

## Debating Society

### Shyam Lal College (Evening), University of Delhi

### Report for Academic Year 2024-25

#### Inter-College Debate Competition

The **Debating Society of Shyam Lal College (Evening), University of Delhi**, has consistently provided a platform for students to express their thoughts, sharpen their reasoning skills, and engage in critical dialogue on important issues. Under the leadership of **Dr. Kusum Devi** as Convenor and the tireless efforts of its dedicated members—**Dr. Sandhya Verma, Dr. Surbhi Badhwar, Dr. Karan Gupta, and Dr. Megha Jain**—the society has organized various intellectual and thought-provoking discussions over the past year. With each event, the society continues to promote the art of debate and democratic dialogue among students, empowering them to be thoughtful, articulate, and responsible citizens.

In line with this mission, the society successfully organized a **prestigious Inter-College Debate Competition** on **3rd April 2025** on the thought-provoking topic:

**“Immigration Poses a Threat to the Culture and Security of a Nation.”**

This timely and relevant theme sparked intense intellectual exchange and inspired critical reflection, especially in today's globally interconnected world. Over **25 students from different colleges of the University of Delhi** enthusiastically participated, representing colleges such as **Miranda House, Sri Venkateswara College, Gargi College, Daulat Ram College, Kirori Mal College, Ramjas College, ARSD College, Sri Aurobindo College (Evening), Lakshmibai College, Satyawati College (Evening), Shivaji College, Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, Motilal Nehru College, Shyam Lal College (Day) Shyam Lal College (E)) and SOL**. Besides DU students from IGNOU and GGSIPU also participated in the competition.





The program commenced with a warm **welcome address** delivered by energetic and graceful anchors, **Kratika and Neha**, who set the tone for the event with their confident presentation and enthusiasm.





Our esteemed **Principal Sir** and the judges were welcomed with green gestures—**saplings** were presented to them as a symbol of growth, sustainability, and respect. This was followed by the traditional **lamp-lighting ceremony**, signifying the beginning of an enlightening session.



After the ceremonial proceedings, **Principal sir, Prof. Nachiketa Singh** addressed the gathering. In his insightful speech, he highlighted the value of such intellectual engagements in shaping young minds. He applauded the topic's relevance and emphasized how immigration, as a subject,



resonates with today's challenges in a globalized world—raising questions of **cultural identity, economic dynamics, and national security**. He also encouraged students to develop a balanced, research-backed perspective and applauded the efforts of the Debating Society for curating such a relevant and timely issue.



The event was judged by an esteemed panel of judges consisting:

- **Ms. Ila Bhushan Jain** (Associate Professor)
- **Mr. Anil Kumar Singh** (Associate Professor)
- **Dr. Roli Raghuvanshi** (Assistant Professor)

With their vast experience and analytical insights, the judges provided balanced evaluations, constructive feedback, and thought-provoking observations after the debate.





The participants were truly the soul of the event. Each speaker brought a unique viewpoint, backed by solid arguments, statistics, and rhetorical skill. Some emphasized the importance of preserving cultural identity and national interests, while others strongly advocated for inclusivity, economic benefits, and humanitarian values.

The diversity of institutions also ensured a wide range of perspectives—from the grassroots challenges in developing areas to policy-related insight.





After an intense battle of logic, evidence, and eloquence, the results were declared:

- **First Prize:** Sargun (**DU SOL**)
- **Second Prize:** M. Gyan Teja (**Motilal Nehru College**)
- **Third Prize:** Ritesh (**Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College**)

#### **Consolation Prizes:**

1. **Suman (Miranda House)**
2. **Suraj (Satyawati College Evening)**

Each of these winners impressed the judges with their clarity of thought, persuasive delivery, and depth of understanding on the topic. The awards were a testimony to their hard work, research, and confidence.

First, second and third prize winners were awarded the trophies, certificates and cash prize via NEFT. Certificates along with a pen as token of appreciation were given to all the participants.





Behind the scene, a team of enthusiastic and committed student volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly—from registrations to refreshments, seating to photography. Their energy and coordination were commendable. Special appreciation goes to: **Shariya, Ayush, Vikas, Rahul, Chetan, Aditya, Amardeep and Lokesh (society post bearers);**

**Abhijit, Anwar, Samreen and Anshul (Volunteers); Neha and Kritika (Anchors)** for their involvement in each detail of the event.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the vision and initiative of **Dr. Kusum Devi**, Convenor of the Debating Society. Her thoughtful leadership and meticulous planning ensured the smooth execution of the event. She not only conceptualized the theme but also involved students in every stage of organization, making it a truly collaborative and educational experience. The entire committee, including **Dr. Sandhya Verma, Dr. Surbhi Badhwar, Dr. Karan Gupta, and Dr. Megha Jain**, worked in unison, displaying excellent teamwork and dedication.

