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DEBATE ON POLITICAL FREEBIES

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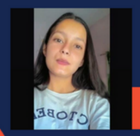

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Introduction

The Free Thinkers Club of the Department of Political Science hosted a hot debate on the topic of Political Freebies on 6 October 2023 at 1:20 PM featuring judges Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh Khimta (Assoc. Prof.) and Mr. Sandesh Kumar (Asst. Prof.).

The event became a platform for students to passionately argue in favor of or against political freebies.

The report provides a brief account of the debate, highlight of the key arguments and the judges' perspectives, offering an overview of the dynamic engagement between the participants.

Executive Summary

The debate on Political Freebies began with an introduction to the rules of the debate by the moderator Mr. Tarun Sharma who skillfully steered the course of the debate in a very professional manner.

The affirmative team convincingly argued in the favor of political freebies quoting their potential to address socio-economic disparities and to ensure giving various facilities to the society.
They highlighted that the policy of giving freebies are an essential part of inclusive governance.

The arguments of the opposing side against political freebies were equally compelling. The team emphasized concerns about the fiscal responsibility, misuse of resources and the impact on individual growth. While supporting welfare schemes for health management and infrastructure the team condoned the efforts of political parties to sway voters by offering them freebies.

The judges evaluated the debate assessing the arguments and presentation skills. While both sides presented strong arguments, the team against the motion was declared the winner.

Debate Structure•••

RULES

- *Structured format : Presentation of motions followed by open debate.*
- *Time allotted: 3 minutes per speaker.*
- *Buzzer : First bell at 2 min 30seconds and second bell at 3 minutes to conclude the statement.*
- *Open debate : The debate was opened up in direction of the moderator.*

OPENING STATEMENT

- *Opening statements were presented by all members of both the teams.*
- *The statements were to be concluded within 3 minutes by the participants.*

OPEN DEBATE

- *The debate was opened up to the participants after 2 minutes of concluding the opening statements.*
- *The participants questioned and counter questioned each other with sound logic.*

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF FREEBIES

- DPSP
- Rich : Poor ratio
- Compensatory measures
- PDS System

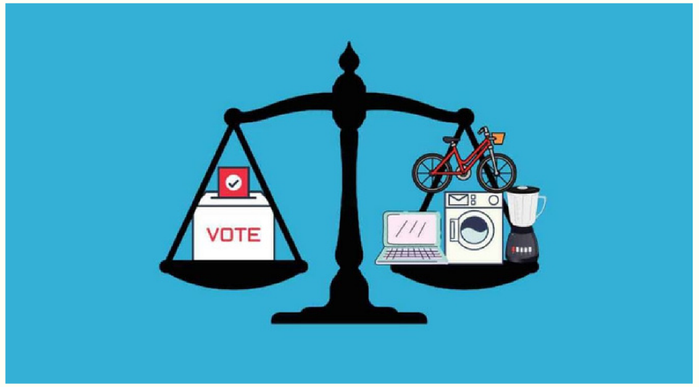
- Free commodity
- Bihar cycles
- Delhi water and electricity
- Finland and Norway literacy

- Basic needs
- Sport for education
- Expectations
- Help in building work force

- H.P. electricity
- Free drinking water in rural houses
- Ujjwala Yojna

- 3% of Indian GDP on health while global avg. 6%
- Freebies are basic necessity
- Focus to be tax

ARGUMENTS AGAINST FREEBIES



- Difference b/w necessity & luxury
- Inflation and fiscal consequences
- Culture of entitlement
- Similar to bribery

- Increased govt. dependency
- Need for reducing incentives
- Fueling of political corruption

- Focus should be welfare state
- Economic strain
- Dependency
- A good freebie an oxymoron

- Resource exploitation
- Macroeconomic instability
- Promotion of credit culture

- Resource misallocation
- Quality compromise
- Against free and fair elections

Judges' Evaluation

The respected judges Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh Khimta (Assoc. Prof. English) and Mr. Sandesh Kumar (Asst. Prof. Journalism & Mass Comm.) were responsible for the evaluation of the participants' arguments ensuring a fair assessment.
The judges praised the participants for their quick wittedness and debating prowess and shared their views on the topic levying great emphasis on both sides of the coin.

WINNING TEAM

The team against the motion was declared the winner.
The judges informed the participants that it was a close challenge and both the sides impressed the judges to a great extent informing that the winning side managed to secure the victory in a commendably close contest.

BEST DEBATER

Miss Swati Sharma from the team against the motion was named the best debater.
The judges praised her quick wittedness and responsive stance to the questioning from the affirmative team.

Audience Response

The audience, though not actively participating in the debate displayed an attentive behavior.
The responses from the audience were non-verbal, including nodding, occasional applause and a stream of laughter on quick witted remarks of the participants.
The audience’s active presence greatly added to the overall ambience of the debate.

Conclusion

The debate on political freebies was a thought-provoking and an engaging event
The proceedings of the event were carried by the moderator and the two judges provided expert evaluation.
The favor side explained the importance of freebies as ways to provide for and look after the society, while the against side questioned the fiscal responsibility and stressed on the long tern effects.
Ultimately the debate encouraged critical thinking and demonstrated the importance of open dialogue to build intellect..

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RESPECTED JUDGES

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh Khimta (Assoc. Prof. English)
- Mr. Sandesh Kumar (Asst. Prof. Journalism & Mass Comm.)

RESPECTED GUEST

- Mrs. Kreety Thakur

MODERATOR

- Mr. Tarun Sharma

PARTICIPANTS (FOR)

- Saksham
- Chirag
- Komal
- Piyush
- Abhishek

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- Puja
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