

DEBATTLE × ONE INDIA PRESENTS: RESERVATION IN INDIA: WHERE DO WE DRAW THE LINE?

Date: **19 August 2026**

Time: **12:30 PM onwards**

Venue: **Mata Gujri Hall**

Organised by: **Debattle in collaboration with One India**

Debattle, in collaboration with One India, organised a round table discussion on the highly relevant and widely debated topic, “Reservation in India: Where Do We Draw the Line?” on 19 August 2026 at Mata Gujri Hall. The discussion focused on some of the most significant questions surrounding reservation in India, particularly those concerning equality, representation, merit and opportunity.

The event brought together students, faculty members and distinguished speakers for an engaging discussion on one of the most contested issues in contemporary Indian society. The round table featured Mr. Keshav Karna, Senior Journalist, and Mr. Shivendra Gaur, Journalist, who presented their perspectives on the subject and provided the students with an opportunity to understand the issue from different viewpoints.

The event witnessed the participation of 150+ students, along with various teachers and faculty members. The strong attendance reflected the interest of the student community in engaging with complex social and political issues through an open and informed dialogue.

The round table discussion explored different dimensions of the reservation system in India. The speakers addressed questions surrounding the original purpose of reservation, its role in ensuring representation and social justice, and the challenges associated with its implementation. The discussion also examined concerns regarding merit, equal opportunity and whether the existing system continues to adequately address the inequalities it was designed to tackle.

Following the round table, an interactive Group Discussion was conducted, allowing students to actively participate in the conversation. Students presented arguments both in favour of and against various aspects of reservation, questioned existing viewpoints and defended their own positions. The discussion encouraged participants to move beyond predetermined opinions and engage with the issue through reasoning, evidence and constructive debate.

One of the key highlights of the event was the diversity of perspectives presented by the students. Participants discussed whether reservation should continue in its current form, whether it should be based on different criteria, and how the principles of merit and representation can be balanced with the need for social equity. The exchange remained highly engaging, with students respectfully challenging one another and responding to opposing arguments.

The collaboration with One India further enhanced the reach of the event. The proceedings were subsequently broadcast live through One India Hindi's YouTube channel and social media platforms, allowing the discussion to reach an audience beyond those physically present at the venue. This provided the participating students with a valuable platform to voice their perspectives on a subject of national significance.

The presence of faculty members and the active participation of the student community contributed significantly to the success of the event. The discussion not only encouraged students to engage with a complex and sensitive issue but also demonstrated the importance of creating spaces where differing opinions can be expressed and examined through healthy debate.

The event concluded with a strong sense of participation and intellectual engagement among the attendees. "Reservation in India: Where Do We Draw the Line?" successfully provided a platform for students to question, analyse and defend their perspectives while engaging with experts and fellow students. Through the collaboration between Debate and One India, the event served as a meaningful initiative towards encouraging informed discourse, critical thinking and constructive dialogue among young citizens.

Overall, the event was a successful and impactful initiative, bringing together journalism, student discourse and debate around an issue that continues to shape conversations on equality, representation and opportunity in India.