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## SHIKSHA MANDAL'S 48th KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ MEMORIAL NATIONAL ELOCUTION COMPETITION 2024

To,

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor/Principal

Date: 1.9.2023

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to invite your distinguished Autonomous College/University's students to participate in a longstanding **All India Elocution Competition** organized by us. Students from the four corners of our country converge at Wardha to experience the diversity of our land and the values that unite us, and introspect & discuss important societal issues.

Shiksha Mandal, Wardha, a Bajaj educational trust, has been organizing this All India Competition since 1975, in memory of its former President, the Late Shri. Kamalnayanji Bajaj. Shri Bajaj was the architect of the Bajaj group which includes major companies like Bajaj Auto Ltd, Bajaj Electricals Ltd, Bajaj Allianz Insurance Companies etc.

We are holding the 48<sup>th</sup> Elocution Competition on **Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.**

Since Shri. Bajaj was an associate of Gandhiji and Vinobaji, our aim has been to encourage University students to get acquainted with the thoughts and work of these two great men. Participants are also invited to participate in a quiz on Gandhiji's and Vinoba's thought & life,

The theme for the elocution this year is

**The status and future of our democracy or "हमारे लोकतंत्र की स्थिति और उसका भविष्य"**

The elocution would be of 10 minutes. Only those students who have won a First, Second or Third prize in an inter collegiate or higher Elocution / debate Competition are eligible to participate in our Competition. On January 22 there would be a screening round and the qualifiers would speak again on January 23.

The quiz would be on January 22. It would be both written and oral.

There would be three prizes in each competition. In elocution these would be Rs. 15,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 7,500 for English and Hindi separately. For the other competition these would be of Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 2,000 respectively.

There is also a cultural event in which participants can take part. It is a 5 minutes solo item. It could be a song, dance, poem, skit depicting our cultural heritage. Film songs/dances would not be permitted.

Boarding and lodging would be provided by us free of cost. Separate accommodation arrangements would be made for girls and boys. A one way train fare by II Sleeper would

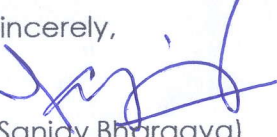
be reimbursed for each participant. A half day excursion of Wardha is organized for participants. A guardian may accompany girls at their cost.

We have traditionally been getting participants from the four corners of our country. It is a unique opportunity to meet people from all over the country. Wardha was the undeclared capital of our country during our freedom struggle, due to Gandhiji's residing in Wardha between 1930-46. We believe your student would greatly benefit from his/her participation and experience some values that remain ever more relevant. Therefore, we urge you to provide this letter extensive publicity amongst your students.

We are also sending a schedule of the competition, a copy of the Rules and Regulations governing the competitions and a note on Shiksha Mandal.

We look forward to your Institution's participation in this unique values based event. An early communication of the name of the participant from your Autonomous College/University would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



(Sanjay Bhargava)  
Chairman

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| 1) | The Registrar                    | With a request to circulate |
| 2) | The Director of Students Welfare | this to all concerned       |

**Encls. :-**

- 1) A copy of its Rules and Regulations
- 2) A Background note on Wardha & Shiksha Mandal



**Shiksha Mandal, Wardha**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS**  
**48<sup>th</sup> KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ MEMORIAL NATIONAL ELOCUTION**  
**COMPETITION**

Shiksha Mandal, Wardha has been organising an **ALL INDIA KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ MEMORIAL ELOCUTION COMPETITION**, every year since 1975.

