



EVENT REPORT

Event overview

Name: DEPARTMENT DUEL

Date of Event: 2nd November 2025

Venue: VLTC Room No. 107

Organised by: Debate Club

Coordinators: 3rd and 2nd Year members of the Debate club

Winners: 1st Position - Team Mechanical - Antulya Bissa and Aadya Gupta
2nd Position - Team Chemical - Bhumika Choudhry and Pratham Jain
Consolation - Team Electronics and Communications - Kush Agrawal and Vanshika Aggarwal

1. Introduction

"Department Duel" was an intellectually stimulating and fiercely competitive event organized by the Debate Club to foster healthy competition among different branches and provide a platform for first-year students to showcase their debating and critical thinking skills. The event was structured as a Group Discussion competition where participants engaged in thought-provoking discussions on contemporary topics, making it an enriching experience for both participants and the audience.

Theme of Event:

The theme of this year's event was "Inter-departmental Unity and Healthy Competition." This format was designed to encourage students to represent their respective branches while engaging in meaningful discourse. The event aimed to break

silos between departments and create a sense of community through intellectual exchange.

Target Audience

First-year students from all branches of MNIT and the broader college community.

2. Event Highlights

Participation

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from nine branches across the institute:

1. Computer Science Engineering (CSE),
2. Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE),
3. Electrical Engineering,
4. Mechanical Engineering,
5. Chemical Engineering,
6. Civil Engineering,
7. Architecture,
8. Artificial Intelligence (AI), and
9. Metallurgy.

with a total of approximately 50+ participants in screening rounds.

Event Structure:

The competition was conducted in three distinct phases:

Screening phase:

- All participants from each branch engaged in a branchwise group discussions separately with 3 minutes of preparation time
- Judged by 2nd year students from the Debate Club
- Based on performance, 2 representatives from each branch were selected to advance to the semifinals
- Topics covered diverse themes to assess participants' general knowledge, Level of Confidence, Body language, Voice Modulation, Fluency and argumentation skills

Semifinals:

- Featured 3 rounds of group discussions
- In each round, 3 teams were randomly selected using chits to ensure fairness
- Judged by MBA students who brought professional perspectives to evaluation
- The best-performing department from across all three rounds advanced to the finals
- Finalists: ECE, Chemical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering

Finals:

- Three qualifying teams competed in an intense group discussion
- Topic: "How will your branch contribute to India's goal of becoming a \$5 trillion economy"
- The atmosphere was electric, with juniors passionately cheering and supporting their respective departmental teams
- Judges evaluated participants on content knowledge, argumentation skills, teamwork, and presentation

Event Duration: The event was conducted offline, starting at 2 pm and concluding successfully by 5 pm.

3. Feedback and Suggestions

The event received an overwhelmingly positive response from participants, judges, and the audience. Key highlights from the feedback include:

- **Well-Structured Format:** The three-tier structure (Screening, Semifinals, Finals) ensured fair competition and allowed participants to progressively demonstrate their skills.
- **Judging Panel:** The combination of 2nd year students for screening and MBA students for semifinals and finals provided balanced and professional evaluation.
- **Department Spirit:** The event successfully fostered department pride and unity, with students actively cheering for their representatives, creating an engaging and energetic atmosphere.
- **Topic Relevance:** The final round topic was praised for being contemporary, relevant, and challenging, allowing participants to showcase both their technical knowledge and understanding of economics.

However, a few suggestions for improvement were noted:

- **Time Management:** Some group discussions in the screening round exceeded allocated time limits; stricter timekeeping could enhance efficiency.
- **Preparation Time:** Participants suggested slightly longer preparation time (5 minutes instead of 3) for more nuanced discussions.

4. Conclusion

"INTERBRANCH" successfully created a competitive yet collaborative environment where first-year students developed their public speaking skills while representing their departments with pride. The innovative format combining group discussions with inter-departmental competition was highly appreciated, strengthening bonds within departments and fostering healthy competition across branches. The Debate Club looks forward to implementing suggested improvements and continuing this tradition as a flagship annual event.

5. Event Photos





