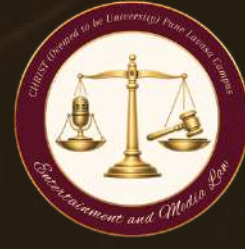


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Pune Lavasa Campus



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Debate and Literary Society

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The 2nd Edition

Asian Parliamentary Debate

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The Reporter's Showdown

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ABOUT CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY) PUNE LAVASA CAMPUS

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa campus, is committed to excellence in education, research, and holistic development. Located amidst the scenic Sahyadri hills, the campus offers a serene yet technologically advanced learning environment. It is envisioned as an “Analytical Hub” that integrates experiential learning with industry exposure and interdisciplinary pedagogy.

The Lavasa campus offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes across disciplines including law, management, commerce, data science, and humanities. The academic framework promotes interdisciplinary learning, critical thinking, and ethical responsibility.

CHRIST University, Pune Lavasa campus, has earned national and global recognition for its commitment to quality education and values-driven leadership. At the Lavasa campus, the aim is to build professionals who are intellectually competent and socially committed. Through vibrant academic culture, personalized mentoring, and global exposure, students are equipped to thrive in the dynamic and professional landscape.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AND DEAN

Dr Fr Lijo Thomas

Director and Dean, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa campus



Peitho Cup – An intersection of legal rigour and rhetorical mastery. May your arguments today be as sharp as the law and as unwavering as Justice.

All the best for the Second Edition.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Dr Parameswaran S

Associate Dean, CHRIST (Deemed to be University). Pune Lavasa campus



Peitho Cup is a complimentary event from School of Law inline with the institution's motive of excellence and service. While academic excellence remains our foundation, the Peitho Cup represents the vital "living laboratory" where students transition from being passive consumers of knowledge to active, influential voices in society.

The development that occurs within the crucible of a parliamentary debate is multifaceted. Beyond the mastery of rhetoric, these students are honing the cognitive agility required to navigate an increasingly complex world.

They learn to deconstruct intricate global challenges, synthesize diverse perspectives under pressure, and perhaps most importantly, listen with the intent to understand rather than just the intent to reply. This process cultivates a level of intellectual humility and emotional intelligence that no textbook can fully provide. As these young leaders step out into their respective professional fields, they carry with them the ability to advocate for justice, influence policy, and lead with clarity. The Peitho Cup ensures that they do not just enter society as skilled professionals, but as empathetic citizens capable of fostering the dialogue and collaboration our world so urgently requires. I congratulate the organizing committee and the participants for their dedication to this journey of self-discovery and social contribution. May the insights gained here serve as a lifelong compass in your pursuit of excellence and service.

I wish great success to the entire team and school of law.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa campus, offers a comprehensive range of programs, including integrated undergraduate degrees (BA LLB Honours, BBA LLB Honours), postgraduate degrees (LLM in Corporate & Commercial Law, LLM in Constitutional & Administrative Law), and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law. Structured in line with the guidelines of the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission, the curriculum blends doctrinal study with practical exposure. Students engage in internships, legal aid clinics, moot courts, and supervised research, ensuring their readiness for the legal profession.

Faculty members include experienced academicians and practitioners who mentor students in both foundational subjects and emerging areas of law. The School of Law regularly hosts moot courts, seminars, guest lectures, and workshops, fostering professional engagement and contemporary awareness. Students have consistently excelled in national and international competitions, affirming the school's commitment to academic and professional excellence. Nestled in the serene hills of Lavasa, the campus offers an environment that supports both intellectual and personal growth, shaping future-ready legal professionals.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

It is a moment of immense pride and excitement for the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa campus, to host the Peitho Cup: Inter-University Debate Championship, 2026. Over the years, the department has fostered a vibrant culture of moot court competitions, trial advocacy, alternative dispute resolution and client counselling. At the heart of each of these facets of legal practice lies the art of structured argumentation - and it is here that debating occupies a pivotal and distinguished place within the academic sphere.

