

The 17th edition of APFDC (All Pakistan Forman Declamations Contest) and Punjabi Natara, hosted by the Formanites Debating Society, marked a historic milestone in the realm of nationwide declamations. Organized by the oldest student-led debating society with a legacy dating back to 1867, the event drew participants from 72 institutes, a record-breaking testament to its nationwide appeal.

Divided into two rounds, the initial day commenced with the national anthem, setting a patriotic tone. Chaired by President Usama Zulfiqar and Vice President Nawal Shahid, the initial round witnessed passionate speeches from diverse speakers. The event, graced by the presence of our esteemed and well-reputed judges, added an extra layer of prestige to the competition. Their discerning evaluations contributed to the overall success and credibility of the 17th edition. The day culminated in a soulful Sufi night, creating an enchanting atmosphere, followed by a delightful dinner that brought participants and attendees together.

The second day saw the final round, where the top 10 institutes battled for supremacy. Chaired by President Usama Zulfiqar and General Secretary Eesha Akbar, the day showcased not just verbal prowess but also a celebration of cultural diversity with the inclusion of Punjabi Natara instilling a profound impact on speakers and spectators alike.

The 17th edition of APFDC will be remembered not only for its success in drawing participants from across the nation but also for its meticulous organization, remarkable speeches, and the fusion of intellect and culture. It stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of the Formanites Debating Society in nurturing brilliance and fostering a rich tradition of debate since 1867. See this brilliance by FDS summarized in this newsletter.



Strategist-in-Chief,  
wordsmith's mentor and  
the oratory blueprint, our  
esteemed advisor  
Ambreen Javed captured  
on the scenes with the  
essence of behind the  
scene foresight.

Everyone (or at least FDS  
council members) are well  
aware of the significance of  
leaving no nuances untouched  
in presence of the ultimate  
detail dynamo, Usama Zulfiqar.  
So here we are under the  
leadership of our President  
with vision of perfection  
reigning supreme during  
APFDC!






Meet our charismatic hosts, Iqra Nadeem and Ayesha Khan steering the debate ship, orchestrating a smooth and engaging journey for participants and spectators alike.



Leading with authority and moderation, our chairs Usama Zulfiqar and Nawal Shahid were a major force to reckon and rely upon. which has enabled APFDC and FDS to yet again display its legacy of brilliance since 1887.



Wielding the gavel with the wisdom of a Jedi, our judges, the arbiters of excellent discernance navigated the sea of rhetoric to determine the debate's victor with utmost objectivity and merit.

A glance and appreciation towards our equity members actively eliminating biases, creating an environment where ideas, not backgrounds, prevail.



Juxtaposing between humorous speeches like “Why always me, Mr. President?” and grave topics like “Mer haq hai, meri away suno”, the initial round was a success (at least for some debtors anyways, if we do say so ourselves (and we do!).

The podium was transformed into a pulpit where ideas were not just spoken but reverberated in Sinclair as unfurled ancient scrolls of wisdom announcing prophecies. From compelling arguments to poetic expressions, the speeches at APFDC become a kaleidoscope of oratory brilliance.



