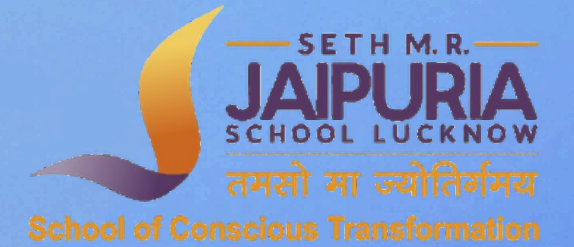




SETH M. R. JAIPURIA SCHOOL,
GOMTI NAGAR, LUCKNOW



JAIPURIA SYMPOSIUM

— THE SECOND EDITION —



7TH AND 8TH AUGUST, 2026

ABOUT SETH M.R. JAIPURIA SCHOOL

Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, stands as an institution shaped by legacy and guided by purpose. Established in the memory of Late Shri Seth Mungturam Jaipuria, a distinguished industrialist, educationist, and philanthropist, the school reflects a vision that extends far beyond conventional education.

Recognised as a School of Conscious Transformation, it is committed to nurturing academic excellence alongside character, curiosity, and awareness. Learning here is holistic, integrating scholastic rigour with a wide spectrum of co-curricular opportunities.

Under the patronship of Shri Sharad Jaipuria and Smt. Anjali Jaipuria, the institution continues to evolve while remaining rooted in its values, fostering individuals who think critically, express confidently, and engage meaningfully with the world.



ABOUT JAIPURIA SYMPOSIUM

The Jaipuria Symposium 2026 is a competition designed to bring debaters together for structured and thought-provoking discussions. Rather than limiting itself to competition alone, it aims to encourage participants to challenge their own assumptions, develop their own ideas and engage with a variety of perspectives. It provides a platform where participants are pushed to think beyond the obvious, to bring something new to the table, because progress is born from questioning.

Through a culmination of several formats designed to push boundaries and ensure a comprehensive discourse, the Symposium challenges participants to analyze perceptions and cultivate awareness for different subjects and topics. It inspires to adapt and respond, approaching their own arguments with a new lens. In doing so, it helps participants grow as the thinkers and communicators of the future. In the Symposium, debaters will question not only their opponents, but their own perspectives as well.

Prepare to put everything you thought you knew to the test through analysis, dialogue and discussion.

We welcome you warmly to Jaipuria Symposium 2026, where thought and expression converge.



“Where disciplined thought meets the power of diverse voices”

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS – MRS. PROMINI CHOPRA



Dear School Headships and Students,
Debating is one of the most essential skills for the 21st century. In an era defined by rapid change, complex challenges and global interconnectedness, the ability to think critically, reason logically and communicate persuasively is

indispensable. It is the mandatory responsibility of educators to equip students not only to clarify their own understanding but also to build confidence through structured reasoning, analysis and effective communication. These are the very skills which will prepare the young architects of the future to engage meaningfully with the world around them. As societies become increasingly diverse and global issues demand collaborative solutions, the essentiality of debate and discussion grows even stronger. Whether addressing questions of technology, environment, governance or

culture the capacity to listen, evaluate and respond thoughtfully is a hallmark of responsible citizenship and leadership. Through J Symposium, we wish to fulfil the purpose of fostering in our students, intellectual curiosity, resilience in argument and respect for evidence - qualities that transcend borders and cultures.

However, we want J symposium to not be a platform to win a debate at all costs or prove one's point beyond doubt but to align young minds with a higher calling of cultivation of an understanding of diverse perspectives and to seek common ground. When synthesis and convergence follow debate, dialogue becomes a bridge to collaboration, innovation and shared progress. May this festival inspire our students to embrace debate as a pathway to wisdom, empathy and shared solutions for a progressive yet cohesive world.

I extend my warmest wishes to all participants, mentors and team J symposium. May this festival be a joyful celebration of ideas which stimulate respect and intellectual growth.

Join us to create two memorable intellectually stimulating days with an opportunity to raise voices that not only shape arguments but also the future of Bharat and the world.

