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**SCHOOL OF LAW,  
CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), PUNE-LAVASA CAMPUS**

**DEBATE AND LITERARY SOCIETY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
CENTRE FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS, PRESENTS**

# **PEITHO CUP 2025**

## **INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP**



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# ABOUT CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), PUNE LAVASA CAMPUS

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus, is committed to excellence in education, research, and holistic development. Located amidst the scenic Sahyadri hills, the campus offers a serene yet technologically advanced learning environment. It is envisioned as an “Analytical Hub” that integrates experiential learning with industry exposure and interdisciplinary pedagogy.

The Lavasa campus offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across disciplines including law, management, commerce, data science, and humanities. The academic framework promotes interdisciplinary learning, critical thinking, and ethical responsibility.

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus, has earned national and global recognition for its commitment to quality education and values-driven leadership. At the Lavasa campus, the aim is to build professionals who are intellectually competent and socially committed. Through vibrant academic culture, personalized mentoring, and global exposure, students are equipped to thrive in the dynamic and professional landscape.





## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN & DIRECTOR

**Dr Fr Lijo Thomas**

Dean & Director, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus

It is with immense pride and heartfelt joy that I welcome all participants to the inaugural edition of the Peitho Cup: Inter-University Debate Championship, 2025. This landmark event marks a defining moment in the academic journey of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus, as we open our scenic and intellectually vibrant space to some of the finest debating minds in the country. Conducted in the Asian Parliamentary format, the Peitho Cup is not merely a competition—it is a celebration of dialogue, dissent, and deliberation. It offers a platform for students to confront complex questions, defend diverse viewpoints, and sharpen their critical thinking with grace, clarity, and conviction.

This championship beautifully reflects the spirit of CHRIST (Deemed to be University)—a spirit rooted in Excellence and Service, where academic distinction is pursued with purpose, and knowledge becomes a vehicle for ethical leadership and meaningful societal contribution.

I commend the Centre for Competitive Examinations and the Debate & Literary Society for envisioning and executing this pioneering initiative with such commitment and clarity. Your efforts set a strong precedent for future academic endeavors and speak to the vibrancy of our growing academic culture here at Lavasa.

My warmest wishes to all debaters, adjudicators, and organizers for a truly transformative event.





## ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus, offers a comprehensive range of programs, including integrated undergraduate degrees (BA LLB Honours, BBA LLB Honours), postgraduate degrees (LLM in Corporate & Commercial Law, LLM in Constitutional & Administrative Law), and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law. Structured in line with the guidelines of the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission, the curriculum blends doctrinal study with practical exposure. Students engage in internships, legal aid clinics, moot courts, and supervised research, ensuring their readiness for the legal profession.

Faculty members include experienced academicians and practitioners who mentor students in both foundational subjects and emerging areas of law. The School of Law regularly hosts moot courts, seminars, guest lectures, and workshops, fostering professional engagement and contemporary awareness. Students have consistently excelled in national and international competitions, affirming the school's commitment to academic and professional excellence. Nestled in the serene hills of Lavasa, the campus offers an environment that supports both intellectual and personal growth, shaping future-ready legal professionals.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

**Dr Anto Sebastian, HoD , School of Law**

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus

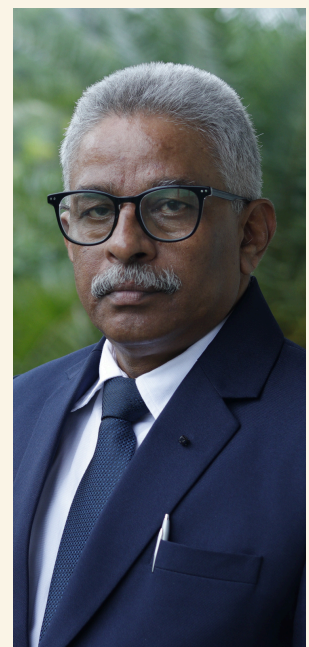
It is a moment of great pride and excitement for the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus to host the Peitho Cup: . Inter-University Debate Championship 2025 for the very first time.

Over the years, our department has nurtured a dynamic culture of moot court competitions, trial advocacy, client counselling, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR). At the heart of all these forms of legal practice lies the art of structured argumentation—and that is where debating holds a special place in our academic ethos.

