



EPEC- CLUBS

Year Report

<i>Name of the Team: Speaker's Club</i>	
<i>Main Objective of the Team: Speaker's club is a group where people discuss and argue about various topics in a structured way. It's a place to improve skills like thinking critically, speaking well, doing research, and debating effectively and working on communication. We talk about interesting issues, consider different viewpoints, and learn to make persuasive arguments.</i>	
Number of events conducted in AY 2023-2024	06
Name of the events:	1: Debate and Discussion -15 sept, 2023 - Has the government upheld its past promises and commitments 2: Debate and Discussion - Oct 6th, 2023 - The growth predicament, should India prioritize sustainable development over economic growth Sem 2: 3: Weekly session 12th January - Why is unemployment still a major problem in India 4: Weekly session 29th Jan - Freedom of Speech vs Social Media regulations 5: Debate and Discussion - 8th Feb - Is authoritarianism on the horizon in India 6: Debate and Discussion - 21st March 2024 - Discussing CAA and the disputed Electoral bond scheme.
Number of Team Members:	11
Name of Key Organisers:	Harshvardhan Kendre (87936 09025)
Provide the link of your Social Media Handles	Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/speakers_club_vit?igsh=OXhzNWZ3ZnA2cWsz

Individual Event Reports (Copy paste the same table and add to the report if number of events is more than 1)

