

Rhetorque: The English Debating Society

2025 - 2026

Bhaavarth 2025

From 10 to 12 October 2025, Rhetorque, the English Debating Society of JDMC, hosted its online British Parliamentary Debate tournament, Bhaavarth. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation with 30 teams and 15 Adjudicators, both national and international, participating in the event.

The Core Adjudication Panel consisted of Mahesh R., Adhiraj Singh, Aniket Patra, and Snigdha Priyadarshini, whose carefully crafted motions sparked dynamic and thought-provoking debates throughout the tournament.

The first day saw four intense preliminary rounds, setting the stage for an exciting second day that featured the fifth round, the announcement of breaks, followed by the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and the grand finale.

Bhaavarth proved to be an enriching platform for students to engage with contemporary issues ranging from economics to education and cultural narratives. The participants showcased remarkable eloquence, logical reasoning, and presence of mind throughout the rounds.

The Closing Ceremony celebrated the achievements of outstanding participants and recognized excellence in debating and adjudication.

In the Adjudicator category, Arnav Garg was awarded the title of Best Judge for his remarkable contribution.

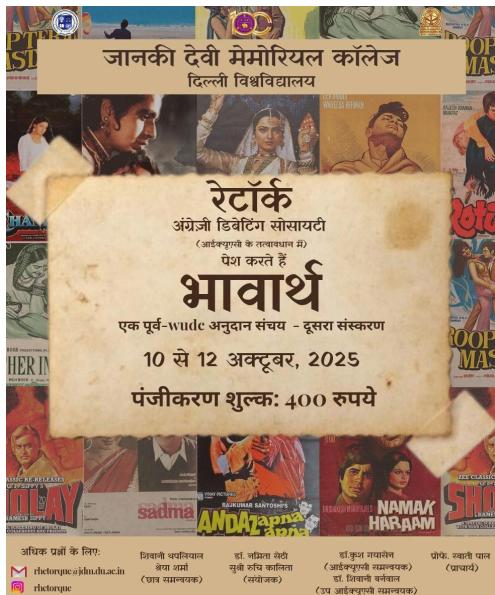
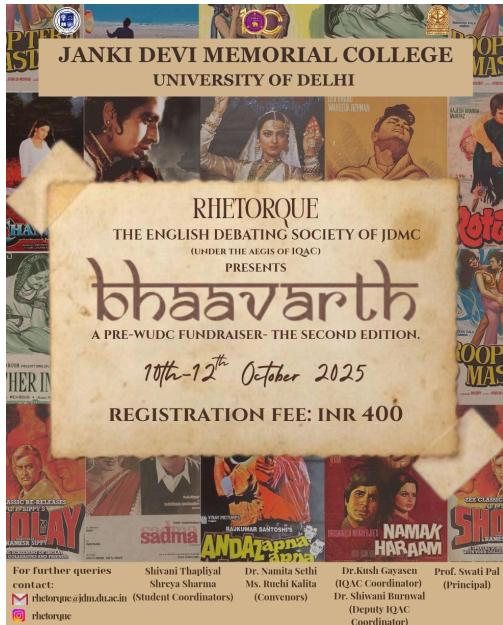
In the Novice category, the speakers recognised for their exceptional performances included Devansh Singh, Pragun Kakkar, Atilya Choudhuri, Yuta Hamaoka, Rajat Sharma, Swastika Mondal, Akshay Deepak, and Khushi.

The Novice Winners were the team Closing Opposition (Debating Under Influence), who secured victory with a 3-2 split, and the Opposition Whip was honoured as the Best Speaker of the Novice Finals.

