**THE DEBATE ARENA**

Under the guidance of Branch Counselor’s **[Prof. Rupalee S. Ambekar],** the **Debate Competition** was hosted on **26 february 2025** at 11:**00 am to 1:00 pm** by the **IEEE SB BV(DU)COE Pune and IEEE IAS Chapter**. The committee at Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University College of Engineering (BVDUCOE), Pune, hosted an engaging and thought-provoking **Debate Competition** aimed at fostering critical thinking and public speaking skills among students. The competition provided a platform for students to express their views on contemporary issues in technology, society, and sustainability.

**Dr. Sheetal Bhandari Mam (Senior member of IEEE, Dean and Professor at PCCOE, Pune** ). Sheetal Bhandari ma'am, who judged the debate competition, is a remarkable personality known for her insightful evaluation and engaging presence. With her deep knowledge and experience, she provided fair and constructive feedback that helped participants refine their arguments and presentation skills. Her keen analytical skills and ability to assess different perspectives made the competition more enriching. Beyond just judging, she made the session interactive, encouraging students to think critically and express their opinions confidently. Her motivating words and valuable insights left a lasting impact on the participants, making the event not just a competition but also a great learning experience.

The debate competition witnessed the enthusiastic participation of six students from different colleges, all active IEEE members, showcasing their intellectual prowess and public speaking skills. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed Heads of Departments (HODs), who added to the competition's credibility and academic value. The event highlighted the spirit of IEEE collaboration, fostering critical thinking and innovation among future engineers.

The event was made possible with support from the **IEEE Pune Section**, which provided promotional support. Additionally, efforts were made to ensure accessibility and inclusivity, allowing all attendees to participate their best. The event received **recognition from the local tech community and garnered positive feedback from participants.**

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