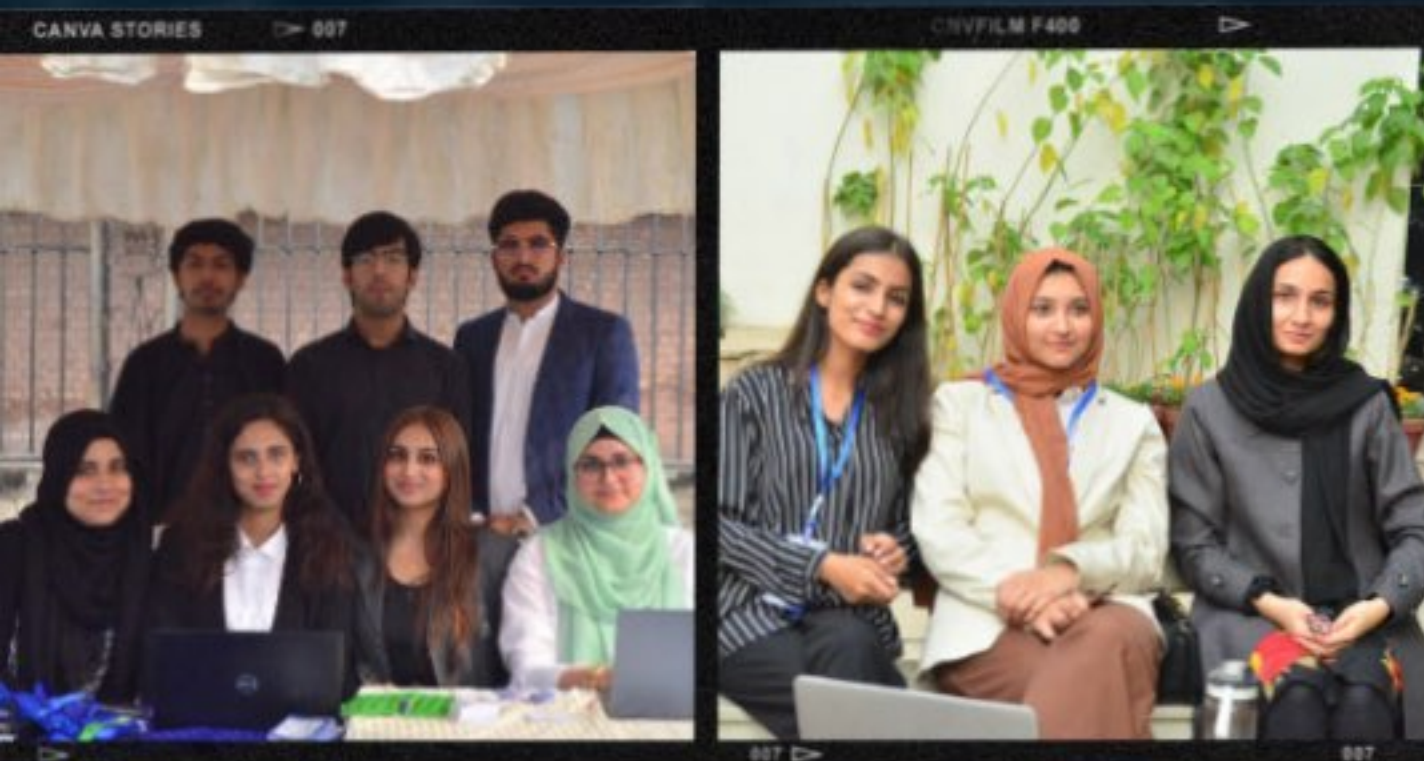


Each speaker, whether they tackled the societal expectations weighing on women or how men really are the stuff given it's FOR-MAN Christian college (a classic play on words presented by Muhammad from Karachi during his speech). gave it their all in the battle of wits.

The auditorium resonates with the cadence of discourse, punctuated by applause and contemplative silence. The first day's speeches are not merely presentations; they are a tapestry of thought, woven by the finest minds in the arena of debate.

An overwhelming surge of enthusiasm and intellect as record-breaking numbers flood the registrations desk on the inaugural day of the APFDC at FCCU. Our registrations team brought their A-game for this portion of the debates with their level-headed thinking and conflict management (let's just say some debaters decided a quick topic change at the last minute was funny).

Headed by Sahil Bhatti and the main leads: Taaba Khan and Kashaf set the stage for an unparalleled intellectual showdown.



Sahil, our treasurer ran a multi-pronged operation between the registrations desk and Sinclair without so much as breaking a sweat!



Dropping a sweat and always on the run, our executives embody "Dedication to Excellence" throughout APFDC!



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As the curtains rise, the audience becomes voyagers on a journey of intellect, navigating through the ebb and flow of compelling narratives and persuasive articulation.



Debators from all over the country gather in Sinclair as they are welcomed and briefed on the schedule and topics for the next two days of jam packed saga of intellect.

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Declaring the floor open!  
As the curtain falls on Day 1 of APDFC, the atmosphere transforms into a realm of mystical enchantment during the Sufi Night extravaganza. The heart of the event pulsates with the mesmerizing whirls of the Sufi dervish, whose ethereal dance transcends the boundaries of time and space.



A electrifying collaboration with the Music Society (FMS) elevates the night to new heights, as the soul-stirring melodies of Qawalis echo through the air. The fusion of ancient mysticism and contemporary musical brilliance creates an otherworldly ambiance that captivates every soul present. The crowd leans into the mystical fervour of both parts as the Sufi night continues..



