

NLU MEGHALAYA WELCOMES YOU TO THE FIRST EDITION OF



NLU MEG ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE 2023
ON CONSTITUTION DAY

DATE: 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

TIME: 10 AM – 5PM

NUMBER OF TEAMS: 8 (3 in a team)

REGISTRATION FEE: 450/- Per Team*

TOPICS:

1. **Preliminary Round:** "This House believes that Artificial Intelligence has a transformative role to play in shaping the future of education"
2. **Semi Final Round:** "This House Believes that Artificial Intelligence can drive innovations in technology for a more sustainable and eco-friendly future"
3. **Final Round:** " This House supports Artificial Intelligence in Judicial Process to aid in Justice Delivery System"

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY:

10 AM: Reporting

10: 30 AM – 11: 30 AM: Preliminary round

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Semi finals

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Lunch

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM: Finals

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The topics have been shared with the participants in advance. Use the topics for case building before the debate.
2. Three speakers for each team.
3. A team will either speak for or against the motion, to be decided by the toss of a coin. For example: If there are two teams — IIM Shillong and NLU Meghalaya — all three speakers of IIM Shillong will speak either for the motion (where NLU Meghalaya will speak against) or against the motion (where NLU Meghalaya will speak for).
4. For substantive speeches, 5 minutes of time will be allotted at max. One knock at the 1st and 4th minutes, two knocks at the 5th minute and continuous knocks after 5 minutes.
5. Point of Information (POI) is allowed during substantive speeches.
 - a. A Point of Information (POI) in a debate is a mechanism that allows debaters from the opposing side to interject during a speaker's speech to offer a brief question or statement.
 - b. Timing: POIs are usually only allowed after the first minute and before the last minute of a speech. This is often indicated by timekeepers using audible signals, like knocks or bells. In this debate POIs will be allowed between the 1st minute and 4th minute only.
 - c. Duration: A POI should be brief, typically no longer than 15 seconds.
 - d. Offering a POI: A debater wishing to offer a POI must do so respectfully, generally by standing up or raising their hand and saying "POI". It's important to not be disruptive or aggressive.

- e. Acceptance or Decline: The speaker who has the floor has the right to accept or decline the POI. If accepted, the speaker briefly pauses their speech, listens to the POI, and may respond immediately or incorporate a response into their ongoing speech. If declined, the speaker continues without interruption and the debater raising the POI has to assume his seat and wait for a minimum of 30 seconds before raising another POI.
- f. Purpose: POIs are used to challenge a point, offer a rebuttal, seek clarification, or introduce a pertinent fact. They are a strategic tool to engage with the opposing team's arguments in real-time.
- g. Frequency: While there's no set limit to how many POIs a debater can offer, it's important to be strategic and not overly disruptive. Similarly, consistently declining all POIs can be viewed negatively, as it might suggest a speaker is unwilling to engage with the opposition. For the purpose of this debate, a speaker must accept **at least one POI**.
- h. Judging Consideration: Judges often consider the effectiveness of POIs and responses to them as part of their overall assessment of a debater's performance.

- 6. Speaker's roles are attached as below.
- 7. There will be a preliminary round and followed by semi-final and grand finals.
- 8. Match up for preliminary will be made based on random order or draw of lots.
- 9. Adjudicators' decision cannot be cancelled, but we can seek for responsibility. In either case, adjudicators decision remains final.

SPEAKER		ROLE	
GOVERNMENT	OPPOSITION	GOVERNMENT	OPPOSITION
1 st Speaker (Prime Minister)	1 st Speaker (Leader of Opposition)	- Giving definition - Giving a theme line and stating stance - Giving a team split	- Accept definition/ challenge invalid definition - Giving theme line and stating stance

		- Deliver argument - Summary	- Giving a team split - Deliver rebuttals - Deliver argument - Summary
2 nd Speaker (Deputy Prime Minister)	2 nd Speaker (Deputy Leader of Opposition)	- Defend previous teammate, and rebut - Deliver argument and introduce one-two new arguments. - Summary	- Defend previous teammate, and rebut - Deliver argument and introduce one-two new arguments. - Summary
3 rd Speaker (Whip)	3 rd Speaker (Whip)	- Summary and biased debate overview - No new argument - Rebuttal - Why should their side win?	- Summary and biased debate overview - No new argument - Rebuttal - Why should their side win?

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