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1. **Name of the Organizing Department** - Vivekananda School of English Studies (VSES)
2. **Type of activity/event** - Debate Competition
3. **Title of activity/event** - DeBattle Ground (Speak Sharp, Think Sharper)
4. **Date** - 29-04-2025
5. **Venue** - FDPI Room, Block A, VIPS-TC
6. **Name of the Guest(s)/Speaker(s)** - Ms. Bhumika Chandola (Judge)
7. **Faculty Coordinator** - Dr. Jasmine Sharma
8. **Student Coordinator** - Mishika Sharma (BA Semester II)
9. **Event Report** -

Description

DeBattle Ground was one of the most intellectually stimulating and highly energetic events hosted under the banner of **Palimpsest 2025: The Annual Literature Festival of Vivekananda School of English Studies (VSES)**. Created as a platform for expressive and curious young minds, it brought together students from various institutions to showcase their debating skills and engage in a thought-provoking battle of words.

Although 16 teams had initially registered, 14 ultimately participated, leading to 7 rounds of debate, each based on a unique and compelling topic. Every round ran for 12 minutes, with each team getting 4 minutes to present their stance, followed by a 2-minute interjection segment. To maintain structure and clarity, cross-questioning was not allowed. This format ensured that each team had a fair opportunity to articulate their arguments, listen critically, and respond thoughtfully.

Adding to the depth and richness of the event were our esteemed judges, **Ms. Bhumika Chandola** and **Dr. Jasmine Sharma**, who brought their extensive expertise in debate and

public speaking to the forum. They not only evaluated the performances but also offered valuable feedback to the participants, highlighting areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. Their guidance on structure of arguments, articulation, and engagement provided students with actionable insights to grow as speakers and thinkers.

We were also privileged to have **Prof. (Dr.) Salonee Priya**, **Dean, VSES and Students' Welfare**, in attendance. Her presence added great value to the occasion. She shared thoughtful reflections on the importance of such academic activities and encouraged students to continue nurturing their critical thinking and communication skills. Her words inspired both the participants and the audience, setting a meaningful tone for the event.

Purpose of the Activity

The main aim of **DeBattle Ground** was to encourage young students to sharpen their critical thinking, reasoning, and communication abilities in a constructive and competitive setting. The event was designed not only to test speaking skills but also to promote informed opinions, respectful dialogue, and the ability to look at issues from multiple perspectives.

By focusing on contemporary and literary topics, the event sought to push students beyond their comfort zones and challenge them to speak confidently, listen actively, and engage intellectually. More than just a contest, it served as a learning experience for all involved - participants, organizers, and the audience alike.

Outcomes

DeBattle Ground turned out to be a resounding success. The quality of arguments, the enthusiasm of the teams, and the engagement of the audience all contributed to making the event vibrant and memorable. Participants demonstrated strong preparation and presence of mind, navigating complex issues with confidence and clarity.

The interjection rounds, in particular, stood out - highlighting spontaneity, wit, and the ability to think on one's feet. To recognize this, the **Best Interjection** award was introduced, celebrating quick reasoning and sharp questioning.

From the organisers' perspective, the event successfully fulfilled its vision of fostering academic discourse and creating a platform where young voices could be heard and appreciated. The presence of experienced judges and dignitaries added credibility and inspiration, elevating the overall impact.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

While the event was a success, it was not without its share of challenges. Time management and backstage coordination proved to be the primary areas of concern. With multiple rounds and teams scheduled back-to-back, transitions occasionally took longer than expected.

These experiences highlighted the need for more detailed pre-event planning, including stricter adherence to timelines, clearer communication among organizing members, and better stage management.

Nonetheless, the ability of the team to adapt and manage these hurdles contributed to the event proceeding smoothly overall and the learning gained will undoubtedly strengthen future editions.

Future Plans

Encouraged by the success and the positive feedback received, the organizing team is already thinking ahead to enhance DeBattle Ground in the next edition of Palimpsest. Based on feedback and internal review, future editions of "DeBattle Ground" will focus on better time management, more efficient coordination, and potentially expanding the format to include more diverse topics and interactive elements. Enhancing audience engagement and incorporating feedback mechanisms are also under consideration to enrich the overall experience.
These changes aim to make the event even more inclusive, engaging, and educational for everyone involved.

