

**MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY,
ROHTAK**



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
Organising
NATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION
on
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026



Department of Law
Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak (A⁺), initially known as Rohtak University, was established in 1976 with the object to promote inter-disciplinary higher education and research. The University derives its name and identity from Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, a great freedom fighter, renowned social reformer and progressive thinker. Over the years, the University has progressed to emerge as a leading centre of higher education.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

The Department of Law was established in the University in 1978 with the following broad objectives:- (i) to train students for career as Professional Advocates in the Courts; (ii) to equip/prepare them for judicial services; (iii) to improve legal competence; (iv) to train students for career as Personnel Managers in Organizations; (v) to prepare competent personnel for careers in teaching, research and consultancy in legal procedure and problems; and (vi) to extend the frontiers of knowledge in law through research and development. Department is pioneer of Five Year Integrated law Course (1983) in India. The Department of Law runs different programs such as BA LL.B (H) 5 yr. course, LL.B (H) 3 yr. course, LL.M 2 yr. (1st shift & 2nd shift), Diploma in Cyber Law, Diploma in Labour Law, Diploma in Criminology & Forensic Law and Ph.D. Department has produced considerable number of Alumnis IAS/IPS, Judicial Officers and Law Officers serving in Haryana and other states.

A considerable number of students of the Department have also joined the Judicial Civil Services in District Courts/High Courts of different states. Some of the students of the Department have joined as Legal Executive and Senior Executives at Airport Authority of India. A large number of the students of the Department has joined the Department of Prosecution, Govt. of Haryana at Chandigarh as well as at other places as Assistant District Attorney, Deputy District Attorney and District Attorney. In addition, a huge number of the students has employed as Teaching Faculty in M.D. University, Rohtak, Kurukshetra University, Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur, Rewari and B.P.S. Mahila Vishwidyalya, Khanpur Kalan, Sonipat, Delhi University, Delhi, Inderprastha University, Dwarka, Central University, Jat Pali, Mohindergarh. Further, a number of our alumni have joined as teaching in various colleges affiliated to the above Universities.

The Department of Law also publishes Bi-Annual, Peer Reviewed, Refreed, MDU Law Journal (ISSN No.- 2230-746X). Department has a Legal-Aid-Clinic for social outreach to provide free legal aid and advise to poor/needy as per Haryana Legal Services Authorities Act. The Law Faculty has various Research Papers and National and International conferences to their credits.

Vision of Department of Law:

To promote justice, human dignity, and social responsibility through excellence in legal education by developing critically thinking, ethically grounded, and socially committed legal professionals, with a strong focus on advocacy, clinical learning, and legal aid for the marginalized.

Mission of Department of Law:

To deliver quality legal education through experiential learning, including moot courts, internships, and clinical training; to promote research and academic collaborations; to strengthen legal aid and community outreach; and to develop advocacy skills, ethical values, and professional competence among students for effective participation in the justice delivery system.

About the National Debate Competition:-

Date- September 25, 2026

TOPICS:

1. Artificial Intelligence in Courts: Boon or Bane

(अदालतों में कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता: वरदान या अभिशाप)

2. Environmental Justice: Should Development Project Take Priority over ecological Rights?

(पर्यावरण न्याय: क्या विकास परियोजनाओं को प्राकृतिक अधिकारों से अधिक प्राथमिकता दी जानी चाहिए?)

Participation

- Expected participation: around 20 teams
- No Registration fee for participation.
- No TA/DA shall be given to participants.
- **Venue:** Department of Law, MDU Rohtak
- **Reporting Time:** 09:00 AM
- **Registration Time:** 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
- **Competition starts at:** 10:00 AM

Key Dates

- Registration via google form link by 22.09.2026
- Link for registration form - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNYW5A3U2JtSm16LPV-9jnO71itBPYaWZlbouZuT7nFG9v0A/viewform?usp=header>
- On spot Registration on 25.09.2026 upto 09:00 AM

Important Instructions

- A team must comprise of 2 speaker boys, girls or both.
- The medium of expression will be English/Hindi.
- A team shall choose only one language i.e. either Hindi or English
- Reported and Registered team shall be given a code by the Registration Committee.
- The Speaking order for the team shall be decided by drawing lots.

- One speaker shall speak for the motion and the other against. It must be intimated to the stage secretary before the commencement of the competition
- The participants shall speak after drawing lots to decide, who is to speak first, second and so on.
- The first speaker will be the leader of the house and he/she also wind up the debate.
- The time allotted to each participant is not less than 3 minutes and not more than 4 minutes. If team exceeds the time limit, team will be disqualified from the competition.

PRIZES

- 1st Prize for the Team – ₹ 1500/- (One Thousand Five Hundred Rupees Only)
- 2nd Prize for the Team – ₹ 1300/- (One Thousand Three Hundred Rupees Only)
- 3rd Prize for the Team – ₹ 1100/- (One Thousand One Hundred Rupees Only)

Head of Department

*Prof. Sonu Dehmiwal
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Organizing Committee

Dr. Parvinder, Dr. Shruti Sudha Arya, Dr.Rekha

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