

The Debate Society
Annual Club Report 2022-23

TDS

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About the Club:

The Debate Society is the official FLAME University club for all things debating. A first-year club, TDS has made huge developments in introducing debate to the students of FLAME, as well as nurturing debaters within the student fraternity. Through our efforts this year, we have created a strong debating culture in FLAME University, empowering the students to voice their opinions on topics of importance and controversy.

We have varied the ambit of our events, from introducing new ideas of informal debate to improve the inter-personal communication skills of the participants and the audience alike, to holding formal debating events where the budding debaters are invited to put their intellect to a test against their peers, to the revolutionary ‘Battle of the Clubs’, making the efforts of all cultural clubs more visible to the students and management of FLAME University.

Executive Committee: The EC consists of members who are handling day-to-day operations of the club and are ultimately responsible for all the Club’s activities. The Executive Committee must be composed of the President (Aditya Kajrolkar), Vice President (Thara Premanand), and Treasurer (Sanvi Saraff).

Sub-Committees: The club’s Executive Committee may elect club members to sub-committees positions in charge of particular portfolios (such as contents, creative, logistics, etc.) to assist them in the operation of the club. The sub-committees typically operate under the direction and supervision of the Executive Committee (27 members).

Active Member: An active member is a patron (member) of the club who is recorded in the club’s membership register with at least their full name, email address, and student ID. The Executive Committee will select the Active Members to be part of an Election Committee at the end of each academic year.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/flamedebatesociety/>

Introduction of the Executive Committee

President – Aditya Kajrolkar (UG2)



Vice President – Thara Premanand (UG2)



Treasurer – Sanvi Saraff (UG2)



Club Activities

- The Infinity Debate: 8th September 2022

The Infinity Debate was an introductory debate event. The debate saw two teams of eight people debating five different topics in different rounds. The topics ranged from intellectual to controversial. The teams gave two speeches in an alternating order, then a ten-minute rebuttal and counter-questioning period followed. The debate saw a huge turnout in participants and audience, with a remarkably high quality of debate!



- Change My Mind: 22nd-26th September 2022

Change My Mind was a series of events over one week. We invited all students from FLAME University to come and debate against each other and against TDS members on topics of general interest and controversy. Through this event, we brought in a lot of people who would not attend debates and sessions like these to join the conversation and voice their opinions.



- Interhouse Debate: 27th October 2022

The Debate Society was proud to host the Interhouse Debating Competition as a collaborative event with the Philosophy Club. The event saw teams of two representing the four houses debating each other on topics of philosophical and practical importance. Each team had two rounds of debating, with a judging panel made up of faculty members from all fields.



- The Debate Society Mixer: 7th November 2022

The Debate Society Mixer was a social event, introducing the first year club to the University as well as giving the student community a space to socialize, network and enjoy themselves while partaking in the food sold by TDS concessions stall, playing games organized by TDS members or reading and writing opinions on the anonymous Opinions Board on site. Please double-click the icon to see our montage from the event!



- Triple Threat Debate: 19th January 2023

Triple Threat Debate was a serious and intellectual debating event, judged by the Executive Committee of The Debate Society. The event saw two teams of three going head-to-head in two rounds of debate over intellectual and academic questions. After an initial speech from all members of the two teams, there was a ten-minute rebuttal round. Following this, the Executive Committee members got to ask questions to the participants, and gave valuable feedback and insights into the debate.



- Battle of the Clubs: 17th April 2023

A revolutionary event for all cultural clubs of FLAME University, Battle of the Clubs was an event organized by The Debate Society to find out which cultural was the ‘best’ of the year. The event saw participation from 8 cultural clubs of FLAME University, with EC members representing their own clubs. Each club representative gave a speech of three minutes to explain why their club was the best of the year, after which they faced a round of questioning from other representatives and the audience.

The event created an environment of accountability, where EC members were held accountable for their club’s actions. Furthermore, all clubs learnt their shortcomings and strengths that they

displayed over the year from the perspective of the audience. FLAME Fashun Club was crowned as the best club, closely followed by Art Club and Music Club.



Introduction of the New Executive Committee for 2023-24

President: Parth Prasad (UG-1)

List of Sub-Committee Members and Active Members

- Aditya Kajrolkar (President)
- Thara Premanand (Vice-President)
- Sanvi Saraff (Treasurer)
- Parth Prasad (Head of Research and Content)
- Diwasha Jain (Head of Social Media)
- Neha Sudhakar (Head of Design)
- Ayush Sethi (Head of Public Relations)
- Aadhya Desai (Head of Logistics)
- Yesha Shah (Head of Events)
- Khushi Shet (Logistics Team)
- Rutuja Sawargaonkar (Logistics Team)
- Aarushi Gupta (Content Team)
- Akshat Sharma (Content and Events Team)