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As the first socials part of this two-day odyssey unfolds, the Sufi Night becomes a beacon of cultural fusion, symbolizing the union of intellect and emotion. It's a night where debates yield to the dance of the dervish, and the resonance of Qawali harmonizes with the spirit of camaraderie..

The magic lingers, promising an unforgettable journey through the realms of discourse and cultural celebration



And what better way to end the day than with a generous serving of some makeshift catering situation infant of Sinclair? For now, dear reader and debater, rest your bones until the second day comes around because we so much in-store for you!

And that's a wrap! No wait, or is it biryani? Excusing the horrible food puns, we are happy to announce the first day of APDC ended smoothly and all was well.





Our judges for Punjabi Naatara were none other than Usman Pasha and Fazal Hassan Kirmani. Known for their expertise in Punjabi language and cultural expression, they resonated with a passion for preserving and promoting the rich heritage of Punjabi literature of the speakers.

Hailing from the backgrounds of academia, literature, and public speaking, they offered a holistic perspective in evaluating the participants' delivery, articulation, and overall impact. Discerning eyes and ears attuned to the nuances of Punjabi Naatara, it added a layer of authenticity to the judging process and contributed to zeal and fervor in the environment at APFDC.



The vibes were electric after the thrilling first round of the All Pakistan Forman Bilingual Declamations contest. Heading into the final showdown were two Chairs: President Usama Zulfiqar, a true maestro of speech, and Eesha Akbar Hotiana, our go-getter General Secretary.

Their beaming smiles said it all – they were basking in the glow of success. You could see the pride they felt, not just for the contest's triumph, but for the passion they poured into making it a smashing hit.



With these two at the helm, you just knew the final round was going to be an absolute showstopper!

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In the electrifying culmination of the 17th APFDC organised by the FDS, many notable faces arose from the crowds of debate enthusiasts and speakers, in particular, featuring the brilliant insights of the Chiefs of Student Affairs Ms. Shawna, and the Chief of Student Development Mr. Kamil Shamshad as esteemed guests.

Mr. Jonathan, the guiding force and Rector extraordinaire, also graced APFDC with his wisdom and warm presence, inspiring a generation of present and past debaters.



Minds clashed, ideas soared, and eloquence reigned supreme in a battle of intellect and rhetoric, as they enjoyed and leaned in for a national-level battle of declamations. Our guests' honorable presence brought about a surge in enthusiasm among speakers and audience alike.



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The final round of speeches for APFDC was a culmination of intellectual eloquence. The atmosphere crackled with anticipation as the top debaters took the stage to vie for the coveted championship title. Each speaker demonstrated a profound understanding of their assigned topics, presenting well-researched arguments with finesse and confidence. The eloquence displayed by the debaters was a testament to their dedication and rigorous preparation throughout the competition. Familiar faces surfaced that left the audience in stitches.

Take Muhammad from Karachi, who was back for another round with a bag full of jobs at the president, parents and a smooth jab at other members of society (no stone was left unturned). In the end, the APFDC final round left the audience inspired and impressed by the intellectual prowess of the participating debaters (and many fits of laughter!). The Formal Debating Society once again proved its commitment to fostering critical thinking and effective communication, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating the next instalment of this prestigious debating championship.



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Meet the esteemed panel of judges presiding over the riveting final rounds! We at FDS were honored to have had the pleasure of hosting our dignified judges at the final round of APFDC. Seated in wisdom, poised in eloquence – one roof hosted a diverse range of speakers and an even more honorable selection of accomplished judges to chair the final rounds. Chairs became thrones and minds engaged in the ultimate debate dance as the curtain closed on the 17th installment of this prestigious competition. The Forman Debates Society awaits the crescendo of intellect and the coronation of champions.



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As the day neared its end, everyone's excitement soared as the highly anticipated prize distribution ceremony approached. The tension was palpable as the winners' names were finally announced, sending ripples of joy throughout the room.



The speakers, who had poured their hearts and souls into their speeches, couldn't hide their happiness. Grins spread from ear to ear as they eagerly stepped up to claim their prizes from the respected authorities. You could see the sheer thrill in their eyes, a mix of pride and pure elation for their hard-earned recognition.