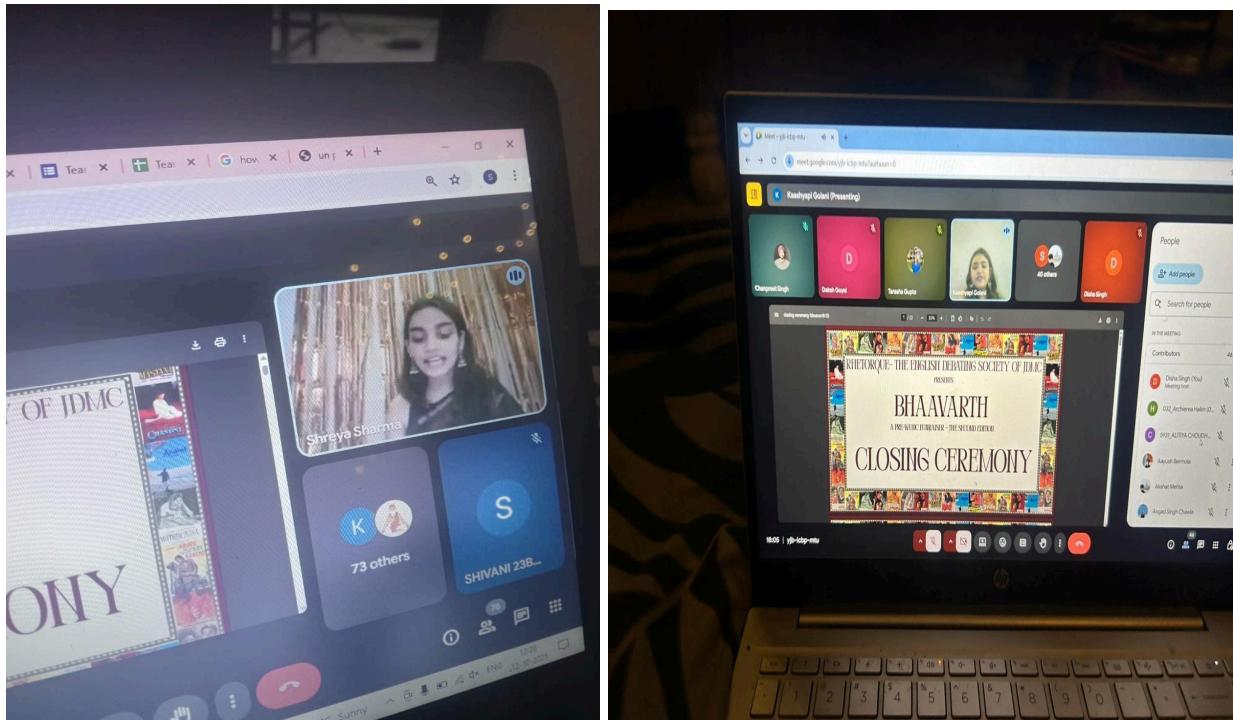
In the Open category, the top speakers included Yuvraj Singh Chauhan, Tarasha Gupta, Tarushi Sharma, Ustat Singh, Jean Atong, Sumedh Chatterjee, Devansh Singh, Pragun Kakkar, Atilya Choudhuri, Yuta Hamaoka, Rajat Sharma, Swastika Mondal, Akshay Deepak, and Khushi.

The Open Grand Finals concluded with Closing Opposition (Tarasquare) emerging victorious through a 5-0 unanimous decision, and the Member of Opposition was declared the Best Speaker of the Grand Finals.

The tournament concluded on an inspiring note, celebrating the art of debate and the power of ideas. Every participant contributed to the spirit of healthy intellectual exchange, making Bhaavarth a memorable experience for both debaters and adjudicators alike.



Posters of Bhaavarth 2025



Glimpses from Bhaavarth 2025

Debate Competition Held in Collaboration with WDC and the Centre for Gender Equity Studies on the Occasion of International Day of the Girl Child

Rhetorique, The English Debating Society of Janki Devi Memorial College successfully organized an Inter-College Conventional Debate Competition in collaboration with Centre for Gender Equity Studies and Women Development Cell, on the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child on 13th October, 2025 in the seminar room. The event aimed to foster dialogue and critical thought on issues surrounding gender equality, empowerment, and holistic development of the girl child.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students representing various colleges across Delhi University. The event served as a platform for debaters across colleges, to express their perspectives, challenge societal stereotypes, and advocate for gender-sensitive progress through the power of words.

