



TAIVAS DEBATE CLUB *
IIT MADRAS ORATORY CLUB



SOUTH ZONE • NOVEMBER 2026

National Speech & Debate *Championship*

FINALS AT
IIT
Madras
29 NOV • CHENNAI

A solo debate competition for Grades 3 to 12. One live online class, one online competition day, and finals on the IIT Madras campus.

1 • LEARN

Sat 21 Nov

Live class, online

2 • COMPETE

Sun 22 Nov

Online, from home

♦ 3 • FINALS

29 Nov

IIT Madras,
Chennai

♦ Grades 3–12 ♦ One against one ♦ Every student trained first



THINK SHARPER. SPEAK LOUDER. WIN BIGGER.

◆ FOR PARENTS

The championship, *in one minute*

What is it? ◆

One student debates one opponent, on a topic given that day. **No team. No memorised speech.**

Who can take part?

Grades 3 to 12, in three tracks: Grades 3–5, 6–8 and 9–12. Children debate only their own age group.

Does my child need experience?

Every child is trained first in a live class. No partner needed.

What happens, when? ◆

Sat 21 Nov: live online class.

Sun 22 Nov: online competition.

29 Nov: finals at IIT Madras.

What does it cost?

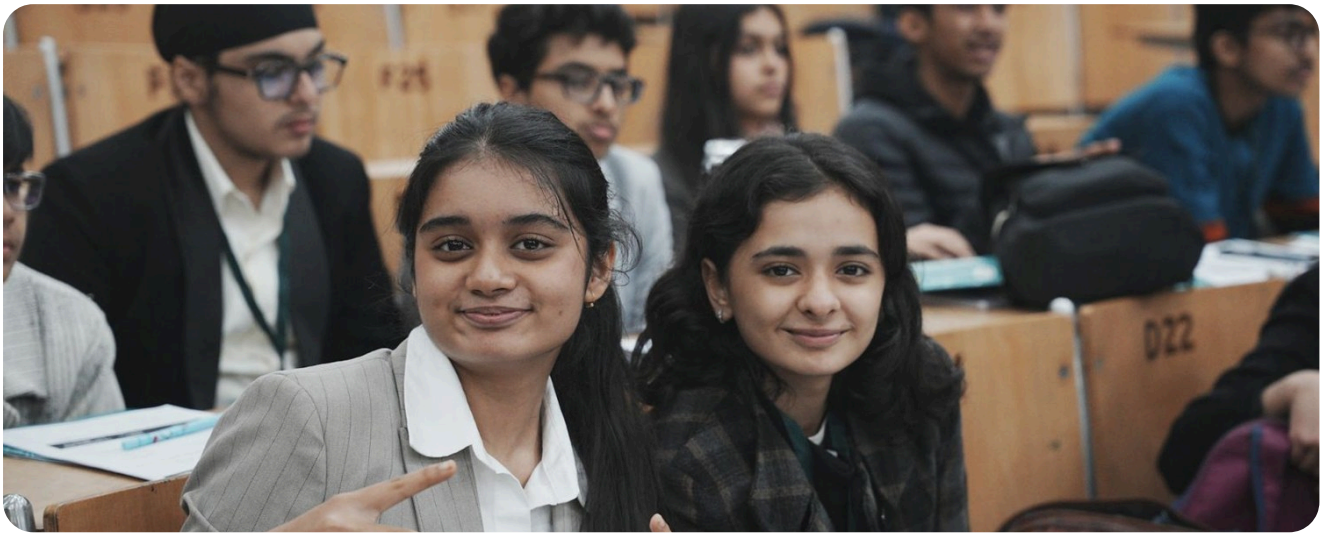
₹2,499 early bird, **₹2,999** regular. One fee covers all three stages.

What does my child get?

A certificate and **judge feedback every online round**. Trophies and scholarships for top speakers.

◆ INTRODUCTION

A national debate championship *for school students*



Run with the IIT Madras Oratory Club

Three stages: a training class, an online competition and a knockout final on the IIT Madras campus.

Trained before they compete

Every student learns the format in a 2.5-hour live class, then competes the very next day.

One against one

The format is **Conventional Debate**: one student against one, on a topic seen 20 minutes before speaking.

FOUR ZONES ACROSS INDIA • THIS IS THE SOUTH ZONE

NORTH

WEST

EAST

◆ SOUTH

♦ THE FORMAT

How a debate *works*

Two students, one topic. Each gives a speech, then each asks the other one question.

