysis to the context provided within these drafts.

Structure of the Competition

The competition will consist of two stages:

1. Preliminary Rounds
2. Final Round

Preliminary Rounds

- The Prelims will be divided into four separate rounds.
- Each round will have a fixed minimum number of participants qualifying for the Finals.
- Since there are four distinct preliminary rounds, each round will have a different draft as its topic.

Final Round

- The Final Round will feature a new draft, distinct from those used in the Prelims.

Allocation of Topics and Rounds

Participants will be asked to indicate their topic preferences at the time of registration. Based on these preferences and, if required, through a lottery/chit system participants will be allotted:

- Their round number, and
- The topic/draft designated for that round,

While ensuring equitable participation across all rounds.

Preliminary Round Draft Bills 2026

This year's preliminary round Bills:

1. Geo-Heritage Bill
2. Right to Disconnect Bill

3. Press and Registration Bill
4. Citizen's Charter Bill

Rules Governing the Discussion Round

1. Order of Discussion

- The discussion shall proceed strictly according to the pre-decided order.
- Any amendments presented on the respective points shall be considered within the discussion time allocated for that point.

2. Use of Electronic Devices

- Participants are strictly prohibited from using mobile phones or any other electronic devices during the discussion.

3. Amendments

- Participants may propose amendments to the draft.
- Amendments to an already presented amendment may be permitted at the discretion of the Moderator.
- At the beginning of the discussion on each point, participants will be invited to:
 - Move their amendment,
 - Withdraw their amendment, or
 - Co-subscribe to an amendment,
as appropriate to the situation.

4. Voting Procedure

- Once discussion on a point concludes, voting will be conducted by a show of hands.
- Before voting begins, each participant will be given one minute to withdraw their amendment, if they wish.
- Participants must conclude all points within the allocated or extended time, and the group must work toward passing an agreed text.
- A minimum of 60% majority is required for the text to be passed.
- Participants are encouraged to aim for unanimous approval, as this will reflect positively on the score sheet.

5. Speaking Procedure

- All participants will receive an opportunity to speak.
- A participant's turn to speak shall be indicated by acknowledgment from the Moderator.

6. Evaluation Criteria

- Participants will be evaluated by two judges present in the room.
- Marks shall be awarded as per the Marking Criteria specified in Annexure 1.

7. Qualification for the Final Round

- The top four participants (based on marks) from each preliminary round shall qualify for the Finals.
- In the event of a tie for the 4th position, qualification shall be determined based on the combined scores of Marking Criteria Points 1–4.
- Under exceptional circumstances, the Moderator may exercise a veto against the qualification of any participant.
 - In such a case, the participant ranked 5th shall advance to the Finals.

8. Fact-Checking Protocol

- If any participant believes that another participant has misstated a fact, they may bring this to the Moderator's attention.
- The Moderator will refer the matter to the Fact-Checker.
- If a participant is found to have misstated or fabricated facts:
 - Their point shall be discarded, and
 - They may receive negative marking, at the discretion of the judges.

Dialogue Break

1. Purpose of the Dialogue Break

A 5-minute Dialogue Break may be allowed at various points during the round. Participants may use this time to:

- Conduct quick research on the topic,
- Reconsider or refine their strategy, and
- Garner support from other participants through diplomacy, reasoning, or logic.

2. Initiation of a Dialogue Break

- Any participant may propose a Dialogue Break.
- The break shall be granted if 60% of the participants present in the round agree to the proposal.

3. Moderator's Discretion

- The Moderator may also call for a Dialogue Break *suo motu*, if deemed necessary.

4. Limit on Number of Breaks

- In a session, the participants may request a maximum of two (2) Dialogue Breaks.
- Please note that the participants will not be allowed to leave the room, interact with the audience or use their electronic gadget during the dialogue break.

Amendments

1. Submission of Amendments

- Participants must thoroughly review the draft circulated to them and may submit up to FIVE (5) amendments.
- Example:
If a draft on mental health of teenagers includes a provision mandating the appointment of a psychiatrist in every educational institution, and a participant has reservations, they may research the issue and propose a precisely drafted amendment addressing their concerns.

2. Drafting Requirements

- Participants must carefully construct their amendments based on thorough research and their informed perspective.
- Amendments must be drafted with clarity, precision, and legal crispness, ensuring the proposal fully communicates the intended modification.

3. Approach and Attitude

- Participants should aim to get their amendment approved by either:
 - All participants, or
 - The prescribed majority, while maintaining openness and receptiveness to differing views and suggestions.

4. Deadlines for Submission

- For Preliminary Rounds: Amendments must be submitted by **11:59 P.M. on 1st February 2026**.
- For the Final Round: Amendments must be submitted by **07:00 A.M. on 8th February 2026**.

5. Circulation of Amendments

- All proposed amendments will be circulated to participants at least two hours before the commencement of the round.
- A designated counter will provide hard copies of all amendments.

6. Participant Responsibility

- Participants are expected to:
 - Collect their hard copies diligently, and
 - Thoroughly study the amendments proposed by others.

7. Nature of Amendments

- Amendments may take the form of:
 - Addition
 - Deletion
 - Alteration of any point, whether from the original draft or from proposals submitted by other participants.

Fact-Checker

The Fact-Checker of the discussion shall have the following duties:

1. Verification of Information
 - o To verify the authenticity of any reference, citation, or factual claim made during the discussion.
 - o To conduct fact-checking whenever requested by the Moderator.
2. Time Management Assistance
 - o To ensure that the discussion does not exceed the time allotted for each phase, as communicated by the Moderator beforehand.
 - o To ring the bell twice when the prescribed time ends.