The panel of judges comprised Robin Ahuja and Sneha Mohanty, both eminent personalities in the field of debating. They were felicitated by the President and Vice President of Rhetorque as a gesture of appreciation.

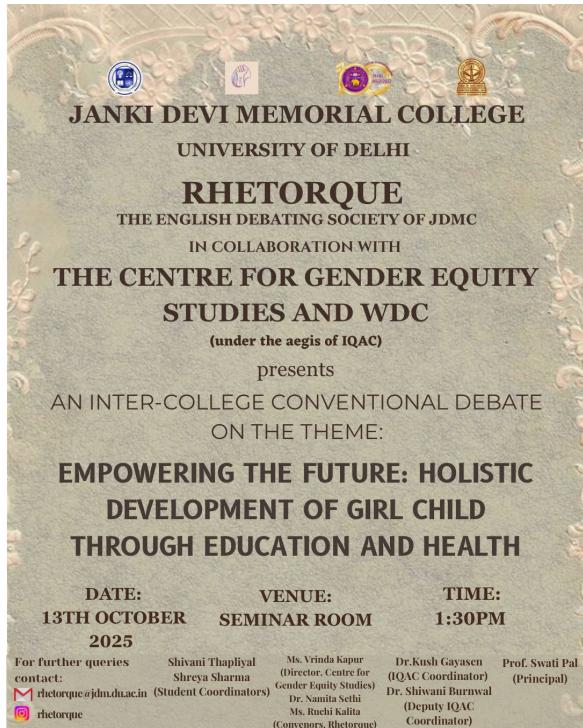
The motion for the debate centered around themes celebrating the empowerment and advancement of the girl child, encouraging participants to present diverse viewpoints rooted in reason, empathy, and conviction. Each participant was allotted four minutes to present their arguments, followed by a one-minute interjection session, promoting a spirit of intellectual exchange and critical engagement.

The participants showcased exceptional oratory and analytical skills, making the session both thought-provoking and enriching. Their speeches reflected depth, awareness, and passion, echoing the true spirit of International Day of the Girl Child.

After a series of compelling rounds, the judges deliberated and announced the following results:

- **First Best Speaker :** Anshika Jha
- **Second Best Speaker:** Kriti Anand
- **Third Best Speaker:** Nidhi

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks to the judges, participants, and the organizing team of Rhetorque for their efforts in making the event a success. The competition not only celebrated the power of speech but also reinforced the message that empowering the girl child is vital for building an equitable and progressive society.



Posters of the Debate Competition held in Collaboration with WDC and the Centre for Gender Equity Studies on the Occasion of International Day of the Girl Child



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Annual Freshers' Debate 2025

The Annual Freshers' Debate was organized by Rhetorque, the English Debating Society of JDMC, on 26th September 2025 from 12 PM onwards. The debate provided an opportunity for all the enthusiastic freshers to showcase their debating skills.

The competition was open for JDMC students only. A total of 30 students participated in the debate. Each participant was allotted 4 minutes to present their arguments, followed by 1 minute for interjections from the audience, encouraging active engagement.

The participants debated on various motions and the judges for the competition were Samanya Sharma and Aayush Bermola.

The overall quality of debate was exceptionally high, with participants presenting well-reasoned arguments and responding to challenging interjections with notable poise and clarity. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Best Speaker: Ojasvi Singh (Prize: Rs.2,500)

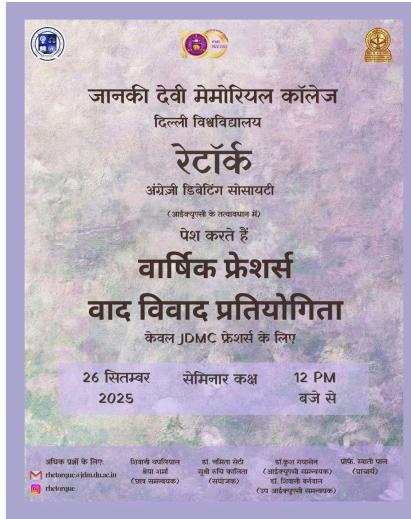
2nd Best Speaker: Akshita Jangwar (Prize: Rs.2,000)

3rd Best Speaker: Jasmita Sarmah (Prize: Rs.1,500)

Best Interjector: Batul Husain (Prize: Rs.750)

The event concluded on a positive note with all the participants displaying exceptional arguments and getting to learn the very insights of a debating room.