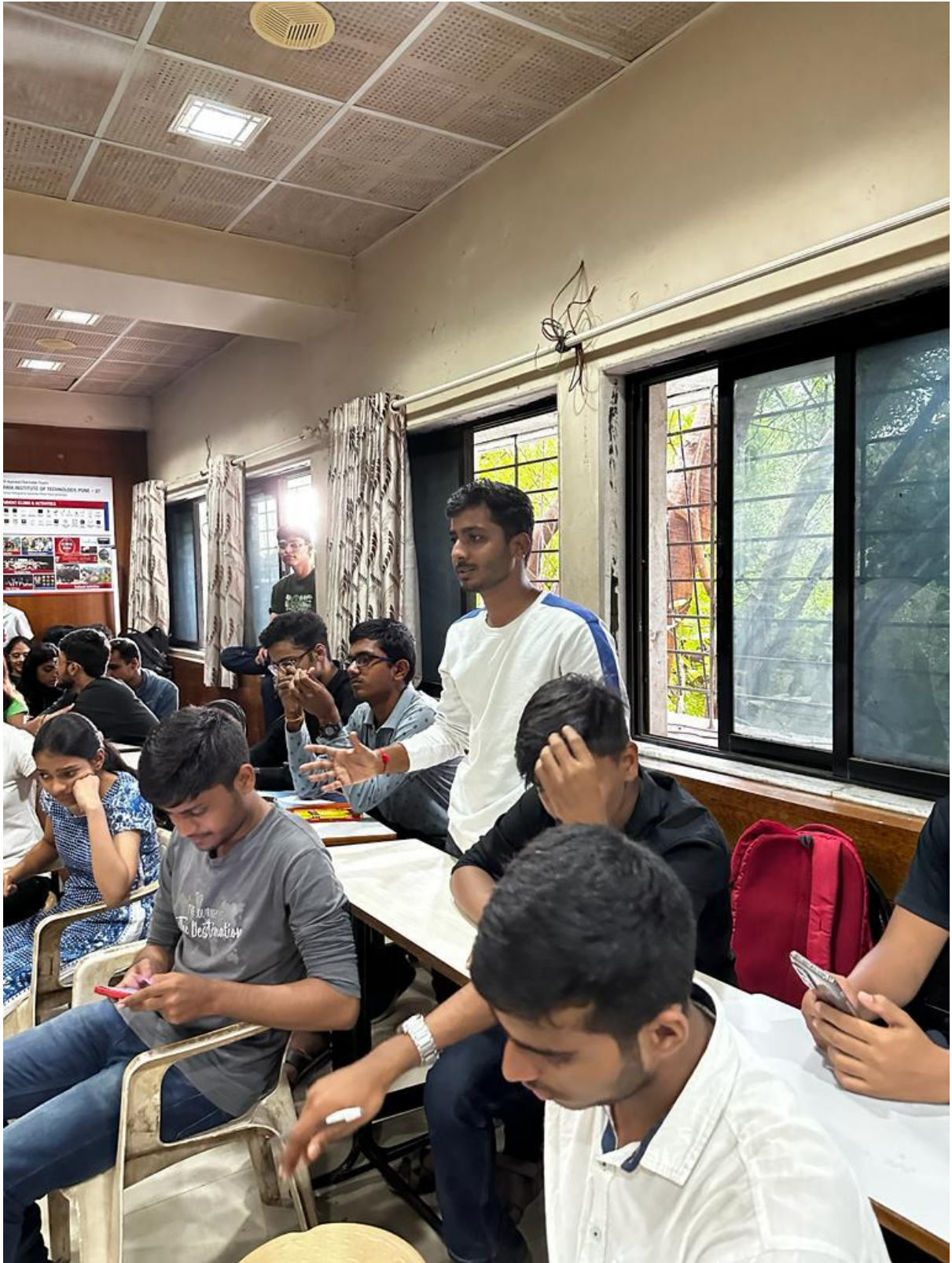
Event 1

Name of the event:	Ache Din! Has the Government Upheld its Past Promises and Commitments?
Dates of event:	15 th September 2023
Online Platform/ Venue:	Seminar Hall
Event span (hours/days)	2 Hours
Footfall/Total attendance	40+
Name and contact of the key organiser(s)	Harshvardhan Kendre(87936 09025)
No. of people involved in the organising committee (all levels of hierarchy included, Core team to Volunteers)	11
Objective of the event	The central aim of the seminar hall debate and discussion event, centered around the intriguing topic "Ache Din! Has the Government Upheld its Past Promises and Commitments?" was to initiate a thought-provoking and productive discourse surrounding the notion of "Ache Din" (Good Days). The overarching objective was to scrutinize whether the government had successfully translated its pledges and obligations into tangible improvements in the lives and overall well-being of the populace. In essence, this event sought to cultivate an environment conducive to critical thinking, fostering an atmosphere of open and informed dialogue. Through these discussions, it aspired to nurture a deeper comprehension of the workings of governance and its profound implications on society.
Brief description of the said event	Held within the confines of a seminar hall, this event brought together the vibrant student community of VIT to delve into the intriguing concept of "Ache Din" (Good Days) within the framework of government initiatives. Deliberations revolved around the extent to which the government had

	<p>effectively translated its assurances and commitments into substantial enhancements across various facets of life, encompassing economic prosperity, employment opportunities, healthcare accessibility, and the overall quality of life. This multifaceted event likely featured a dynamic mix of speeches, spirited debates, and engaging Q&A sessions, fostering a platform for a rich tapestry of perspectives and opinions to be shared and examined.</p>
<p>Key event outcomes</p>	<p>The event is likely to have yielded several noteworthy outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhanced Critical Thinking: The event likely stimulated participants' critical thinking skills as they analyzed and evaluated government policies and commitments, encouraging them to think critically about complex issues. 2. Inspiration for Civic Engagement: Through discussions on governance and public policy, students may have been inspired to become more actively involved in civic activities, volunteer work, or even consider careers in public service. 3. Fostering Leadership Qualities: Taking part in such events often helps in nurturing leadership qualities among students, as they learn to express their ideas and guide discussions effectively. 4. Enhanced Political Awareness: The event likely contributed to participants' political awareness by providing insights into government operations, policies, and the impact of political decisions on society. <p>Empowerment of Diverse Voices: The event may have empowered individuals from</p>

	various backgrounds and perspectives to share their unique viewpoints, promoting inclusivity and diversity of thought.
Milestones set by the event (if any)	The organizers' emphasis on students' interest and active participation as the foremost priority indicates their intention to captivate and motivate the student body. The overarching goal was to kindle a genuine curiosity among students regarding governance and matters of public policy. By doing so, they aimed to instigate a profound interest in engaging with these topics and to inspire enthusiastic participation in discussions and activities associated with these crucial issues.
Name and bio of chief guest along with social media links (if any)	None





