



# DE PAUL COLLEGE

(Affiliated to Mandya University)

## Report on “Point of View” Debate Competition

**Organized by:** BCA Department

**Date:** 21st October 2024

**Venue:** Deaudi, De Paul College

**Topics:**

1. Modern technology has diminished genuine human affection, love, and deep emotional connection.
2. Space exploration is a waste of resources when there are problems on Earth.
3. Governments should provide universal basic income.
4. Prisons should focus more on rehabilitation than punishment.

### Introduction

The BCA Department of De Paul College, Deaudi, organized the “Point of View” Debate Competition on 21st October 2024. The event provided students with a platform to develop critical thinking, public speaking, and persuasive argumentation skills, while engaging with contemporary and thought-provoking topics.

### Event Highlights

- **Welcome and Briefing:**  
The event commenced with a welcome address by the BCA Department coordinator, who outlined the objectives and format of the competition. The participants were briefed on the debate rules and judging criteria.
- **Topic Allocation:**  
Teams and individual speakers were assigned one of the four motions:
  1. **Modern technology has diminished genuine human affection, love, and deep emotional connection.**
  2. **Space exploration is a waste of resources when there are problems on Earth.**
  3. **Governments should provide universal basic income.**
  4. **Prisons should focus more on rehabilitation than punishment.**
- **Debate Format:**  
Each participant or team presented arguments for or against the assigned topic, followed by rebuttals from opponents. The format encouraged analytical thinking, evidence-based reasoning, and effective communication.
- **Judging Criteria:**  
A panel of faculty members assessed the debaters based on content, logical consistency, delivery, and ability to counter arguments.

- **Participation and Atmosphere:**

The event saw enthusiastic participation from BCA students, who demonstrated a keen understanding of the issues and articulated their viewpoints with clarity and confidence. The audience was engaged, and the atmosphere was both competitive and supportive.

- **Prize Distribution:**

The best debaters were recognized and awarded certificates in a brief ceremony. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the BCA Department representative.

### **Conclusion**

The “Point of View” Debate Competition was a resounding success, fostering intellectual discourse and encouraging students to engage with complex societal issues. The event not only enhanced students’ communication and analytical skills but also promoted a culture of open-mindedness and constructive debate within the college community.

  
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