



**LAW DEXTER
PRESENTS**

**NATIONAL
DEBATE COMPETITION
2020**

EXCLUSIVE KNOWLEDGE

ABOUT LAW DEXTER

“Law Dexter” is a student-driven forum that provides opportunities to every young budding mind of the legal fraternity to come forward and share their imaginative and creative legal thoughts and broadcast their skill in legal writing. We are a small team of talented professionals with a wide range of skills and experiences.

ABOUT THE DEBATE COMPETITION

“वादेवादेजायतेतत्त्वबोधः”

(Truth is discovered and assimilated or realized by debates and discussions) - Ancient Indian Philosophy of Vadashastra.

The whole idea of debate and discussions offers a positive platform to analyze modern communication's wonders and challenges attached to it. A logical and rational debate not only empowers the society, but also provides a way forward for the future. One cannot discard the idea of modern communication web and its importance in imparting the valuable information.

"Law Dexter's National Debate Competition" is a national level debate competition organized by Law Dexter. The competition aims to enhance the oratory and debating skills of participants and take away experience, expertise and excellence.

The competition shall be judged by a panel of eminent jury members and we hope that through this platform, students get another activity to exercise their brains and maintain the spirit of education despite being locked inside their homes.

ABOUT THE TOPIC:

‘This house believes that same-sex marriage should be legally recognized’

After the decriminalization of section 377, Supreme Court has legalized homosexuality in India. The next Debate here is the issue of legalizing same-sex marriage. The same-sex marriage as understood by LGBTQI people is not simply a question about the policing love rather it is a question of providing them with certain inalienable rights which a couple gets after their marriage is legally recognized. Their marriage must be recognized as every other marriage in our country is legally recognized. Recognition of their marriage will promote equality and also protect the right to life and personal liberty. But on the other hand, such a marriage goes against the norms of our Indian society. In India, a marriage is considered as a union between a male and a female specifically. There are various religious laws that permit a marriage only between a male and a female. Many people believe that homosexuality is rather a concept from foreign nations and India is not at all in a condition to accept such kind of relationships. Now the debate which arises here is whether a same-sex marriage should be legalized in India or not.

TEAM CODE FOR PARTICIPATION:

- Every team shall use the allotted “**TEAM CODE**” as their identity for the debate.
- Participants are prohibited from disclosing their **NAMES, INSTITUTE NAME, or OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION** until specifically asked by the organizers.
- Participants have to put their **TEAM CODE** as their name in their **GOOGLE MEET ACCOUNT**. Teams have to mention Speaker 1 & Speaker 2 as well along with their Team Codes.

LANGUAGE FOR THE EVENT:

The event shall be conducted strictly in **ENGLISH** and participants are allowed to communicate in English only.

DRESS CODE FOR THE EVENT:

The dress code for the event is strictly western formals.

MODE OF CONDUCTION:

- The debate will be conducted online through **GOOGLE MEET**. The **LINK OF THE EVENT** will be sent by the organizers to the participants through E-mails **15 MINUTES BEFORE THE SLOTS PROVIDED** to the Participants in the Schedule of Events.
- In the case of **ANY KIND OF DISCREPANCY/DELAY** from the scheduled time due to any unforeseen event, **ORGANIZERS WOULD NOT BE LIABLE** and will try to convey the updated schedule.
- Participants have to keep their **MICROPHONES MUTED** throughout the debate unless it's their turn to speak and they are called by the coordinator to speak.
- The use of **WEBCAM IS MANDATORY WHILE SPEAKING**.
- Participants in the **AUDIENCE** shall keep their **WEBCAMS/FRONT CAMERAS OFF**.
- Participants shall hear a **SHORT BELL** when **1 MINUTE** would be left of their speaking time and a **LONG BELL** when their **TIME IS OVER**.

- **SPEAKER 1 SHALL SPEAK FOR THE MOTION & SPEAKER 2 SHALL SPEAK AGAINST THE MOTION.**
- Team Participants are requested to SEND THE TIME DURATION of Speaker 1&2 respectively via E-mail on lawdexterviyou@gmail.com AT LEAST 2 DAYS BEFORE the event.
- Each team shall have in **TOTAL 8 MINUTES** to speak (each speaker shall speak for AT LEAST 3 MINUTES). 2 extra minutes will be allotted for the rebuttal. Speaking more than allotted time may attract **NEGATIVE MARKING**.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMING:

- Debate shall be conducted from **24TH TO 25TH OCTOBER 2020**.
- Participants are **MANDATORILY REQUIRED** to ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY on 24 October. **ABSENCE** in which shall LEAD TO **DISQUALIFICATION** from the further event.
- Results will be declared on **26th October by 8 pm on social media handles** of Law Dexter i.e. Instagram, LinkedIn, and on the website of Law Dexter (<https://www.lawdexter.com/>).

QUESTIONING:

- Participants are allowed to **ASK QUESTIONS IN THE CHATBOX** of google meet only. It shall be the **DISCRETION OF THE JURY TO ENTERTAIN** the questions raised by the participants.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Speakers shall be evaluated on the following parameters:

1. Research & Content.
 2. Cohesiveness (logical Sequence)
 3. Use of Tone & assertiveness
 4. Eye Contact (Memorization instead of use of paper)
 5. Adherence to time limit
- Reading out the entire debate from a paper/other source isn't allowed. However, one can keep a short note for reference.

NOTES:

- In case of any kind of discrepancy or dilemma, JURY'S DECISION WILL BE BINDING AND FINAL.
- Participants are required to MARK THEIR ATTENDANCE in the chat box of Google meets before their slot for speaking starts.
- ORGANIZERS ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ANY KIND OF CONNECTIVITY ISSUES.
- VIOLATION OF ANY RULES would amount to IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION from the event.
- By applying for the competition, the teams shall be deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions of the organizing committee.
- Law Dexter reserves the right to alter or change the rules or procedure of the competition
- Details and information concerning the debate will be shared through Email

or Whatsapp by the organizing committee

PRIZES

- **Best Team Award:** Cash prize of ₹1000/- + Coupon worth INR 1000 (1 coupon to each participant) from Memo Pundits, which can be used to purchase any course from their website + certificate of merit
- **Runner-up Best Team Award:** Cash prize of ₹600/- + certificate of merit
- **Best Speaker Award:** Cash prize of ₹500/- + certificate of merit
- **INR 200** off on any of the courses offered by Memo Pundits to the **Top 5 teams.**
- **E-Certificate** of participation shall be provided to all the participants on the Email ID provided at the time of registration.

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PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Use of foul language or use of any written document/chits/any other source during debate will result in disqualification of the team.
- Teams are required to have a proper internet connection failing which will result in the disqualification of the teams.
- If a violation of the rules is believed to have been committed by a team or one of its members, the organizing committee may in its own discretion, upon its initiative or complaint from another team or assessor, impose a penalty or disqualify the team.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Participation fee is Rs. 200 per team
- The payment for the same is to be made via Paytm or Google Pay on 9589571545 or via UPI (UPI ID – 9589571545@paytm)
- The registration shall be entertained on FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis. Hence, it is requested to all the anticipating participants to complete the registration process as soon as possible.
- The last date for registration is 22nd October 2020 till 23:59 Hrs. The registration portal will automatically expire on the said date or on filling up of slots, whichever is earlier.
- **REGISTRATION LINK**
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4bhBldERQrMq9rQH7tZsUtYxRHnDBzWW3oKMYwlhi0smbQ/viewform>

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

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***Note:** Contact our coordinators for any activity related information or queries.

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