For

One side of the topic

vs

Against

The other side, alone

AN EXAMPLE TOPIC (CALLED A “MOTION”)

“Homework should be banned in schools.”

1**One topic, two sides**

One speaks For, one Against. The judge assigns the sides.

2**Carry it alone**

Opening, arguments, reply and conclusion. No teammate.

3**One question each**

Each debater asks the other one question. It must be answered.

4**Learned once**

The same format in every round, online and on campus.

◆ INSIDE ONE ROUND

Twenty minutes to think, *ten to speak*

20 min**Preparation**

The topic is released. No internet, no script.

5 min**The speeches**

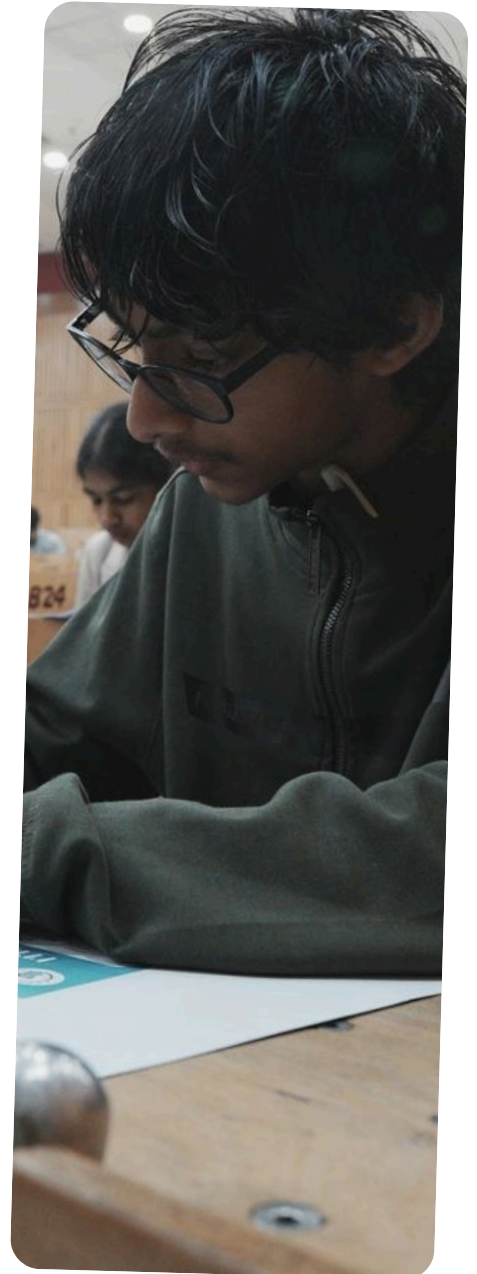
Five minutes each. One For, one Against, each alone.

2½ min**Cross-questioning**

One question each. Every question must be answered.

Result**Score and feedback**

Judged on Content, Style and Strategy, with spoken feedback.

**The question cannot be refused**

Asked in 15 seconds, answered in 60.

♦ THE JOURNEY

Three stages, *one registration*



STAGE 1 • TRAINING

Trained first

Sat 21 Nov • online • 2.5 hours

One live class in the exact competition format: build a case, reply, question.



STAGE 2 • ONLINE QUALIFIERS

Compete to qualify

Sun 22 Nov • online • full day

Three debates, three fresh topics. Judge feedback every round. Results the same day.



♦ STAGE 3 • IN-PERSON KNOCKOUTS

Win on campus

29 Nov • IIT Madras, Chennai

Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Grand Final and the awards ceremony.

Three grade tracks: Grades 3–5, 6–8 and 9–12.

◆ STAGE 2 · SUN 22 NOV

The online *competition day*

Three rounds. Three topics. One day, from home.

Round 1

Fresh topic

Round 2

Fresh topic

Round 3

Fresh topic

Results

Same day

- 1 **Three debates in one day**, on Sunday, 22 November 2026.
- 2 **A fresh topic every round**, set for the child's grade track.
- 3 **The judge assigns sides**, so be ready to argue either way.
- 4 Scored on **Content, Style and Strategy**.
- 5 **Spoken feedback** from the judge after every round.



◆ WHO GOES THROUGH

The top 50 in each grade track qualify for the knockouts at IIT Madras.