VICE PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS – MRS. DEEPA WAHI



Dear Students, Parents, and Esteemed Well-Wishers,

We are witnessing a generation growing up in an age of constant connectivity, yet quietly drifting away from meaningful human interaction. Many students today feel more comfortable within their digital spaces than in real

conversations. Hesitation in expressing thoughts, reluctance to engage with parents, and a tendency to withdraw rather than communicate are becoming increasingly common.

While technology and artificial intelligence are powerful tools, overdependence on them can limit originality and weaken the confidence to articulate one's own ideas. Instead of engaging in thoughtful dialogue, it often becomes easier to retreat or respond impulsively in the fast-paced world of social media. As a result, essential skills such as expression, persuasion, and empathetic

listening remain underdeveloped.

Adolescence is a critical phase marked by the interplay of emotion and reason. It is a time when impulses often precede reflection, making it all the more important for educators and mentors to create spaces that encourage inquiry, nurture clarity of thought, and build confidence in expression.

Aligned with the vision of the National Curriculum Framework, education must move beyond rote learning to become more reflective, interactive, and participatory. In this spirit, the Jaipuria Symposium serves as a meaningful platform for intellectual engagement.

The symposium provides students with a space where ideas are not only shared but examined, where perspectives are refined through discussion, and where learning happens through dialogue. The success of its first edition reflects its impact, and we are confident it will continue to inspire students to grow into thoughtful, articulate, and empathetic individuals.

Let us work together to nurture a generation that thinks clearly, speaks confidently, and listens with understanding.

TEACHER CO-ORDINATOR'S ADDRESS - DR. PREETI AWASTHI



I take immense pride in presenting a platform that celebrates the power of dialogue over mere competition. Jaipuria Symposium nurtures critical thinking, encourages meaningful questioning and inspires students to listen

deeply and engage thoughtfully with diverse perspectives. We aim to build empathetic bridge-builders who value collaboration and inclusivity. By empowering young minds to transform ideas into action, we foster leadership rooted in understanding and responsibility. Here, conversations are not about winning but about growth, connection and change. Inviting all schools in preparing our youth to become thoughtful leaders and active contributors to society.

TEACHER CO-ORDINATOR'S ADDRESS - MRS. JAYA JOSHI



J Symposium aims to encourage students to look beyond arguments, to understand differing perspectives, and to work towards shared solutions that benefit all.

It is designed not merely to create skilled debaters, but to nurture

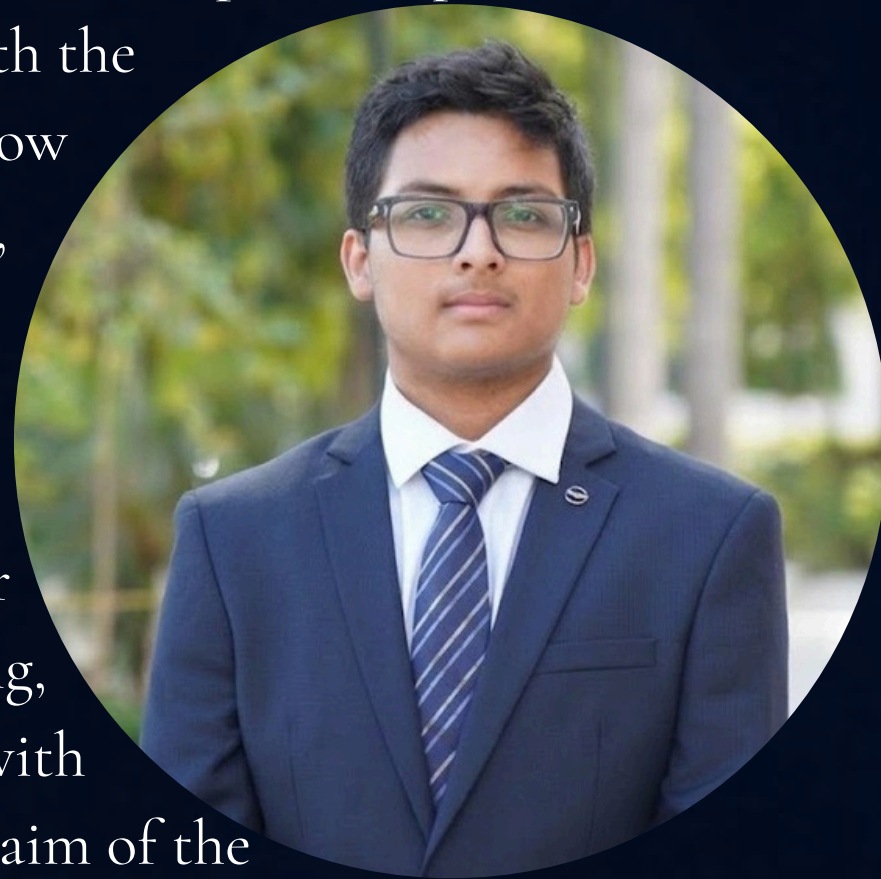
conscious individuals who think beyond self-interest, recognise the interconnectedness of humanity, and act with a sense of larger purpose.

