



Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA) Election (2025-26)

Election Debate Guidelines

The Election Committee hereby notifies the following guidelines for the Election Debate to be held as part of the Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA) Election 2025–26. The debate aims to promote issue-based discussion, transparency, and informed participation among students.

1. Objectives

- To provide a platform for candidates to present their vision, manifesto, and priorities.
- To encourage constructive and issue-based discussions.
- To ensure a respectful, democratic, and inclusive exchange of ideas.

2. Eligibility of participation for candidates

- Only officially nominated and scrutinized candidates are eligible to participate.
- Candidates must confirm participation with the Election Committee within the stipulated time.
- Proxy representation is not permitted.

3. Format of the Debate

- The debate will be moderated by a neutral faculty member or an debate coordinator.
- Candidates for the post of President will have 5 minutes to present their views, followed by a 2-minute closing statement.
- Candidates for all other posts will have 3 minutes each to present their views.
- The moderator and audience may pose relevant questions after the presentations.
- Candidates are expected to be concise, focused, and respectful in their responses.

4. Rules of Conduct

- Candidates must maintain decorum, dignity, and mutual respect at all times.
- Personal attacks, defamatory remarks, hate speech, or interruptions will not be tolerated.
- Discussions should remain focused on student welfare, academic improvement, campus development, and inclusivity.
- The use of banners, posters, props, or campaign materials during the debate is strictly prohibited.
- Violation of decorum will invite warnings, disqualification or disciplinary action.

5. Audience Guidelines

- Students are encouraged to attend and participate respectfully.
- Disruptive behavior, sloganeering, or interruptions will not be permitted.
- Audience questions must be concise, relevant, and may be submitted in writing to the moderator (if applicable).

6. Media and Recording

- The debate may be recorded for official documentation and transparency.
- External media coverage or live streaming requires prior approval from the Election Committee.

7. Enforcement

- The Election Committee reserves the right to interpret, modify, and enforce these guidelines.
- Any violation may lead to disciplinary action, including suspension from the debate or disqualification from the election process.

8. Spirit of the Debate

All participants are urged to uphold the spirit of democratic participation, mutual respect, and responsible leadership that define the values of Sikkim University.

Event Details

Venue: Conference Hall, Raap Jyor (Cauvery) Girls Hostel, 5th Mile, Tadong

Date: 14 October 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

(Election Committee)

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