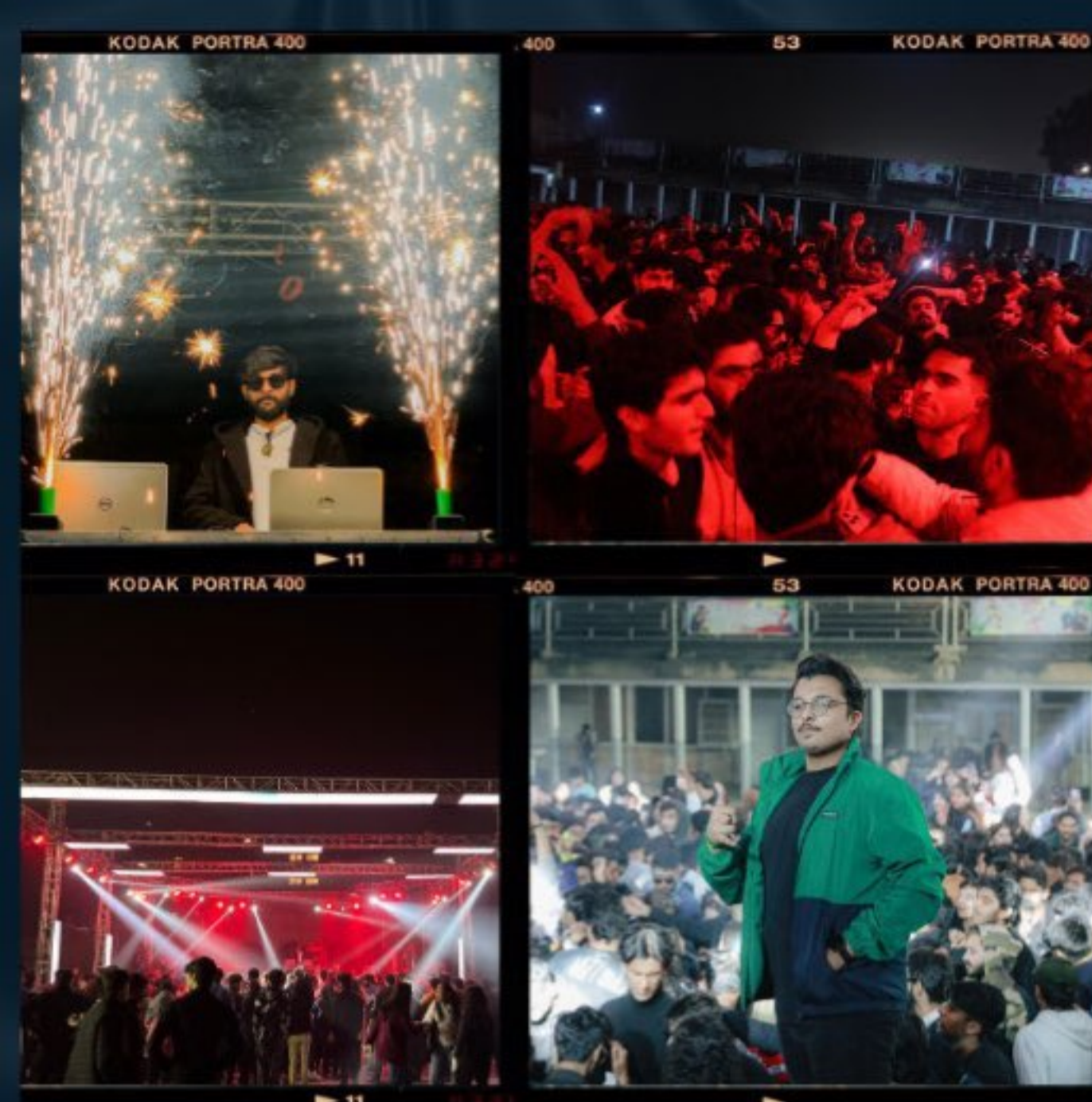
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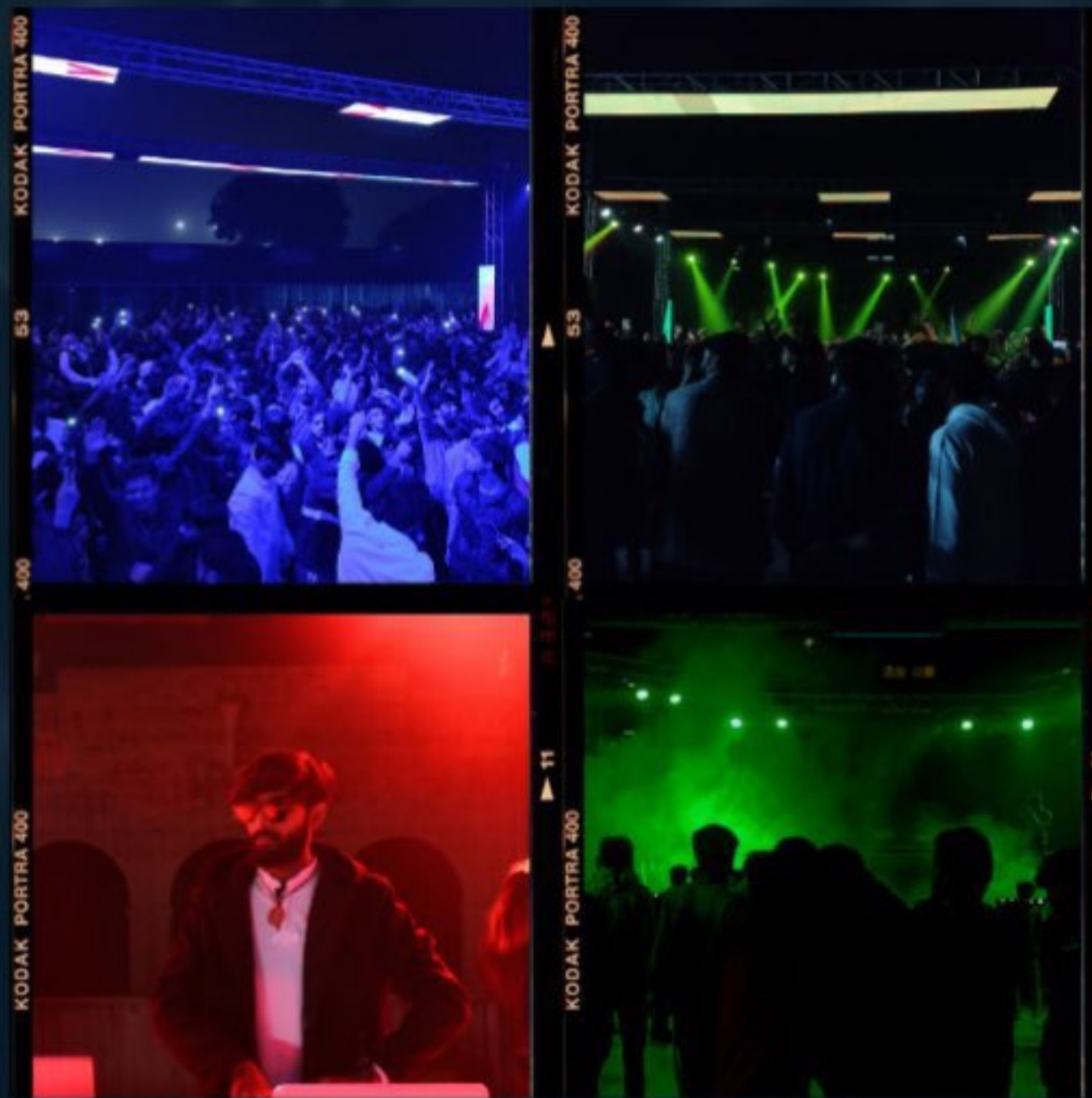


The winning team of 17th APFDC is UET Lahore. UET Lahore emerged victorious, showcasing exceptional talent in both English and Urdu declamations. Their speakers astounded the audience and judges alike with their mastery over language and compelling delivery, earning them the highest points in both categories



And with that we close the 17th chapter of the annual APDFC! The DJ Night, was delivered beyond expectations at Lucas Center by FDS! The event provided a refreshing break from the intense debates and created a lively atmosphere of relaxation and some great beats for participants.

As the night unfolded, the venue transformed into a dance floor, with debaters and attendees having the time of their lives! alike showcasing their moves to the beats curated by the talented DJ.





The music selection catered to a diverse audience, with some familiar faces bringing their best vocal performances to woo the crowd.

The event was not just about dancing; it also featured moments of laughter, shared stories, and the forging of new connections. It served as a testament to the Formal Debates Society's commitment to fostering a well-rounded and enjoyable experience for participants.

