



Date/Day: January 13, 2026 - February 02, 2026

Title: Debate Competitions 2026

Theme: “Voices that Shape the Future,”

Objective:

- Debate Competition Week, celebrated under the theme “Voices that Shape the Future,” from 13th -19th Jan 2026 aimed to highlight the importance of critical thinking, effective communication, and informed dialogue among students.
- The purpose of this event was to promote awareness about the power of debate in shaping opinions and decision-making, strengthen confidence and leadership skills, and inspire students to express their ideas responsibly while engaging respectfully with diverse opinions, perspectives.

Details of the Event:

Debate Competition Week 2026 at **MES H.K. College of Pharmacy** was organized with great enthusiasm and witnessed active participation from students of both **UG (Undergraduate)** and **PG (Postgraduate)** programs. The event was designed to strengthen students' critical thinking, public speaking, and analytical abilities while encouraging them to express informed perspectives on contemporary issues related to pharmacy and healthcare.

The Debate Competition provided a dynamic platform for budding pharmacy professionals to articulate their views, engage in constructive arguments, and demonstrate their depth of knowledge on relevant topics. Participants showcased confidence, clarity of thought, and strong communication skills, making the sessions intellectually stimulating and impactful.

Program Outcome: PO1, PO2, PO3, PO5, PO8, PO9, PO11, PSO1

- **Faculty Participation: 20**
- **Participants Details: Total number of participants: 40**
 - **UG Students: 34 (Total Groups: 09)**
 - **PG Students: 04 (Total Groups: 01)**

Summary of the Activity:

Debate Competition Week 2026 at **H.K. College of Pharmacy** was successfully organized as an academically enriching activity aimed at enhancing students' critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and communication skills. Students from both **UG (Undergraduate)** and **PG (Postgraduate)** programs actively participated, displaying enthusiasm, confidence, and a strong understanding of pharmacy- and healthcare-related issues.

The Debate Competition was conducted **offline in classrooms**, providing a structured and disciplined environment for participants to present well-reasoned arguments, engage in constructive

discussions, and articulate diverse perspectives on contemporary topics relevant to the pharmacy profession and healthcare system. The event encouraged evidence-based thinking, teamwork, and professional discourse among future pharmacists.

The performances of the participants were evaluated by a panel of esteemed faculty members from MES's **H.K. College of Pharmacy**, based on criteria such as subject knowledge, clarity of expression, logical reasoning, confidence, and overall impact. Overall, Debate Competitions 2026 successfully promoted academic engagement, professional awareness, and a spirit of healthy competition among students.

Debate Topics:

First Round (13th - 16th January):

1. Artificial Intelligence and Employment
Will artificial intelligence replace human jobs, or will it only transform the workforce?
2. Legalization of Narcotics
Do economic benefits outweigh public safety concerns?

Second Round (17th January)

1. Clinical Research in Economically Poor Countries
Is it ethical to conduct clinical trials in low-income countries?
2. Patient Protection in India
Are existing healthcare laws in India sufficient to protect patient rights and safety?

Third Round (19th January)

1. Indian Patent Laws:
Are India's patent laws adequate to protect indigenous designs and traditional innovations?

Final Round (02nd February)

1. Literature as a lens for scientific ethics:
Do fictional literature like Frankenstein and The Citadel highlight ethical responsibilities in science, medicine and policies involving the same

Flow of Debate Competition Week Event:

The first round of the Debate Competition was conducted on 13th -16th January 2026. All respective team leaders of the 10 registered teams were required to report at 4:00 PM on 12th January to pick a chit labelled as: **A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5**. After the assignment of the labels, the First Round of Debate was carried out as given below:

Team A Vs Team B	Winner of First Round
A1 (Team Afraz) Vs B1 (Team Vedant Sawant)	Team Afraz
A2 (Team Maitri Parab) Vs B2 (Team Faizan)	Team Maitri Parab
A3 (Team Arpita Sawant) Vs B3 (Team Rehan Sheikh)	Team Arpita Sawant
A4 (Team Vansh Vora) Vs B4 (Team Shambhavi Raghuvanshi)	Team Vansh Vora
A5(Team Shreya Pandey) Vs B5(Team Amaan Tambu)	Team Shreya Pandey

On the 16th January 2026 a fresh labels of **C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5** were allotted by chit system to the qualifying teams of the First Round of Debate. The details of subsequent debate rounds are as given below