- 1) The competition is open to the regular students of the University and its Affiliated Colleges / Autonomous Colleges in India and Nepal.
- 2) The participants may speak either in Hindi or in English.
- 3) The age of the participant shall not be more than Twenty Five years.
- 4) Each University/Autonomous College can send only one representative.
- 5) The candidate's name should be sent, supported by a certificate from the registrar of the University/Autonomous College concerned to the effect that he/she is a regular student of the University/Autonomous College and does not exceed the age of Twenty Five years on the date of competition.
- 6) Participants will be paid one - way second class Railway Fare or Bus Fare including reservation charges, by the shortest route, from the place of the university/college to Wardha. The participants will be paid 25% of the above amount as incidental expenses. Boarding and lodging arrangements at Wardha would be provided free of cost to the participants for the period of the competition only.
- 7) The Competition consists of two events.
  - a) An elocution competition – (Compulsory)
  - b) A quiz on Gandhiji's & Vinoba's thought & life – (Optional)
- 8) The first three winners in the elocution competition in English and in Hindi will be awarded prize of Rs. 15,000/- Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 7,500/- each respectively. For the other competition the first 3 prizes would be of Rs. 5,000/- Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- respectively.
- 9) Elocution:
  - a) The duration for the speech of each candidate shall in no case exceed **Ten minutes** for elocution.
  - b) There will be a qualifying round on January 22, 2024, starting at 10 am at which only the participant and judges will be present. 8 entries each from Hindi and English would be short listed.
  - c) All the participants of the elocution must be present during the sessions. Chairman of the session will draw the name of the speaker by lot.
  - d) Chairman of the session would declare the name of the next speaker as soon as the preceding speaker comes on the dais for delivering his/her speech. If a participant fails to present himself after his name was declared such speaker will be given chance to deliver his/her speech at the end but 5 marks would be deducted from his/her total score.
  - e) The participant will not be allowed to read out his/her speech; he/she may refer to points only.
  - f) The participant who has won the first prize in English or in Hindi in the past, will not be allowed to participate in the competition again.
- 10) The result will be declared immediately after the completion of the competition.
- 11) The decision of the Managing Committee in respect of all the aspects of the competition including cancellation of the competition shall be final and shall not be questioned in any court of law by any authority.

  
**Chairman**  
**Shiksha Mandal, Wardha**



### **Wardha :**

Wardha is almost at the geographical centre of India. It is on the Chennai-Delhi and Mumbai-Kolkata rail route and is connected to all parts of the country. The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi spent the later part of his life here and guided the freedom movement. It was at Wardha the 'Quit India' proposal was prepared in 1942. For a time Wardha was the political capital of India. Thousands of people visit Sevagram Ashram to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhiji's disciple and his first satyagrahi, Acharya Vinoba Bhave established his Paramdham Ashram at Pavnar, from where he conducted the Sarvodaya & Bhoodan movements.

With the inspiration of Gandhiji, Vinoba Bhave & Jamnalal Bajaj the following national institutions, other than Shiksha Mandal, were established and continue to function at Wardha :

- 1) Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti
- 2) Gram Sewa Mandal
- 3) Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Science
- 4) Gosanwardhan Goras Bhandar

### **Shiksha Mandal :**

Shiksha Mandal, Wardha the pioneering educational institution in Central India was established in 1914 by the Late Shri. Jamnalal Bajaj, with the sole aim of providing value based quality education. It has been privileged to have Gandhiji, Nehruji, Sardar Patel, Shastriji visit it. The country's first education conference in 1937 took place at Shiksha Mandal.

Shiksha Mandal pioneered commerce education in Central India by establishing the first commerce college in Wardha in 1940. At present, it manages eight colleges in the faculties of Commerce, Science, Rural Services, Agriculture, Engineering and Management in Wardha and Nagpur. About 11,000 students are enrolled in these colleges.

In 2015 it received RTM Nagpur University's "Ideal Educational Institution" Award. Hon. President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee was the Chief Guest at its Centenary celebration function in 2014. In 2017, it started the Bajaj Institute of Technology at Wardha. All its colleges are NAAC/NBA accredited, mostly in 'A' grade. Two of its colleges are Autonomous.

### **Late Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj :**

Shri. Kamalnayan Bajaj, born January 23, 1915, was the eldest son of the Late Shri. Jamnalal Bajaj. Kamalnayan Bajaj was very close to Gandhiji and Vinobaji.

At the age of fifteen Kamalnayanji took active part in 'Salt-Satyagrah' and "Swadeshi Movement". He was imprisoned for six months. He studied in Srilanka and Cambridge University. He was a member of the Lok-Sabha during 1957 to 1972. He was the President of Shiksha Mandal during 1951-1972.

Shri. Kamalnayan Bajaj was the architect of Bajaj Group of Industries and established Bajaj Auto. Ltd., Bajaj Electricals Ltd., Hindustan Sugar Mills Ltd., etc. In Wardha, Geetai Mandir was conceptualised and created by Kamalnayanji.

In 1962 Shri. Kamalnayan Bajaj donated generously to Bombay University for establishing the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management, Mumbai.

In 1975, the Bajaj Group created an endowment for conducting Elocution Competition at the national level in memory of Shri. Kamalnayan Bajaj.