# DEBATE REPORT

21 April, 2025







## EOS Society In Collaboration With

Gender Sensitisation Cell (University of Lucknow) Presents The Ultimate Debate Showdown!

Date: 21st April, 2025 | Monday

Venue: Seminar Hall Dept. Of English

TOPIC: Has censorship become a tool for social control rather than a means of protecting the society?

### INTRODUCTION



The EOS Society, committed to encouraging intellectual discourse, proudly collaborated with the Gender Sensitization Cell of the University of Lucknow to organize a vibrant debate on a highly relevant issue. The topic "Has Censorship Become a Tool for Social Control Rather Than a Means of Protecting Society?" was chosen to spark critical thinking among university students

This collaborative event was aimed at creating a platform where diverse perspectives on censorship and freedom could be expressed. Held at English Department Hall, the debate attracted over 45 enthusiastic participants, making it one of the most intellectually engaging events of the academic session. Five teams were formed, each comprising eight members and with four speakers arguing in favor and four against the motion.

The structure ensured a fair and balanced dialogue, encouraging deep analysis from all participants

The success of this initiative was made possible through the invaluable guidance of **Prof. Roli Misra**, Convenor of the Gender Sensitization Cell. Her leadership, encouragement, and vision played a key role in shaping the event and , **Dr. Tanuka Chatterjee**, a member of the Gender Sensitization Cell, provided constant support and insightful suggestions throughout the planning and execution process.

Their presence inspired the organizing team and helped elevate the academic and intellectual depth of the debate.

The event was envisioned as a platform for students to explore complex socio-political realities and to develop a nuanced understanding of free speech, media ethics, and democratic rights.





### **DEBATE FLOW**

The participants were thoughtfully divided into five teams, with each team comprising eight members each having four speaking in favor of the motion and four speaking against it. This structure ensured that every team presented a balanced set of perspectives, fostering internal collaboration while maintaining ideological diversity. Each speaker was given an opportunity to present their argument in a structured format, allowing for the expression of well-reasoned, researched, and articulate viewpoints. The format encouraged all members to actively contribute and ensured that a wide range of opinions and interpretations were brought to the table. The debate not only tested the oratory and analytical skills of the participants but also emphasized teamwork, time management, and the ability to respond under pressure.



The event was evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges comprising Mr. Abhinshyam Tripathi, Ms. Omisha Dwivedi, and Mr. Indrajeet Shukla. Each judge brought unique insights and experiences to the table, offering a multi-dimensional evaluation of the debate. They assessed the participants on various parameters including the strength of arguments, clarity of speech, engagement with the topic, team synergy, and overall delivery. Their concluding remarks added immense value to the event, as they highlighted key observations, appreciated the efforts of all teams, and offered constructive feedback to help participants grow as effective communicators and critical thinkers.

#### Rebuttal Round

Among the most riveting parts of the event was the Rebuttal Round, where participants were given the opportunity to directly question and challenge the arguments posed by the opposing team. This round demanded spontaneity, deep subject knowledge, and quick analytical thinking. It added a vibrant and unpredictable dimension to the debate, as participants countered points in real time with sharp reasoning and persuasive articulation. The energy in the room was palpable, and the round drew some of the most intense moments of the event. The judges and audience alike applauded the participants for their composure, intellect, and the respectful yet powerful exchange of ideas that defined this segment.