Event 2

Name of the event:	<i>The Growth Predicament: Should India Prioritize Sustainable Development over Economic Growth?</i>
Dates of event:	6th October 2023
Online Platform/ Venue:	Seminar Hall
Event span (hours/days)	2 Hours
Footfall/Total attendance	25+
Name and contact of the key organiser(s)	Harshvardhan Kendre(87936 09025)
No. of people involved in the organising committee (all levels of hierarchy included, Core team to Volunteers)	11
Objective of the event	The central aim of the seminar hall debate and discussion event, centered on the topic "The Growth Predicament: Should India Prioritize Sustainable Development over Economic Growth?" is to promote informed and thoughtful discourse on this pressing issue. The objective is to explore the challenges and trade-offs between economic growth and sustainable development in the Indian context, fostering a nuanced understanding. Through these discussions, the event seeks to contribute to well-informed decision-making for India's development path.
Brief description of the said event	Held within the confines of a seminar hall, this event brought together the vibrant student community of VIT to indulge focus on "The Growth Predicament: Should India Prioritize Sustainable Development over Economic Growth?" Here are some key arguments and considerations for this debate Prioritizing Sustainable Development:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental Responsibility: Addressing pollution and climate change. 2. Resource Conservation: Responsible management of resources. 3. Inclusive Growth: Reducing income inequality. 4. Global Commitments: Aligning with international agreements. <p>Balancing Economic Growth:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poverty Alleviation: Creating jobs and reducing poverty. 2. Infrastructure Development: Building essential infrastructure. 3. Revenue Generation: Funding social programs. <p>Competitiveness: Enhancing global influence.</p>
Key event outcomes	<p>The event on "The Growth Predicament: Should India Prioritize Sustainable Development over Economic Growth?" is likely to have generated several noteworthy outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stimulated Critical Thinking: The debate encouraged participants to think critically and analyze the complex dynamics of economic growth and sustainable development, fostering their ability to evaluate and form informed opinions on pressing national issues. 2. Catalyzed Civic Engagement: By discussing the trade-offs between economic growth and sustainability, the event may have inspired students to engage more actively in civic activities, sustainable initiatives, and advocacy for responsible policies.

	<p>3. Nurtured Leadership Skills: Engaging in a debate on such a significant topic often nurtures leadership qualities, as students learn to articulate their thoughts effectively, lead discussions, and advocate for their viewpoints.</p> <p>4. Promoted Political Awareness: The event likely contributed to a heightened awareness of political and policy matters, offering insights into the governance process and the real-world impact of decisions made by policymakers.</p> <p>Encouraged Inclusivity: Debates like this empower individuals from diverse backgrounds to share their unique perspectives and experiences, promoting inclusivity and fostering a rich tapestry of thought and opinion.</p>
Milestones set by the event (if any)	<p>The organizers' unwavering focus on prioritizing students' engagement and active involvement underscored their commitment to capturing and igniting the student community's interest. Their primary objective was to foster a genuine curiosity among students about the complexities of governance, public policy, and the sustainability-economic growth dilemma. By achieving this, they aimed to spark a deep-seated interest in addressing these pressing issues and to motivate enthusiastic participation in discussions, debates, and activities related to these pivotal topics.</p>
Name and bio of chief guest along with social media links (if any)	None