Every stage of this symposium, from research to debate to consensus, invites students to move beyond personal victories and engage with ideas that serve the greater good.

DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

ARYAMAN JAIN

Some platforms follow a circuit; a few attempt to shape it. The Jaipuria Symposium was created with the hope of doing the latter. The Lucknow debating circuit is filled with talent, energy, and a genuine love for discussion. What we hope to add is not just another competition, but an experience that introduces newer formats, encourages sharper thinking, and creates conversations that stay with you beyond the event. The primary aim of the Jaipuria Symposium is to ensure that when every participant heads home, they do so having learned something new that enriches their knowledge and helps them become a better version of themselves. We invite you to look beyond the podium and join us in setting the new standard. Welcome to the Second Edition of the Jaipuria Symposium.



AARNA TIWARI

"The precise role of the artist is to illuminate the darkness, blaze the trail through the chaos." — James Baldwin. Replace artist with debater and that line becomes the entire point of this Symposium. My vision for this edition is not another competition where the loudest voice in the room walks away with the trophy. It is a room where ideas collide hard enough to produce light, where every argument you build is tested by someone who has built an equally serious one against you, and where the chaos of a genuinely contested round forces you to think in ways a practice session never could. This Symposium demands more than preparation. It demands that you know your position well enough to defend it when it is being taken apart, that you listen well enough to find the exact crack in an argument you did not write, and that you leave every round having given the room something worth remembering. Welcome to the Second Edition of the Jaipuria Symposium. Come with your best argument. Leave with a better one.



DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

ABHYUDAYA PRATAP SINGH

Welcome to Jaipuria Symposium, the furnace where the hottest fire makes the strongest steel; abode to elevated logic and deferential voices. It is a pleasure to welcome you all aboard as the deputy director of the event. Looking forward to your presence and all the enthusiastic arguments. This is not just a competition but a platform for discussion and a challenge for your intellectual ideas and thinking. A debate at the Symposium is more than a mere exchange of words; it is a rigorous test of mental agility, research, and the ability to come to a consensus. Step up to the challenge. Construct your arguments, Counter others', and Convince the house.



SHIVANGI SINGH

It is an honour to welcome you to a space that values clarity over clutter and substance over sound. What you will experience here goes beyond structured debate. It is a space designed to test how you think and not just what you think. You will be challenged not only by opposition but by ideas that do not align easily with your own. Each round is meant to take you beyond prepared responses and into thinking that is more deliberate, more aware and more carefully considered. At the Jaipuria Symposium, we hope that through every round and every exchange, you begin to identify what holds and what doesn't and see your own perspectives with greater clarity so that when you leave, you carry with you not just stronger arguments, but a sharper sense of conviction that extends beyond the event.



ROUND 1

Speech Duration 4 minutes per speaker

Rebuttals 1 minutes post speech

Research Time 45 minutes

Awards

1. Best Speaker - For (from each council)
2. Best Speaker - Against (from each council)
3. Best Interjector (from each council)

1. Interjections are recognized from the open floor after each speech during the rebuttal time.
2. Evaluation focuses on argument clarity, responsiveness, speaker presence, and overall engagement.
3. Judgment is based on cumulative scores, with the top 5 teams from each council qualifying.

ECONOMIC ROUND TABLE

Theme:

**The New Global Order: Resilience, Security,
and Ethical Capital**

In a world where geopolitical chokeholds can destabilize markets, economic planning is being redefined. From disrupted trade routes to weaponized supply chains, this council focuses on building resilient systems while addressing the Global South's challenges. Participants will examine the fallout of global tensions and debate where profit ends and responsibility begins, reimagining an economy rooted in resilience, equity and shared security.

SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN COUNCIL

Theme:

**The Pulse of Humanity: Rights, Resilience, and
the Red Line**

Amid conflict, oppression and inequality, this council highlights the human cost of power. From crises in Gaza and Lebanon to state responses like protest suppression in Iran, participants will examine the morality of governance. Beyond conflict, it addresses unemployment and systemic failures that erode dignity, ultimately questioning where sovereignty ends and humanity's responsibility begins.

TECH AND INNOVATION FORUM

Theme:

The Algorithmic Frontier: Progress vs. Peril

The age of Quantum Computing and AI is no longer a distant promise but a present reality where machines can outthink human logic and innovation exists as both miracle and menace. As AI-powered defense systems reshape security, autonomous decision-making, where algorithms can launch attacks, forces us to confront what truly constitutes human harm. This council explores the red line of modern advancement, balancing rapid technological evolution with regulation, as participants navigate the ethical crossroads of a world moving faster than ever.

POLITICAL AND CULTURAL COUNCIL

Theme:

The Great Divide: Navigating Identity, Ideology, and Policy

Culture now stands at the frontline of politics, shaping ideological divides and global debates on human rights and war crimes. This council examines whether policies protect heritage or marginalize communities while questioning the limits of cultural correctness. Through discussions on faith, history and colonial legacies, participants will confront contested narratives and explore how culture can either bridge divides or deepen them.

ROUND 2

Speech Duration

6 minutes (3 minutes each side)

Research Time

75 minutes

Awards

Best Speaker (from each pool)

1. For this round, all qualified teams from every council will be distributed into four pools and councils would dissolve.
2. Only two speakers from each team will be allowed to participate, and teams must internally decide which members will represent them.
3. The format will consist of two speakers per team.
4. Each speaker will speak for 6 minutes. They will begin by speaking for 3 minutes on the topic, after which the moderator will announce “turncoat,” requiring the speaker to switch and speak against the motion.
6. Evaluation will focus on argument clarity, responsiveness, speaker presence, understanding of the topic, and overall engagement.
7. Judgment will be based on cumulative scores, with the top 2 teams from each pool qualifying for the next round.
8. After the second round, participants will be briefed about the consensus paper.

ROUND 2

Prep Time

1 Hour 45 Mins

Awards

Best Consensus Paper
(From each pool)

The ability to navigate complex disagreements and emerge with a unified solution is the hallmark of modern leadership and core belief of Jaipuria Symposium. This round challenges participants to transcend individual rhetoric, to prioritise collective progress over personal victory.

1. In Round 2 only two speakers will participate, and the third member of the team will be given the responsibility of creating the consensus paper
2. Participants must move beyond traditional debate to find common ground. It is designed to test the ability to bridge differences and draft a collaborative document that reflects a unified vision.
3. The time for the proceedings will be 1 hour and 45 minutes. The time for preparation will include 75 minutes of active engagement with all participants after which, the speakers shall leave for debate round and the third participant will have 30 minutes for drafting and finalization.

The format of the document will be shared shortly.

DAY 2 : 8TH AUGUST

THE U.S. EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEBATE
AND THE BRITISH GOVERNANCE CONCLAVE

ROUND 3 : QUARTER FINALS

Speech Duration

4 Minutes 30 Seconds
per speaker

Research Time

60 Minutes

Awards

1. Best Speaker – U.S. Executive Leadership Debate
2. Best Speaker – British Governance Conclave

1. Eight teams (2 per pool) shall qualify for Round 3. This round shall be conducted through the establishment of two parallel debate forums, designed to test high-level political literacy, adaptability, and comparative governance skills.

1. The forums for this round are The U.S. Executive Leadership Debate and The British Governance Conclave.

2. Each forum shall feature a 4v4 debate, with teams divided into Government and Opposition benches.

3. Each team shall be represented by two (2) speakers in each forum, and the allocation to Government or Opposition benches shall be determined through a random draw of chits.

4. Standard rules of engagement, including rebuttals and decorum, as applicable to the competition, shall remain in force.