The Peitho Cup is a natural extension of our commitment to creating spaces where students sharpen their critical thinking, express themselves with clarity, and engage meaningfully with complex issues. It brings together the intellectual spirit of law with the spontaneity and structure of competitive debate.

I applaud the efforts of the Centre for Competitive Examinations and the Debate Society in organizing this prestigious event. I am confident that it will serve not only as a platform for rigorous competition, but also as an opportunity for lasting academic and personal growth for all participants.

Wishing everyone a successful and enriching championship

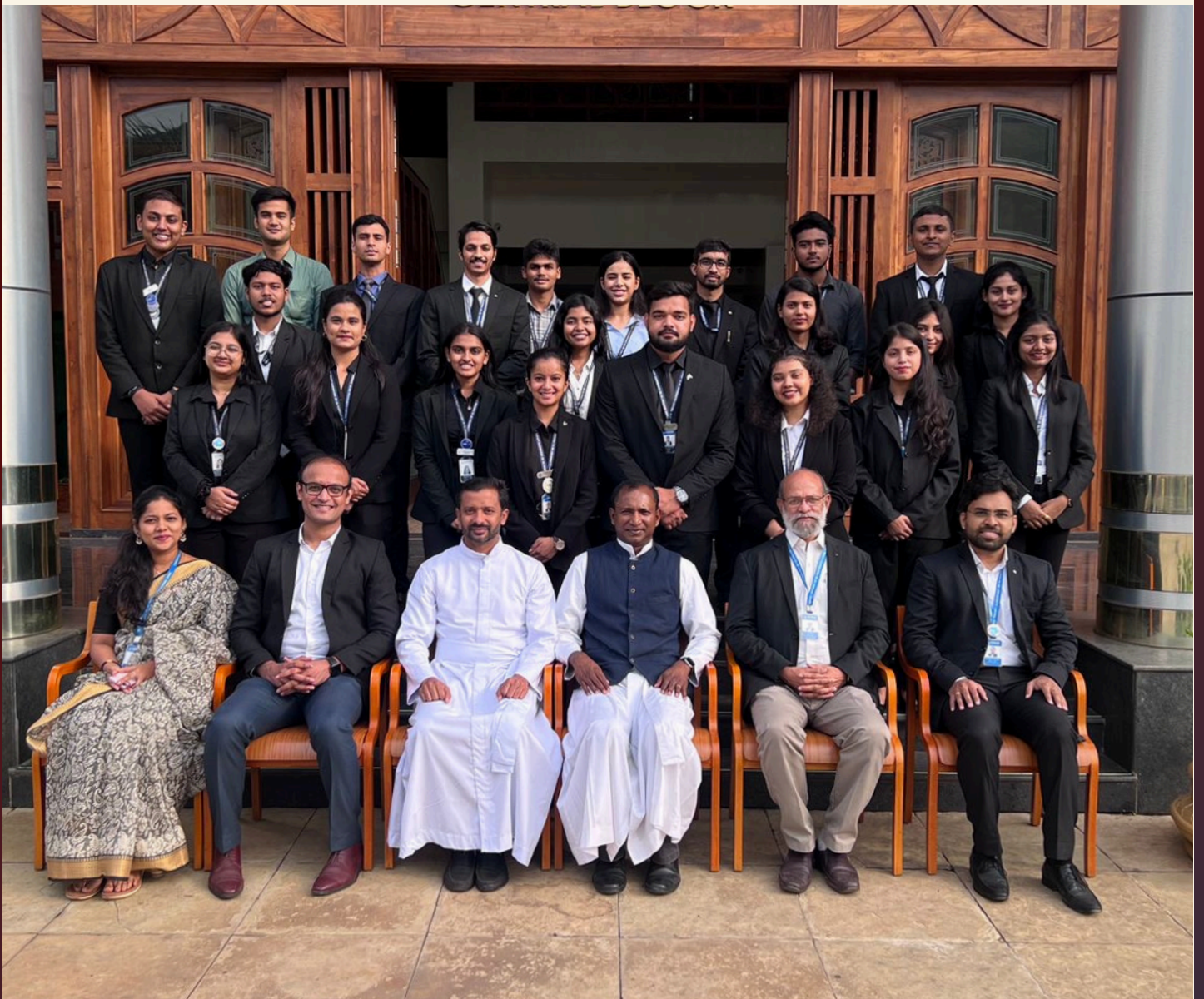


# ABOUT CENTRE FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

The Centre for Competitive Examinations (CCE) at Christ (Deemed to be University), Lavasa, is an academic initiative dedicated to guiding students in their preparation for competitive exams such as the Judicial Services and Civil Services (UPSC).

