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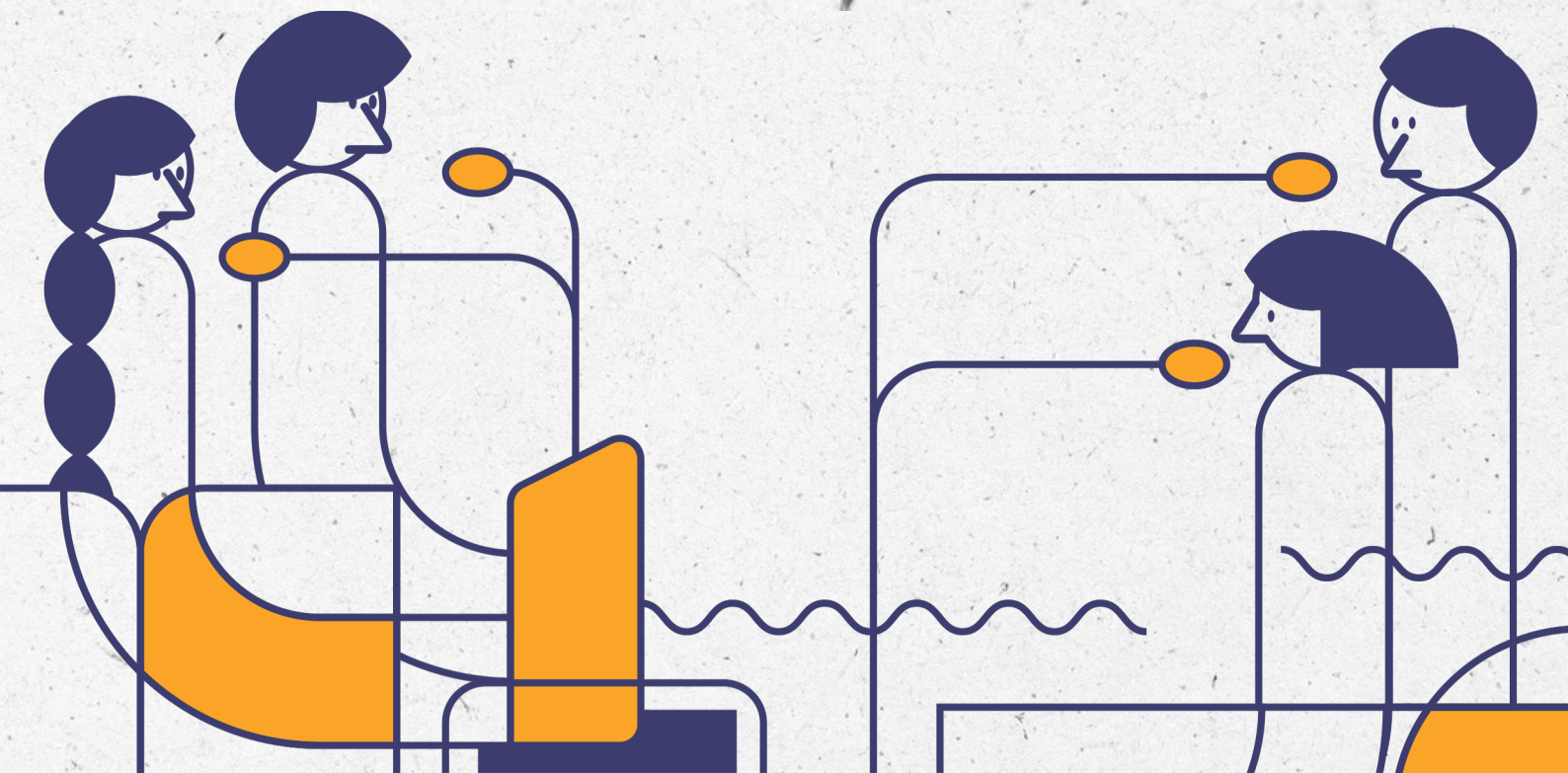
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FOR NOT FOR ETHOS

Building on Vijaybhoomi's spirit of nurturing a liberal mindset and empowering young individuals to express themselves with confidence and clarity, For Not For emerges as a platform for youth across the globe to think critically, engage in meaningful dialogue, and debate pressing international issues with respect and open-mindedness. For Not For is an annual debate competition structured on a global framework. The third edition, held in 2022, brought together 110 participants from over 100 national and international schools. It featured a distinguished panel of judges, including school principals, senior academicians, media professionals, Toastmasters, and corporate leaders. Notably, it was India's first international online high school debate hosted by a university.

FNF OBJECTIVES

1. To promote liberal and free expression of thought among youth, encouraging them to voice diverse perspectives with confidence and civility.
2. To provide a platform for students to engage in meaningful dialogue on global challenges such as poverty, hunger, unemployment, health, climate change, and gender equality – core themes aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
3. To foster essential 21st-century skills, including critical thinking, effective communication, collaboration, and creative problem-solving skills vital for shaping global citizens and future leaders.
4. To raise awareness about the value of liberal education in developing T-shaped professionals—individuals with deep knowledge in one area and broad skills across disciplines- equipping them for Industry 4.0 and beyond.
5. To nurture a spirit of inquiry, empathy, and global-mindedness by bringing together Young voices from diverse cultural, national, and social backgrounds.
6. To celebrate debate not as a competition of opinions, but as a constructive tool for discovery, understanding, and innovation.

