



**G.B. Pant University of
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Pantnagar**

**Vivekanand Swadhyay
Mandal**



YUVA'26

21st National Youth Awakening Festival

UDHBAV

19th NATIONAL INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE COMPETITION

14-15 January, 2026



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ABOUT VIVEKANAND SWADHYAY MANDAL (VSM)

Vivekanand Swadhyay Mandal (VSM) is dedicated to cultivating leadership qualities within contemporary youth, thereby fostering their development as invaluable assets for national progress for last 26 years. This inclusive platform welcomes individuals deeply rooted in Indian philosophy, culture, and values to contribute their wisdom. Our collective endeavor is to revitalize the profound humanitarian principles and national character that have been the bedrock of our country for centuries. Over the years, VSM has translated into a nationwide network with its main working centre at G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. Through various activities and initiatives, VSM inspires individuals to discover their inner potential and recognize their purpose in life. Our mission is to instill in young minds a profound empathy for humanity, which ultimately translates into a strong sense of duty.

ABOUT PANTNAGAR

G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, holds the distinction of being India's first agricultural university, established in 1960. Renowned as the 'Harbinger of the Green Revolution', the University has made substantial contribution to the nation's food security over its six-decade-long existence. Its unwavering commitment to the advancement of the Indian farming community is evident in its ongoing endeavors. As a premier agricultural university with distinguished national and international acclaim, the institution is nestled amidst the serene Himalayan foothills, offering an idyllic environment conducive to learning and research. Since its inception, the University has been at the forefront of development, with a core mandate encompassing teaching, research, and extension activities. The University is also a leading agricultural university of the country in context of national and international rankings. Consecutively for last three years, Pantnagar is getting placed in the World QS Rankings and QS Asia Rankings as well.

ABOUT YUVA AND UDBHAV: THE NATIONAL INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE

VSM organizes **YUVA -The National Youth Awakening Festival** to commemorate the birth anniversary of two great personalities i.e. Swami Vivekanand and Subhash Chandra Bose. Beginning on January 12 i.e. the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand and culminating on January 23, the birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose, YUVA is a 12 day long festival organized to ignite, inspire and illuminate the youth of the country towards nationalism and broader roles of the youth towards their nation.

The **National Inter-University Debate** is a part of YUVA and is organized on January 14-15 each year since 2008. This platform of National Debate has been created for the youth to discuss and deliberate on issues of national importance. It gives them an opportunity to critically think, analyze and reflect on aspects connected with youth in the national framework. In last 18 years, this National Debate platform has emerged as a respectable and popular platform where illustrious orators from leading universities of the country have been participating.

The forthcoming **Inter-University National Debate** is the **19th edition of the National Debate** which will be organized on January 14-15, 2026 at Pantnagar.



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Students from Indian Universities are invited to participate in UDBHAV - The Inter-University National Debate 2026 on the following topic:

TOPIC for UDBHAV 2026:

Digital economy is fully capable of fulfilling the real needs of Indian youth.

डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था भारतीय युवाओं की वास्तविक आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति करने में पूर्णतः सक्षम है।

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

- The debate will be conducted in Hindi and English separately in the campus of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar.
- Each participating university is entitled to send two teams of two participants each (Hindi and English), one speaking for and one against the topic.
- With the motive of constantly promoting and encouraging new talents to such platforms, all the previous participants who have secured first position in this contest are not allowed to participate.
- There will be a winner's shield in each category. Individual prizes of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) Rs. 3000/- will also be awarded to the winner and runner-up respectively in each category. Two consolation prizes and four special recognition prizes shall also be awarded in each category. Participation certificates shall be awarded to all the participants.
- Pantnagar University team will contest for individual prizes only.
- Each participant will be given 5+1 min to speak. There will be a question-answer round after the participant has finished his/her speech.
- The questioning will be restricted to 1 minute and the response should be completed in the next 2 minutes.
- Participants with written speeches will not be eligible for prizes. However, a slip of paper, bearing only the key points, shall be permitted.
- Decision of the judges shall be final & binding.
- Confirmation of participation may be sent to Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Chief Coordinator, YUVA 2026, on yuva.pantnagar@gmail.com, latest by November 25, 2025 along with a scanned letter of confirmation of participation from a competent authority of the participating university.



REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE 2026

All interested teams from any university may register on the link given below. Kindly note that only one team in Hindi and one team in English may participate from a University.

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/W7Wg38LLtb8TymiC7>

OR SCAN THE QR BELOW:



Note: Registration for National Inter-University Debate 2026 is free of cost. However, participants and accompanying staff will be responsible for covering their own travel and daily allowances (TA/DA) through their respective organizations. Complimentary accommodations will be provided to all attendees and staff in the University Guest House only for the duration of the event. Three times meal will also be provided only for the duration of the event without any additional cost.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for Registration: 25 November, 2025
- National Inter-University Debate: 14-15 January, 2026

VENUE

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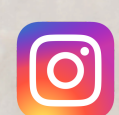
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