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SHIKSHA MANDAL'S 50th KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ MEMORIAL NATIONAL ELOCUTION COMPETITION 2026

To,
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor/ Principal

Date: September 15, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are delighted to invite your students to participate in a historic milestone – the 50th Kamalnayan Bajaj Memorial National Elocution Competition, one of India's longest-running values-based student competitions.

Since 1973, Shiksha Mandal, Wardha – a Bajaj Educational Trust – has been bringing together talented young speakers from across the country to deliberate on themes of social relevance and to celebrate the values that unite India. Over the past five decades, thousands of students from the four corners of our land have gathered in Wardha to experience its unique place in India's history, exchange ideas, and build lifelong connections.

This prestigious competition is held in memory of Late Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj, architect of the Bajaj Group, which includes Bajaj Auto Ltd., Bajaj Electricals Ltd., Bajaj Finserv Ltd. Shri Bajaj was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi and Acharya Vinoba Bhave, and the competition has always aimed to encourage youth to engage with the thoughts and work of these great leaders.

The 50th edition will be held on Thursday, 22nd January and Friday, 23rd January 2026 at Wardha. Padma Vibhushan Dr Raghunath Mashelkar would preside.

This year's elocution theme is:

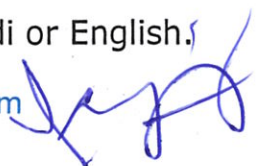
"Why Gandhiji Lives On"

"क्यों गांधी आज भी जीवित हैं"

The elocution will be of 10 minutes duration. The University/College/Institute should conduct an Inter-University or Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition at their end and select the best participant, who can then be nominated to participate in this competition. On 22nd January 2026, there will be a screening round, and the finalists will speak again on 23rd January 2026.

The participation for the elocution competition can be in either Hindi or English.

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Prizes will be awarded separately for Hindi and English in the elocution:

1st Prize: ₹15,000, 2nd Prize: ₹10,000, 3rd Prize: ₹7,500

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, this year will feature special cultural performances, interactive sessions with eminent speakers, and interactions with previous years' winners.

Boarding and lodging will be provided free of cost, with separate arrangements for boys and girls. A one-way train fare (AC 3-tier) will be reimbursed. A Wardha heritage tour will be organized for all participants, allowing them to visit historic locations linked to the Freedom Struggle.

This Golden Jubilee edition is a celebration of five decades of dialogue and ideas. Wardha, the moral, intellectual and political capital of India during the Freedom Movement, offers a unique environment to experience the spirit of Gandhiji's values, which continue to influence us to this day.

We request you to give this invitation wide publicity and nominate your best student for participation.

Enclosed are the schedule of events, rules and regulations, and a note on Shiksha Mandal.

We look forward to welcoming your student.

Warm regards,

Sanjay Bhargava
Chairman, Shiksha Mandal

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Copy to:

- 1) The Registrar
- 2) The Director of Students Welfare

With a request to circulate
this to all concerned

Encls.: 1) A copy of Rules and Regulations

- 2) A Background note on Wardha & Shiksha Mandal

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RULES & REGULATIONS **50th KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ MEMORIAL NATIONAL ELOCUTION** **COMPETITION**

1. Eligibility

- The competition is open to regular students of Universities and their Affiliated Colleges/ Autonomous Colleges in India and Nepal.
- The age of the participant shall not exceed 26 years on the date of the competition.

2. Language

- Participants may speak in Hindi or in English.

3. Nomination

- Each University/ Autonomous College can send only one representative.
- The candidate's name should be sent along with a nomination letter/ certificate from the Registrar/ Principal/ Director of the University/ Autonomous College confirming:
 - a) He/ She is a regular student.
 - b) He/ She does not exceed the age limit of 26 years on the date of the competition.

4. Travel & Accommodation

- All participants will be paid one-way AC 3-tier Railway Fare or Bus Fare, by the shortest route from their University/College location to Wardha.
- They will also be paid 25% of the above amount as incidental expenses.
- Boarding and lodging arrangements will be provided free of cost at Wardha for the competition period only.

5. Event

- Elocution Competition

6. Prizes

- Elocution Competition (Hindi & English – separate prizes)
 - 1st Prize – ₹15,000/-
 - 2nd Prize – ₹10,000/-
 - 3rd Prize – ₹7,500/-



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7. Elocution Competition Rules

- Time Limit – Maximum 10 minutes per speech.
- Qualifying Round – Will be held on January 22, 2026. Only participants and judges will be present.
- The judges will decide the no. of entries to be shortlisted from Hindi and English speeches.
- All participants must be present during the sessions on the final day. The Chairman will draw names by lot.
- The Chairman will announce the next speaker as soon as the preceeding speaker begins. If a participant fails to present themselves after their name is announced, they will get a chance at the end, but 5 marks will be deducted from their score.
- Reading speeches is not allowed; participants may refer to notes only.
- Past 1st prize winners in English or Hindi are not eligible to participate again.

8. Results

- Results will be declared immediately after the completion of the competition.

9. Final Authority

- 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 lies at the geographical centre of India, situated on the Chennai–Delhi and Mumbai–Kolkata rail routes. Mahatma Gandhi, spent the later part of his life (1933-46) here and guided the freedom movement from it. It was at Wardha that the historic 'Quit India' proposal was drafted in 1942. Then, Wardha was the moral and political capital of India.

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

Inspired by the vision of Gandhiji, Vinoba Bhave, and Jamnalal Bajaj, several prominent national institutions were established in Wardha and continue to function actively. Apart from Shiksha Mandal, these include:

- Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Gram Sewa Mandal
- Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Science, Goras Bhandar

Shiksha Mandal:

Shiksha Mandal, Wardha, the pioneering educational institution of Central India, was established in 1914 by the Late Shri Jamnalal Bajaj with the sole aim of providing values-based quality education. It has had the honour of hosting national leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Rajendra Prasad, Sardar Patel, and Lal Bahadur Shastri. In 1937, Shiksha Mandal organised the country's first education conference which was presided by Gandhiji.

It starting the region's first commerce college in Wardha in 1940. Today, Shiksha Mandal manages eight colleges in the faculties of Commerce, Science, Rural Services, Agriculture, Engineering, and Management in Wardha and Nagpur, with an enrolment of around 9,000 students.

In 2015, it received RTM Nagpur University's "Ideal Educational Institution" Award. The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, graced its Centenary celebration in 2014. In 2017, it established the Bajaj Institute of Technology at Wardha. All its colleges are NAAC accredited, and 3 are Autonomous.

Late Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj:

Born on January 23, 1915, Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj was the eldest son of Late Shri Jamnalal Bajaj and was deeply influenced by Gandhiji and Vinobaji.

At the young age of fifteen, he actively participated in the Salt Satyagraha and the Swadeshi Movement, for which he was imprisoned for six months. He pursued his studies in Sri Lanka and at Cambridge University. Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj served as a Member of the Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1972 and was President of Shiksha Mandal from 1951 to 1972.

He was the visionary architect of the Bajaj Group of Industries, establishing Bajaj Auto Ltd., Bajaj Electricals Ltd., and Hindustan Sugar Mills Ltd., among others. In Wardha, the iconic Geetai Mandir was conceptualised and brought to life by him.