THE EVOLUTION OF FOR NOT FOR

Now in its sixth successful edition, For Not For has steadily evolved into a premier international debate platform that empowers young voices to engage with global issues through the lens of critical thinking and respectful discourse. Each edition has built on the momentum of the last, expanding in scope, participation, and impact.

The third edition, a turning point in the competition's journey, saw 220 students from six countries come together, contributing to its rise as a global platform. It was in this edition did we introduce a three-day Leadership Retreat within the For Not For contest. Since then, the format has remained a defining feature of the competition—bringing together top finalists for a three-day immersive experience that goes beyond debating. Students engage in sessions on innovation, entrepreneurship, music, and art, while also bonding through outdoor activities like sports and trekking. It's a space for exploration, self-expression, and learning in its truest sense.

We have consistently invited a distinguished panel of judges, including lawyers, national-level debaters, journalists, and content creators, who evaluate participants using clear and structured criteria and provide detailed individual feedback that reinforces For Not For's commitment to meaningful learning and personal growth.

From its inception to its sixth edition, For Not For continues to grow as a movement—shaping articulate, empathetic, and globally minded youth who are ready to lead the conversations of tomorrow.

THE WINNERS OF FNF-2024 HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING PRIZES:

| CATEGORY | | SCHOOL | STUDENT NAME |
|----------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| SENIOR | WINNER | Cambridge Court World School | Bhavini Khandelwal Nancy |
| | 1st | Birla School Pilani | Yashvardhan Singh |
| | Runner-up | | Adit Upadhyay |
| Junior | WINNER | Cambridge Court World School | Saanvi Prakash Meemansa Jaiman |
| | 1st | Birla School Pilani | Pranaya Jain |
| | Runner-up | | Khushi Raste |

INITIUM

Initium is an online skill-building program designed for all participants ahead of the preliminary rounds of For Not For. It serves as an essential orientation to the British Parliamentary International Debate format, while also offering focused training sessions to help students sharpen their debating skills. Conducted by eminent faculty members and accomplished debaters, Initium equips participants with the tools they need to prepare effectively and perform confidently. This unique feature of For Not For ensures that every student, regardless of prior experience, enters the competition informed, empowered, and ready to engage.



MEEMANSA AND SAANVI - CAMBRIDGE COURT WORLD SCHOOL, JAIPUR

FNF was truly a fun and memorable experience. All the teams were competitive, and participating in an interstate competition for the first time was one of the best things we've done so far. We're grateful for the warm hospitality and thankful to Vijaybhoomi University for inviting us to their beautiful campus in Karjat. The scenic views, the opportunity to socialize, and the overall energy made it all worthwhile.



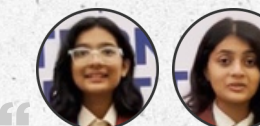
PRANAYA AND KHUSHI - JBCN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, BORIVALI

The Vijaybhoomi campus is incredibly green - something that's so rare these days. We were very nervous when we arrived, overwhelmed by the pressure of the competition. In fact, we cried out of nervousness... and then again when we won! Being first runners-up in the junior category was an emotional and proud moment. We're excited to come back again and will definitely encourage more students from our school to participate in future editions of FNF.



ADIT AND YASHWANT - BIRLA SCHOOL, PILANI

The debate format was amazing, and the overall experience was excellent. The campus is beautifully located in the Sahyadri valley with top-notch facilities. We thoroughly enjoyed every moment of FNF and are proud to have been the first runners-up in the Senior Category. Thank you, Vijaybhoomi University, for organizing such a meaningful event.



ASMI AND RIDDHIMA - CAMBRIDGE COURT WORLD SCHOOL, JAIPUR

The atmosphere and infrastructure at Vijaybhoomi were absolutely stunning. FNF was both fun and highly challenging - every participant brought their best. We can't wait to be part of the next FNF! A special thank you to the entire FNF team for everything - from late-night calls to early morning arrangements, your efforts made this experience unforgettable.



FOR NOT FOR 2025 MODE & FORMAT

With each passing year, For Not For continues to grow in scale and ambition.

FNF 2025 will now feature three distinct categories:

1. **NATIONAL: JUNIOR CATEGORY** – For students of Grades 9 and 10
2. **NATIONAL: SENIOR CATEGORY** – For students of Grades 11 and 12
3. **INTERNATIONAL: JUNIOR & SENIOR CATEGORY** - For students of Grades 9 and 10 (Junior) and for students of Grades 11 and 12 (Senior)

All categories will follow the British Parliamentary Debate format. The competition will be conducted in a hybrid model only for the National – Senior Category, where the Preliminary and Quarter rounds will be held virtually, and the Semifinals and Grand Finals will take place in person at the Vijaybhoomi University campus, Karjat.

