

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

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RAMAIAH ROUND ROBIN 2018

The Ramaiah Round Robin 2018 was an Invitational British Parliamentary Debating Tournament organized by Ramaiah College of Law on the 3rd and 4th of November 2018. It followed the Round Robin Format, where 16 invited teams take part and in the course of 5 rounds, compete against all other teams in the tournament. The Tournament saw students and alumni from various colleges such as RV College of Engineering, National Law School of India University and M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology debate on topics ranging from the response of countries to human rights violations and the role of Governments in writing history to the effects of the #MeToo Movement and Judicial standards of reform. These motions were crafted by a team of Core Adjudicators comprising of:

1. Rahul Seth, who is an Alumni of National Law University, Delhi. Rahul is an exceptionally gifted debater who has been integral in setting standards for Parliamentary debating in its formative stages in India.
2. Achitha Jacob, an Alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay is a renowned debater not only in India, but all over the world, proving her mettle by breaking twice as an adjudicator at the prestigious Worlds Universities Debating Championship. She has worked tirelessly to make Parliamentary debating in India a more inclusive and safe activity for Women.
3. Shivam Bakshi, is an alumni of the Delhi University, who holds the distinction of being one of the top 15 speakers in Asia. He brought with him a plethora of experience and skill, which reflected in his in-depth and informative feedback.
4. Vignesh Hariharan, alumni of Ramaiah College of Law, has widely been regarded as one the best adjudicators in the Indian Debating Circuit. Having participated in over 70 debate tournaments and having been crowned the best adjudicator multiple times, he graciously accepted our invitation to be a part of this tournament, not only by

adjudicating, but also by giving the Organizing Committee valuable guidance on running the tournament in a flawless manner.

The tournament was won by a team from RV College of Engineering, comprising of Anish Ravishankar and Piali Bopanna. The other teams in the finals included 2 teams from NLSIU, NLSIU J and NLSIU X comprising of Siddharth Aatreya and Aniruddh Nigam, and Vrishank Singhania and Satyajit Bose respectively, and an RV College of Engineering alumni team, comprising of Sparshit Sampath and Advesh Jalan. The Best Speaker Award was bagged by Siddharth Aatreya of NLSIU.

RAMAIAH COLLEGE OF LAW INTRA-DEBATE COMPETITION 2019

The RCL Intra-Debate Competition 2019 was a Conventional Debating Tournament organized by Ramaiah College of Law on the 14th and 15th of May 2019. It followed the Conventional 2 vs 2 Debate Format. 14 teams took part in the tournament. 4 teams out of the 14, got selected to the semi-finals and 2 teams went to Finals. The objective of this tournament was to raise awareness on issues of national and global importance. The Tournament saw participation from students of all the 5 batches in the college. The topic for the preliminary round was regarding the Lok Sabha elections, 2019 and the topic for semi-finals and the finals was regarding taxation and xenophobia respectively. The motions for the tournament was crafted by the Ramaiah Literary and Debating Society members, including the faculty incharge. The Adjudicators for the preliminary rounds and the semifinals were the professors of Ramaiah College of Law. The Adjudicators for the finals were the alumni of the college, who were a part of the Ramaiah College of Law Literary and Debating society. They were:

1. Mayank Jhunjhunwala, one of the founders of the Ramaiah College of Law Literary and Debating Society. He brought with him a plethora of experience and skills in debating and has always been a guiding force to his juniors.
2. Vignesh Hariharan, who is regarded as one the best adjudicators in the Indian Debating Circuit. He has participated in over 70 debate tournaments and has been awarded the best adjudicator title multiple times.
3. Hitesh Mundra, who has been an office bearer of Ramaiah Literary and Debating Society. He is known for his contributions to the debate society and other societies in college such as the ADR Society.

The finals Adjudicators graciously accepted our invitation to be a part of this tournament. They also took part in a student-bar debate which happened after the finals of the intra-debate. The tournament was won by the team consisting of Omkar Prasad C.C. and Sanjay Suresh P.V. of III year B.A., LL.B. K.V. Manoj and Nikhil Erinjingat of III and II year B.A., LL.B., respectively, were the Runner Up. The winning team and Runner Up was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2000 and Rs. 1000, respectively. The Certificates and prizes were distributed during the College Annual Day organized on 4th June 2019. The tournament was a grand success.

ELECTION

On 30th November, 2018 the election for the office bearers of the Literary and Debating Society was conducted for the academic year 2018-19. In a democratic voting system by all members of the debating society, the following students were elected:

Convener: Sakshi Singhal, 4th year B Section

Co-Convener: Sathvik Amarnath, 3rd year B Section

Secretary: Nikhil Asrani, 2nd year B Section

Treasurer: Amitha Prasad, 2nd year A Section

The Literary and Debating Society of Ramaiah College of Law conducts its annual election for the Office Bearers of the Society at the end of every academic year. The elections for the academic year of 2019-20 was announced on the 8th of May, 2019, the nominations were filed by the 10th of May, 2019 and the agendas were posted by the 12th of May, 2019. The candidates for the posts were as follows:

1. **Convener:** Mr. Sathvik Amarnath, Mr. Nikhil Asrani
2. **Secretary:** Ms. Amitha Prasad
3. **Treasurer:** Ms. Vybhavashree Rao

The elections were conducted on the 15th of May, 2019 and was officiated by the outgoing convener, Ms. Sakshi Singhal. The proceedings were supervised by the Faculty in-Charges of the Literary and Debating Society, Prof. Vaishnavi Narayeni and Prof. Rima Hore and was graced by the presence of the Director of Academics, Dr. Rose Varghese. The elections followed the secret ballot method and the results are as follows:

1. **Convener:** Mr. Sathvik Amarnath
2. **Co-Convener:** Mr. Nikhil Asrani

3. **Secretary:** Ms. Amitha Prasad
4. **Treasurer:** Ms. Vybhavashree Rao

The aforementioned students will hold the office for a term of one academic year.

