

Call for Participants: On the Occasion of World Population Day a debate on the following topic will be organized by the Department of Economics, Assam University Campus in the Bipin Ch. Paul Hall. Interested participants from different department of University and colleges are requested to submit the attached filled up application form through email: debnath_avi@yahoo.com by 9th July, 2017.

Debate Topic:
Population Growth in India is a Huge Burden

Theme:

Worldwide, human population has just surpassed seven billion people. Current projections are that it may reach more than 10 billion people sometime in the next century before finally leveling off. Many people believe that the unprecedented numbers of people inhabiting the Earth represent a grave threat to the environment. Others believe that the relationship between population growth and environmental problems is more complicated. This debate will familiarize you with the major arguments concerning population growth and its relationship to economic development, resource use, and environmental degradation. You will gain a better understanding of the three major positions defining current debates on population: the *neo-Malthusian*, the *cornucopian*, and the *neo-Marxist*. We aim to explore the following questions:

- 1) Is population growth the main cause for economic backwardness? Or does it simply distract us from the real causes of the problem?
- 2) How can we feed the increasingly large population in a sustainable fashion?
- 3) How can we develop our economy and improve people's livelihood in a sustainable fashion?

The Debate:

In this debate you will use the knowledge you have learned to argue and defend your position. You will be assigned to one of two groups, each with a given position on this issue: for the notion or against the notion. At the beginning of the debate, each group will present an opening statement. The statement will describe what the group perceives to be the nature of the problem.

The Structure of the debate:

Group Opening Statements:	3 minutes each
Individual Statement, Rebuttals/Debate:	7 minutes each
Conclusion:	5 Minutes

Grading:

You will be graded on your ability to make well-reasoned, well researched arguments which fit into the themes of the course. Arguments that are only emotional in nature and not backed up with factual information will receive low grades. You are also expected to turn in your arguments and supporting materials for the debate in a position paper (3 pages double space, typed). Students who do not actively participate in the discussion will not be graded.

Venue and Program Schedule-

Date: 11/7/2017

<u>Program</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<i>Inauguration and Discussion</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bipin Ch. Paul Hall</i>
<i>Launch Break</i>	<i>12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bipin Ch. Paul Hall</i>
<i>Debate Competition</i>	<i>1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bipin Ch. Paul Hall</i>

Application Form
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Name of the : Participant:

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:

Permanent Address :

Mobile No:

Educational Qualification:

Name of the Institution:

Will be Speaking (✓): for the notion / against the notion

Endorsed by:

Head of the Department / Principal /Departmental Faculty

Signature date
