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A DEBATE EVENT

THE CHARTER

TOPIC

American Individualism vs Global Responsibility
(Should the United States and other superpowers be
legally bound by international mandates (UN/WHO)
during global crises, or does national sovereignty take
precedence?)

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*The Preamble to the
Charter of the United Nations
signed 26 June 1945*
We the peoples of the United Nations determined
to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war
and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights
of the United Nations determined
to establish a world peace
and to promote social progress and better living conditions
for all peoples

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Organised by EOS society in collaboration with Happy Thinking Laboratory and Counselling and Guidance cell, University of Lucknow

Happy Thinking Laboratory and The Counselling Guidance Cell, in association with the EOS Society, University of Lucknow, organized a debate event titled 'The Charter' on 17th February 2026. The event was conducted under the esteemed patronage of Professor Jai Prakash Saini, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lucknow, a visionary leader guiding the institution with wisdom and foresight.

The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, graciously conducted by the esteemed dignitaries: Professor Maitreyi PriyaDarshini, Director of Happy Thinking Laboratory and Professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages, University of Lucknow; Professor Vaishali Saxena, Director of the Counselling Guiding Cell and Professor in the Department of Public Administration, University of Lucknow; our preliminary adjudicators, Dr. Vineet Maxwell David, Associate Professor in the Department of English and Modern European Languages, University of Lucknow, and Dr. Tanuka Chatterjee, Assistant Professor in the same department; and our distinguished final adjudicator, Dr. Saurabh Chauhan, the visionary leader of Anagram Foundation.





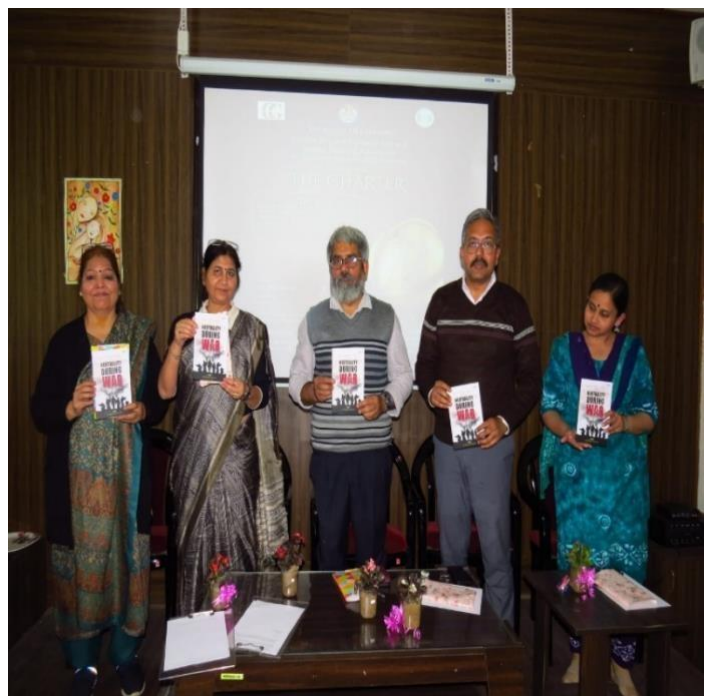
The distinguished guests and revered educators were formally received on stage by the society's esteemed members—Kanika Sachan, Yashi Shukla, Aniket Tripathi, and Kaushank Vaish—who honoured them with plant saplings as a symbolic gesture of respect and sustainability. Following this, Yashi Shukla proceeded to formally introduce the esteemed panel of judges, along with the respected educators and professors, articulating their notable accomplishments and outlining their extensive academic and professional trajectories. To assist Yashi, Kaushank joined her on podium and briefed the participants about Stage 1 'The ideological Stand' and introduced the teams which were as followed : Team Churchill (for the motion) / team Churchill (against the motion) similarly Team Lincoln, Team Aristotle ,Team Nehru, Team Kissinger, Team Plato (with the participants for the motion and against the motion).



