

VOX POPULI

A Debate Club

'Navigating the Future: Emerging Challenges and Prospects in Environmental Law'

The Vox Populi Debate Club, in collaboration with the Center for Excellence in Environment and Forest Laws, hosted a British Parliamentary debate competition on the theme "*Navigating the Future: Emerging Challenges and Prospects in Environmental Law.*" on August 21, 2024. The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. P.L. Jayanthi Reddy, Faculty Coordinator of Vox Populi, and Mr. D.V.N. Murthy, Faculty Coordinator of the Center for Excellence in Environment and Forest Laws. The organizing team, led by student coordinators T. Sohan Singh, Yash Raj, and Varenya Bhamidipati, facilitated the participation of 18 teams, comprising a total of 45 students.

The competition unfolded in three structured rounds. The preliminary round focusing on 'Renewable Sources of Energy and Conventional Sources' was adjudicated by a panel of esteemed faculty members. Following the evaluation, the top 4 teams made it to the semifinal round, with the theme centered on 'Climate Change'.

In the final round, participants debated the topic of "Forest and Wildlife Issues" before an adjudicatory panel consisting of Prof. (Dr.) Y. Pratap Reddy and Prof. (Dr.) Akbar Khan. Varun Chakilam and Aditi Dixit emerged as winners, receiving a cash prize of .4,000. Shikhar Tiwari and Tia Malhotra were awarded the runners-up position with a cash prize .3,000. Aman Ali Baig was recognized as the Best Speaker, earning a cash prize .1,000.

The competition showcased the participants' exceptional debate skills and their commitment to addressing pressing global issues. All participants were awarded E-Certificates for their involvement.