Posters of the Annual Freshers' Debate Competition





Glimpses from the Annual Freshers' Debate Competition

Exhibition Debate

Rhetorque, the English Debating Society of JDMC, organized an Exhibition Debate on 22 September 2025 in the College Auditorium from 2 PM onwards. The event aimed to provide the first year student members of the society with a practical understanding of the Asian

Parliamentary Debate (APD) format, its structure, and techniques through a live demonstration by the union members of Rhetorque. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from the members of the society, who engaged in rigorous argumentation and critical discussion, reflecting their growing command over debating conventions. The exhibition format allowed the audience, especially the new recruits, to observe and comprehend the dynamics of constructive speeches, rebuttals, and points of information that characterize the APD model. The panel of judges comprised Yashika Chandravanshi, Anushka Srivastav, and Tanu Shree Upadhyaya, all experienced and accomplished debaters, who brought their expertise and insight to the adjudication process. The motion for the debate centered around a thought-provoking theme examining the intersection of gender, intelligence, and feminism. Participants deliberated upon a context involving new research suggesting notable cognitive differences between men and women, exploring whether the disclosure of such findings would strengthen the feminist cause by challenging existing stereotypes or risk reinforcing biological determinism and gender-based polarization. Each team engaged critically with these nuances—analyzing the ethical, social, and strategic implications of such revelations. The debate encouraged participants to reflect on how feminism, equality, and scientific discourse intersect, fostering a balanced engagement of reason, empathy, and conviction throughout the session. The Government team comprised Shivani Thapliyal, Jyoti Kuhar, and Disha Singh, while the Opposition team consisted of Akshara Gargas, Shreya Sherma, and Kaashyapi Golani. Both teams presented compelling arguments and showcased exceptional oratory and analytical skills, making the session both thought-provoking and enriching.

After a series of engaging speeches and rebuttals, the judges deliberated and announced the Government team as the winner of the exhibition debate. Through this initiative, Rhetorque sought to cultivate a spirit of analytical thinking, teamwork, and articulate expression among its members. The debate not only served as a valuable learning experience but also reinforced the society's commitment to nurturing confident and informed debaters capable of addressing complex socio-political themes with clarity and conviction. The event concluded with an interactive session where the experienced debaters shared insights and tips with the new members, fostering an atmosphere of mentorship and collaboration. The exhibition debate proved to be both informative and inspiring, marking yet another successful endeavour by

Rhetorque in its pursuit of promoting critical dialogue, intellectual engagement, and excellence in debating.



Posters of the Exhibition Debate





Glimpses from the Exhibition Debate

Auditions

Rhetorique conducted its auditions for the academic year 2025–2026 from 18 August 2025 to 1 September 2025. The auditions witnessed an enthusiastic participation of approximately 135 students from various courses and years, reflecting the increasing interest of students in public speaking and debating activities.

The auditions were organised over five days from 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM, allowing participants to showcase their critical thinking, spontaneity, and articulation. Each session provided a dynamic environment where participants engaged in group discussions, exchanging their perspectives on contemporary social and political issues. Every speaker was given about two

minutes to express their stance, either for or against the motion, encouraging a healthy clash of ideas and viewpoints.

After the completion of the audition process, around 90 students were selected to be a part of Rhetorque for the academic session 2025–2026. The overall process was highly encouraging, marking a promising start to another year of thought-provoking debates and intellectual growth within the society.