◆ STAGE 3 • 29 NOV

The finals, *at IIT Madras*

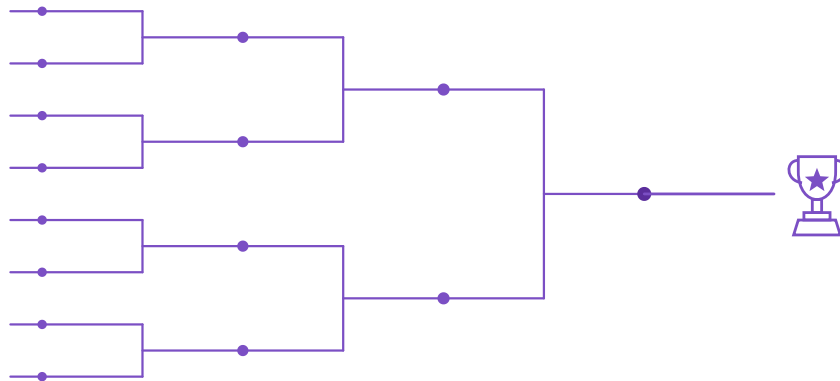
29 November 2026, Chennai. Win the round or go home.

QUARTER-FINALS

SEMI-FINALS

GRAND FINAL

CHAMPION



Same format, same scoring. What changes is the room: **a live audience, a real stage and a panel of judges.** Every round is elimination, up to the Grand Final in each grade track.

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A real stage, a live panel, and the format they have trained in since day one.

♦ JUDGING

How your child *is scored*

Every round is judged on the same three things.

1

Content

What is said:
arguments,
examples and
replies.

2

Style

How it is said:
clarity,
structure and
presence.

3

Strategy

The choices:
priorities,
timing and
questions.

The panel

National and international judges from the competitive debating circuit, joined by the IIT Madras Oratory Club on campus.

Feedback on every round

After every online round, the judge tells both debaters **what worked and what to change** next time.

ONE SCORESHEET • ONLINE AND ON CAMPUS

✦ WHY THIS FORMAT

Why *sofo* debate

No teammate to find, carry or hide behind.

**No partner required**

Enter alone. No team to arrange.

Full speaking time

Five minutes in every debate, plus the question.

Entirely your own

Every win is earned individually.

Thinking on the spot

Twenty minutes, no internet, no script.

Confidence under pressure

Every question must be answered.

One format, learned once

Same rules from training to finals.

✦ AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

What your child *takes home*



EVERY PARTICIPANT

Certificate of Participation

From Taivas Education, for every student.

TOP SPEAKERS

Certificate of Merit

For outstanding performance in each grade track.

TOP SPEAKERS

Letter of Recommendation

Personalised, on debate skill, leadership and growth.

TOP SPEAKER PER TRACK

Scholarship Award

One month of free online classes with Taivas.

✦ CHAMPION IN EACH GRADE TRACK

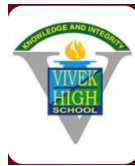
National Champion Trophy

Crowned at IIT Madras. A national result, earned individually.

♦ TRACK RECORD

Where our students *have* gone

SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERS • AND MANY MORE



International

- ♦ Broke at Stanford Debating
- ♦ WSC Global Rounds, Azerbaijan 2024
- ♦ ISDS India National Team Camp Selection
- ♦ Won the Harvard Summer Debate
- ♦ Top 10, Oxford World Schools Championship

National & regional

- ♦ Champion Teams 1, 2 and 3, WSC Delhi Round
- ♦ Maha Behes 2023, 2024, 2025, Winners and Best Speakers
- ♦ Champion, Behes Indirapuram & South Delhi
- ♦ Quarterfinalists, ISDC 2024
- ♦ Champion, Dwarka Expressway

25,000+
STUDENTS TRAINED

50+
PARTNER SCHOOLS

Taivas Debate Club was founded by Tatsam Lamba.

✦ REGISTRATION

How to *register*

One fee covers all three stages.

✦ EARLY BIRD

₹2,499

per student **save ₹500**

REGULAR

₹2,999

per student

TRAINING

Sat 21 Nov

QUALIFIERS

Sun 22 Nov

FINALS

29 Nov

- 1 **Scan the QR code** or tap the link.
- 2 **Register your child** and pick the grade track.
- 3 **Pay via Razorpay** (UPI, card or net banking). Seat confirmed instantly.

QR CODE
SOUTH ZONE LINK
PENDING

SCAN TO REGISTER

Seats are limited. Register early.

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