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To
The Principal/Director/Manager
Affiliated Colleges of the University of Lucknow

Subject: Invitational Inter-University Debate Competition 'Clash of the Titans' on the occasion of the birth centenary year of the freedom fighter and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh late Sri Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna.

Dear Sir/Madam

Late Sri Bahuguna was born on 25 April, 1919. He was a committed freedom fighter and a popular Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. 2018-19 happens to be his birth centenary year. On this occasion, government of India through Hon'ble Prime Minister released a commemorative postage stamp on 26 April, 2018 in New Delhi. Government of Uttar Pradesh officially paid homage to him. All India Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Smriti Samiti is celebrating the birth centenary year through various programs all over the country.

University of Lucknow in collaboration with All India Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Smriti Samiti is organizing an invitational Inter University Debate Competition.

The following are the details and the time line for the Debate Competition:

Motion for the Debate:

- **In the opinion of the House Social Media is proving more of a bane than boon to the youth of the Nation.**
- **सदन की राय में सोशल मीडिया देश के युवा के लिए वरदान से ज्यादा अभिषाप साबित हो रही है।**

Round 1: All the invited Universities will conduct a debate competition in their respective Universities during 01 to 10 September, 2018. In this competition, two winners, one for the motion and one against the motion will be selected.

Round 2: The winners of round 1 will be invited to Lucknow for round 2 of Inter-University Debate Competition that will be held on 18 September, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. Here, all the winners from their respective Universities will participate in the round 2. Four participants two each for the motion and against the motion will be selected for the third and final round.

For rounds 1 and 2

- Maximum Duration permissible: 04 + 01 minutes
- Team Size Permissible: 2 students (One For and One Against the motion)

Round 3: The four finalists selected will participate in the Finale of the debate competition on 19 September, 2018 in Lucknow.

For the third round each debater will initially speak for (04+01) minutes. Thereafter the speaker will face the questions of the opponent for two minutes in the rebuttal round. After the rebuttal round members from the house (audience) may ask questions to the speakers. This may go for 05-10 minutes.

Prizes for the Finale:

- 1st Prize: Rs.51000/- (rupees fifty one thousand only)
- 2nd Prize: Rs.31000/- (rupees thirty one thousand only)
- 3rd Prize: Rs.21000/- (rupees twenty one thousand only)
- Consolation Prize: Rs.11000/- (rupees eleven thousand only)

Entries are invited from affiliated colleges of the University of Lucknow for participation in the Inter University competition. Colleges may send a team of two participants, one each for the motion and one against the motion. Entries with single participant will not be entertained. Selection for participation in Inter University Debate Competition will be held on **11 September 2018** in the A P Sen Hall of the University, starting 10:00 AM. Entries for this should reach the Sanskritiki (Cultural Activity Board) office of the University in the Students Union Building by **07 September, 2018** during office hours. Entries must be forwarded by the concerned Principals of the respective colleges. No independent entries from students will be entertained. Entries should mention the names, classes, contact numbers of the students, motion (for or against) of debate and the language (Hindi or English) for debate.

For any query, kindly contact:

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