



## The Joust The Flagship Debate Competition

### General guidelines:

1. The event would be conducted in two rounds (Online Prelims + Offline Finals).
2. Participant teams (**2 people/team**) need to register online for the preliminary round out of which 8 teams would proceed to the next round.
3. The “**Offline finals**” for the qualified teams would be conducted in three rounds at IIM Lucknow’s campus.
4. Only registered individuals would be allowed to participate in the finals.
5. Individuals need to register on: [JOUST REGISTRATION FORM](#)
6. Inappropriate content, blasphemy, or content defaming any political party or religious group is strictly prohibited.
7. The 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 inform the organizing committee at least 7 days in advance.

### Structure of the event:

<b>Preliminary Round</b>	<p><i>This round would be conducted online and the <b>selection of winners for this round would be done through online entries</b> submitted by the participants.</i></p>
	<p>Registration form link – <a href="#">JOUST REGISTRATION FORM</a></p> <p><b>Deadline for submission: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The top teams will be shortlisted for the finals and the shortlisted participants will be intimated in due time.</li> <li>• Participants must write and submit 250-300 words position paper on any one of the topics listed below.</li> <li>• Topics for the position paper:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Should education systems prioritize skill-based learning over traditional academic knowledge?</li> <li>2. Can AI and automation replace human workers in the long run?</li> <li>3. Is the gig economy a viable long-term employment model?</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Selection Criteria: Teams will be evaluated on their <b>understanding of the topic, clarity and consistency of arguments, articulation of ideas, effective use of language</b>, and the <b>relevance and strength of their supporting points</b>. These criteria will collectively determine their performance</li> <li>• File naming convention: MV2024-25_The_Joust _Team Name.</li> <li>• Participants should mail their submissions for the preliminary round to – <a href="mailto:literary@iiml-manfestvarchasva.com">literary@iiml-manfestvarchasva.com</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Submissions from teams without registrations would be considered null and void.</b></li> </ul>



**Finals**

The Finals would be held at the IIM Lucknow Campus and the shortlisted teams would be notified about the dates and selection via an official selection email.

**Round 1: Quarterfinals**

- Each team gets 5 minutes to speak on the motion
- 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 that would be 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 other 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) 1<sup>st</sup> speaker for the constructive made by the proposition (3 minutes)
  - b) 1<sup>st</sup> speaker for the constructive made by the opposition (3 minutes)
  - c) 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker for the constructive made by the proposition (4 minutes)
  - d) 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker for the constructive made by the opposition (4 minutes)
  - e) 1<sup>st</sup> speaker for the rebuttal made by the opposition (2 minutes)
  - f) 1<sup>st</sup> speaker for the rebuttal made by the proposition (2 minutes)

**Judging criteria:**

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