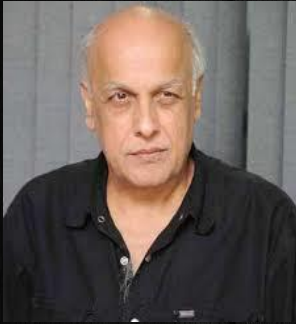


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“No wonder films don’t always do well. After seeing a debate like this where so many intellectual young minds fight it out who would want to go to a movie theatre?”

-MAHESH BHATT

“Way beyond my expectations. Never expected a technical college to hold such a non-technical Debate!”

-DOLLY THAKORE



ABOUT

The National level Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues Memorial Debate is a prestigious Debate Competition in Mumbai, hosted annually by Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Bandra. Inaugurated in the year 1999 as a debate competition for colleges within Mumbai, it became a National level Competition in 2012. It is a 2-day event usually held in the month of September organized by the Students’ Council, CRCE. The debate aims to provide a forum for today’s youth to articulate views and engage in a dialogue on various affairs that affect the life of the common man, directly or otherwise.

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The debate followed a strict oxford style elimination format till 2015. However this year the debate will follow an intermediate format. The following are the details about the format, the rules, regulations and instructions for the teams.

BASIC FORMAT:

- A debate will have one team proposing the topic and one team opposing the topic
- Opening speech by proposition and then by opposition.
- Refutation round.
- Closing speech by opposition and then proposition.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- One speaker of the team makes the opening speech while the other makes the closing speech.
- The proposition starts the debate; the proposition gives the first opening speech, followed by the opposition's opening speech.
- The opposition raises the first point in the refutation round.
- The last thirty seconds of Refutation Round at any stage of the competition is reserved for 'The Concluding Statement'. It is a concise and precise statement that sums up a team's argument.

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- The debate is concluded by the closing speech, first from the opposition and then the proposition.
- *No new points may be introduced in the closing speech.*
- If a certain team does bring up a new point; the opposition may request the moderator an opportunity to point out the new points at the end of the closing speech which will lead to negative marking.
- For the debates when topics are being given to the teams 15 minutes prior to their debate, they are strictly prohibited to use the internet or any other reading material.* They will be provided with papers and writing material to note-down their points which they can carry with themselves into the debate.
- *Personal comments of any kind directed against the opposite team are strictly prohibited.*
- Participants cannot comment on the opposite team's stance or statements made in previous debates of the competition.

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- Negative marking for exceeding time limit.
- Participants will be judged on the following criteria: *Analysis, confidence, engagement with opposition, organization of points, argumentation level and rapport established with partner.*
- Discrepancies of any sort during the debate will be resolved at the moderator's discretion. The decision will be final and binding.
- *Any electronic devices will not be allowed during the debate.*

***NOTE:** The topic for the first round of debate (League round 1) will be given one week prior to the debate. In the next rounds (League round 2 & 3), the topics will be given 20 minutes prior to the debate. For the quarters, semi-finals and the finals the topics will be given one day in advance.

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TIME STIPULATIONS

League and Quarters

- 4 minutes opening and closing speech.
- Warning bell after 3 minutes 45 seconds (1 bell).
- No new points can be introduced after the warning bell for the opening speaker. A contestant can however complete his current point and summarize.
- 2 bells after 4 minutes are completed.
- Contestants are expected to conclude in the next 15 seconds. He/she would not be allowed to speak after 4 min 15 seconds.
- The time for the refutation rounds is 10 minutes.

Semi-Finals and Final

- 5 minutes opening and closing speech.
- Warning bell after 4 minutes 45 seconds (1 bell).
- No new points can be introduced after the warning bell for the opening speaker. A contestant can however complete his current point and summarize.
- 2 bells after 5 minutes are completed.
- Contestants are expected to conclude in the next 15 seconds. He/she would not be allowed to speak after 5 min 15 seconds.
- The time for the refutation rounds is 15 minutes for the semi-finals and 20 minutes for the final.

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STRUCTURE OF THE DEBATE COMPETITION

The debate will comprise of the following rounds:

- 1) 3 League rounds
- 2) Quarter Finals
- 3) Semi-Finals and
- 4) Final

Structure of the Rounds:

All the rounds of the debate will be oxford style and will comprise of formal debating with the following format specifics

League Rounds:

- Opening proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Refutation Round : 10 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker : 4 minutes

Quarters:

- Opening proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Refutation Round : 10 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker : 4 minutes

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Semi-Finals:

- Opening proposition speaker : 5 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker : 5 minutes
- Refutation Round : 15 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker : 5 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker : 5 minutes

Finals:

- Opening proposition speaker : 5 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker : 5 minutes
- Refutation Round : 20 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker : 5 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker : 5 minutes

PRIZE MONEY:

- **First Place: Rs. 25,000**
- **Second Place: Rs. 15,000**
- **Best Speaker: Rs. 5000**
- **Best Adjudicator: Rs. 5000**

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HOSPITALITY RULES:

Rules applicable to all Colleges

- *There will be no participation fees.*
- Any changes in the name of the participants from your college will be entertained only after clarification with the General Secretary or Cultural Secretary of your college.
- Participants are requested to register themselves at the reception desk on the first day of the event.
- All participants are requested to report at the SAMVAAD auditorium of Fr. CRCE on the 9th floor of the college building on 08th September 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- *Lunch will be provided to all the participants.*
- Every team will be provided with a team in-charge. Please keep him/her informed about your whereabouts at all times.
- Every college can send only one team consisting of two members.

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- Student Council/College Management will be the deciding authority in case of any discrepancy in hospitality related issues and will not be responsible for any loss of property.
- The decision of the Management will be final as far as the management and the debate is concerned.
- Please bring along your college ID and ID proof.
- Please confirm as soon as possible since entry is given on 'first come first serve' basis and the same is limited to 32 colleges.
- ***All participants are requested to be present in formal attire.***

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ADDITIONAL RULES APPLICABLE ONLY TO COLLEGES OUTSIDE MUMBAI

- The Contingent accompanying the team members will not be provided with accommodation or other services. However, if informed, accommodation can be arranged at their expense.
- Please inform the Hospitality Team about the Team Members, Contingent (if any) and any Faculty member accompanying them in advance.
- One room will be provided to the team. Please inform the hospitality team in case you arrange for alternate accommodation for yourself.
- An Undertaking Form must be signed by the parents/guardians of both the members, the Principal of the college and the Team Members.
- *Travel expenses to and fro will not be borne by us. However, travel expenses to and fro between the place of accommodation and college will be borne by us.*
- The duration for the stay is from the evening of 07th September to the morning of 10th September.
- No form of library or reference center will be provided.
- Please inform the Hospitality Team of the Date, Venue and Time of the arrival so that Team-In-Charges can be sent to escort the Team Members once they reach Mumbai.