The Peitho Cup is a natural extension of the institution's commitment to creating platforms where students can sharpen their critical and logical thinking, articulate their ideas with clarity and precision, and engage meaningfully with the legal complex contemporary issues. The championship brings together the intellectual rigour of law with the spontaneity, strategy, and discipline of competitive debate.

I commend the dedicated efforts of the Debate and Literary Society and Entertainment and Media Law Committee in organizing the prestigious event. I am confident that the championship will serve not only as a platform for spirited competition, but also as an opportunity for meaningful academic exchange and lasting personal growth of all participants. Wishing everyone a successful, enriching, and memorable championship.



Dr. Sivananda Kumar K

ABOUT DEBATE AND LITERARY SOCIETY

The Debate and Literary Society of the Students' Bar Association (SBA) is a dynamic platform that fosters critical thinking, oratory excellence, and informed discourse among students. It serves as a vital space for the intellectual and rhetorical development of aspiring legal professionals, enabling them to articulate arguments, engage with contemporary issues, and cultivate a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives. Under the leadership of Ms. Anya Nicole Correia Gonsalves as Convenor and Ms. Jiya Metha as Co-Convenor, the Society aims to encourage active student participation in debating activities within and beyond the university. With a shared commitment to academic rigour and holistic growth, the leadership brings energy, clarity, and structure to every initiative undertaken by the Committee.

Throughout the academic year, the Debate and Literary Society organizes training sessions, competitions for the CSA children, Debate competitions in collaboration with other committees of the SBA and interactive sessions, while also preparing students to represent the university in national and international competitions. Its objective is not only to promote public speaking and argumentation but also to nurture informed, ethical, and responsible voices within the legal community.

The Debate and Literary Society stands as a testament to the university's commitment to academic excellence, democratic dialogue, and the power of reasoned speech in the practice of law.



ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA LAW COMMITTEE

The Entertainment and Media Law Committee is a dynamic academic platform dedicated to fostering awareness, research, and practical engagement in the evolving fields of entertainment, media, and intellectual property law. Under the leadership of the Convenor, Ms. Rhea Eleanor Rhine and the Co-Convenor,

Mr. Tanush Patil, the Committee seeks to cultivate commercial legal skills while encouraging critical analysis of contemporary issues affecting the creative and digital sectors.

As part of its commitment to experiential legal learning, the Committee organised Vinculum 2026 – the 1st Online Contract Drafting Competition, a landmark initiative designed to immerse students in real-world transactional documentation within the entertainment and media industry.

Building on this foundation, the Committee continues to expand its footprint Peitho Cup 2026, the Reporter's Showdown. By creating opportunities for interdisciplinary dialogue and skill development, it aims to equip students with the practical tools and nuanced understanding required to navigate the legal complexities of rapidly transforming media landscapes. Through such initiatives, the Committee not only enhances academic engagement but also prepares its members to contribute to the entertainment and media law ecosystem.



ABOUT PEITHO CUP 2026

School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa campus Debate and Literary Society, in collaboration with the Entertainment and Media Law Committee, proudly presents its 2nd Edition of the flagship Parliamentary Debate Competition **Peitho Cup**, now with the **Reporter's Showdown**. This prestigious competition invites both law and non-law students from universities across India to engage in high-level discourse, showcasing their critical thinking, argumentation, and persuasive skills.

The competition structure is as follows:

- **Preliminary Rounds:** Conducted online, allowing teams from across the country to participate with ease
- **Octa-Finals, Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, and Finals:** Conducted offline at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Lavasa campus, offering participants the opportunity to debate in a dynamic, intellectual atmosphere
- The Online Rounds will be held on 12th and 13th September 2026 and the qualifying teams will be competing in offline rounds on 3rd and 4th of October 2026

The rulebook, demonstration video, and preliminary motions can be accessed via the Google Drive provided at the end of the brochure.

This event promises thought-provoking, intense debates and reporting and an enriching experience for all participants. Join us in an arena where ideas clash, arguments sharpen, and only the most articulate minds prevail.



