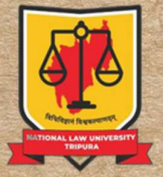




**National Law University, Tripura**



**Centre for Tribal Studies and Social Justice (CTSSJ)**

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**INTRA-UNIVERSITY DEBATE COMPETITION  
2024 (THE GAVEL GAUNTLET)**



**Preliminary Round: Thursday 25, 2024**

**Final Round on Friday 26, 2024**

**Time 15:00 onwards**





## Intra-University Debate Competition "Gavel Gauntlet"

"The Gavel Gauntlet" is a retro-inspired name that evokes the classic era of legal discourse while emphasizing the competitive nature of the debate.

### **Event Overview**

"The Gavel Gauntlet" is an Intra-University legal debate designed to foster academic and legal discussion among law students. This event aims to enhance research skills, improve persuasive abilities, and refine oral submission techniques while providing conceptual clarity on complex legal issues.

### **Objectives**

1. **Academic Enhancement:** To deepen students' understanding of complex legal concepts and their practical applications.
2. **Research Skills:** To encourage thorough research and analysis of legal precedents, statutes, and scholarly articles.
3. **Oratory Excellence:** To develop students' public speaking skills, emphasizing clarity, persuasiveness, and confidence.
4. **Critical Thinking:** To foster the ability to analyze issues from multiple perspectives and construct logical arguments.
5. **Professional Development:** To prepare students for real-world legal scenarios by simulating courtroom-style debates.
6. **Networking:** To create opportunities for interaction between B.A. LL.B. and LL.M. students, fostering a culture of peer learning.

### **Benefits**

1. **Conceptual Clarity:** Participants and audience members will gain a deeper understanding of the debated legal topics.
2. **Skill Development:** Students will enhance their research, argumentation, and public speaking abilities.
3. **Confidence Building:** The competitive environment will boost students' self-assurance in presenting legal arguments.
4. **Academic Culture:** The event will establish a tradition of intellectual discourse and healthy competition within the law school.
5. **Career Preparation:** Students will develop skills essential for success in legal careers, including courtroom advocacy.

## **Future Prospects**

**Expansion:** The success of this event could lead to inter-college competitions, broadening the scope of participation.

1. **Mentorship:** Senior students can mentor juniors, creating a sustainable knowledge-sharing ecosystem.
2. **Publication:** Outstanding arguments and research could be compiled into a publication, showcasing the institution's academic prowess.
3. **Industry Involvement:** Future editions could involve legal professionals as judges, providing students with valuable feedback and networking opportunities.

## **Debate Structure**

### Teams

- Two Teams from B.A LL.B (1<sup>st</sup> Year)
- Two teams from B.A. LL.B (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)
- Two teams from LL.M

### Team Composition

- 4 speakers per team
- 2 optional researchers per team

### Format

#### **Preliminary Rounds**

- B.A LL.B 1st Year

Team A: For the motion

Team B: Against the motion

- B.A LL.B 2nd Year

Team C: For the motion

Team D: Against the motion

- LL.M

Team E: For the motion

Team F: Against the motion

The opponents for preliminary will be chosen by draw of lots or toss.

#### **Scoring System**

- Each team will be scored individually based on their performance.



- The cumulative score for each batch will be calculated by adding the scores of both their "For" and "Against" teams.
- The two batches with the highest cumulative scores will advance to the Final Round.

### **Final Round**

The top two classes based on cumulative scores will compete against each other in the Final Round. This will involve:

- The "For" team from the highest-scoring class vs. the "Against" team from the second-highest scoring class
- The "Against" team from the highest-scoring class vs. the "For" team from the second-highest scoring class

### **Time Allocation**

- 5 minutes per speaker for main submissions
- 7 minutes total for rebuttals and sub-rebuttals
- 10 minutes for questions (3 Questions) from the other team. If time permits or the Judge wishes to additional questions can be asked by the Judge or even the audience.