Event 3

Name of the event:	Why is unemployment still a major problem in India?
Dates of event:	12 th January 2024
Online Platform/ Venue:	Seminar Hall
Event span (hours/days)	2 Hours
Footfall/Total attendance	10+
Name and contact of the key organiser(s)	Harshvardhan Kendre(87936 09025)
No. of people involved in the organising committee (all levels of hierarchy included, Core team to Volunteers)	11
Objective of the event	The central aim of the seminar hall debate and discussion event, centered on the topic "Why is unemployment still a major problem in India? " is to promote informed and thoughtful discourse on this pressing issue. The objective is to explore the challenges and issues regarding India's rising problem of unemployment. Through these discussions, the event seeks to find comprehensive solutions that can be taken to overcome concern of unemployment in a fast-growing economy.
Brief description of the said event	<p>Held within the confines of a seminar hall, this event brought together the vibrant student community of VIT to discuss the topic of "Why is unemployment still a major problem in India?" Here are some key arguments and considerations for this debate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The lack of skill set and education: The major type of unemployment in the country is educated unemployment. India's youth have a sufficient level of education to get eligible for any job but what they lack is the skill set required to be good at that particular job. Skill programs are also being introduced by government like Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) to train Indian youth to be suitable for any job. 5. Caste System: caste system has its deep roots in Indian society. Usually, people like to employ people of their same caste thus

	<p>leaving backward classes to some less paying jobs. This thing is most affected in the rural parts of the country.</p> <p>6. Inadequate economic growth: India's economic growth has not affected the job market it has. If we see in previous years there has been an increment in jobs in IT sector. Whereas in other sector there is not significant increment in no. of jobs. India needs to focus on increasing jobs in manufacturing sector if we want to rise as the manufacturing hub of world. Government also needs to look after to increase jobs in government and cooperative sector which in past few years has not seen any growth.</p> <p>7. Population Growth: Recently India surpassed China as world's most populous country but the no. of jobs and employment opportunity are not increasing at the same rate as that of population. To control this there should be proper family planning and education to change people lives at ground level.</p>
Key event outcomes	<p>The event on "Why is unemployment still a problem in India?" is likely to have generated several noteworthy outcomes:</p> <p>5. Stimulated Critical Thinking: The debate encouraged participants to think critically and analyse the factors faced by the country regarding the issue of unemployment, fostering their ability to evaluate and form informed opinions on pressing national issues.</p> <p>6. Catalysed Skill development: discussion on this topic made students realise they need to focus on skill development on individual</p>

	<p>level and to be updated to new skills to survive in this competitive world.</p> <p>7. Nurtured Leadership Skills: Engaging in a debate on such a significant topic often nurtures leadership qualities, as students learn to articulate their thoughts effectively, lead discussions, and advocate for their viewpoints.</p> <p>8. Promoted Political Awareness: The event likely contributed to a heightened awareness of political and policy matters, offering insights into the governance process and the real-world impact of decisions made by policymakers.</p> <p>9. Encouraged Inclusivity: Debates like this empower individuals from diverse backgrounds to share their unique perspectives and experiences, promoting inclusivity and fostering a rich tapestry of thought and opinion.</p>
Milestones set by the event (if any)	<p>The organizers' unwavering focus on prioritizing students' engagement and active involvement underscored their commitment to capturing and igniting the student community's interest. Their primary objective was to foster a genuine curiosity among students about the complexities of governance, public policy, and the sustainability-economic growth dilemma. By achieving this, they aimed to spark a deep-seated interest in addressing these pressing issues and to motivate enthusiastic participation in discussions, debates, and activities related to these pivotal topics.</p>
Name and bio of chief guest along with social media links (if any)	None

Add minimum 2 photographs of the said event (Mandatory):

Event 4

Name of the event:	Freedom of Speech vs Social Media Regulations
Dates of event:	29th January 2024
Online Platform/ Venue:	Seminar Hall
Event span (hours/days)	2 Hours
Footfall/Total attendance	10+
Name and contact of the key organiser(s)	Harshvardhan Kendre(87936 09025)
No. of people involved in the organising committee (all levels of hierarchy included, Core team to Volunteers)	11
Objective of the event	The objective of an event discussing "Freedom of Speech vs Social Media Regulations" is to foster understanding and debate about the balance between unrestricted expression and responsible oversight online. It aims to explore legal, ethical, and societal implications while proposing solutions for navigating these complexities effectively.
Brief description of the said event	The event will delve into the contentious debate surrounding "Freedom of Speech vs Social Media Regulations," aiming to dissect the complexities and implications of these issues. Participants will engage in lively discussions exploring the balance between unrestricted expression and responsible oversight in online spaces, considering legal, ethical, and societal dimensions. The event seeks to foster a deeper understanding of these critical topics

