



A Report on Debate Competition

Topic: Are Himachal Disasters Natural or Man-made?

Department Of Political Science in Collaboration with Free Thinker's Club

Free Thinkers Club And **Department Of Political Science** is organizing a **DEBATE** on : **Are Himachal disasters natural or man made ?**

TEAM-A	VS	TEAM-B
 Chestha		 Krrish
 Sujal		 Ritasha
 Saksham		 Sapna
 Jayantika		 Samriti
 Aarchi		 Yashima

All are cordially invited
Venue :Room no. 10
16th Sep.

A debate competition was organized on **16th September , 2024 (Monday) at 2:40 p.m. in Room No. 10** under the joint collaboration of the **Free Thinkers Club and the Department of Political Science of Government Degree College Sanjauli.** The event witnessed an enthusiastic audience of around **250 students.**



The debate was gracefully **moderated and anchored by Ms. Nikkita Dhiman**, who welcomed the dignitaries and participants. The **Chief Guests** included **Assistant Professor Abhishek Thakur (Political Science)** and **Dr. Harshvardhan Khimta (Professor of English)**, who also served as judges. The event was further graced by **Vice Principal Prof. Deepak Kaprate (HoD English Department)**, **Prof. Sandesh Kalta (Journalism)**, **Dr. Poonam Chandel (HoD Political Science)**.



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**Special Guest Mr. Vartik Chatra, Alumnus Of Political Science
graced the event with his presence.**



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The programme commenced with a **welcome address by the moderator Ms. Nikkita Dhiman student of BA 3rd year**, followed by an insightful speech from **Prof. Deepak Kaprate [HOD of English department and Vice President Of College]** on climate change and its growing challenges.

The debate was contested between :

Team A (arguing disasters are man-made)
and **Team B (arguing disasters are natural)**.

Team A (Man-made Disasters):

Members: Cheshta (BA II), Aarchi (BA III), Sujal (BA II), Saksham (BA III), Jayantika (BA III)



Key Arguments:

- Ignoring carrying capacity of fragile mountains.
- Illegal and unplanned construction on steep slopes.
- Deforestation leading to soil erosion and landslides.
- Weak waste management and transport systems.
- Unsafe tourism activities.
- Policy loopholes and corruption.

Case Studies: 2023 Shimla house collapse due to poor drainage, Summerhill temple landslide, Solan school building collapse, and bridge failures.

Team B (Natural Disasters):

Members: Krish (BA III), Yashima (BA III), Samriti (BA I), Ritasha (BA II), Sapna (BA II)



Key Arguments:

- Natural climatic cycles like El Niño and La Niña.
- Geographical vulnerability of the Himalayas.
- Steep and unstable slopes.
- Solar flux and energy variations.
- Global comparison with other mountains like the Alps, Aravallis, and Wales.

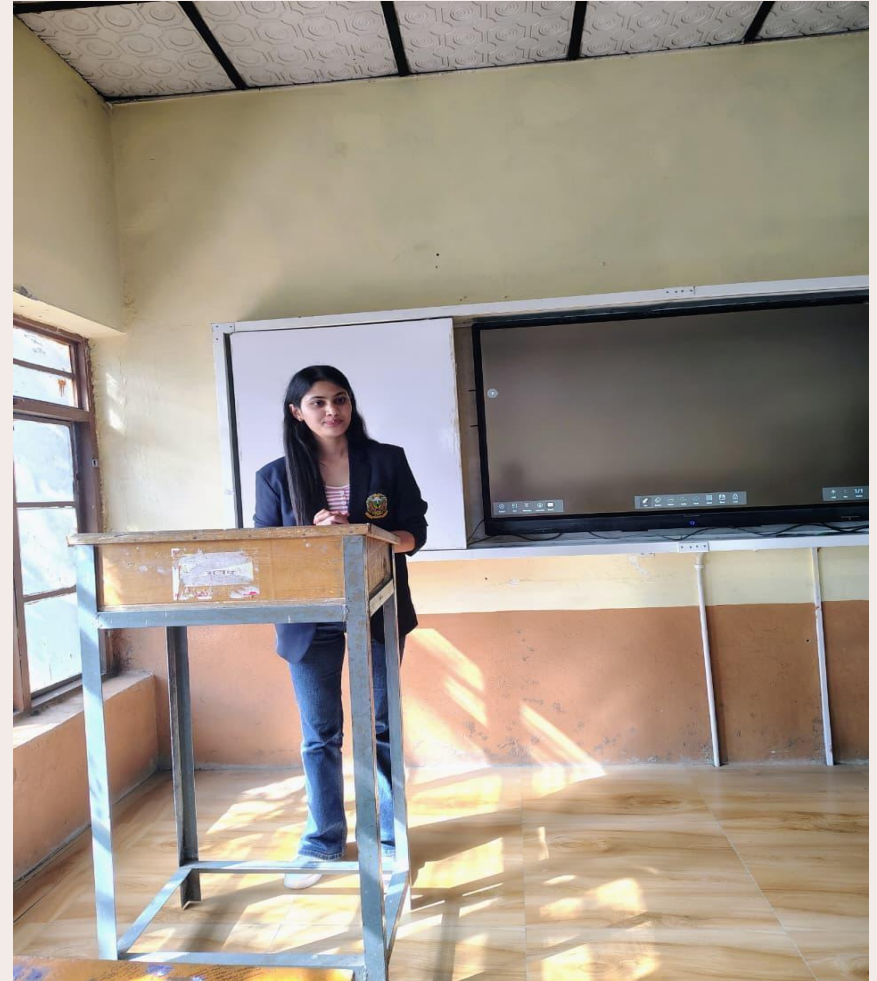
The debate grew vibrant with **roasting, questioning, and counter-arguments**, keeping the audience engaged. Both teams supported their claims with facts and case studies, making the session both **informative and entertaining**.



In the concluding remarks, **Dr. Harshvardhan Khimta** appreciated the depth of arguments and encouraged the students for their analytical approach. **Assistant Professor Abhishek Thakur** announced the results, declaring **Team A as the winners.**



**Aarchi (BA III) was adjudged
the Best Speaker.**



The session ended with **Dr. Poonam Chandel** delivering the **Vote of Thanks**, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and students for making the event a grand success.



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