List of Winners

First Position:

- Gantavya and Sarthak Sharma
- College - Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College (University of Delhi)
- Topic: The house believes women create a sense of insecurity amongst men

Runner-Up:

- Neel Brahma and Kanishk Shahi
- College - Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies - Technical Campus
- Topic: The house believes building submarine metros to escape pollution is a practical idea

Best Interjection Award:

- Khushi Agarwal (Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies - Technical Campus)

- Apoorva Chaudhary (Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies - Technical Campus)

List of Volunteers for the Event

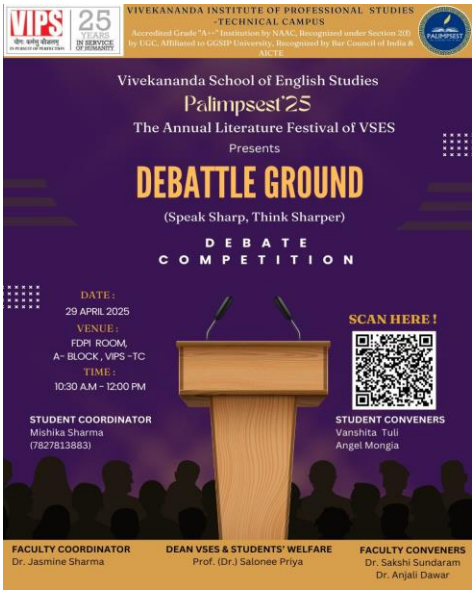
1. Aditi Tiwari (BA Semester II)
2. Mishika Sharma (BA Semester II)
3. Ananya Rai (BA Semester IV)
4. Bhumika Chaudhary (BA Semester IV)
5. Prachi Anand (BA Semester IV)
6. Prisha Sharma (BA Semester IV)

List of Topics Debated During the Competition

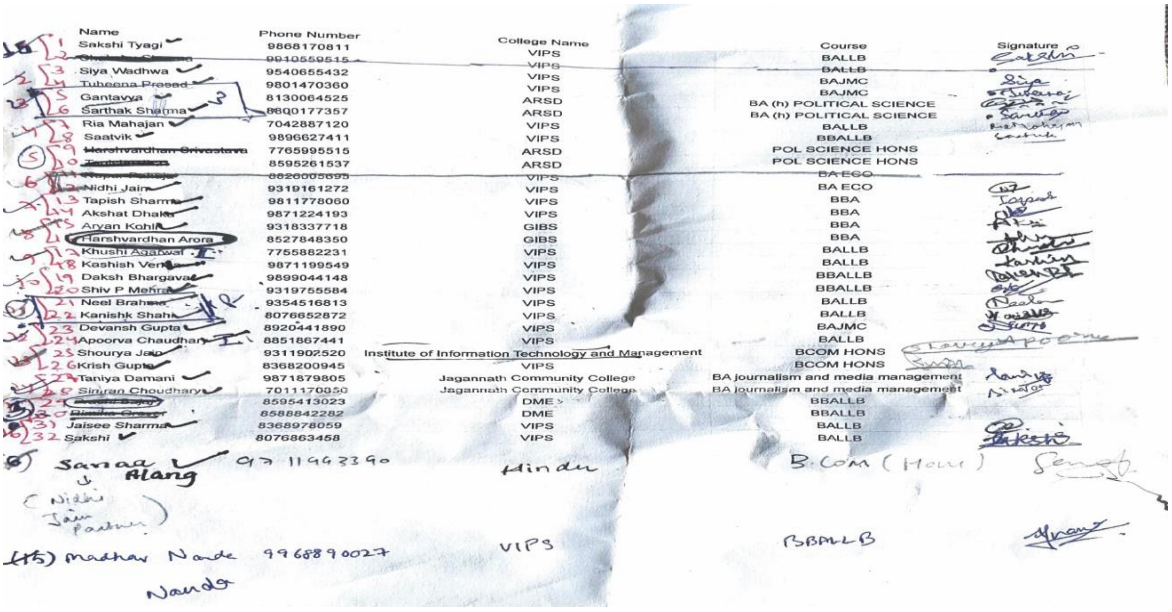
1. The house believes technology can solve the problem of climate crisis better than policy
2. The house believes women create a sense of insecurity amongst men
3. The house believes taxation laws should be amended to require rich people and companies to pay more taxes
4. The house believes online voting should be introduced to boost accountability in India
5. The house believes building submarine metros to escape pollution is a practical idea
6. The house believes social media platforms should censor content to curtail the spread of misinformation
7. The house believes education system should embrace AI empowered learning over traditional methods