	and generate ideas for navigating them effectively in the modern digital landscape.
Key event outcomes	<p>Key event outcomes may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhanced Understanding: Participants gain a deeper understanding of the complexities surrounding freedom of speech and social media regulations. 2. Diverse Perspectives: The event encourages the exchange of diverse perspectives, enriching the discourse and promoting empathy and understanding among participants. 3. Insightful Discussions: Lively and constructive discussions uncover the nuances of the topic, exploring legal, ethical, and societal implications in depth. 4. Proposed Solutions: Participants generate ideas and proposals for navigating the challenges posed by balancing free speech with the need for responsible regulation on social media platforms. 5. Increased Awareness: The event raises awareness about the importance of addressing issues related to online speech and regulation in today's digital age. 6. Networking and Collaboration: Participants have opportunities to connect with others who share their interests and expertise, fostering potential collaborations and future initiatives on the topic.
Milestones set by the event (if any)	None
Name and bio of chief guest along with social media links (if any)	None

Event 5

Name of the event:	Unravelling India's Democracy: Is Authoritarianism on the Horizon?
Dates of event:	8th February 2024
Online Platform/ Venue:	Conference Room
Event span (hours/days)	2 Hours
Footfall/Total attendance	25+
Name and contact of the key organiser(s)	Harshvardhan Kendre(87936 09025)
No. of people involved in the organising committee (all levels of hierarchy included, Core team to Volunteers)	11
Objective of the event	The objective of the event is to foster insightful deliberations and discussions on the topic "Is Authoritarianism on the Horizon in India's Democracy?" The aim is to encourage participants to critically analyze the potential emergence of authoritarian tendencies within India's democratic framework. Through these discussions, the event seeks to deepen understanding of the complexities surrounding governance, civil liberties, and democratic values in the Indian context. Ultimately, the objective is to provoke thoughtful reflection and exploration of potential solutions to safeguard India's democratic principles..
Brief description of the said event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Setting: Held within a seminar hall, the event convened the student community of VIT to discuss the topic "Is Authoritarianism on the Horizon in India's Democracy?" • Objective: Drawing from previous debates, the objective was to explore the potential emergence of authoritarian tendencies within India's democratic framework. • Discussion Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Balance of Government Authority and Individual Freedoms: Participants examined the delicate balance between governmental authority and the preservation of individual liberties, considering how authoritarian inclinations might impact this equilibrium.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Role of Institutions: The role of institutions in safeguarding democratic principles was scrutinized, with discussions focusing on the importance of institutional resilience against authoritarianism. 3. Impact of Societal Norms: Consideration was given to the influence of societal norms on political dynamics, exploring how cultural factors might either mitigate or exacerbate authoritarian tendencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis and Dialogue: Through rigorous analysis and dialogue, participants sought to deepen their understanding of the complexities surrounding authoritarianism and its potential implications for India's democratic ethos. • Exploration of Solutions: The discussion aimed to explore strategies to uphold democratic values amidst emerging authoritarian challenges, fostering a proactive approach to safeguarding India's democratic principles.
Key event outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhanced Understanding: Participants gained a deeper understanding of the nuances surrounding authoritarianism and its potential impact on India's democracy through rigorous analysis and dialogue. 2. Critical Thinking Development: The event fostered critical thinking skills among participants as they examined various dimensions of authoritarian tendencies and explored potential implications for democratic principles. 3. Engagement and Participation: The vibrant exchange of ideas within the seminar hall facilitated active engagement and participation among students, encouraging diverse viewpoints and perspectives.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Awareness and Sensitization: The discussion raised awareness about the importance of safeguarding democratic values and institutions, sensitizing participants to the challenges posed by authoritarian tendencies. 5. Exploration of Solutions: Participants explored potential strategies and solutions to uphold democratic principles in the face of emerging authoritarian challenges, fostering a proactive approach to democratic governance. 6. Community Building: The event served as a platform for building a sense of community among students, fostering collaboration and cooperation in addressing pressing societal issues.
Milestones set by the event (if any)	<p>The event aims to set significant milestones by prioritizing student engagement and active involvement, emphasizing a commitment to igniting interest in the topic of "Is Authoritarianism on the Horizon in India's Democracy?" The primary objective is to cultivate genuine curiosity among students about the complexities of governance and the potential challenges posed by authoritarian tendencies. By achieving this, the organizers aim to inspire enthusiastic participation in discussions, debates, and activities focused on understanding and addressing authoritarianism in India's democracy. Through stimulating curiosity, encouraging informed participation, promoting awareness, and inspiring action, the event seeks to lay a foundation for informed discourse and active engagement among students in navigating India's democratic governance landscape.</p>
Name and bio of chief guest along with social media links (if any)	None

