

National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata emerges winner in the GNLU Debate 2019

Gandhinagar, Sep 02, 2019: The seventh edition of the GNLU Debate concluded today. It witnessed the participation of 48 teams and 41 adjudicators from some of the best educational institutions in the country including IIT Delhi, St. Stephen's College, New Delhi, National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata, National Law University (NLU) Jodhpur, Symbiosis Law School (Pune, Hyderabad and Noida campuses), Christ University, Bangalore and Nirma University. The adjudication core consisted of Abhishek Nevatia, Ribhu Mukherjee, Pratyaksha Jha and Kartik Bansal, all four of whom have several debating accolades.

Over the course of three days, the participants debated on a wide range of contemporary issues such as "Whether the fetishization of Chanakya in the Indian political narrative should be celebrated", "portrayal of white-collar crimes in movies", "whether sports should be commercialized", "Whether the feminist movement should actively shift its centre of focus from issues exclusive to women towards broader issues (e.g. concerning other minorities, or engagement with larger political concerns)", "whether the feminist movement should seek court interventions instead of lobbying for legislative change", "whether the right to provide Humanitarian Assistance, in conflict zones should be extended to Companies and Private Individuals", "What is preferable in the personal, economic and political sphere? The pursuit of multiple short-term relations OR fewer longer-term relations", "Whether Indian middle-class parents should allow greater freedom to their children", and "Whether Minority Communities should give up all Identity Markers (like name, clothing, symbols, etc.) in order to assimilate with the majority."

The team from **National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata** was declared the **Winner** of the GNLU Debate 2019, while the team from **Government Law College, Mumbai** bagged the prize for **Runners Up**.

Arnab Bose of NUJS, Kolkatta was declared the **Best Speaker**, while **Arjun Singh Rana** from the same institution was declared the **Second Best Speaker** of this edition of the GNLU Debate. **Vedika Walia** of Symbiosis Law School, Pune walked away with the prize for **Best Adjudicator**.

Close to Rs. Two Lakhs was given away as prize money to the winners in this debate.



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In his valedictory address, Dr Jagadeesh Chandra, GNLU Registrar, spoke about how debates have played a significant role in the building of our nation both before and after Independence. Noting how every legal and social change has been brought about by the influence of debate in media and among the people, he encouraged the participants to continue debating and wished them luck.

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