STUDENTS REPRESENTATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

DEBATING TOURNAMENTS		
COMPETITION NAME	PARTICIPANTS	REMARKS
RV Debating Tournament 25 th – 26 th August, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Amitha Prasad • Nikhil Asrani • Sakshi Singhal 	Participation
NALSAR Inter-Varsity Debate Championship 2018 14 th – 16 th September, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitha Prasad (Adjudicator) • Nikhil Asrani • Sathvik Amarnath • Sakshi Singhal • Varun 	Sathvik Amarnath (III Year B.A., LL.B.) and Sakshi Singhal (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) – Octo-finalists
Dr. MS Ramaiah Memorial Parliamentary Debate 22 nd – 24 th September, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nidhe(Adjudicator) • Rubina • Shreya Kar • Nikhil Asrani (Adjudicator) • Omkar • Amitha Prasad • Sathvik Amarnath (Adjudicator) • Sakshi Singhal (Adjudicator) 	Sakshi Singhal (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) - Breaking Adjudicator
Debate Competition, KSLU Bengaluru Zonal Youth Festival 2018 16 th – 17 th October, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adeesha • Uthra 	Participation
Elocution, KSLU Bengaluru Zonal Youth Festival 2018 16 th – 17 th October, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supraja S 	First Prize
The Contention–The Waves Debate 2016(BITS Pilani, Goa) 26 th – 28 th October, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitha Prasad • Nikhil Asrani • Sathvik Amarnath • Sakshi Singhal (Adjudicator) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakshi Singhal (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) - Breaking Adjudicator

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anshuman (Adjudicator) • Janhavi (Adjudicator) • Vybhavshree • Deeksha 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath (III Year B.A., LL.B.) - Reserve Break
<p>The PES Debate 2019 26th - 28th January, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aishwarya Ravidranath • Amitha Prasad • R Deeksha • Vybhavshree Rao • Nikhil Asrani 	Participation
<p>Christ University Parliamentary Debate 2019 9th - 11th February, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitha Prasad • R Deeksha • Nikhil Asrani • Janhavi • Neha Vinod • Ruthu • Sakshi Singhal • Sathvik Amarnath 	Participation
<p>TNNLU Inter Varsity Debating Tournament 2019 22nd - 24th February, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vybhavashree Rao • Nikhil Asrani • Aishwarya Ravidranath • Sathvik Amarnath • Sakshi Singhal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runners Up: Sakshi Singhal (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) and Sathvik Amarnath (III Year B.A., LL.B.) • Breaking Adjudicator and Second Best Adjudicator: Vybhavashree Rao (I Year B.B.A., LL.B.) • Best Speaker: Sathvik Amarnath (III Year B.A., LL.B.) • Second Best Speaker: Sakshi Singhal (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) • Sixth Best Speaker: Aishwarya Ravidranath (III Year B.A., LL.B.) • Tenth Best Speaker: Nikhil Asrani (II Year B.A., LL.B.)

<p>The MIT Debating Tournament 2019</p> <p>8th & 9th March, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vybhavashree Rao • Sakshi Singhal • Deepa Singhal • Anshuman • Akriti Jhujhunwala • Nikhil Asrani • Aishwarya Ravidranath • Omkar Prasad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalist: Sakshi Singhal (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) • Breaking Adjudicator: Vybhavashree Rao (I Year B.B.A., LL.B.)
<p>VITSOL National Debate Competition</p> <p>22nd and 23rd March, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adeesha • Megha Singh 	<p>Quarter Finalists (I Year B.A., LL.B.)</p>
<p>Inter Zonal Youth Festival, KSLU</p> <p>22nd and 23rd March, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supraja S 	<p>Participation</p>
<p>The Stella Maris Parliamentary Debate 2019</p> <p>23rd to 25th March, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitha Prasad • Sathvik Amarnath • Sakshi Singhal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-finalist: Sathvik Amarnath (III Year B.A., LL.B.) and Sakshi Singhal (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) • Breaking Adjudicator: Amitha Prasad (II Year B.A., LL.B.)
<p>The XVII National Law School Debate 2019</p> <p>11th to 14th April, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitha Prasad • Vybhavashree Rao • Sathvik Amarnath • Nikhil Asrani • Sakshi Singhal • Uthra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaking Adjudicator: Amitha Prasad (II Year B.A., LL.B.) and Vybhavashree Rao (I Year B.B.A., LL.B.) • Octofinalist - Sathvik Amarnath (III Year B.A., LL.B.), Nikhil Asrani (II Year B.A., LL.B.) and Sakshi Singhal (IV Year B.A., LL.B.)
<p>MODEL UNITED NATIONS</p>		
<p>Bangalore Model United Nations, 2018</p> <p>29th to 31st October, 2018</p>	<p>Vaishakh G Datta</p>	<p>Participation</p>

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