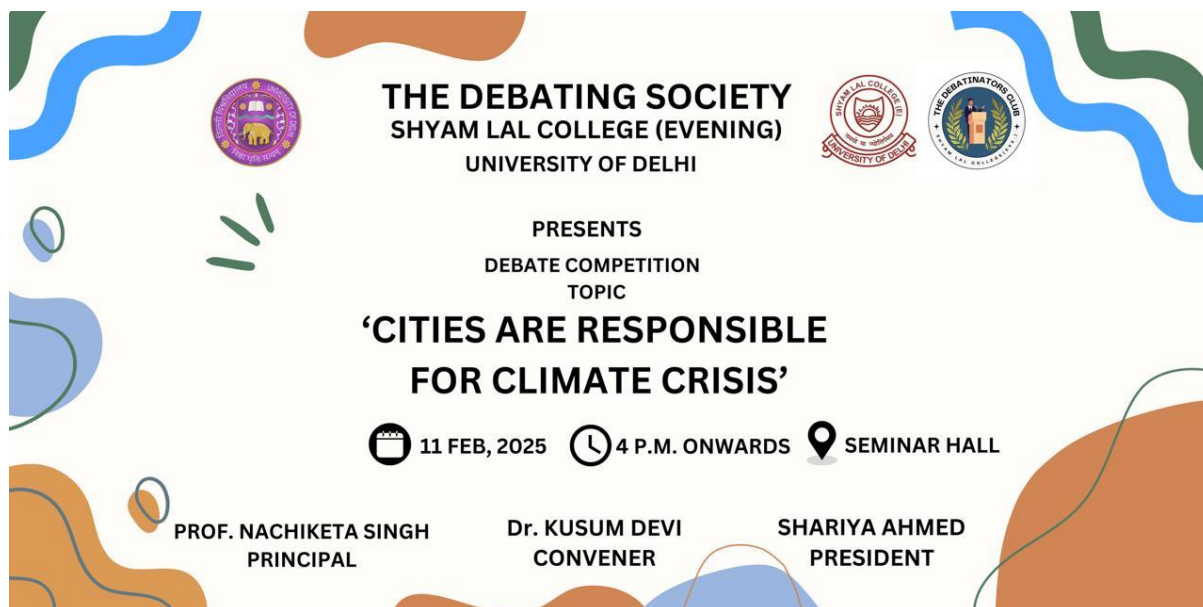
The event concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** by **Dr. Kusum Devi**, who expressed her deep gratitude to respected Principal sir for his continuous support to the debating society. She thanked to the guests, judges, participants, and especially the student volunteers. She extended heartfelt gratitude to the Discipline Committee for their unwavering support in assisting with the smooth organization of the event. Their presence and active involvement played a crucial role in maintaining decorum and ensuring the event proceeded seamlessly. She also sincerely thanked senior faculty members Prof. Anil Rai for his guidance, Mr. Kamlesh Attri, Dr. Manu Umesh, Dr. Bharti, and all the esteemed colleagues who graced the event with their presence.

She reiterated the society's commitment to nurturing democratic dialogue and critical thought among students. Overall, the **Inter-College Debate Competition** was a grand success—a celebration of ideas, collaboration, and youthful enthusiasm. It not only brought together bright minds from across institutions but also strengthened the culture of academic discourse at **Shyam Lal College (Evening)**.



## Debate Competition

The Debating Society of Shyam Lal College (Evening) organised a debate competition on the topic 'Cities are Responsible for Climate Crisis' on 11th February 2025, in the seminar hall at 4:00 pm.



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The event saw a successful registration of approximately 30 students who shared their thoughts and arguments in favor and against the motion making it a meaningful discussion. The house established the gravity of the topic and came up with a common consensus that sincere efforts are needed for its solutions not only in India but also globally.



Esteemed judges for the event, Dr. Manoj Kumar and Dr. Megha Jain judged the participants on the basis of the quality of content and their presentation skills required for a good debater. The judges appreciated all the participants for presenting their arguments so effectively. The winners were awarded cash prizes and certificates.



Dr. Kusum Devi, Convenor of the Debating Society, shared her observation and emphasized that climate crisis is a serious concern, so it is a collective responsibility of all of us to work towards its solutions. Ms. Shariya shared her thoughts on the topic. Members of the Debating Society Dr. Sandhya Verma and Dr. Surbhi Badhwar encouraged the speakers throughout the program. Other teachers Dr. Karan Gupta, Dr. Ira Bhardwaj, Dr. Vatsal Singh, Dr. Anju Bala, and many other teachers graced the event with their presence.





Student volunteers of the Debating Society put commendable efforts in organizing a thought-provoking session. Dr Megha Jain conveyed thanks and gratitude to all the participants, teachers, and students making the event successful.