### **Conclusion**

"The Gavel Gauntlet" represents a significant step towards creating a dynamic, engaging, and intellectually stimulating environment for law students. By combining rigorous academic exercise with the excitement of competition, this event promises to be a cornerstone in the development of future legal professionals.

We invite all students, faculty, and legal enthusiasts to join us in this celebration of legal discourse and oratory excellence. Let the echoes of the gavel resound through the halls of legal education, inspiring a new generation of brilliant legal minds.

### **Inaugural Edition**

**TOPIC: Uniform Civil Code vs. Reforms within Personal Laws: Debating the best approach to ensure Social Justice.**

**Preliminary Rounds on Thursday 25, 2024 (3:00 pm onwards)**

**Final Round on Friday 26, 2024 (3:00 pm onwards)**

## The Gavel Gauntlet: Inaugural Edition Rules and Guidelines

### General Rules

1. **Respect and Professionalism:** Participants are expected to maintain a high level of respect and professionalism throughout the debate. Personal comments, personal remarks, or any form of disrespect will lead to immediate disqualification of the speaker.
2. **Language and Ethics:** Participants must use proper language and adhere to a code of ethics. Any violation of this rule will result in marks deduction or disqualification.
3. **Non-Compliance:** Non-compliance with debate rules will result in marks deduction and/or disqualification of the speaker or team.

### Speaker Guidelines

1. **Individual Submissions:** During individual speaker's submissions, other speakers should not make additional points to complement the speaker's submission. However, they may pass notes. Non-compliance with this rule will result in a deduction of 2 marks each time it is violated.
2. **Researcher Participation:** Researchers may make submissions if required during rebuttal and question rounds.

### Use of Resources

- **Laptops (without internet connectivity), Books, Notes, and Bare Acts:** Participants are permitted to use technology, books, notes, and bare acts during the debate.

### Fabrication of Facts

1. **Disqualification:** Fabrication of facts will lead to immediate disqualification of the speaker.

### Additional Guidelines

1. **Judge's Discretion:** The Judge reserves the right to ask additional questions or seek clarification on any point.
2. **Audience Participation:** The audience may ask questions if time permits.

By participating in The Gavel Gauntlet, participants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and will comply with these rules and guidelines.



## The Gavel Gauntlet - Legal Debate Evaluation Sheet

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Batch:  B.A LL. B (Hons.) 1<sup>st</sup> Year  B.A. LL. B (Hons.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  LL.M

Position:  For the Motion  Against the Motion

Speaker 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 4: \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual Speaker Evaluation

Criteria	Speaker 1	Speaker 2	Speaker 3	Speaker 4
Clarity of arguments supporting their position	/10	/10	/10	/10
Well-researched and documented statements	/10	/10	/10	/10
Addressed opposing team's arguments	/10	/10	/10	/10
Clarity and appropriate volume of speech	/10	/10	/10	/10
Effective presentation style (tone, gestures, enthusiasm)	/10	/10	/10	/10
Use of caselaws, authorities, surveys, and reports	/10	/10	/10	/10
Specific and clear rebuttals to opposing arguments	/10	/10	/10	/10

Demonstrated good listening skills in rebuttals	/10	/10	/10	/10
Effective and convincing concluding arguments	/10	/10	/10	/10
Adherence to debate rules	/10	/10	/10	/10
Total Individual Score	/100	/100	/100	/100

### Team Evaluation

Criteria	Team Score
Overall effectiveness of collective team effort	/50
Coordination and cohesiveness of team arguments	/30
Respectful and professional conduct towards opposing team	/20
Total Team Score	/100

### Final Scores

Category	Score
Speaker 1 Individual Score	/100
Speaker 2 Individual Score	/100
Speaker 3 Individual Score	/100
Speaker 4 Individual Score	/100
Team Score	/100
Grand Total	/500

### Additional Comments:

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