Moderator

The Moderator of the discussion shall have the following duties and powers:

1. Conduct of the Round
 - o To announce the topic of the discussion.
 - o To rule on points of clarification regarding rules, discipline, and marking criteria.
 - o To ensure that the discussion is organized, orderly, and conducted according to the rules of the competition.
2. Maintenance of Discipline
 - o The Moderator may oust any participant found misbehaving during the competition.
 - *Explanation: "Misbehavior" includes any act violating the rules of the competition.*
3. Time and Structure of the Round
 - o To determine and notify the participants of the structure and time allocation of the round.
 - o The Moderator may, at their discretion, extend the discussion time by up to 30 minutes to facilitate the conclusion of the draft.

Co-Moderator

The Co-Moderator of the discussion shall have the following duties:

1. Assistance to Moderator
 - o To assist the Moderator throughout the competition.
2. Participant Acknowledgement
 - o To ensure the Moderator duly acknowledges all participants wishing to speak.
3. Maintenance of Order
 - o To ensure the prevention of misbehavior in or during the competition.

4. Penalty Power

- o The Co-Moderator may deduct 5 marks if a participant is found:
 - Misbehaving, and/or
 - Not complying with the rules of the competition.
- o A warning must be issued before imposing such deduction.
- o The penalty is subject to confirmation by the Moderator.

Penalty and Disqualification

1. Grounds for Penalty or Disqualification

- Any participant found misbehaving or failing to comply with the rules of the competition shall be liable for penalties and, in extreme cases, disqualification.
- Such actions shall be taken only after due consideration by both Judges and the Moderator.
- Penalties shall primarily consist of deduction of marks.

2. Use of Electronic Devices

- The use of any electronic device(s) during the competition is strictly prohibited.
- Participants found using such devices shall attract penalties.
- Explanation:
Electronic devices include any device capable of accessing the internet or stored documents. Participants may bring hard copies of notes or materials.

3. Restrictions on Communication

- Heckling, side-talking, or engaging in any form of disruptive communication with other participants is strictly prohibited.

4. Respect Towards Moderators

- Participants must respect the authority of the Moderator and Co-Moderators at all times.
- Any insolent or disrespectful behavior toward them shall lead to strict penalties.

5. Respect for Fellow Participants

- Participants are expected to maintain the dignity of the competition and treat all other participants with respect.
- Any behavior undermining the dignity of others may attract penalties.

6. Misstatement or Misleading Information

- Participants found misstating facts or misleading the discussion in any manner shall attract penalties.

Marking Scheme

Participants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Comprehension and Expression of Amendments

- Marks will be awarded based on the quality, clarity, and relevance of the proposed amendments.
- Participants will also be assessed on their ability to support or accommodate others' amendments when required.
- Even if a participant chooses to withdraw their amendment in favor of a stronger or more balanced proposal, they may be positively marked.
- This criterion evaluates whether a participant prioritizes the greater good over individual preference.

2. Research on the Topic

- Participants demonstrating extensive, well-integrated research will score higher.
- However, they must ensure that their research complements and does not overshadow other marking criteria.

3. Articulation of Argument

- Marks will be awarded for clear, coherent, and persuasive presentation of arguments supporting their viewpoints and amendments.

4. Listening Capacity

- Participants will be assessed on their active listening skills, including attentiveness and genuine consideration of others' viewpoints.

5. Balance Between Rigidity and Flexibility

- Participants must exhibit an appropriate combination of firmness in defending their stance and flexibility when presented with superior reasoning or collaborative opportunities.

6. Acknowledgement of Moderator

- Participants must consistently show respect and adherence to the authority of the Moderator.

7. Acknowledgement of Other Participants

- Participants must maintain dignity, politeness, and mutual respect throughout the discussion.

8. Discipline

- Overall conduct, punctuality, orderliness, and discipline maintained throughout the round will be evaluated.

9. Understanding the Dynamics of the Room

- Participants should remain vigilant and aware of the flow of discussion, the collective mood, and the direction of the debate.

10. Lobbying in Favor of Amendments

- As the ultimate aim is to pass a conclusive text, participants will be assessed on their ability to gain support, negotiate, compromise, and build alliances during breaks or through logical persuasion.

Competition Timeline

Event	Date
Release of Brochure	18 December 2025
Closure of Registrations	15 January 2026
Allotment of Bills	16 January 2026
Orientation Session (Online)	18 January 2026
Submission of Amendments for Prelims	01 February 2026
Release of Final Bill	01 February 2026
Circulation of Amendments for Prelims	05 February 2026
Inauguration Ceremony (Offline)	07 February, 2026, 12:30 PM
Preliminary Rounds	07 February 2026
Announcement of Finalists	07 February, 2026, 6:00 PM
Submission of Amendments for Finals	08 February, 2026, 7:00 AM
Final Round	08 February 2026

Prizes and Awards

1. Certificates

- Certificate of Participation shall be awarded to *all participants*.
- Certificate of Excellence shall be awarded to *all finalists*.

2. Winner's Award

- The Winner shall receive:
 - A Trophy, and
 - A Certificate, and
 - A Cash Prize of ₹5,000.

3. Best Speaker

- The Best Speaker shall be determined on the basis of the highest speaker's score in the Final Round.
- The Best Speaker shall receive:
 - A Trophy,
 - A Certificate and
 - A Cash Prize of ₹3,000.

4. Best Amendment

- The Best Amendment shall be selected based on the quality, clarity, and impact of the amendment proposed.
- The recipient shall receive:
 - A Trophy,
 - A Certificate and
 - A Cash Prize of ₹2,000.

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Nationwide Registrations Open Now

To register for the competition, participants are required to pay the registration fee to the following University account:

Account Number: 2837100024089

Account Name: Registrar, DSNLU

Bank Name and Branch: Union Bank of India, Sabbavaram

IFSC Code: UBIN0828378