INSTRUCTION AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all students across universities in India, welcoming both law and non-law students to engage in rigorous discourse, test their oratory skills, and challenge perspectives in a battle of wits.

VENUE AND DATES

Online Rounds (Preliminary Rounds): 12th and 13th September 2026

Offline Rounds: 03rd and 4th October 2026 at
CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Pune Lavasa, 412112

PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

- The teams should register through their respective Official College Email ID OR Any other recognized student association Email ID
- Kindly note that only a maximum of three teams per College/Institution/University shall be permitted to take part in the Competition.
- The last date for Early bird registration is 1st August 2026, and the last date for Regular registration shall be 20th August 2026.
- Teams should complete the payment via the official payment portal and retain the payment receipt, after which they should proceed to fill the registration form (can be found on the last page).

PAYMENT DETAILS

The registration fees are as follows:

Early Bird Registration – Rs. 3300/- (Team of 4)

Regular Registration – Rs. 4000/- (Team of 4)

For Offline Rounds – Additional Rs. 2500/- (Debate Team of 3)

Additional Rs. 850/- (Reporter)

Note: The charges for accommodation and food will be payable only for the teams selected for offline rounds on campus. You can pay the fee once the list for qualifying teams are out

PAYMENT STEPS

Step 1 – Go to <https://lavasa.christuniversity.in//>

Step 2 – Click on “Menu”, then from the drop down menu select “E-Services” then click on “Online Payment Portal”.

Step 3 – Click the “Click below link for the payment” option at the bottom of the page.

Step 4 – Select “Fee Name” as “Fest/Event”, In the “Select Category” Option, pick “Peitho Cup 2026 – Early Bird” or “Peitho Cup 2026 – Regular” (as applicable) , fill the captcha and continue.

Step 5 – Fill the required details on the page and complete the payment.

Step 6 – Save the receipt and continue to the google form for registration.

IMPORTANT DATES

Release of Registration Forms	1 st June 2026
Registrations Close	20 th August 2026
Assignment of Team Codes	1 st September 2026
Online Rounds	12 th – 13 th September 2026
Results (Online Round)	16 th September 2026
Offline Rounds	3 rd – 4 th October 2026
Valedictory	4 th October 2026

PRELIMINARY ROUND MOTIONS

Instructions

Teams are expected to prepare for all the motions and for either side of each motion. The motion and the side will be announced prior to the respective round. Each motion is accompanied by an information note, which can be referred to in the Google Drive.

Motions

1. This House would hold media houses criminally liable for presenting paid news without clear public disclosure.
2. This House prohibits the unauthorised use of a public figure's identity and supports stronger personality rights.
3. This House would hold influencers and celebrities legally liable for misleading endorsements.
4. This House prohibits influencers and podcasters from providing professional advice in regulated sectors without recognised qualifications.

DIRECTIONS TO REACH THE CAMPUS

Route

- Start from Pune and head towards Chandni Chowk.
- Take the road towards Pirangut via Paud Road.
- Continue driving through Pirangut and towards Mulshi.
- Follow the signboards for Lavasa after Mulshi.
- The road becomes hilly and scenic as you enter the Sahyadri region.
- Continue on the Lavasa road until you reach the main entry gate of Lavasa.
- Total distance is around 60–70 km and usually takes about 1.5–2.5 hours depending on traffic and weather.

Tips

- Start early to avoid Pune city traffic.
- Drive carefully on the ghat section, especially during monsoon.
- Fuel stations are limited near Lavasa, so refuel before Mulshi if needed.

Alternatively, you can follow the directions provided by Google Maps:
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/wiKWCQL5BCdejaJo9>



IMPORTANT LINKS



Registration



Rules

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Winners

Debate - **Rs. 50,000/-**

Reporter - **Rs. 10,000/-**

Runner-Up

Debate - **Rs. 30,000/-**

Reporter - **Rs. 7,000/-**

Best Speaker - Rs. 10,000/-

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