

COGNITIVE MINDS

The debating and personality development society.

Cognitive Minds takes the pride of being the personality development society of DTU. It aims to develop both interpersonal and intrapersonal skills of its members by giving multitude of exposure and platforms to the members in the area of public speaking, logical and cognitive thinking, event management, etc.

We undertake various events to meet our goals. Some of these events include regular debate competitions, group discussions, regular seminars and workshops by the T.I.M.E. Institute on plethora of areas of interests. Weekly meetings are held in order to hold discussions on the techniques involved in the art of public speaking.

The year begins with **fun events** for freshers in their very first week in college. The events are organised by the senior society members. This year, we undertook the organisation of a scavengers hunt.

These events were conducted on 9th and 10th august, 2018.



Aadhar, Vinayak, Shubhang and Vibhor emerged as the winners in these events. They were awarded with a cash prize of Rs 200.



The declaration of result on the society page.

This is followed by the orientation for the society wherein the 1st years are briefed about the society. The last orientation was held on 29th august 2018.



- The orientation is followed by recruitment interviews wherein new members are inducted into the society.
- The society holds weekly meetings wherein all members, heads, co-heads, and the society president meet. The agenda varies from meeting to meeting, ranging from debates in one, to group discussions, case studies, quizzes, turn coats, personal interview preparations in the others.
- By the time this report was written (20th august 2018), the society had had three meetings in the academic year 2018-2019.
 - a. 6th august 2018: The first meeting comprised of introduction of all the new members long with a brief discussion of the society's culture to the new members.
 - b. **10th September 2018**: The second meeting introduced the art of debating to the members of the society wherein tips, tricks, rules and advices were about

debating were shared. A practice session was also conducted on the topic "Money motivates people more than anything else."

- c. **17th September 2018:** To hone the debating skills of the members further, a debating competition among the members was held on the topic "Coaching industry: a bane to the Indian education system." Ansh jindal from 2k18 batch was judged as the best speaker.
- The society has collaboration with the T.I.M.E institute and conducts 5 to 6 workshops that are led by experts from the institute for anyone interested in MBA or MS.



- The society has also been mandatorily holding literary events on Engifests. A 3 day continuous quizzing event in different slots on various works of literature and art was conducted by the society members in Engifest 2017 which saw an overwhelming participation by students from within as well as outside the college.
- The society members actively participate in competitions that keep on happening all over the country. May it be the delhi university or the iits or nits.
 A team representing the society and DTU went to IIT kanpur's annual fest,
 Antaragini 2017 wherein the members got exposure in various forms of public speaking and content writing.

Our members, Shruti Aggarwal, Sakshi vatsa and Utkarsh performed exceptionally well in the parliamentary debate competition.

The society members actively visit debating shows and talk shows, NDTV delhi studio and have featured in them. In 2017 – 2018, we have been invited by NDTV more than 5 times in their talk shows.

One such event included a debate on DU elections, held on 11th September, and was moderated by Ms sunetra chaudhary.

The society has a norm of inviting motivational speakers and other exceptionally great personalities to address its members and the students of DTU at large. Last year, we invited naveen gulia, a renowned motivational speaker in DTU.



The society takes pride in the fact that it is the birth place of DTU's annual literary fest, YUVAAN. Cognitive minds had half the stake in YUVAAN 2017 after which it became the official literary fest of DTU.



Our members managed, conducted and coordinated, to their own development, the events of YUVAAN 2017 very efficiently.



Society members working for yuvaan.

- The academic year for the society ends with a mandatory time workshop and an open quizzing event that has to be solely organised by 1st years. This gives them a lot of exposure and confidence and makes them responsible enough to be able to hold positions of responsibility within the society as they enter the next academic year.
- Apart from all these mandatory events, various sort of miscellaneous activities are carried out by the society members. Debating, open mic sessions, quizzing events, extempore debate sessions at mini oat by cognitive minds are a few examples of activities we very frequently hold.



To achieve our aim of personality development and exemplary skills in public speaking, the society heads and co-heads put in their best efforts to teach the nuances to the members.