The debate fostered a spirit of healthy competition and critical engagement, staying true to the academic and creative vision of *Palimpsest 2025*. The event concluded on an optimistic note, with valuable feedback paving the way for even better execution in future editions.

Poster of Event

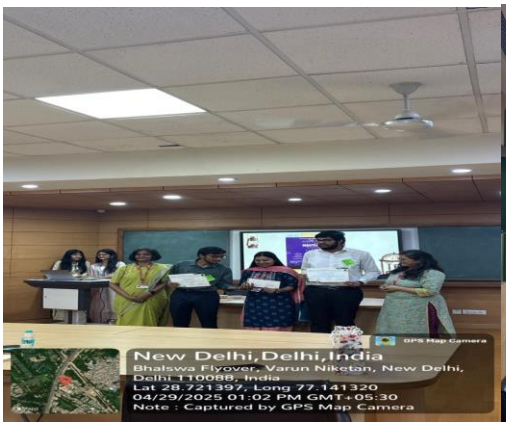


Attendance of Students



	Name	Phone Number	College Name	Course	Signature
1	Sakshi Tyagi	9868170811	VIPS	BALLB	
2	[redacted]	9910559515	VIPS	BALLB	
3	Siya Wadhwa	9540655432	VIPS	BAJMC	
4	Tuheena Prasad	9801470360	VIPS	BAJMC	
5	Gantavya	8130064525	ARSD	BA (h) POLITICAL SCIENCE	
6	Sarthak Sharma	8800177357	ARSD	BA (h) POLITICAL SCIENCE	
7	Ria Mahajan	7042887120	VIPS	BALLB	
8	Saatvik	9896627411	VIPS	BBALLB	
9	~~Harshvardhan Srivastava~~	7765995515	ARSD	POL SCIENCE HONS	
10	[redacted]	8595261537	ARSD	POL SCIENCE HONS	
11	[redacted]	8826005895	VIPS	BA ECO	
12	Nidhi Jain	9319161272	VIPS	BA ECO	
13	Tapish Sharma	9811778060	VIPS	BBA	
14	Akshat Dhaka	9871224193	VIPS	BBA	
15	Aryan Kohli	9318337718	GIBS	BBA	
16	Harshvardhan Arora	8527848350	GIBS	BBA	
17	Khushi Agarwal	7755882231	VIPS	BALLB	
18	Kashish Verma	9871199549	VIPS	BALLB	
19	Daksh Bhargava	9899044148	VIPS	BBALLB	
20	Shiv P Mehra	9319755584	VIPS	BBALLB	
21	Neel Brahma	9354516813	VIPS	BALLB	
22	Kanishk Shahi	8076652872	VIPS	BALLB	
23	Devansh Gupta	8920441890	VIPS	BAJMC	
24	Apoorva Chaudhary	8851867441	VIPS	BALLB	
25	Shourya Jain	9311902520	Institute of Information Technology and Management	BCOM HONS	
26	Krish Gupta	8368200945	VIPS	BCOM HONS	
27	Taniya Damani	9871879805	Jagannath Community College	BA journalism and media management	
28	Simran Choudhary	7011170850	Jagannath Community College	BA journalism and media management	
29	[redacted]	8595413023	DME	BBALLB	
30	[redacted]	8588842282	DME	BBALLB	
31	Jaisee Sharma	8368978059	VIPS	BALLB	
32	Sakshi	8076863458	VIPS	BALLB	
33	Sanad Alang	09711943390	Hindu	B.COM (Hons)	
34	Madhav Nanda	9968890027	VIPS	BBALLB	

Pictures of the Event






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