In the course of Stage One, every team was granted three minutes to present their opening statement. The inaugural address was delivered by Team Churchill (For) whose speakers were Ketki and Hussain Mehndi. The speakers commenced their opening statements, following which the remaining participants also delivered theirs. In their addresses, the speakers deliberated on significant international issues such as American exemption from accountability for superpower nations, unchecked sovereignty, the Paris Agreement, the Vienna Convention, U.S. interventions in sovereign nations and peace treaties, the role of global activists and international organizations such as the WHO and the United Nations, selective sovereignty, tariff transactions, diplomacy, POK, the Peace of Westphalia (1648), the 2020 pandemic, the First World War, and other critical global matters. Their discussions encompassed complex international concerns that profoundly impact nations worldwide and affect people across all sections of society—issues that warrant thoughtful discourse and reflection.



Amidst profound reflections, critical inquiry, and articulated concerns, Stage One came to a close, paving the way for Stage Two. Yashi Shukla, along with Kaushank, formally addressed the gathering and provided a detailed briefing on the forthcoming segment—'The Clash'. Round Two was the Rebuttal Round, in which two teams were paired together for a direct exchange. Each pair was collectively allotted five minutes, during which both teams were required to pose questions to one another and respond accordingly. The time frame demanded sharp argumentation, critical thinking, and concise rebuttals. In this round, each team speaking for the motion was paired with a corresponding team speaking against the motion. For instance, Team Churchill For the Motion was paired with Team Churchill Against the Motion. Similarly, the remaining teams were paired in the same manner. In the meantime, between Stage Two and Stage Three, the members of EOS, Devansh Kumar and Manwika Singh, formally launched the society's book: *Neutrality during War*. Subsequently, society member Yashi Shukla presented the books to the esteemed jury panel as a token of momentum and appreciation..



The third round was the Alignment Round, in which the judges reshuffled the teams and formed new pairs. After being regrouped, each pair was required to engage in discussion and collaboratively draft a joint policy proposal, which they were then expected to formally submit. The pairings for this round were structured as follows: Team Churchill For was paired with Team Lincoln Against; Team Lincoln For was paired with Team Plato Against; Team Aristotle For was paired with Team Kissinger Against; Team Nehru For was paired with Team Aristotle Against the Motion; Team Kissinger For was paired with Team Nehru Against; and finally, Team Plato For was paired with Team Churchill Against. In this round, each pair was provided with a total of twenty-five minutes for deliberation, along with an additional five-minute extension. Subsequently, the fourth round, titled the Charter Presentation, began. During this phase, each pair was granted four minutes to formally present their drafted bill before the esteemed jury panel and the audience of participants. The first to present were Team Churchill and Team Lincoln, represented by their speakers, Anurag and Sarthak Arora. In their charter presentation, they emphasized the importance of transparency and reporting mechanisms, highlighted the need for stronger accountability within global organizations, and proposed an Equity and Priority Clause to ensure fair and balanced policy implementation. Next, Team Lincoln and Team Plato, represented by Mridul and Diksha Singh, presented their bill. They proposed global taxation for all nations, impartial laws for developing and underdeveloped countries, and the removal of concentrated power to ensure fairness. Subsequently, Team Aristotle and Team Kissinger presented their bill on managing the COVID-19 crisis, proposing specific activation mechanisms and institutional reforms. The proposal was presented by their speakers. The fourth presentation was delivered by Team Nehru and Team Aristotle, represented by Nandita Mishra and Amarkant Sharma. Their bill called for ending permanent seats in the United Nations and the World Health Organization, promoting neutrality, and ensuring accountability for superpower nation. The fifth presentation was

