

# **BMU Inter-School Constitution Day Debate 2019**

## **BML Munjal University, Gurugram**

After long drawn deliberations by the 389 members of the Constituent Assembly for 2 years 11 months 17 days, independent India gave itself a political charter called the Constitution of India on November 26, 1949. The Constitution of India reflected India's aspirations as a nation and a political community committed to the ideals of equality and fairness. Every year, November 26 is celebrated as the Constitution Day to celebrate the rights and privileges this sacrosanct document guarantees for all its citizens. On numerous occasions, the foresight of the constitution makers has aided and furthered the cause of democracy in our nation. This day bears a reminder to all the citizens of the importance that the Constitution of India holds and the perennial duty of the citizens to strive to further the ideals enshrined in it.

On this important day, BMU is celebrating the Constitution of India by calling upon young minds, who are the future of this great nation, to engage with the Constitution through the 1<sup>st</sup> BMU Inter-School Constitution Debate Competition 2019.

### **Format of the Constitution Debate Competition**

Participants will be organized in teams of four. Teams will be provided with a factual scenario involving issues faced by a fictional pre-constitutional society. Teams will be given 20 minutes to study the issues faced by this society. There shall be three rounds in the competition. After the first round, a total of twelve teams will make it to the second round and four will be selected for the final round.

In every round, teams will be provided with certain propositions (15 minutes in advance) to be argued upon. Each team will get four minutes to argue in favour of the proposition and another four minutes to argue against the proposition.

Each team shall comprise of four members. In a round, a member can speak either in favour of the proposition or against the proposition but not both. A team member can choose to not speak in any of the rounds. All four team members can speak in a round subject to no speaker arguing on both sides of the proposition.

In all rounds, first all the teams will present their arguments in favour of the given proposition. Then all the teams will present arguments against the proposition.

### **Preparation required by participants**

This is a competition that will test students largely on their ability to think and make coherent arguments. It will be helpful for students to acquaint themselves with concepts such as justice, equality, freedom, diversity, inclusion, affirmative action and democracy.

The participants must be students of classes XI and XII. A school can send upto 2 teams. Teams from outside NCR will be provided with accommodation and food.

Transportation for all teams and accompanying school representatives (only one) will be provided from and to IFFCO Chowk Metro Station, Gurugram.

Date of the Competition: **November 26, 2019**

Venue: **BML Munjal University, Gurugram**

Time: **10am to 2pm**

Last Date for registration: **November 20, 2019**