



ATMA RAM SANATAN DHARMA COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

NIMBUS - The English Debating Society

Nimbus kept students engaged throughout **2023–2024** with debates and seminars. The society prides itself on being a catalyst for free speech and helping students hone their oratory skills.

The year kicked off with '**Yuva Summit**', a joint venture of the **Dean's Office of International Relations, University of Delhi, Yuva Manthan**, and the debating societies of ARSD, on **10 July 2023**, which focused on the theme "**Shared Future – Youth in Democracy and Governance**." Mr Abhishek Malhotra, in his keynote address, emphasised the critical role of youth in the global system and highlighted the impact of the Yuva Summit 2023 within the G20 Forum. Delegates from G20 countries, including heads of state, external affairs ministers, and finance ministers, engaged in thought-provoking discussions and exchanged ideas to address youth engagement. The summit culminated in a remarkable closing ceremony, where the best delegates were awarded, followed by a panel session with **Dr Arya, IAS**.

Embodying the spirit of Independence Day, Nimbus organized "**Dissent Discourse**" on **11 August 2023**, where "**Ek Bihari Sab Pe Bhari**" triumphed in a debate exploring the multifaceted aspects of Independence, with "**Bol**" finishing as the runners-up. Shifting gears to environmental issues, **18 September 2023** saw the **APEX SDG MUN Conference**. **Kashish Gumber** secured the **Best Delegate** award, **Shivansh Kumar Singh** and **Aaditya Wadhwa** received **High Commendation**, while **Pradum Kumar** and **Sarthak Sharma** received **Special Mention**.

Continuing the momentum, Nimbus organized an **Extempore Competition** on the theme of **Vigilance Awareness** on **1 November 2023**, where participants debated topics such as government transparency and means of curbing corruption. The **first, second, and third** positions went to **Aaditya Singh**, **Umang Dev Sharma**, and **Shivangi Gaur**, respectively, while **Sharanyam Singh** was adjudged the **Best Interjector**.

1 December 2023 witnessed a collaboration with **Vedanta** and **NSS** for a bilingual debate on **World AIDS Day**, sponsored by the **Delhi State AIDS Control Society**. **Lezaa Sharma** and **Prisha** from **Lakshmibai College** emerged as the champions.

The year **2024** began with a conventional debate highlighting the electoral process in the country, co-hosted by **NSS** and **Vedanta** in collaboration with the **Election Commission of India**. **Tanushree Joshi** from **Sri Venkateswara College** secured the top prize.

The grand finale was **Ehsaas 2.0**, the annual **Asian Parliamentary Debate**, held on **21, 22, and 23 March 2024**. Over **250 participants** battled it out on topics ranging from education to international relations. A team from **Shaheed Bhagat Singh College** won the **Open Grand Finals**, while a cross team triumphed in the **Novice Finals**. **K. Dhruv** was adjudged the **Open Best Speaker**, and **Aniket Patra** received the **Best Adjudicator Award**.

Beyond competitions, Nimbus hosted several seminars. The society had the honour of hosting a speaker session by **Riva Ganguly Das**, former IFS officer, on the topic of **India's Presidency of the G20**. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from the entire college community in understanding geopolitics.

A collaborative effort with **NEXT IAS**, featuring **Mr Shashank**, Academic Coach, and **Mr Rakesh**, IAS officer, on **13 October 2023**, provided insights into the **Civil Services Examination** and motivated aspirants to approach the examination with proper planning and guidance.

On **30 January 2024**, a seminar titled "**Constitutional Values and Fundamental Duties**" featured **Sh. Jayant Sinha, MP**, who emphasized the importance of understanding the Constitution. Other panellists included **Dr Seema Kaul Singh**, Director, ICPS; **Dr Ravindra Garimella**, Former Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat; and **Dr Deepak Gossain**, Former Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat, who explained various parts of the Constitution and their significance.

20 March 2024 saw an **Author Interaction Session** with writer **Shuchi Batra**, who inspired aspiring writers by sharing her experiences of balancing passion with responsibility.

Keeping in line with its motto of inclusivity, Nimbus has also been engaged in conducting open sessions for the entire college fraternity. These sessions aim to help students overcome stage fear, hone their oratory skills, and make the art of public speaking accessible to all.

Nimbus does not believe in working in isolation; therefore, it also organizes guest lectures by prominent debaters from the debating circuit to engage with students and help both amateur and seasoned debaters become more skilled and confident.

These events provided a platform for students to develop debating, critical thinking, and public speaking skills, while also fostering teamwork, research, communication, and social responsibility. Nimbus looks forward to hosting many more such events in the future.