For all other categories- National: Junior and International: Junior & Senior- the competition will be conducted entirely online.

FNF 2025 SCHEDULE FOR ALL CATEGORIES

| Round Type | Categories | Mode | Dates | Prize |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Preliminary & Quarter | National (Junior & Senior) | Online (Virtual) | 15-16 Nov 2025 | Qualifying teams enter Semi-Finals |
| | International (Junior & Senior) | | | |
| Semi-Final & Final | National (Junior) | Online (Virtual) | 22-23 Nov 2025 | Winning team: Goodies worth ₹25,000 1st Runner-up: Goodies worth ₹12,500 |
| | International (Junior & Senior) | | | |
| Semi-Final & Final | National (Senior) | Offline (In-Person) | 29-30 Nov 2025 | Winning team: Goodies worth ₹85,000 1st Runner-up: Goodies worth ₹45,000 |
| Note: Participation and Merit Certificates to All Participants | | | | |

KEY DETAILS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. The competition will be held across three categories: National: Junior, National: Senior, and International: Junior and Senior
2. Rounds for each category will be conducted separately.
3. Schools with participants in both Junior and Senior categories must register them separately.
4. Each team must consist of two students.
5. All debates will follow the British Parliamentary Debate format across all three categories.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

For National Senior Category:

1st Prize: Goodies worth Rs. 85,000

2nd Prize: Goodies worth Rs. 45,000

For National (Junior) and International (Junior & Senior) Categories:

1st Prize: Goodies worth Rs. 25,000 (awarded in each category)

2nd Prize: Goodies worth Rs. 12,500

- Merit Certificates will be awarded to the 3rd and 4th place teams in all categories.
- Merit Certificates will also be awarded to teams qualifying for the Quarterfinals and Semi-finals.
- All registered participants will receive participation certificates.

ACCOMMODATION & HOSPITALITY

Teams qualifying for the on-campus rounds (National: Senior) at Vijaybhoomi University will need to arrange their own travel to and from the campus. The university will be happy to assist with identifying and coordinating suitable transport options.

Student participants will be provided with shared accommodation on the university campus. All meals during the on-campus rounds will be provided by the university for both students and accompanying faculty or staff members.

For faculty members and parents who wish to accompany participants, the university can assist in identifying comfortable accommodation options at nearby properties.

LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION

31st October 2025

<http://vijaybhoomi.edu.in/fornotfor/>

SCAN TO REGISTER



PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- Registration can be completed either by the school authority or directly by students. Both team members must be from the same school and fall within the same competition category.
- Each team must consist of two students from the same school.
- Eligibility by category:
 - o Junior Competition: Students of Grades 9 and 10
 - o Senior Competition: Students of Grades 11 and 12
- Note: The above is for both National and International Teams.
- Participants registering for the hybrid British Parliamentary Debate (**National: Senior category**) format must be prepared to travel to the Vijaybhoomi University campus in Karjat, Maharashtra, for the Semifinals and Final rounds, if they qualify.
- Teams qualifying for the on-campus rounds may be accompanied by a school teacher or faculty member.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY - DEBATE PRE-ROUND

- Debate topics for the Preliminary and Quarter rounds will be shared with participants one or two days in advance.
- Students must prepare to argue both sides of each topic.
- Topics for the Semi-finals and Final rounds will be revealed one hour before the debate.
- Team pairings and position allotments will be assigned by the organizers in a fair and randomized manner.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE FRAMEWORK

- Each speaker will have 5 minutes to present their arguments.
- Each round will be judged by a panel of 1 to 3 judges, along with a moderator.
- Optional mentoring sessions with Vijaybhoomi faculty will be available, on request.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ROUND FORMAT

- Greeting, Introduction by moderator 2 min
- Coin Toss and sides are chosen 2 min
- Prep time 2 min
- Prime Minister (Opening Government) 5 min
- Leader of the Opposition (Opening Opposition) 5 min
- Deputy Prime Minister (Opening Government) 5 min
- Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Opening Opposition) 5 min
- Member of Government (Closing Government) 5 min
- Member of the Opposition (Closing Opposition) 5 min
- Government Whip (Closing Government) 5 min
- Opposition Whip (Closing Opposition) 5 min

INITIUM

All registered participants are invited to join Initium virtually. The program includes interactive sessions that focus on developing debating skills, understanding the format and clarify doubts. Alongside training, there are also fun and engaging activities that help participants connect with one another and stay motivated.

REGISTRATION FEES

JUNIOR & SENIOR (NATIONAL)- INR 1299

JUNIOR & SENIOR (INTERNATIONAL)- \$40

DEBATE DAY PROCEDURE

1. Participants must log in at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of their Preliminary or Quarter Round. This buffer allows time for technical checks and an informal introduction between judges and participants.
2. The moderator will begin by welcoming everyone, inviting debaters to introduce themselves, introducing the panel of judges, and acknowledging any audience members present.
3. Once the round concludes, judges will move into a breakout room for a short deliberation to finalize the results. Outcomes will be communicated the following day via email and WhatsApp.



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