

Report

Inter-College Debate Competition under Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Program

Date: 4th August 2025

Venue: S.P. College, Srinagar

Theme: Empowering Young Minds for a Developed India

Organised by: Cluster University Srinagar in collaboration with S.P College

As part of the Nationwide initiative Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Program (VBYCP), Cluster University Srinagar, in collaboration with S.P. College Srinagar, successfully organized an Inter-College Debate Competition on 4th August 2025. The event was aimed at fostering critical thinking and encouraging meaningful youth participation in the vision of a developed India by 2047.

The competition was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Cluster University Srinagar Prof.(Dr.) Mohammad Mobin, who delivered a comprehensive and motivating keynote address. He reflected on India's progress in science, technology, education, and economic development since independence and underscored the importance of youth in shaping the future of India. He also highlighted the objectives of Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect programme and shared details of the pre-event activities conducted by the university, along with initiatives scheduled for the upcoming week.

Dr. Seema Naaz, Dean Academic Affairs, Cluster University Srinagar and Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges, graced the event as Guest of Honour. In her address, she emphasized the role of Cluster University in implementing student-centric initiatives under VBYCP and encouraged students to take an active part in civic and developmental discourse.

The event was presided over by Dr. B.A. Rather, Principal, S.P. College Srinagar, who welcomed the dignitaries, participants, and audience. A total of 16 students from 8 constituent and affiliated colleges participated. The students eloquently spoke about the purpose, aims, and strategic goals of the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Program, sharing

insightful perspectives aligned with the theme “Empowering Young Minds for a Developed India.”

The competition was evaluated by a panel of esteemed judges, Dr. Nighat Nasreen, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Cluster University Srinagar, Dr. Shabnum Ara, Dean, Student Welfare, Cluster University Srinagar and Prof. Majida Maqbool, Associate Professor, GCW M.A. Road Srinagar. The students who were declared winners include Ms. Nisha Rasool (1st Rank from Amar Singh College, Srinagar), 2nd Prize, Ms. Seerat-un-Noor (2nd Rank from GDC Bemina) and Mr. Mohd Behzad Khan (3rd Rank from S.P. College Srinagar)

The program was coordinated by Dr. Faisal Mushtaq, Nodal Officer, Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect programme. Cluster University Srinagar. In the end, Dr. Sameena Bashir, Coordinator, VBYCP S.P college Srinagar presented Vote of thanks and expressed heartfelt gratitude to all dignitaries, jury members, participants, and organizing faculty for their contributions to the said event.





Thank you.

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