Add minimum 2 photographs of the said event (Mandatory):



Event 6

Name of the event:	Discussing CAA and Disputed Electoral Bond Scheme
Dates of event:	21st March 2024
Online Platform/ Venue:	Conference Hall
Event span (hours/days)	2 Hours
Footfall/Total attendance	30+
Name and contact of the key organiser(s)	Harshvardhan Kendre(87936 09025)
No. of people involved in the organising committee (all levels of hierarchy included, Core team to Volunteers)	11
Objective of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CAA has sparked debate over its impact on inclusivity and secularism, with concerns about discrimination against Muslims. Meanwhile, the Electoral Bond Scheme raises transparency issues in political funding, as anonymous donations could lead to corruption. It's essential to consider the implications of these policies on democracy, citizenship rights, and governance transparency.
Brief description of the said event	<p>The seminar hall debate and discussion event focuses on two significant topics currently affecting India's socio-political landscape: the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the Electoral Bond Scheme. The event aims to provide a platform for informed and thoughtful discourse on these pressing issues, fostering a deeper understanding of their implications.</p> <p>Key Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote Informed Discourse: Encourage participants to engage in informed discussions about the complexities of the CAA and the Electoral Bond Scheme. Explore Challenges: Delve into the challenges and trade-offs between economic growth, sustainable development, and democracy within the Indian context. Enhance Understanding: Foster a nuanced understanding of the impact of these policies on citizenship rights, governance transparency, and democratic principles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to Decision-Making: Provide insights that contribute to well-informed decision-making processes regarding India's development path and governance policies. <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore concerns about inclusivity and secularism, particularly regarding potential discrimination against Muslims. • Discuss the humanitarian aspect versus the constitutional principles of equality and non-discrimination. • Address the implications of demographic changes and communal tensions within India. • Electoral Bond Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine transparency issues in political funding arising from the anonymity of donors. • Debate the balance between privacy rights of donors and the need for transparency and accountability in political financing. <p>Consider the potential for corruption, influence-peddling, and the undermining of efforts to combat corruption.</p>
Key event outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informed Understanding: Participants gain insights into the complexities of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the Electoral Bond Scheme, understanding their impact on democracy, citizenship rights, and governance transparency. 2. Diverse Perspectives: Attendees are exposed to varied viewpoints on the challenges between economic growth, sustainable development, and democratic principles in India.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Critical Analysis: Through discussions, participants develop critical thinking skills to analyze the socio-political implications of the CAA and the Electoral Bond Scheme. 4. Empowered Advocacy: Equipped with knowledge, attendees can advocate for democratic values, citizenship rights, and governance transparency. 5. Policy Influence: Event insights inform decision-making among policymakers and stakeholders, shaping governance policies and legislative frameworks. 1. Community Engagement: The event fosters a sense of community involvement and encourages ongoing dialogue to address socio-political challenges in India.
Milestones set by the event (if any)	<p>The event's milestones were crafted to guide participants in understanding and analyzing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the Electoral Bond Scheme. Organizers aimed to raise awareness about the implications of these policies and foster critical analysis. Facilitating dialogue allowed participants to engage with diverse perspectives, empowering them to advocate for democratic principles and governance transparency. These milestones empowered participants to make informed decisions and contribute to positive change.</p>
Name and bio of chief guest along with social media links (if any)	None

Add minimum 2 photographs of the said event (Mandatory):

