

1st NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

22nd – 23rd FEBRUARY, 2019

The Moot Court Society of Centre for Legal Studies, Gitarattan International Business School has hosted its **1st National Moot Court Competition** on February 22nd and 23rd, 2019. It is a matter of immense pride for CLS-GIBS that the Competition received overwhelming participations from different corners of the country. Altogether 30 teams registered in the competition wherein teams from ICAFI Hyderabad, Aligarh Muslim University, Delhi University, UILS Punjab, Symbiosis Pune, Amity Noida, Amity Chatisghar, Amity Manesar, Jamia Milia Islamia University took part. The 1st National Moot Court Competition has provided an avenue for students to experience a medley of an opportunity of arguing before a simulated panel of leading practitioners and industry experts, and develop a deeper understanding of law.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.K Rathi, Former Judge, Allahabad High Court was the Chief Guest of the inaugural ceremony. After the welcome address by the Director, the Chief Guest shared his views and experience by defining his perception of Law as a profession. He encouraged the students to hone their cognitive potentials and strive to build upon their skills. All the 16 judges, who graciously accepted the invitation to judge the preliminary and quarter final round, were felicitated with bouquet and memento by the Hon'ble Chairman, GIBS, Shri R.N. Jindal and Vice Chairman, GIBS, Shri Anirudh Jindal.

Before starting the oral rounds, the researcher of all the teams were examined through an online Researcher's Test. After a tea break, all the participating teams started their counselling for both the Plaintiff and the Defendant in fifteen different courtrooms. In two preliminary sessions, all the participants showcased their arguments before the judges, wherein out of 30 teams, only 8 teams were declared quarter finalists on the basis of their scores. Soon after the results were announced, the quarter finalists were again thrown into the battle ground with 4 court rooms having division bench. The first day ended with the declaration of semi-finalists' names.

The Semi-final round took place between ICFAI Hyderabad; Amity Law School, Noida; Jamia Milia Islamia and VIPS (GGSIPU). The benches comprised of Prof. Eqbal Hussain, Prof. M. Afzal Wani, Prof Anil Kumar Rai and Prof. Amar Pal Singh. The Final Round was fought between ICFAI Hyderabad and Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies(Affiliated to GGSIPU) and judged by Shri Dharendra Rana (Secretary, DLSA, North), Ms Ruchika Singla(Secretary, DLSA, North West), Prof. Eqbal Hussain and Prof. M. Afzal Wani.

In the valedictory session, Hon'ble Justice Dr Sudhir Kumar Jain (Principal Judge, Family Court, Rohini) was the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Justice Mr.Harish Kumar(Additional Session Judge, Rohini Court) was the Guest of Honour. The chief guest, in his address, informed the students that moot courts activities in Law colleges teaches them the art of becoming a "good lawyer", he further added that to become a "complete lawyer" they must have knowledge beyond law.



Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Pitampura was adjudged as the Winner of the 1st National National Moot Court Competition, 2019 with the trophy and the Cash Prize of Rs 25,000/-. ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad was declared as the Runner up with a cash prize of 15,000/- along with trophy. The Institute also presented awards in different categories such as The Best Mooter which was bagged by Ms Latika from Galgotia University with cash prize of Rs 5000/- and trophy. Mr. Srijan Verma of Amity University, Chhattisgarh won the Best Researcher Award of cash prize of Rs.5000/- and certificate of appreciation, The Best Memorial Prize was awarded to Fairfield Institute of Management & Technology with a trophy and cash prize of Rs 5000/-. Participation trophy and certificate were given to all the students.

The Programme ended with reciting of National Anthem.

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