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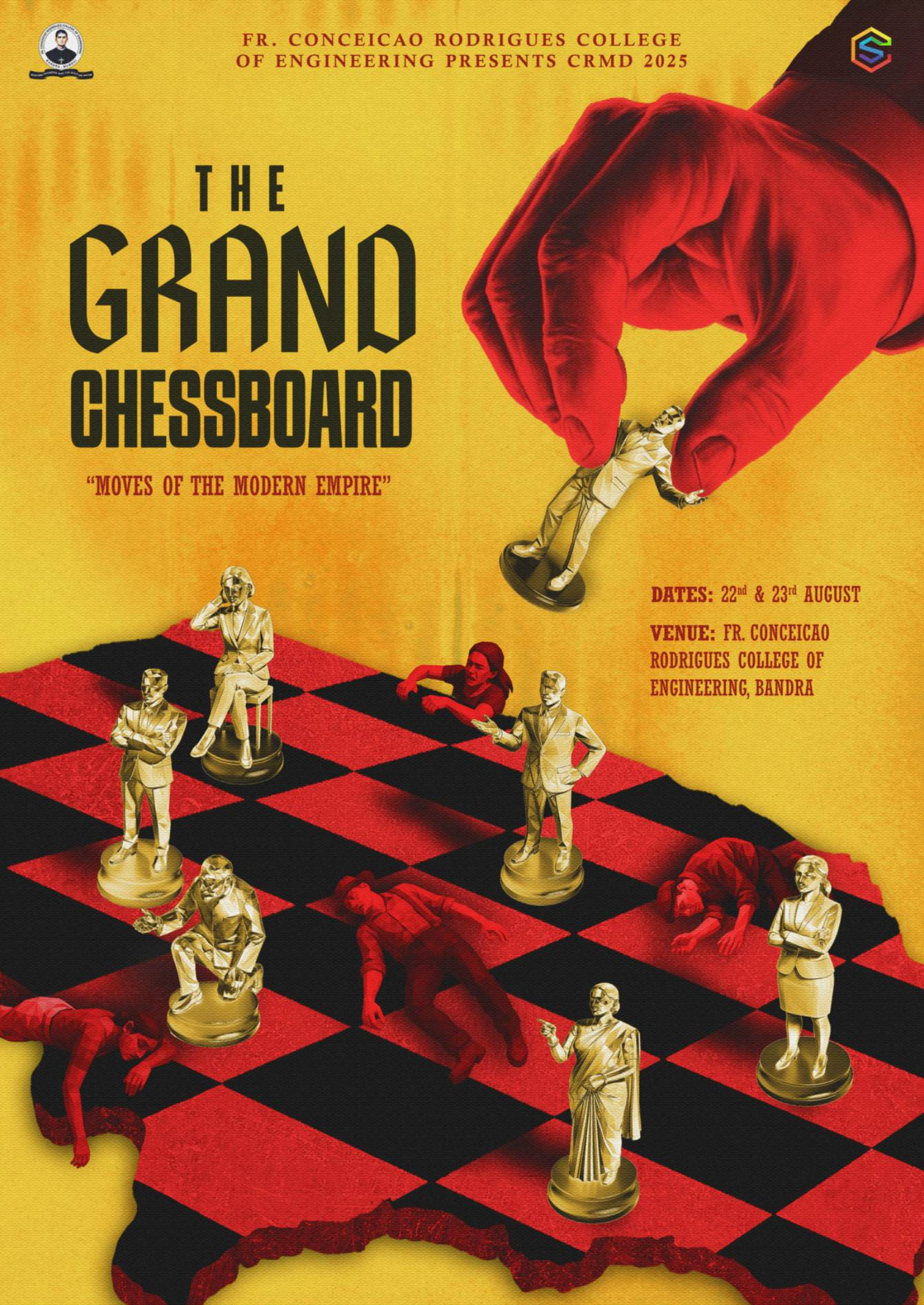