CCE provides specialized training, expert mentorship, and access to curated resources to strengthen students' legal, analytical, and general awareness skills. It conducts regular coaching classes, workshops, mock tests, and interactive sessions with professionals to ensure well-rounded preparation.

To further enhance critical thinking and communication abilities, the Centre also organizes debates, guest lectures, and skill-based competitions. By integrating academic learning with real-world preparation, CCE empowers students to build successful careers in public and legal service.





## ABOUT DEBATE SOCIETY

The Debate and Literary Society of the Student Bar Association (SBA) is a dynamic platform that fosters critical thinking, oratory excellence, and informed discourse among students. It serves as a vital space for the intellectual and rhetorical development of aspiring legal professionals, enabling them to articulate arguments, engage with contemporary issues, and cultivate a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives. Under the leadership of Ms. Annriya Liz as Convener and Ms. Rhea Eleanor Rhine as Co-Convener, the Society aims to encourage active student participation in debating activities within and beyond the university. With a shared commitment to academic rigour and holistic growth, the leadership brings energy, clarity, and structure to every initiative undertaken by the Committee.

Throughout the academic year, the Debate and Literary Society organizes weekly dialogues, debate competitions in collaboration with other committees of the SBA and interactive sessions, while also preparing students to represent the university in national and international competitions. Its objective is not only to promote public speaking and argumentation but also to nurture informed, ethical, and responsible voices within the legal community.

The Debate and Literary Society stands as a testament to the university's commitment to academic excellence, democratic dialogue, and the power of reasoned speech in the practice of law.



## ABOUT THE EVENT

School of Law, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), PUNE-Lavasa Campus Debate and Literary Society, in collaboration with the Centre for Competitive Examinations, proudly presents its flagship Parliamentary Debate Competition.

This prestigious competition invites both law and non-law students from universities across India to engage in high-level discourse, showcasing their critical thinking, argumentation, and persuasive skills.

The competition structure is as follows:

- Preliminary Rounds: **Conducted online**, allowing teams from across the country to participate with ease.
- Octa-Finals, Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, and Finals: **Conducted offline** at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Lavasa campus, offering participants the opportunity to debate in a dynamic, intellectual atmosphere.

The Online Mode will be held on 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 and the qualifying teams will be competing in offline rounds on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September, 2025. This event promises thought-provoking, intense debates, and an enriching experience for all participants.

Join us in an arena where ideas clash, arguments sharpen, and only the most articulate minds prevail.





## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



**Justice J. Chelameswar**

Former Judge  
Supreme Court of India



**Mr. C. Balagopal**

Former IAS Officer & Chairman,  
Federal Bank

Justice Chelameswar is one of India's most respected jurists, renowned for his independent thinking, unwavering integrity, and landmark contributions to constitutional law. His fearless dissents in pivotal cases have shaped public discourse on transparency, accountability, and democratic values. A firm advocate for reasoned debate and civil liberty, Justice Chelameswar's presence at the Peitho Cup embodies the spirit of principled dissent, intellectual courage, and the transformative power of dialogue in a democratic society.

Mr. C. Balagopal is a visionary leader whose career spans civil service, social entrepreneurship, and banking. As a former IAS officer and founder of India's pioneering indigenous medical device company, he has championed innovation in public health and rural development. Later, as Chairman of Federal Bank, he led strategic initiatives in financial inclusion and institutional growth. A celebrated author and public intellectual, his life reflects a deep commitment to ethical leadership, progressive governance, and nation-building. His participation in the Peitho Cup exemplifies the role of ideas in shaping a better India.



# INSTRUCTION AND PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

## ELIGIBILITY

This competition is **open to all students** across universities in India, welcoming both law and non-law students to engage in rigorous discourse, test their oratory skills, and challenge perspectives in a battle of wits.

## PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

- The teams should register through their respective Official College Email
- ID or any other recognized student association Email ID.

Kindly note that only a maximum of **three teams** per College/Institution/University shall be permitted to take part in the Competition.

The last date for **Early bird registration** is **15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**, and the last date for **Final registration** shall be **27<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**.

