

Report On MindForge Debate Competition

Event Name: MindForge: Innovate. Inspire. Debate.

Date: 13–14 July 2026

Organized By: IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE), IEEE Student Branch Marian Engineering College

Occasion: IEEE WIE Week 2026

Theme: *Technology with Purpose: Innovate Responsibly, Inspire Globally, Lead with Integrity.*

Overview

As part of IEEE WIE Week 2026, IEEE WIE SB MCE organized **MindForge**, an interdepartmental debate competition to encourage critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and meaningful discussions on emerging technological and societal issues. The event reflected the WIE Week theme by inspiring participants to analyze the impact of technology through informed and respectful debate.

Event Structure

The competition was conducted in three rounds to assess participants' communication, analytical thinking, adaptability, and teamwork.

Day 1

Round 1 – Block & Tackle

Teams debated the topic:

"Do AI-powered tools and AI-generated content amplify human imagination, or do they ultimately erode and replace the essence of human creativity?"

Teams were randomly assigned a stance and defended it using logical arguments, relevant examples, and effective rebuttals.

Round 2 – Flip the Script

In the second round, teams debated from the **opposite stance** assigned in Round 1. Each team also received a **Power Card**, introducing a strategic challenge that tested their adaptability and quick thinking.

At the end of the first day's rounds, two teams were tied for the **second prize**.

Day 2

Round 3 – Tie Breaker

A tie-breaker round was conducted to determine the second-place winner. The topic for the final round was:

"Influencer culture does more harm than good to society."

The judges evaluated the teams' arguments, rebuttals, and overall presentation before announcing the final results.

Winners

First Prize

- Tomson J Finosh
- Govind V Raju

Second Prize

- J Krish
- Johann Thomas George

Conclusion

MindForge successfully provided a platform for students to engage in thought-provoking discussions on technology and society. Through its multi-round format, the event encouraged participants to think critically, communicate effectively, and appreciate diverse perspectives. It successfully embodied the spirit of IEEE WIE Week by promoting responsible innovation, ethical leadership, and purposeful use of technology.



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**12:30-
1:00PM**

Attendance

Team Name	Team Members	Semester	Dept
JAS	Joanne Lia Joseph	S3	ES
	Sneha		
	Ananya S		
Electrons	Vivek krishna s s	S7	EEE
	Adhithyan P B		
	Angelina maria stalin		
Third Voice	Tania Aileen Moreira	S3	ES
	Risfana Rahim		
Neonex	Aadideva K.S	S7	CS
	Muhammad Adhil		
	George K.P		
Foobar	Johann Thomas George	S5	CS
	J Krish		
	Jobin J		
The Insight Invaders	Amritha R S	S3	EC
	Ariba Farooque		
	Karishma S		
ORATORS	Aiswarya Shabu	S3	CS
	Devika S Krishna		
	Saniya S		
Duo	Arundhati Naga B R	S5	ES
	Amina S B		
The think tank	Harinandana K	S3	CS
	V Vaishna		
	Adithya N Ajith		
Pachathatha	Tomson J Finosh	S7	CS
	Govind V Raju	S5	ES