

DEBATE-- ENERGY PARLIAMENT

"I may be wrong and you may be right and, by an effort, we may get nearer the truth."

Karl Popper

Debate is a formal contest of argumentation between two teams or individuals. More broadly, and more importantly, debate is an essential tool for developing and maintaining democracy and open societies. More than a mere verbal or performance skill, debate embodies the ideals of reasoned argument, tolerance for divergent points of view and rigorous self-examination. Debate is, above all, a way for those who hold opposing views to discuss controversial issues without descending to insult, emotional appeals or personal bias.

A key trademark of debate is that it rarely ends in agreement, but rather allows for a robust analysis of the question at hand. Perhaps this is what French philosopher Joseph Joubert meant when he said: "It is better to debate a question without settling it, than to settle a question without debating it."

PRELIMS

- A group discussion will be conducted with a group size depending on the number of registrations.
- The topics for the Group Discussion will be general or Energy related. The topics are chosen such that it can be easily managed on the spot.
- Out of all the groups, around 10 members will be selected based on the performance in the Group Discussion.

FINALS

- The selected 10 members will be divided into two groups with equal members.
- The debate will be conducted for these two groups on a general topic. The topics are chosen such that it can be easily managed on the spot. We will also provide a small time to think on the topic, say about, 10 minutes.
- The best team which convinces their view on the topic will be awarded with Prizes.

PRIZES

Cash prize to the top team and the best speaker.

All registered participants will receive a certificate of participation from NIT Tiruchirappalli.