

1) Samvaad (Debate Competition):

Samvaad is a debate competition designed to encourage critical thinking, articulate speech, and persuasive arguments. Participants will engage in intellectual battles, presenting their viewpoints on various thought-provoking topics.

Rules and Guidelines:

- **Language:**
 - ☐ The debate will be conducted in English
 - ☐ Participants must maintain clarity and coherence in their arguments.
- **Team Composition:**
 - ☐ Each team will consist of 2 members – one speaking For the motion and the other Against the motion.
- **Debate Format:**
 - ☐ Each speaker will have 3 minutes to present their arguments.
 - ☐ 1 minute of rebuttal time will be allowed after both sides have spoken.
- **Topics and Preparation:**
 - ☐ Debate topics will be announced 30 minutes before the competition.
 - ☐ Participants are allowed to prepare notes but cannot read directly from them.
- **Turncoat :**
 - ☐ Don't raise your voice, improve your argument Prepare for battle as you
 - ☐ engage with the opposing team for you to prove your point but... with a twist.
 - ☐ When yelled "'Turncoat'", the team 'for' the topic will change sides and be
 - ☐ 'against' the topic and vice versa.
- **Judging Criteria:**
 - ☐ Content and Relevance of arguments
 - ☐ Clarity and Articulation of speech
 - ☐ Persuasiveness and Impact of arguments
 - ☐ Rebuttal and Counter-arguments

- ☐ **Body Language and Confidence**
- **Fair Play and Conduct:**
 - ☐ **Respectful language and decorum must be maintained at all times.**
 - ☐ **Personal attacks or derogatory remarks will result in disqualification.**
- **Judging and Decisions:**
 - ☐ **The decision of the judging panel will be final and binding.**
- **Identification Requirement:**
 - ☐ **ID-card is mandatory for all participants.**

Articulate your thoughts, defend your stance, and conquer the podium at the Samvaad Debate Competition!