

Malviya Convent School, Jaipur

Debate Club

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Debate Club – Student Support Members	

A Debate Club plays a vital role in shaping students' communication, reasoning, and leadership abilities, preparing them for academic and real-world challenges while fostering a culture of intellectual growth and respectful discourse.

Here are 20 potential functions, roles, and responsibilities of a Debate Club in an Indian school:

Functions

1. **Develop Public Speaking Skills**: Help students improve their confidence, articulation, and clarity in speaking.
2. **Enhance Critical Thinking**: Encourage logical reasoning and analytical thinking through debates on various topics.
3. **Promote Research Skills**: Teach students how to gather, evaluate, and present information effectively.
4. **Encourage Healthy Discussions**: Provide a platform for students to discuss diverse viewpoints respectfully.
5. **Foster Teamwork**: Promote collaboration and coordination during team debates and group discussions.

Roles

1. **Organize Debates**: Conduct intra- and inter-school debate competitions regularly.
2. **Host Workshops**: Arrange sessions on debate formats, argument structuring, and rebuttal techniques.
3. **Celebrate Debate Events**: Observe occasions like World Speech Day or International Day of Democracy with special debate themes.
4. **Encourage Leadership**: Assign roles like debate moderator, researcher, or evaluator to develop leadership skills among students.
5. **Support Academic Learning**: Integrate debates into the curriculum to make learning more engaging and interactive.
6. **Creating and Supporting Podcast**: - Create and Support in Podcasts – Related to Teachers or outsiders.

Responsibilities

1. **Promote Current Affairs Knowledge**: Encourage students to stay updated on national and global issues.
2. **Prepare for Competitions**: Train and mentor students for participation in external debate contests at district, state, or national levels.
3. **Foster Ethical Debating**: Teach the importance of respectful disagreement and constructive criticism.
4. **Choose Diverse Topics**: Cover a range of subjects, including social, environmental, political, and ethical issues.
5. **Encourage Multilingual Debating**: Conduct debates in various languages, such as English, Hindi, and regional languages, to promote inclusivity.
6. **Build Confidence**: Help shy or introverted students overcome stage fear and develop self-assurance.
7. **Create a Resource Bank**: Maintain a library of debate materials, including books, articles, and videos, for reference.
8. **Promote Logical Argumentation**: Teach students to structure their arguments with clear premises, evidence, and conclusions.
9. **Involve the Community**: Invite parents, teachers, or local speakers to judge debates or share insights on public speaking.
10. **Encourage Social Responsibility**: Use debates as a platform to address societal issues and inspire action among students.