THE GRAND CHESSBOARD

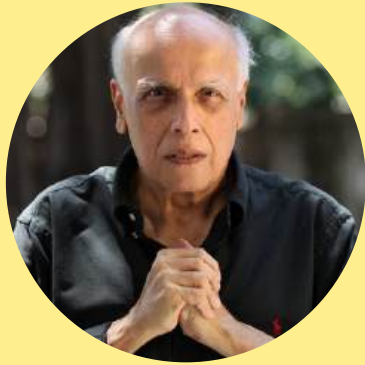
"MOVES OF THE MODERN EMPIRE"

DATES: 22nd & 23rd AUGUST

VENUE: FR. CONCEICAO
RODRIGUES COLLEGE OF
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TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST CHIEF GUESTS



“No wonder films don’t always do well. After seeing a debate like this where so many intellectual young minds fight it out who would want to go to a movie theatre?”

-Mahesh Bhatt



“Beyond my expectations. Never expected a technical college to hold such a non-technical Debate!”

-Dolly Thakore



“The debate was well-organised and the participants were well aware. You people reminded me of the smart youth our country is famous for”

-Madhur Bhandarkar



“Seeing such great young minds come forward to present their thoughts in a beautiful yet challenging demeanor was a sight to see.”

-Afroz Shah

About Us

Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering (FR. CRCE) is a top private Autonomous engineering institution in the heart of Mumbai. The college emphasizes on innovation and comprehensive education, focusing on the latest technological trends while fostering a holistic learning environment. With the implementation of NEP 2020, FR. CRCE has created its own curriculum from the past year. It has earned an "A" grade from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Its Computer Engineering department is also accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

FR. CRCE students excel in hackathons and engineering competitions, reflecting the college's emphasis on practical learning and hands-on experience. With its location in Mumbai and strong industry connections, FR. CRCE offers students a unique blend of academic rigor and industry exposure, preparing them for success in the evolving field of engineering.



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About CRMD



The Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues Memorial Debate (CRMD), an esteemed annual event organized by Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering (FR. CRCE), Bandra, is a highlight of Mumbai's academic scene. Now in its 27th edition, the debate will be held on August 22-23, 2025, we aim to bring together talented students from across the country. Hosted by the Students' Council of FR. CRCE, this prestigious competition provides a vibrant platform for engaging, thoughtful, and rigorous discussions on contemporary issues. It underscores the college's dedication to fostering intellectual growth and showcases the value of a structured debate in promoting critical thinking and civil discourse among the next generation of leaders.



Theme

"The Grand Chessboard: Moves of Modern Empire"

encapsulates the high-stakes strategic maneuvering that defines today's geopolitical climate. With operations like Sindoor reigniting Indo-Pak tensions, and global power players like the U.S. and China engaged in subtle yet aggressive posturing, the world resembles a vast chessboard--where each move carries consequences beyond borders. The world today is no longer ruled by brute force, but by the elegance of calculated moves each a ripple in the global order.

In this grand chessboard of empires, borders blur, alliances shift, and diplomacy dances with deception. As nations engage in a quiet storm of sanctions, cyber strikes, military drills, and proxy wars, power is no longer just territorial it's psychological, digital, and economic. This theme invites debaters to step into a world where silence is strategy, influence is ammunition, and the quest for dominance hides beneath the veil of diplomacy.

Who moves the pieces, who watches, and who ultimately pays the price?



Format

An intermediate Oxford format debate consisting of two teams, each with two members- one team being the proposition and the other team being the opposition. The debate opens with speeches from the proposition, followed by the opposition. This is followed by a refutation round where both teams respond to the arguments presented by the other. The debate then moves into the closing statements, starting with the opposition and concluding with the proposition.



Prize



Prize Pool : Rs. 80,000

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Other Benefits

Registration

Click here

(Team Registration)

Payment link


(Registration without payment will not be considered)



Rules & Regulations

- Each team designates one member to deliver the opening speech and the other, the closing speech.
- The proposition begins the debate with their opening speech which is followed by the opposition's opening speech.
- The opposition raises the first point in the refutation round.
- The final 30 seconds of the refutation round are reserved for the concluding statement- a clear concise summary of the teams arguments.
- The debate is concluded by the closing speech, first from the opposition and then the proposition.
- No new points may be introduced in the closing speech.



