

EVENT REPORT

Name of the Event – FRESHER’S DEBATE 2026

Organized by – DebSoc (Debating Society), Shri Shikshayatan College

Date – 29th September 2026 (Tuesday)

Venue – Room 303, Shri Shikshayatan College **Time**
– 2:00 p.m. onwards

Number of Participants

- Total Attendance: 68
- Participants: 61
- Participants selected for the Society: 48

Judges

- Name: Ms. Upasana Ganguli

Designation: Co-President, DebSoc

- Name: Ms. Srijita Sarkar

Designation: Joint Secretary, DebSoc

Moderator

- Name: Ms. Simran Ghosh

Designation: Joint Secretary, DebSoc

Motions for the Debate

1. “This House believes that the proliferation of artificial intelligence poses the most consequential threat to the development of human intelligence.”
2. “This House would prioritise convenience and technological efficiency over the preservation of individual privacy.”

Brief Description of the Event

Fresher’s Debate 2026 was organized by DebSoc, Shri Shikshayatan College, on 29th September 2026 in Room 303. The event was conducted as an introductory debating platform for the new members, with the objective of assessing their critical thinking, articulation, logical reasoning, rebuttal skills, and ability to engage with contemporary issues.

A total of 61 participants took part in the debate, with an overall attendance of 68. The participants were given two thought-provoking motions concerning the impact of artificial intelligence on human intelligence and the balance between technological convenience and individual privacy.

Each speaker was allotted **2 minutes for the main speech and 1 minute for rebuttal**. The format encouraged participants to present structured arguments, respond effectively to opposing viewpoints, and demonstrate clarity of thought and confidence within the stipulated time.

The debate was adjudicated by **Ms. Upasana Ganguli, Co-President of DebSoc, and Ms. Srijita Sarkar, Joint Secretary of DebSoc**. The event was moderated by **Ms. Simran Ghosh, Joint Secretary of DebSoc**. The judges evaluated the participants on the basis of their content, logical reasoning, clarity, delivery, confidence, and rebuttal skills.

Following the evaluation, **48 out of the 61 participants** were selected for the opportunity to become a part of the Debate Society. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and provided an effective platform for identifying promising speakers among the new members.

Outcome

- Enhanced participants' public speaking and persuasive communication skills.
- Encouraged critical thinking and analysis of contemporary issues.
- Developed logical reasoning and effective rebuttal techniques.
- Improved participants' confidence and ability to articulate their perspectives.
- Promoted respectful exchange of diverse viewpoints.
- Provided an opportunity to identify and induct promising new members into DebSoc.

Winners

1st Position – Sindhuja Srivastava

Semester- 3 (B.com morning)

2nd Position – Saranya Roy

Semester-1 (B.com hons)

3rd Position – Riya Kumari

Semester-1 (B.com morning)



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Freshers' Debate

TUE 29th September
2 pm onwards

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