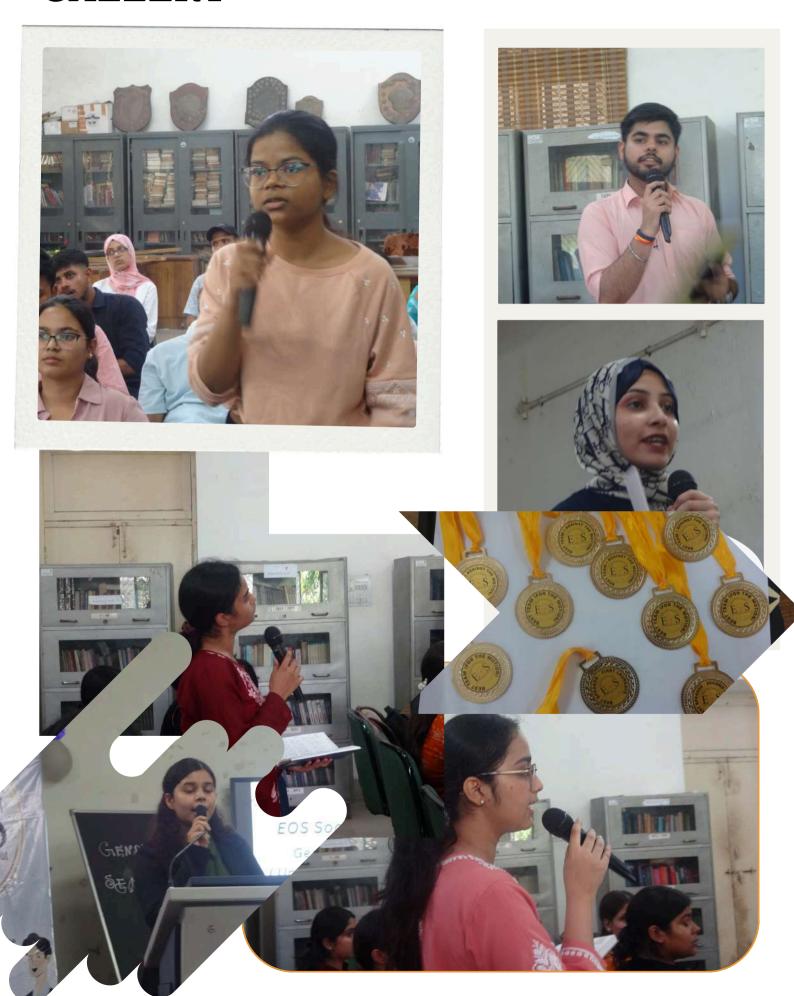
#### **RESULTS**

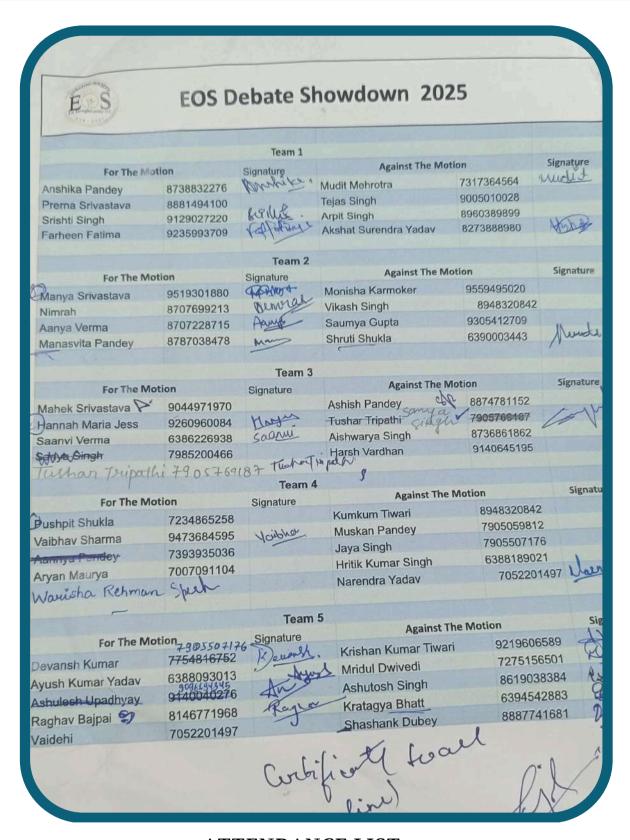
After intense deliberation, **Team 1** (**In Favor**) and **Team 2** (**Against**) were declared the best-performing teams. Their arguments were articulate, compelling, and well-substantiated, showcasing the true essence of constructive debating.

The title of Best Speaker was awarded to Shrishti (In Favor), Sanya (Against), and Krishan (Against) for their exceptional articulation and command over the topic. These outstanding performers were felicitated with gold medals and certificates, a gesture that acknowledged their intellectual contributions.



## **GALLERY**





ATTENDANCE LIST