

The 4th Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition was conducted on 26th-28th May 2023. The moot proposition was drafted on Constitutional law and its allied aspects keeping the Cable TV Network (Regulation) Act, of 1995 as the parent statute. This edition was remarkable in its own unique way as it saw the participation of 40 teams across the nation. This put a huge burden on the part of the organizing committee which had to pull off the event smoothly. With the efforts of the student fraternity, not to mention the constant aid and guidance of our esteemed faculty members, the blueprint of the edition finally manifested.

There were a lot of checklists the committee had to tick; right from registration of the participating teams, to their lodging and food, to setting up of 20 courtrooms; the task was huge. One of the strategies which worked well for us was effective division of work amongst all the sub-committees. All the committees including communications, accommodation, food, and logistics were given their share of the portion which they had to dispose of efficiently in the stipulated time frame. The heads of various committees showcased exuberant leadership skills and managed to secure cooperation from all the members which led to well-execution of the event.

We were honored to have Hon'ble Justice B.P Katakya, retired judge of Gauhati High Court grace us with his presence in the inaugural ceremony. His motivating words proved to be a source of beacon for all the young participants. The ceremony was followed by the challenging researcher's test. The test was a mixture of both objective and subjective questions that tested the analytical and reasoning skills of the participants. The best researcher was bagged by Mr. Yogesh Jain from ILS Pune.

A major takeaway from the edition was having a 3-judge bench right from the quarter rounds till the final rounds. All the rounds were adjudicated by practicing advocates in the Gauhati High Court and included renowned professors of the law of the state. The finals were judged by 3 eminent sitting judges of the Gauhati High Court, namely- Hon'ble Justice Manish Choudhury, Hon'ble Justice Sanjay Medhi, and Hon'ble Justice K.R Surana. We were privileged to have them constitute the final bench that added a tint of sparkle to the prestigious event. The prime highlight of the edition was its collaboration with the reputed Chambers of Abhinav Mishra, Advocates, and Solicitors. We were grateful to have not only received sponsorship from the esteemed organization but also have had the chance to provide internship opportunities at the firm to all the winners which made it possible for us to provide an enriching experience to all our participating teams.

The competition saw nerve-chilling rounds between the competing teams who all fought amongst each other to take back home the winning trophy and the cash prize. After the preliminary rounds ended, 8 teams made it to the quarter-finals, and finally 4 competed in the semi-finals which gave the competition its much-awaited finalists. The final round was concluded between the teams hailing from Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, and St. Joseph's College of Law wherein after an intense round of clash legal arguments, the former emerged victorious. Towards the end, the best memorial was bagged by the team from Jamia Millia Islamia. The best speaker was awarded to Maanas Kasliwal from Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, NMIMS Mumbai.

Overall, the event was a huge success for the university as the competition ended on a flying note. The constant support of our Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. VK Ahuja, Registrar, Dr. Nandrani Chowdhury, Faculty-in-charge, Dr. Shailendra Kumar, all the other staff members of the administration, our learned professors, and lastly the student fraternity made this event a historical one. The echoes of the 4th Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition will always be heard afar and will be imprinted on the walls of the university with pride forever! #valarmootghulis.