The registration fees are as follows:

- Early Bird Registration – Rs. 1,200/-
- Regular Registration – Rs. 1,500/-
- For Offline Rounds – Additional Rs. 1,200/-

## VENUE

Qualifying Rounds : Online

Offline Rounds : CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Pune Lavasa, 412112

## DATE

Online Rounds : **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Offline Rounds (Lavasa Campus) : **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025**





## PAYMENT DETAILS

**Early Bird : Rs. 1200/-**  
**Regular Fee : Rs. 1500/-**

**Charges For Accommodation and Food : Rs. 1200/- \***

Note\*- The charges for accommodation and food **will be payable only for the teams selected for offline rounds on campus**. You can pay the fee once the list for qualifying teams are out.

### PAYMENT STEPS

**Step 1-** Go to <https://lavasa.christuniversity.in//>

**Step 2-** Click on "Menu", then from the drop down menu select "E-Services" then click on "Online Payment Portal"

**Step 3-** Click the "link for payment" option at the bottom of the page

**Step 4-** Select "Fee Name" as "Fest/Event", In the "Select Category" Option, pick "Peitho Cup-PDB" , fill the captcha and continue

**Step 5-** Fill the required details on the page and complete the payment

**Step 6-** Save the receipt and continue to the google form for registration.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Release of Registration Forms	22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2025
Last day for Early bird registration and Submission of payment details	15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2025
Last day for Regular Online Registration and Submission of Payment Details	27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2025
Release of Confirmation Mail	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025
Online Rounds	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
List for Qualifying Teams	10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
Last day for Payment for Accommodation and Confirmation for Offline Rounds	22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2025
Offline Rounds	27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
Final Round and Valedictory	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025

## PRELIMINARY ROUND MOTIONS

- Instructions:
- Teams are expected to prepare for all the motions and for either side of each motion. The motion and the side will be announced prior to the respective round.

### MOTIONS:

1. This House believes that the rise of social media platforms has compromised the integrity of credible journalism.
2. This House believes that stampedes at public celebrations reflect systemic negligence and misplaced priorities in public policy and national sentiments.
3. This House questions whether India's status as the fourth-largest economy reflects true prosperity.
4. This House believes that mainstream Indian cinema reinforces harmful gender norms.



## DIRECTIONS TO REACH THE CAMPUS

Start your journey towards Pune. Please take the Expressway (not the old Mumbai – Pune Highway). Set your trip meter at 00 exactly at the Mumbai – Pune Talegaon Toll Plaza payment cabin.

Keep driving on the Expressway till you reach a point where the Expressway ends, you will see a signage on your right-hand side “Expressway Ends”. The car trip meter at this point will approximately read 11.8 kilometers.

After D.Y. Patil Institute of Engineering, you will approach the Wakad Police Chowk signal. The Wakad Police Station will be to your right hand side. The car trip meter at this point will approximately read 18.8 kilometers.

This road leads you to Chandni Chowk (Landmark is Chandani Chowk Police Chowky or Up and Above restaurant on your left –hand side) Here the car trip meter will approximately read 33.7 kilometers.

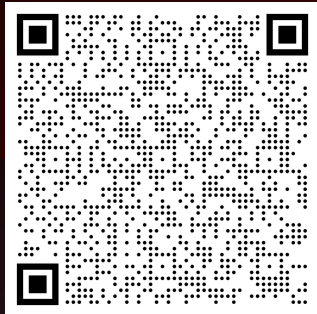
Take the road to Pirangut (Landmark – HP Petrol Pump on the right hand side). Cross the Toll Naka on the same road. The car trip meter on the Toll naka will approximately read 34.6 kilometers.

Drive straight ahead towards Pirangut, a few kilometers later you will pass by the Pirangut market and reach a junction known as Gothawade Phata. There is a Lavasa signage at Gothawade Phata. The car trip meter here will read approximately 47.5 kilometers.

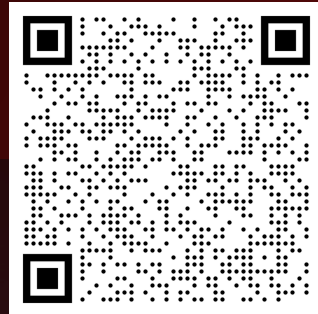


# IMPORTANT LINKS

Registration



Rules



## PRIZES



### WINNERS

Rs. 50,000/- + Trophy +  
Certificate

### RUNNERS UP

Rs. 30,000/- + Trophy +  
Certificate

### BEST SPEAKER

Rs. 5,000/- + Trophy +  
Certificate



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