

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

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RAMAIAH INTER VARSITY DEBATING TOURNAMENT 2019

The Third edition of Ramaiah Inter Varsity, Ramaiah College of Law's British Parliamentary Debating tournament, was held on the 7th and 8th of September, 2019. The tournament saw intense debating from over 36 teams hailing from colleges across the country and spanning all courses, from engineering to law. Established debaters in the Indian circuit were invited to be on the Core Adjudicator panel, to make diverse motions, on wide range of topics for the tournament.

Core Adjudicators for the tournament included:

1. **Piali Bopanna** – An Alumnus of RV College of Engineering, Piali Bopanna is one of the most widely recognized debaters in the country. She has garnered fame both nationally and internationally for her performances. She has a plethora of Tournament Championships and Best Speaker Awards to her credit.
2. **Abhishek Nevatia** – Abhishek Nevatia is a final year student of Jindal Global Law School, Sonapat. He too has many accolades to his name and is one of the most accomplished and well-known debaters in the country.
3. **Bharath G** – Bharath is a final year law student from School of Law, Christ University. In a short span he has won many debates and carved a niche for himself in the debating community of India.
4. **Banun Sabri** – Banun is a student of International Islamic University of Malaysia. She is widely considered to be among the best adjudicators in Asia. Although she was unable to fly down for the tournament, she contributed by helping frame the motions that were debated at the tournament

The motions debated in the tournament ranged from environmental issues, minority rights, lifestyle choices, politics and theories of rationality.

The winners of the Ramaiah IV 2019 was the team from **Indian Law Society's School of Law, Pune**, consisting of **Himanshu Patil** and **Poornima Jacob Eapen**

- The other finalists included:
 1. **MSRIT – Daniel Monteiro** and **Atul R.H.**
 2. **PESU – Vinamre Dhar** and **Ayushi Sanghi**
 3. **VIT – Pratyush Pandey** and **Raj Baldev**

The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 30,000/- and each finalist team were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 6,000/-.



Winners



Novice Winners

The Novice winners were the team from **Christ University** consisting of **Shubha Gupta** and **Kavya Upadhyay**. The Best Adjudicator was **Lavanya Prabhat** and the Best Speaker was **Aarushi Mehta**, both hailing from **Vellore Institute of Technology**. The Novice Winners and the other awardees received a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/- each.



Best Adjudicator



Best Speaker

The semifinalist teams were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2000/-. The details of semifinalist teams are as follows:

1. School of Law, Christ University – Siddharth and Joel
2. RV College of Engineering – Neel and Shuvam
3. NLSIU – Surbhi and Anirban
4. VIT – Aarushi and Rajiv

GAIL ELOCUTION COMPETITION 2019

The GAIL (India) Limited in association with Ramaiah College of Law organized the Intra College Elocution Competition in observation of National Vigilance Awareness Week, 2019 on 31st October 2019 which also coincided with the National Unity Day being the Birth Anniversary of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The topic for preliminary round was 'India and Secularism' and each participant was given 3 minutes to present their strongly believed notions on the topic. The preliminary rounds witnessed close to 20 participants out of which 5 students qualified to the Finals. The participants did not fail to surprise the judges and audience with their witty statements and out of the box ideas that coincided with the very motive of the competition which was awareness on vigilance.



The students who qualified for Finals were: **Anjana R**, **Advait Rao**, **Sathvik Amarnath**, **Shubham NM** and **Sanjay S**, who went on to talk about '**Integrity - A Way of Life**' and they were given 4 minutes to present their thoughts and ideas on the theme.

The judges for the Finals were **Dr. H. Muralidharan**, **Dean, Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies** and **Mr. P. Murugesan**, **Executive Director, Southern Region, GAIL (India) Limited**. The finalists had a variety of ideas that created immense discussion amongst the audience and was the most difficult competition to judge as there was a close call. **Advait Rao** of V year B.A., LL.B. was declared as the winner of the competition and, **Sathvik Amarnath** of IV year and **Anjana R** of I year B.A., LL.B. bagged the second and the third place. The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5000, Rs. 3000 and Rs. 2000, respectively. The event was a grand success.



Winner



First Runner up



Second Runner up

STUDENTS REPRESENTATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

DEBATING TOURNAMENTS		
COMPETITION NAME	PARTICIPANTS	REMARKS
RV Debating Tournament 17 th – 18 th August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Sakshi Singhal • Amitha Prasad • Nikhil Asrani • Vybhavashree Rao • Uthra Muthusubramanian 	Participation
Symbiosis Law School Parliamentary Debate 23 rd – 25 th August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Amitha Prasad • Aishwarya V.R. • Nikhil Asrani • Sakshi Singhal • Uthra Muthusubramanian • Vybhavashree Rao 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) and Amitha Prasad (III Year B.A., LL.B.): Octo-finalists • Sakshi Singhal (V Year B.A., LL.B.): Judged Quarter Finals