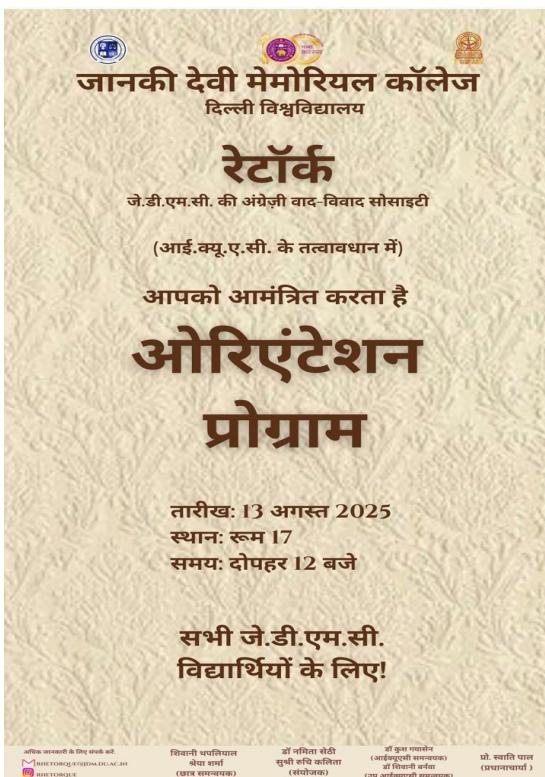
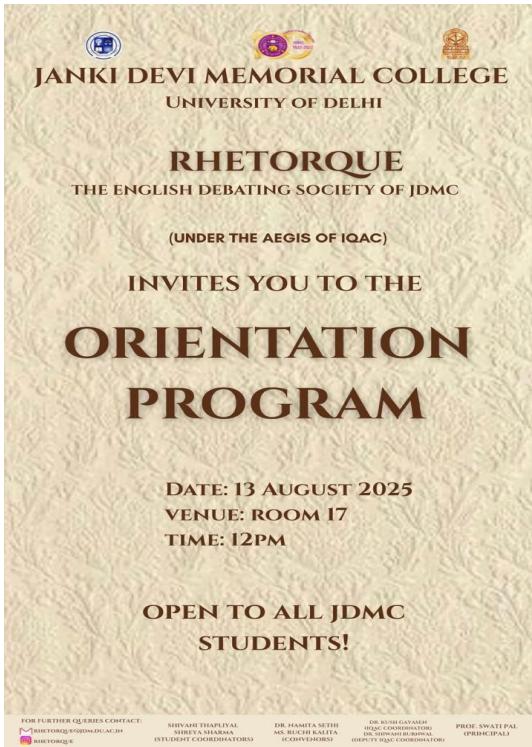
Glimpses from the Auditions

Orientation

Rhetorque, The English Debating Society of Janki Devi Memorial College, conducted an Orientation for first year students on 13 August 2025 from 12 PM to 1 PM. The President of Rhetorque started the orientation program and introduced the various events that happen during the academic year. She explained the different formats of debates such as conventional debates, mocks, Asian parliamentary debates and British parliamentary debates. She also briefed students about the tournaments that take place in the debating circuit and further discussed the process of auditions and recruitments. Questions were taken and an earnest discussion took place between the union members and the freshers.

The other Union members of the society explained about how the society works, the different teams in the society and how they work and what skills students require to join them. They briefed students on the main events of the society i.e. Bhaavarth and Axiom. Students shared their questions, and the members answered them with utmost honesty and respect. The session was quite engaging and interactive.

The orientation ended with more clarity in the students' minds about the society and it also showed great engagement and a lot of interest in the society.



Posters of the Orientation held for First Year Students



Glimpses from the Orientation held for First Year Students



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Icebreaker Event for First Year Students

Rhetorque, The English Debating Society of Janki Devi Memorial College, held an ice breaker full of engaging debating topics to welcome the first year students on 7 August 2025. Freshers came to the bulletin board of Rhetorque near the JDMC Triangle and started writing unconventional and unpopular opinions they believed in. There were different topics and the discussions were hilarious and exciting. This gave the students the ability to express their

opinions without thinking about being judged by anyone. The discussions were healthy and beneficial for first year students and boosted confidence and demonstrated ways to express diverging opinions respectfully in various places.

