

DEBATE COMPETITION 2026

“Think Smart,

Speak Loud!”



**15th September
2026**



**Saveetha School
of Law**

Participant Category:
College Students

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About SIMATS

Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS) was established in 1986 by the Saveetha Medical and Educational Trust with the objective of promoting quality education, research, and community service. Over the years, SIMATS has expanded into a multidisciplinary institution comprising colleges in Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Law, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, and other professional disciplines.

SIMATS is accredited with NAAC A++ Grade and has earned recognition for its excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and social outreach. The institution serves more than 10,000 students with the support of highly qualified faculty members and modern infrastructure. Through its commitment to academic excellence and societal development, SIMATS has established itself as one of India's leading higher education institutions.



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About Saveetha School of Law (SSL)

Saveetha School of Law (SSL), a constituent institution of SIMATS, was established in 2009 with the vision of imparting quality legal education and fostering legal research and professional excellence. The institution offers Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Doctoral programmes in Law, designed to develop competent legal professionals, researchers, and leaders.

SSL is recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The school has consistently secured prominent positions in national rankings and is known for its innovative curriculum, moot court training, legal aid activities, research initiatives, internships, and industry-oriented learning. Equipped with modern classrooms, digital learning facilities, a well-stocked library, and experienced faculty, SSL provides a dynamic environment for academic and professional growth.

With a strong emphasis on advocacy skills, legal scholarship, and social responsibility, Saveetha School of Law continues to contribute significantly to the advancement of legal education in India.



About The Law Feast 2026

Debate Competition(Legal Topic) English



About the Debate

The Debate Competition is a premier legal debating event conducted as part of LAW FEAST 2026 by the Saveetha School of Law. The competition provides a platform for law students to engage in constitutional and personal law issues through structured parliamentary debate, enhancing legal research, advocacy, critical thinking, and public speaking skills.

Theme / Official Motion

"This House believes that the exclusion of Renoncants from the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, creates an unconstitutional class of citizens and violates Article 14 and Article 21."

Aim

To encourage legal discourse on contemporary constitutional and personal law issues while fostering advocacy, analytical reasoning, and parliamentary debating skills among law students.



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Objectives

- To develop constitutional and legal reasoning abilities.
- To enhance public speaking and advocacy skills.
- To promote research on personal laws and equality jurisprudence.
- To encourage critical analysis of statutory and constitutional provisions.
- To provide exposure to parliamentary debate formats and courtroom-style argumentation.
- To facilitate intellectual exchange among students from various institutions.

Conference / Event Background

The debate focuses on the legal status of Renoncants in Puducherry, who continue to be governed by the French Civil Code due to historical provisions under the Treaty of Cession (1956). The debate examines whether their exclusion from the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 violates constitutional guarantees, particularly Article 14 (Right to Equality) and Article 21 (Right to life and personal liberty).



Guidelines

Format

- Indian Parliamentary Debate (1-on-1 format).
- Each team shall consist of one participant.

Side Allocation

- Government and Opposition sides will be announced five minutes before the round.
- Teams will not know their side in advance.
- Side allocation will be determined by draw of lots or the Organizing Committee.

Competition Structure

- Preliminary Round – All participants.
- Semi-Finals – Top 4 participants.
- Grand Finale – Top 2 participants.

Speaking Time

SPEAKER	Time
PRIME MINISTER	7 Minutes
LEADER OF OPPOSITION	7 Minutes
REPLY SPEECHES	As per parliamentary format



Points of Information (POIs)

- Allowed between the 1st and 6th minute of speeches.
- Not allowed during reply speeches.
- Must not exceed 15 seconds.

Rules

- Medium of communication: English.
- Only physical Bare Acts and printed notes are permitted.
- Mobile phones and AI tools are strictly prohibited during rounds.
- Fabrication of case laws or statutes will result in zero marks.

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Judging Criteria

Criteria	Marks
Legal Content & Accuracy	40
Reasoning & Argumentation	30
Rebuttals	20
Style & Manner	10
Total	100

Awards

Champion (First Place)

Trophy + Cash Prize of One Thousand Rupees

Runner-Up (Second Place)

Trophy + Cash Prize of Five Hundred Rupees

Second Runner-Up (Third Place)

Trophy + Cash Prize of Five Hundred Rupees

Important Dates

Event

Debate Competition

Venue

Date

15th September 2026

SIMATS, Chennai

Registration

Registration Fee: Three Hundred Rupees only per participant.

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