



MANFEST-VARCHASVA 2022-23

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS, CULTURAL AND SPORTS FEST

The Joust

The Flagship Debate Competition

General guidelines:

1. There would be two rounds (Online Prelims + Offline Finals).
2. Teams of 2 to register online for the preliminary round out of which 8 would proceed to the next round
3. There would be three rounds after the preliminary round in the finals
4. Only registered individuals will be allowed to participate
5. Individuals need to register on: [Registration The Joust](#).
6. Inappropriate content, blasphemy or content defaming any political party or religious group is strictly prohibited
7. Decision of the judges is final and binding in case of any conflict
8. In case any participant is not able to attend, they must intimate the organizing committee 7 days in advance

Structure of the event:

<p>Preliminary Round</p>	<p><i>Selection through entries submitted by participants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deadline for submission: 18th January 2023 ● Top 8 teams will be shortlisted for the finals and the shortlisted participants will be intimated in due time. ● Participants must write and submit 250-300 words position paper ● Topics for a position paper: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Should India continue to buy oil from Russia considering recent global developments? ii) Are electric vehicles truly sustainable? iii) Will OTT services revolutionize Bollywood? iv) Is democracy the worst form of governance? ● Selection Criteria: Teams will be evaluated based on their understanding, explanation, and consistency of the topic, their articulation of ideas, selection of words, and strength of points supplementing the position ● File naming convention: MV2022-23_The_Joust_Name. ● Participants should mail their submissions to literary@iiml-manfestvarchasva.com for the preliminary round after filling out the registration form.
<p>Finals</p>	<p><i>Finals would be held on 10-12th Feb at IIM Lucknow Campus.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The shortlisted participants will receive a selection mail



Round 1: Quarter finals

- Each team gets 5 minutes to speak on the motion given to them in advance
- Each team must speak both for and against the motion, with each member taking a different stance for 2.5 minutes each
- The team can decide the stance that each member will take
- Following each team's speech, the judges might raise questions at the team/team member
- Following the first round, 4 teams will qualify for the semi-finals.

Round 2: Semi-Finals

- Each team gets 6 minutes (with 3 minutes per speaker) to speak on the motion given to them 10 minutes in advance
- The teams must speak in alternate order with the first speaker of the proposition going first
- Teams must decide internally on the order of speech of each member
- Each team's stance on the motion will be given by the organizers
- Following each team's speech, the opposing team may present a rebuttal or/and their case following the semi-final debates, 2 teams will qualify for the finals.

Round 3: Finals

- Each team will have 1 speaker who will speak twice and one speaker who will speak once
- The teams will be given the motion and their stance 15 minutes in advance
- The order and timing of the speeches are as follows:
 - a. 1st speaker for the constructive made by the proposition (3 minutes)
 - b. 1st speaker for the constructive made by the opposition (3 minutes)
 - c. 2nd speaker for the constructive made by the proposition (4 minutes)
 - d. 2nd speaker for the constructive made by the opposition (4 minutes)
 - e. 1st speaker for the rebuttal made by the opposition (2 minutes)
 - f. 1st speaker for the rebuttal made by the proposition (2 minutes)

Judging criteria: -

Organization and clarity, use of opinions & views, use of cross-examination and rebuttal, overall presence, and ability to engage the audience.