

RAMAIAH COLLEGE OF LAW
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RAMAIAH INTER VARSITY DEBATING TOURNAMENT, 2017

The second edition of Ramaiah College of Law's debating tournament saw much of the momentum gained in the first edition carried over to this year, the result of which was a tournament that saw intense debating from over 36 teams hailing from colleges across the country and spanning all courses, from engineering to law. The tournament which follows the British parliamentary format of debating was conducted from the 27th to 29th of October 2017.

The Core adjudicators for the tournament included:

1. Vinodhan Kuppusamy - An exceptionally gifted debater, hailing from the University of Malaya, is carrying with him a host of debating achievements, not only as an adjudicator, but also a speaker, the biggest of which was representing his institution in the ESL finals of the Worlds Universities Debating Championship 2017 which was held in the Netherlands.
2. Trishal Kumar – A graduate of PESIT, also known for establishing its debating society and nurturing it its current status, Trishal now studies public policy at NLSIU. Being one of most widely known debaters in the Indian circuit, Trishal brought an air of experience and skill to the tournament by setting up interesting motions and giving deep and insightful feedback.
3. Manav Garg – An alumnus of the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, Manav graciously accepted to be on our core adjudicator team despite his busy schedule and by doing so brought to the tournament his invaluable expertise, not only in terms of debating, but also organization. He has been a core adjudicator at a plethora of tournaments, making him a perfect addition to Ramaiah IV 2017
4. Manasa Aluru – A recent graduate of RVCE, Bangalore, Manasa is also the winner of India's largest Debating tournament, the NLSI 2017. Apart from this, she has represented her country in many international debating tournaments and won many accolades, not only as a speaker but also as an adjudicator.

5. Shreya Menon – Shreya, despite only being a 3rd year student of the Sri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi, has shown incredible debating prowess and has already broken at international tournaments and featured in many top 10 speaker lists across the country. Apart from this she has debated in many final and amassed quite a reputation in the Delhi debating circuit that is quickly spreading to the rest of the country as well.

6. Souradip Sen – One of India’s most well-known debaters, also happens to be one of India’s most celebrated debaters, with breaks in the prestigious WUDC as a speaker as well as an adjudicator. To say that this is only the tip of the ice berg, would be an understatement. Despite being unable to attend the tournament in person, he contributed to it largely by setting up deep and thought provoking motions.

The motions debated in the tournament ranged from Queer Coding, International relations, sports to Banking, LGBT rights and Due process.

The **Winners of the Ramaiah IV 2017** were the team from **Jindal Global Law School**, consisting of **Sudarshan Srikanth and Abhishek Navatia**. The other finalist teams were:

1. NLS A – Osho Chhel and Siddharth Aatreya
2. NLS B – Amandeep Borathakur and Suranjan Shukla
3. VIT – Shekhar Nair and Milind Agarwal



The winners and the other finalist teams received a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- and Rs. 4,000/- each respectively.



Mr. Harshavardan R. and Mr. Goutham Bhaskar Surapinni, Jindal Global Law School were the Novice Winners. Mr. Dhanush Dinesh, NLSIU and Mr. Abhishek Navatia, Jindal Global Law School was declared as Best Adjudicator and Best Speaker, respectively. The Novice Winners and the other awardees received a cash prize of Rs. 4,000/- each.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

COMPETITION NAME	PARTICIPANTS	ACHIEVEMENTS
PES Debating Competition 26-28 August 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakshi Singhal • Aishwarya M.R. • Amitha Prasad • Pratik Dawda • Krish Kalro • Manya Khanna • Tushar Mallik • Greeshma Venkateshan • Keertana Swamynathan • Aishwarya V.R. • Sanjay Suresh 	Aishwarya V.R – Semi-finalist Adjudicator
RV Debating Tournament 2-3 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Sakshi Singhal • Varun Nair • Anagha Nadig • Shreya Kar • Doyita Mukharjee • Sanjeevini Navadgi • Omkar Prasad • Keertana Swamynathan • Nikhil Asrani 	Varun Nair and Anagha Nadig broke to Novice Finals
MRSMPD 9-11 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Sakshi Singhal • Ashika Gurumath • Keertana Swamynathan • Nidhe • Nidhi Sharma • Rashi • Ishitha • Abhipsa • Aashma • Harshitha • Daphne • Greeshma Viji 	Sathvik Amarnath and Sakshi Singhal broke to Open Quarter Finals
NALSAR Inter Varsity Debating Tournament 15-17 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Sakshi Singhal • Anisha Pavan • Shubham N.M • Krish Kalro • Varun Nair 	Participation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anagha Nadig • Pratik Dawda • Sheryl Fathima • Sanjeevini Navadgi • Greeshma Venkateshan • Sanjay Suresh 	
IIT Bombay Parliamentary Debate 22-24 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Abhinay S. • Sanjeevini Navadgi • Sheryl Fathima • Aishwarya M.R. • Sanjay Suresh • Manya Khanna • Amitha Prasad • Vaishak Datta • Aishwarya M.R. 	Vaishak Datta – Semi Finals Adjudicator Aishwarya M.R. – Quarter Finals Adjudicator
Jindal Parliamentary Debate 15 – 17 October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shreya Kar • Ashika Gurumath • Tanish Rao • Nikhil Asrani 	
1 st Tamil Nadu National Law School Inter-Varsity Parliamentary Debate 2018 9 - 11 February 2018	Ram (Adjudicator)	
Debate Competition, KSLU Zonal Youth Festival 16 - 17 February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pratik Dawda • Tanish 	
Elocution, KSLU Zonal Youth Festival 16 - 17 February 2018	Sathvik Amarnath	Second Prize
JSS Law College State Level Debate Competition on “Social Media-Is it the Root Cause for Corrupting Young Minds?” 17 February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krish Kalro • Aashika 	
The NUALS Parliamentary Debate 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitha Prasad • Tanish • Pratik Dawda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath and Sakshi Singhal - Winners

23 – 25 February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikhil Asrani • Sathvik Amarnath • Ram (Adjudicator) • Vaishakh G Datta • Sakshi Singhal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakshi Singhal - Best Speaker • Vaishakh G Datta - Semi-finalist
Christ University Parliamentary Debate 2018 24 - 26 February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nidhe • Rubina • Shreya Kar • Aishwarya MR • Sheryl • Sanjeevini 	
The 5 th Annual VIT Debating Tournament 2018 17 – 18 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Omkar Prasad • Sakshi Singhal 	
Visvevarapura College of Law State Level Inter- College English/Kannada Debate Competition 23 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Omkar Prasad • H.S. Karthik Gowda • Tejas 	Second Best Speaker