Second Round of Debate	Winner of Second Round
C1 (Team Maitri Parab) Vs C2 (Team Arpita Sawant)	C2 (Team Arpita Sawant)
C3 (Team Vansh Vora) Vs C4 (Team Shreya Pandey)	C4 (Team Shreya Pandey)
Third Round of Debate	Winner of Third Round
C2 (Team Arpita Sawant) Vs C5 (Team Afraz)	C5 (Team Afraz)
Final Round of Debate	Winner of Final Round
C4 (Team Shreya Pandey) Vs C5 (Team Afraz)	C4 (Team Shreya Pandey)

Brochure/Photo Gallery:



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"Speak Strong.
Think Sharp.
Win Minds."

BATTLE OF THE MINDS
Date: 13th January 2026 Onwards

Participation certificate will be provided for the same

Timing : 4.00 pm onwards
Venue: Classrooms

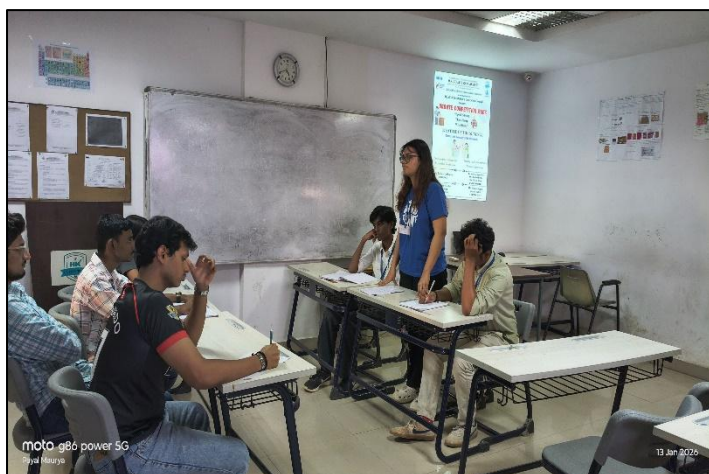
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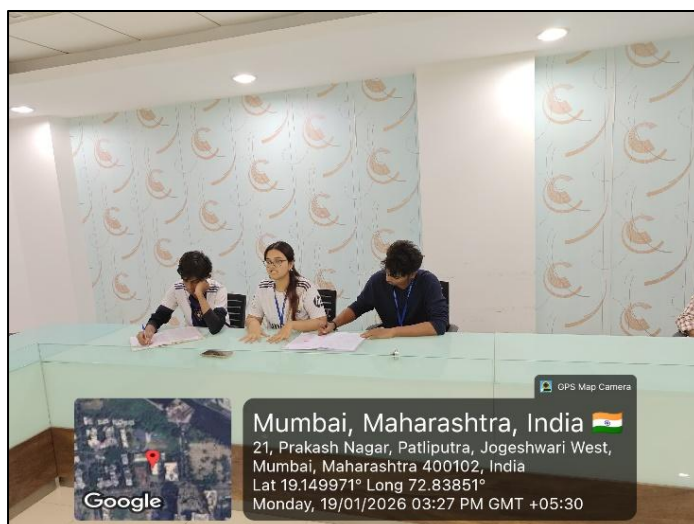
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Mr. Amaan Tambu
STUDENT COUNCIL
(GENERAL SECRETARY)

Mr. Nitesh Gupta
STUDENT COUNCIL
(SCIENTIFIC HEAD)

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Key Outcomes of the Event:

- Enhanced critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and evidence-based argumentation skills among participating students.
- Improved soft communication, public speaking, and articulation abilities through structured debates and discussions.
- Provided a constructive platform for students to express diverse viewpoints respectfully while engaging with contrasting perspectives.
- Strengthened confidence, leadership qualities, and decision-making skills among participants.
- Promoted awareness of contemporary issues and the role of informed dialogue in shaping opinions and professional practice.
- Encouraged teamwork, mutual respect, and ethical reasoning during competitive and collaborative activities.
- Motivated students to actively participate in intellectual forums and contribute meaningfully to academic and societal discourse.

Link for social media:

LinkedIn:	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/h-k-college-of-pharmacy-mumbai-303524222_debate-competition-2026-at-mes-hk-college-activity-7426963983456206849-rSAG?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAADf2WrMBUFgAeZVznddoMfc3VtpDnyqdS4Y
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