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SHIKSHA MANDAL'S 51st KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ MEMORIAL NATIONAL ELOCUTION COMPETITION 2027

To,
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor/ Principal/ Director

Date: 15th Aug. 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite your distinguished 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 large companies like Bajaj Auto Ltd, Bajaj Electricals Ltd, Bajaj Finserv Ltd. etc.

We are holding the **51st Kamalnayan Bajaj Elocution Competition on Friday the 22nd and Saturday the 23rd January 2027.**

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 elocution this year is **“What Will It Take to Make Bharat Viksit?”** or **“ भारत को विकसित बनाने के लिए क्या करना होगा ? ”**

We are privileged to have Prof. Indira Rajaraman, an eminent economist and member of the 13th Finance Commission as the Chief Guest of this year's event.

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 2027, there will be a screening round, and the finalists will speak again on 23rd January 2027.

The quiz would be on January 22, 2027.

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

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

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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.

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 guide us today.

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 your University/ Institution's participation in this unique value-based event. An early communication of the name of the participant from your University/ Autonomous Collegewould be greatly appreciated.

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

RULES & REGULATIONS

**51st KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ MEMORIAL NATIONAL ELOCUTION
COMPETITION 2027**

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 25 years on the date of the competition.

2. Language

- Participants may speak either 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 25 years on the date of the competition.

4. Travel & Accommodation

- All the participants will be paid one-way AC 3-tier Railway Fare or Bus Fare, including reservation charges, 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
- Quiz Competition

6. Prizes

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| • Elocution Competition (Hindi & English – separate prizes) | * Quiz Competition |
| ▪ 1st Prize – ₹15,000/- | * 1st Prize – ₹ 5,000/- |
| ▪ 2nd Prize – ₹10,000/- | * 2nd Prize – ₹ 3,000/- |
| ▪ 3rd Prize – ₹7,500/- | * 3rd Prize – ₹ 2,000/- |

7. Elocution Competition Rules

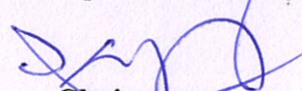
- Time Limit – Maximum 10 minutes per speech.
- Qualifying Round – Will be held on January 22, 2027. Only participants and judges will be present during the screening round.
- The judges will decide the no. of entries to be shortlisted from Hindi and English speeches.
- All participants must be present 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 preceding 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 almost at the geographical centre of India, situated on the Chennai–Delhi and Mumbai–Kolkata rail routes, and is well-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 from this very place. It was at Wardha that the historic 'Quit India' proposal was drafted in 1942. For a period, Wardha served as the political capital of India. Even today, thousands of people visit Sevagram Ashram to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi.

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 Jammalal 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
- Gosanwardhan Goras Bhandar

Shiksha Mandal:

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

It pioneered commerce education in Central India by 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 11,000 students.

In 2015, it received RTM Nagpur University's "Ideal Educational Institution" Award. The Hon. 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/NBA accredited, and two enjoy autonomous status.

Late Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj:

Born on January 23, 1915, Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj was the eldest son of Late Shri Jammalal 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.

In 1962, he made a generous donation to Bombay University to establish the Jammalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies in Mumbai.

In 1975, the Bajaj Group created an endowment to conduct the National Elocution Competition in his memory — an event that continues to inspire young minds across the country.