



WORLD VALUES DAY 2026

PROPOSED DEBATE PROGRAMME

Hosted by St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Kolkata
In collaboration with Universal Spirituality & Humanity Foundation & WEBFUNA
at ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL – 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
on
13th October 2026

Debate Motion

“In Today's Era, Artificial Intelligence Is Eroding the Values of Diligence and Perseverance.”

1. Concept

Artificial Intelligence is transforming the way we learn, work and solve problems. While AI offers tremendous opportunities, its increasing use also raises questions about its impact on human values such as diligence, perseverance, patience, independent thinking and resilience. The debate will provide students an opportunity to examine this issue from both perspectives and encourage critical thinking, research, public speaking and respectful disagreement.

2. Debate Format

- 10 teams will participate.
- Each team will have 2 speakers: 1 speaker FOR the motion and 1 speaker AGAINST the motion.
- Each speaker will be given 3 minutes + 1 minute.
- The additional 1 minute may be used for rebuttal/concluding remarks.
- Each team will therefore have a maximum of 8 minutes.
- Teams will appear one after another, with the FOR and AGAINST speakers appearing consecutively.

Suggested format for each team

- Speaker 1 – FOR the Motion: 3 minutes + 1 minute
- Speaker 2 – AGAINST the Motion: 3 minutes + 1 minute

This format allows the audience to immediately hear both sides of the argument for each team.

3. Judging

There will be three judges from WEBFUNA.

The judges will evaluate the participants on:

- Quality and relevance of arguments
- Logic and critical thinking
- Knowledge and supporting examples
- Rebuttal and ability to respond
- Clarity and confidence
- Originality of thought
- Time management

The decision of the judges will be final.

Prizes

- First Prize – Debate Champion
- Second Prize – Runner-Up
- Third Prize – Second Runner-Up

Certificates of participation may also be presented to all participating students.

4. Proposed Event Flow – 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Time	Programme
11:30 – 11:35	Welcome & Opening
11:35 – 11:40	Introduction to World Values Day & WEBFUNA
11:40 – 11:45	Introduction of Judges & Debate Rules
11:45 – 1:05	Main Debate – 10 Teams
1:05 – 1:15	Judges' Deliberation
1:15 – 1:25	Results & Prize Distribution
1:25 – 1:30	Vote of Thanks & Closing