delivered by Team Kissinger and Team Nehru, represented by their speakers, Radhika and Vibhav Shukla. They proposed a bill focused on strengthening and securing international institutions. The final presentation was delivered by Team Plato and Team Churchill, represented by their speakers, Urvika Sonkar and Suruchi Mishra. Their bill proposed the suspension of veto powers during emergency situations. With this, all the rounds were successfully concluded, bringing the event to its formal close. The adjudicators then delivered the Vote of Thanks. David Sir and Saurabh Sir commended the participants for their vision, critical thinking, intellectual depth, thought-provoking questions, and genuine concerns. They also extended their congratulations to the EOS Society for successfully organizing and executing the event. Following this, the winners of the event were announced were announced by Maitreyi Priyadarshini Ma'am. The award for Best Team was jointly presented to Team Lincoln for the Motion and Team Aristotle Against the Motion. The Best Speaker award was conferred upon Amarkant Sharma. Radhika secured the position of First Runner-Up, while Mudit Mehrotra was declared the Second Runner-Up, who were felicitated by Maitreyi PriyaDarshini Ma'am, Vaishali Saxena Ma'am, David Sir, Saurabh Sir and Tanuka Ma'am.



In the concluding segment, Devansh Kumar and Manya Srivastava delivered the final Vote of Thanks, expressing their sincere gratitude to all the adjudicators, judges, and participants for their invaluable contribution to the event. With this, the Debate Charter came to a successful and well-executed conclusion. Throughout the event, a few members served as its backbone, working tirelessly from start to finish. While everyone contributed, President Aniket Tripathi and Administrative Head Yashi Shukla were exceptionally outstanding. Their phenomenal efforts were instrumental to the event's success.



Attendance

The Charter (Team List)

Team Churchill	FOR			AGAINST		
	Ketki Pathak	PC	Ketki	Arushi Singh		
	Suruchi Mishra	PC	Suruchi	Divyanshu Yadav		
	Riya Pandey			Siddharth Singh		
	Hussain Mehdi	PC	CH	Satish Yadav	PC	Satish Yadav
	Srijan Tewari	PC	Srijan			
	Shivani Shukla					
Team Lincoln	FOR			AGAINST		
	Mudit Mehrortra	PC	Mudit	Saubhagya Bajpayee	PC	Present Saubhagya
	Shaurya Raj	PC	Shaurya	Laiba Aqeel		
	Shubham Singh			Md Afzal	PC	Present Afzal
	Atul Yadav	PC	Atul	Sarthak Arora	PC	Present Sarthak
	Kajal Pathak					
Team Aristotle	FOR			AGAINST		
	Anshika Sinha	PC	Anshika	Amarkant Sharma	PC	Amarkant
	Mansi Katiyar	PC	Mansi	Aaliya		
	Nirbhay Singh			Sneha Srivastav	PC	Sneha
	Divyanshi Gupta			Khushi Gupta	PC	Khushi
Team Nehru	FOR			AGAINST		
	Anshool Yadav			Vibhav Shukla		Anshool
	Shubham Verma	PC	Shubham	Aditya Singh		Aditya
	Nandita Mishra	PC	Nandita	Shashank Tripathi		Shashank
	Yogyata Bharti	PC	Yogyata	Sachin Singh Bisht		
Team Kissinger	FOR			AGAINST		
	Radhika	PC	Radhika	Shweta Singh		Shweta
	Ankita Gupta	PC	Ankita	Arnav Srivastav	PC	Arnav
	Tanya	PC	Tanya	Aleena Mahek	PC	Aleena
	Aditya Kumar	PC	Aditya	Yash Vardhan	(PCG)	Yash Vardhan
	Amulya Singh	PC	Amulya			
Team Plato	FOR			AGAINST		
	Urvika Sonker	PC	Urvika	Diksha Singh	PC	Diksha
	Sahaj Singh	PC	Sahaj	Akshat Sonker	E.C.	Akshat
	Snehl	PC	Snehl	Aditya Vikram		
	Shrishti Tripathi			Ashok Srivastav		
	Praveen Yadav			Vaishnavi Tripathi		Vaishnavi
	Anna Ikelu Nangombe					