

VANI - THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Lady Irwin College

Vision- **Empowering Voices, Shaping Perspectives**

"It's not about having the right opportunities. It's about handling the opportunities right."

Vani- The Debating Society, the voice of Lady Irwin College itself, is a dynamic platform where ideas collide, perspectives evolve, and voices find power! As a society dedicated to the art of argumentation, critical thinking, and public speaking, we aim to foster a culture of intellectual curiosity and constructive discourse.

Through engaging debates, stimulating discussions, and competitive events, we challenge conventional wisdom, refine our reasoning skills, and develop confidence in articulation. Whether you're a seasoned debater or a beginner eager to learn, our society provides the perfect space to sharpen your skills, engage with diverse viewpoints, and make your voice heard.

Composition of the Society

The society is structured into four key departments, each contributing to the smooth functioning and success of Vani's initiatives:

1. **Debating Department** – At the Debating Department, we believe that every voice matters. We create a platform for students to explore diverse viewpoints, sharpen their argumentative skills, and develop as thoughtful leaders. This department also ensures well-researched motions.
2. **Content Department** – The Content Department is the creative engine of our society, crafting compelling narratives that connect with our audience and drive engagement across all platforms. They prepare debate briefs, scripts for the events and drafts promotional content.
3. **Graphics Department** – The Graphic Department is where creativity meets innovation, producing captivating visuals that not only stand out but also tell the story behind every picture. They are responsible for creating visually appealing posters, banners, and social media content to enhance the society's outreach.
4. **Marketing Department** – Welcome to the Marketing Department, where creativity meets strategy to drive impactful campaigns and sponsors to deliver exceptional results for our society. This team ensures the effective promotion of events, builds collaborations, and maintains the visibility of Vani in inter-college circuits.

Activities Conducted by Vani

Throughout the academic year, Vani organizes a range of activities that cater to both seasoned debaters and newcomers.

1. Society Orientation

The journey begins with an orientation session where freshers are introduced to Vani's legacy, its functioning, and the opportunities it offers. This session also includes an interactive discussion to spark enthusiasm for debating.

2. Freshers' Talent Contest

This contest provides an open platform for newcomers to showcase their public speaking abilities through speeches, declamations, and extempore performances. It serves as a recruitment ground for identifying potential debaters.

3. Agreed to Disagree- An OTT-Inspired Debate Competition

An innovative debating event that draws inspiration from themes, narratives, and characters from popular OTT (Over-The-Top) platforms, making debates engaging and relatable for students.

4. Group Discussions

Regular group discussions are conducted on current affairs, socio-political issues, and philosophical questions. These sessions help members develop coherent arguments, spontaneity, and analytical thinking.

5. Inter-College Debate Competitions

Vani actively participates in and hosts inter-college debate tournaments, allowing students to engage with some of the best debaters across institutions. These competitions include conventional debating, parliamentary debates, and turncoat formats.

6. Soliloquy

Soliloquy is the annual event of Vani- The Debating Society organised under Quintessence- The Annual Cultural fest.

Day1– Aqeeda- The Open Mic Competition

A highlight of the year, this event encourages students to express themselves through poetry, storytelling, and spoken word performances. It is an inclusive platform for creative expression.

Day2– Hannah Sen Memorial Debate

The flagship event of Vani, this formal debating competition invites participants from various colleges to engage in rigorous debates on socially relevant themes.

Routine Work and Scope of Vani

As an active debating society, Vani conducts regular training sessions, mock debates, and research meetings. The society fosters teamwork, leadership, and communication skills, making it an excellent preparatory ground for careers in law, media, academia, and public relations. Additionally, the marketing and graphics departments work consistently to maintain an engaging social media presence, ensuring Vani remains a well-recognized debating society in the university circuit.

With a rich culture of intellectual engagement, Vani continues to grow, offering students an invaluable experience in argumentation, rhetoric, and discourse. We provide a platform to hone your public speaking skills, sharpen your critical thinking, and build confidence through exciting debates, discussions, and competitions. Whether you're an experienced debater or just starting, this is your chance to grow, learn, and make your voice heard.

OFFICE BEARERS 2025-26

PRESIDENT: Ms. Pragya Singh

SECRETARY: Ms. Yukti Daman

DEBATING DEPARTMENT

- Debating Head- Ms. Sarika
- Debating Co-head- Ms. Sarah Sharma

CONTENT DEPARTMENT

- Content Head: Ms. Kanishka Rawat
- Content Co-head: Ms. Muskan Yadav

GRAPHICS DEPARTMENT

- Graphics Head: Ms. Avni Bidhuri
- Graphics Co-head: Ms. Ruby

MARKETING DEPARTMENT

- Marketing Head: Ms. Mehak Bansal
- Marketing Co-head: Ms. Disha