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- If a certain team does bring up a new point; the opposition may request the moderator an opportunity to point out the new points at the end of the closing speech which will lead to a negative marking.
 - Personal comments of any kind directed against the opposite team are strictly prohibited.
 - Participants cannot comment on the opposite team's stance or statements made in previous competition debates.
 - Please note that only handwritten materials will be allowed during the debate. Printed material will not be permitted.



- Negative marking for exceeding time limit.
- Participants will be judged on the following criteria: Analysis, confidence, engagement with opposition, organization of points, argumentation level and rapport established with partner.
- Discrepancies of any sort during the debate will be resolved at the moderator's discretion. The decision will be final and binding.
- All electronic devices are strictly prohibited during the debate.
- Note: The topic for the first and second round of debate (League Round 1 and 2) will be given one week prior to the debate. In the next rounds (League Round 3), the topics will be given 30 minutes prior to the debate.
- For the quarters, semi-finals and the finals the topics will be given one hour prior.



Stipulation

League Rounds and Quarter-Finals

- 4 minutes for opening and closing speech.
- Warning bell after 3 minutes 45 seconds (1 bell).
- No new points can be introduced after the warning bell for the opening speaker.
- A contestant can however complete his current points and summarize. 2 bells after 4 minutes are completed.
- Contestants are expected to conclude in the next 15 seconds. He/she would not be allowed to speak after 4 min 15 seconds.
- The time for the refutation rounds is 10 minutes.

Semi-Finals and Finals

- 5 minutes for opening and closing speech.
- Warning bell after 4 minutes 45 seconds (1 bell).
- No new points can be introduced after the warning bell for the opening speaker.
- A contestant can however complete his current points and summarize. 2 bells after 5 minutes are completed.
- Contestants are expected to conclude in the next 15 seconds. He/she will not be allowed to speak after 5 min 15 seconds.
- The time for the refutation rounds is 15 minutes for the semifinals and 20 minutes for the final.



Structure

- The debate will comprise of the following rounds:
- 3 League rounds
- Quarter- Finals
- Semi-Finals
- Final
- Structure of the Rounds:

All the rounds of the debate will be oxford style and will comprise of formal debating with the following format specifics

League Rounds:

- Opening proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Refutation Round : 10 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker : 4 minutes

Quarter Finals:

- Opening proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Refutation Round : 10 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker : 4 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker : 4 minutes



Semi Finals:

- Opening proposition speaker: 5 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker: 5 minutes
- Refutation Round: 15 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker: 5 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker: 5 minutes

Finals:

- Opening proposition speaker: 5 minutes
- Opening opposition speaker: 5 minutes
- Refutation Round: 20 minutes
- Concluding proposition speaker: 5 minutes
- Concluding opposition speaker: 5 minutes



Directives

- There will be a registration fee of Rs. 400/-.
- Link for the payment is provided.
- Any changes in the names of the participants will be entertained only after clarification with the General Secretary or Literary and Cultural Secretary.
- Participants are requested to register at the reception desk on the first day of the event.
- All participants are requested to report at the Samvaad auditorium of FR. CRCE on the 9th floor of the college building on 22nd August 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
- Lunch will be provided to all the participants.
- National teams advancing to day 2 will be provided with complimentary high tea and an early dinner.
- Every team will be provided with a team in-charge. Please keep him/her informed about your whereabouts at all times.



- Every college can send only one team consisting of two members.
- Students' Council and the College Management will be the deciding authority in case of any discrepancy in hospitality related issues and will not be responsible for any loss of property.
- The decision of the Management will be final as far as the management and the debate is concerned.
- Please bring along your college ID and ID proof.
- Please confirm as soon as possible since entry is given on a 'first come first serve' basis and the same is limited to 32 colleges.
- All participants are requested to be present in formal attire.



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