5. The winning team from each forum shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

ROUND 4 : SEMI FINAL

Speech Duration

Total 17 minutes per Team

Rebuttals

2 minutes post speech

Research Time

60 minutes

Awards

Best Speaker –
From each venue

1. A total of four qualified teams (1 per forum) shall participate in this stage of the competition.
2. The debates shall be conducted across two separate venues simultaneously, with team allocation to venues determined through a coin toss conducted under the supervision of the Organising Committee.
3. The format for this round shall be 3v3, with three speakers representing each team.
4. Each venue shall host one head-to-head debate between the two teams allotted to it, and both debates shall be conducted under identical rules, motions, and time limits to ensure fairness.
5. The debate structure shall include Principal speakers, Secondary speakers, and Tertiary speakers from both teams.
6. The speaking time per speaker shall be as follows: Principal Speaker – 5 minutes, Second Speaker – 4 minutes, Third Speaker – 4 minutes, followed by a Principal Speaker summing-up speech of 4 minutes.
7. At the conclusion of each debate, the winning team, as determined by the judging panel, shall be declared the venue winner and shall advance to compete in the Final Round of the competition.

ROUND 5 : FINAL

Speech Duration Total 17 minutes per Team

Rebuttals 2 minutes post speech

Research Time 60 minutes

Awards

1. Best Speaker
2. Winner School
3. Runner-Up School
4. Participation certificates will be awarded to all participants

1. A total of two qualified teams (1 per venue) shall participate in this stage of the competition.
2. The debate shall be conducted at the final venue of the competition.
3. The format for this round shall be 3v3, with three speakers representing each team.
4. The venue shall host one head-to-head debate between the two finalist teams, conducted under identical rules, motions, and time limits as the fourth round to ensure parity.
5. The debate structure shall include Principal speakers, Secondary speakers, and Tertiary speakers from both teams.
6. The speaking time per speaker shall be as follows: Principal Speaker – 5 minutes, Second Speaker – 4 minutes, Third Speaker – 4 minutes, followed by a Principal Speaker summing-up speech of 4 minutes.
7. At the conclusion of the debate, the winning team, as determined by the judging panel, shall be declared the overall winner of the competition.

ETHOS & CONDUCT

1. Professional Conduct: Participants must uphold integrity, inclusivity, and professionalism at all times. Respectful and composed behaviour is expected within and beyond formal proceedings.
2. Dress Code: Western formal/business attire is mandatory. Casual wear, including jeans and T-shirts, is strictly prohibited.
3. Zero Tolerance Policy: Any form of discrimination or harassment based on race, religion, gender, caste, or ability will result in strict disciplinary action, including disqualification.
4. Punctuality: Timely presence is mandatory; late arrivals may result in forfeiture of participation in the respective round.
5. Collaboration: Participants are expected to engage with openness, respect, and mutual understanding in all collaborative formats.
6. Teacher-Escort Protocol: Teacher-escorts may not interact with participants during preparation time but may observe proceedings from designated areas.
7. The decisions of the judges, moderators, and organising committee shall be final in all matters.

PARTICIPATION FRAMEWORK & REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility: Open to students of Classes IX–XII.
2. Last Date of Registration is 9th May, 2026.
3. Team Composition: Each team must consist of 3 participants.
4. School Limit: A maximum of 2 teams per school is permitted.
5. Council Allotment: Participants must fill 3 preferences, with allotment on a first-come, first-served basis.
6. Anonymity: School codes will be assigned to ensure impartial evaluation.
7. Adherence to Format & Time: Participants must strictly follow all time limits, speaker roles, and procedural guidelines. Exceeding time will result in penalties.
8. Preparation & Research: Internet access and designated preparation time will be provided.
9. AI Restriction: Use of artificial intelligence during preparation or debate is strictly prohibited and will lead to immediate disqualification.
10. Use of Electronics: Personal electronic devices are not permitted during preparation or during debates.
11. Use of Notes: Pre-prepared notes, chits, or written scripts during speeches are strongly discouraged.
12. Relevance: All arguments must remain relevant, clear, and coherent.
13. Any breach of the Code of Conduct may result in warnings, score deductions, or disqualification.

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