

A Report on Debate Competition

Topic: Are Himachal Disasters Natural or Man-made?

Department Of Political Science in
Collaboration with Free Thinker's Club



Free Thinkers Club
And
Department Of Political Science
is organizing a **DEBATE** on :
Are Himachal disasters
natural or man made ?

TEAM-A

- Chestha
- Sujal
- Saksham
- Jayantika
- Aarchi

VS

TEAM-B

- Krrish
- Ritasha
- Sapna
- Samriti
- Yashima

All are cordially invited

Venue :Room no. 10
On 29th sep
At 02:40pm

A debate competition was organized on 29th September 2025 (Monday) at 2:40 p.m. in Room No. 10 under the joint collaboration of the **Free Thinkers Club** and the **Department of Political Science** of **Government Degree College Sanjauli**. The event witnessed an enthusiastic audience of around 250 students.



The debate was gracefully moderated and anchored by **Ms. Nikkita Dhiman**, who welcomed the dignitaries and participants. The **Chief Guests** included **Assistant Professor Abhishek Thakur (Political Science)** and **Dr. Harshvardhan Khimta (Professor of English)**, who also served as judges. The event was further graced by **Vice Principal Prof. Deepak Kaprate (HoD English Department)**, **Prof. Sandesh Kalta (Journalism)**, **Dr. Poonam Chandel (HoD Political Science)**.



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Special Guest **Mr. Vartik Chatra**, Alumnus Of Political Science
graced the event with his presence.



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The programme commenced with a welcome address by the moderator **Ms. Nikkita Dhiman** student of BA 3rd year, followed by an insightful speech from **Prof. Deepak Kaprate [HOD of English department and Vice President Of College]** on climate change and its growing challenges.



The debate was contested between :

Team A (arguing disasters are man-made)
and **Team B (arguing disasters are natural)**.

Team A (Man-made Disasters):

Members: Cheshta (BA II), Aarchi (BA III), Sujal (BA II), Saksham (BA III), Jayantika (BA III)



Key Arguments:

- Ignoring carrying capacity of fragile mountains.
- Illegal and unplanned construction on steep slopes.
- Deforestation leading to soil erosion and landslides.
- Weak waste management and transport systems.
- Unsafe tourism activities.
- Policy loopholes and corruption.

Case Studies: 2023 Shimla house collapse due to poor drainage, Summerhill temple landslide, Solan school building collapse, and bridge failures.

Team B (Natural Disasters):

Members: Krish (BA III), Yashima (BA III), Samriti (BA I), Ritasha (BA II), Sapna (BA II)



Key Arguments:

- Natural climatic cycles like El Niño and La Niña.
- Geographical vulnerability of the Himalayas.
- Steep and unstable slopes.
- Solar flux and energy variations.
- Global comparison with other mountains like the Alps, Aravallis, and Wales.

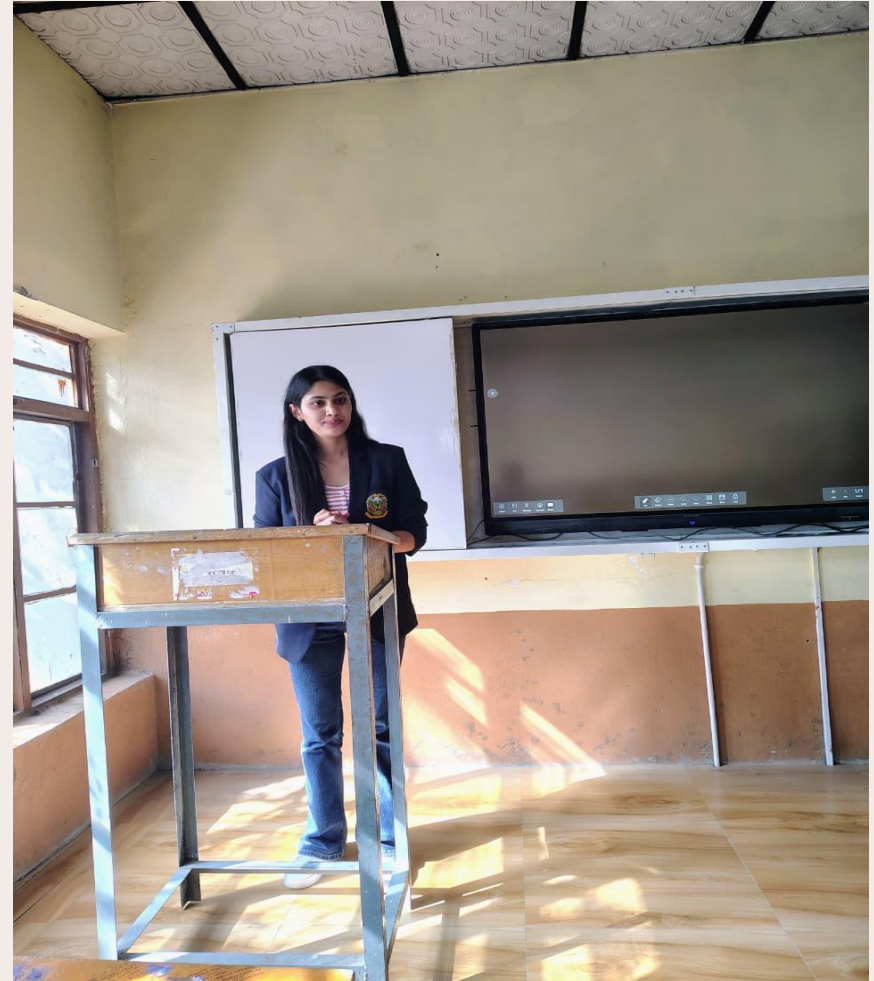
The debate grew vibrant with **roasting, questioning, and counter-arguments**, keeping the audience engaged. Both teams supported their claims with facts and case studies, making the session both **informative and entertaining**.



In the concluding remarks, **Dr. Harshvardhan Khimta** appreciated the depth of arguments and encouraged the students for their analytical approach. **Assistant Professor Abhishek Thakur** announced the results, declaring **Team A** as the winners.



**Aarchi (BA III) was adjudged
the Best Speaker.**



The session ended with **Dr. Poonam Chandel** delivering the **Vote of Thanks**, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and students for making the event a grand success.



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