<p>MS Ramaiah Memorial Parliamentary Debate</p> <p>14th – 16th September 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Amitha Prasad • Aishwarya V.R. • Deeksha R. • Janhavi N. • Nikhil Asrani • Raksha Rajesh • Uthra M. • Vybhavashree Rao 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitha Prasad (III Year B.A., LL.B.): Judged Grand Finals and 4th Best Judge • Sathvik Amarnath (IV Year B.A., LL.B.): Judged Semi Finals and 3rd Best Judge
<p>NALSAR Inter-Varsity Parliamentary Debate</p> <p>20th – 22nd September 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Amitha Prasad • Deeksha R. • Janhavi N. • Neha Vinod • Nikhil Asrani • Raksha Rajesh • Ruthu H. • Sakshi Singhal • Samidha Hegde • Vybhavashree Rao 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) and Sakshi Singhal (V Year B.A., LL.B.): Quarter-Finalists and Top 10 Speakers
<p>Pro-Verb Manipal School of Communication Parliamentary Debate</p> <p>27th – 29th September 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Amitha Prasad • Sakshi Singhal • Deeksha R. • Nikhil Asrani • Shreya Kar • Anjana R. • Danika J. • Krina K. • Ananya Manu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath (IV Year B.A., LL.B.): Core Adjudicator • Shreya Kar (III Year B.A., LL.B.): Best Adjudicator • Amitha Prasad (III Year B.A., LL.B.) and Sakshi Singhal (V Year B.A., LL.B.): Semi-Finalists • Nikhil Asrani (III Year B.A., LL.B.) and Deeksha R (II Year B.A., LL.B.): Semi-Finalists
<p>SMVIT Parliamentary Debate</p> <p>18th – 19th October 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Nikhil Asrani • Omkar Prasad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath(IV Year B.A., LL.B.): Core Adjudicator • Nikhil Asrani (III Year B.A., LL.B.) and Omkar Prasad (IV Year B.A., LL.B.): Winners and Best Speakers
<p>Nehru Yuva Kendra Declamation Contest (District Level)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeshma Venkitesan • Sharvani T Gowda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharvani T Gowda (III Year B.A., LL.B.) won 2nd Position and got selected to participate the State Level

27 th November 2019		(Topic: Patriotism & Nation Building (Topic)
Nehru Yuva Kendra Declamation Contest (State Level) 30 th November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharvani T Gowda 	Participation (Topic: Patriotism & Nation Building)
Sir Visvesvaraya Memorial Parliamentary Debate 10 th – 12 th January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakshi Singhal • Nikhil Asrani 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakshi Singhal (V Year B.A., LL.B.) and Nikhil Asrani (III Year B.A., LL.B.): Semi-Finalists
Loyola Parliamentary Debate 1 st – 2 nd February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakshi Singhal • Nikhil Asrani • Vybhavashree Rao • Aishwarya V.R. • Deeksha R. • Ananya Manu • Sneha Verma • Sudheesh S 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakshi Singhal (V Year B.A., LL.B.): Core Adjudicator • Nikhil Asrani (III Year B.A., LL.B.) and Vybhavashree Rao (II Year B.B.A., LL.B.): Semi-Finalists • Aishwarya V.R. (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) and Deeksha R. (II Year B.B.A., LL.B.): Semi-Finalists • Sneha Verma (I Year B.A.,LL.B.): Breaking Adjudicator
8th V.M. Justice Tarkunde Memorial Parliamentary Debate 7 th – 9 th February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanjana • Pradyumna • Ramya • Afreen Khan 	Participation
TNNLS Inter-Varsity Parliamentary Debate 15 th – 16 th February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeksha R. • Nikhil Asrani 	Participation
Christ University Parliamentary Debate 22 nd – 24 th February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neha Vinod • Ruthu H. • Danika • Dipa Singhal • Krina • Sanjana • Harshitha 	Participation

NUALS Parliamentary Debate 29 th February – 2 nd March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ananya • Saakshi • Mayya • Tanisha • Dheemanth • Sudheesh S (Adjudicator) • Sneha Verma (Adjudicator) • Shreya Basu (Adjudicator) 	Participation
SPIT PD '20 British Parliamentary Debate 10 th – 12 th April 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sneha Verma (Adjudicator) 	Participation
Ullens Online Debate Championship 3 rd – 4 th May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeksha R. • Amitha Prasad 	Participation
Auckland Whippersnappa Pre-Australs 2020 30 th – 31 st May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sneha Verma (Adjudicator) 	Participation
IDO AP 2020 19 th – 21 st June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath • Deeksha R. • Amitha Prasad • Vybhavashree Rao • Janhavi • Raksha • Prajwala • Ramya (Adjudicator) • Sneha Verma (Adjudicator) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sathvik Amarnath (IV Year B.A., LL.B.) – Winner [Cross team]
MODEL UNITED NATIONS		
RotaMUN 2019 26 th – 28 th August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaishakh Garlu Datta 	Secretary General (Capacity)
CUSAT MUN 2019 22 nd – 24 th September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaishakh Garlu Datta 	Co-Chairperson (Capacity)
SJPUC MUN 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaishakh Garlu Datta 	Secretary General (Capacity)

26 th – 27 th September 2019		
SJBHS MUN 2019 26 th – 28 th October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaishakh Garlu Datta	Secretary General (Capacity)