

Report: 5th Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2024

Introduction

The 5th Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2024, organized in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), was held from 24th to 26th May 2024 at the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. With a compelling theme, "Ensuring Human Rights by Combating Gender Discrimination and Promoting Equal Opportunities," this year's moot court competition attracted 20 teams from across the country. The event provided a platform for participants to showcase their legal research, advocacy skills, and their ability to tackle pressing human rights issues.

Day 1: 24th May 2024

The inaugural day of the competition set a professional and enthusiastic tone for the event.

Inaugural Ceremony:

- **Chief Guest Address:** The ceremony commenced with the address by Chief Guest Shri Arup Kumar Goswami, Chairperson of the Assam Human Rights Commission. Shri Goswami highlighted the significance of moot court competitions in honing legal skills and their role in addressing human rights challenges. His address emphasized the importance of the competition's theme and inspired participants to engage deeply with the subject matter.
- **Welcome and Overview:** The ceremony included a welcome note by the organizers, who introduced the competition's objectives, the schedule, and the rules. This was followed by a detailed briefing on the thematic focus of the competition, which centered around combating gender discrimination and promoting equal opportunities.

Competition Activities:

- **Researcher Test:** The researcher test was conducted to evaluate the participants' proficiency in legal research. This test was designed to assess their understanding of the competition's theme and their ability to perform detailed legal analysis.
- **Draw of Lots and Memorial Exchange:** The draw of lots determined the preliminary round matchups, while the memorial exchange allowed teams to swap their written submissions, setting the stage for oral arguments. This activity was crucial for ensuring that each team had an equal opportunity to present their case.

The first day concluded successfully with all initial activities completed as planned, setting a promising tone for the upcoming rounds.

Day 2: 25th May 2024

The second day was dedicated to the preliminary and quarter-final rounds, which were characterized by high levels of engagement and competitive spirit.

Preliminary Rounds:

- **Conduct of Rounds:** Two preliminary rounds were held, where each team presented its case arguments based on the competition's theme. The arguments were assessed for their legal reasoning, presentation skills, and adherence to the theme.
- **Evaluation and Feedback:** Teams received feedback from judges, which was instrumental in preparing for the subsequent rounds. The judges provided insights on the strengths and areas for improvement in the participants' arguments and presentation styles.

Quarter-Final Round:

- **Matchups and Judging:** Based on their performance in the preliminary rounds, the top-performing teams advanced to the quarter-finals. The quarter-final round was intense, with teams presenting their arguments in a bid to secure a place in the semi-finals.
- **Selection of Semi-Finalists:** The quarter-final results determined the four teams that advanced to the semi-final round. The selection process was rigorous, reflecting the high standards of the competition.

The day concluded with the announcement of the semi-finalists, creating anticipation for the final stages of the competition.

Day 3: 26th May 2024

The final day of the competition was marked by the semi-final and final rounds, showcasing the best performances of the tournament.

Semi-Final Round:

- **Adjudication by Senior Advocates:** The semi-final round was adjudicated by esteemed senior advocates from the Gauhati High Court. Their extensive experience provided a critical evaluation of the teams' performances, focusing on the quality of arguments and legal reasoning.
- **Progression to Finals:** Based on the semi-final performances, the top two teams were selected to compete in the final round. The semi-finals highlighted the exceptional skill levels of the competing teams.

Final Round:

- **Judging Panel:** The final round was presided over by three distinguished judges from the Gauhati High Court: HMJ Kaylan Rai Surana, HMJ Manish Choudhury, and HMJ Mridul Kumar Kalita. Their expertise ensured a thorough and fair evaluation of the final arguments presented by the top teams.
- **Outcome:** After a compelling final round, Campus Law Center, Delhi emerged as the winner of the competition. The team demonstrated outstanding legal skills and a deep understanding of the competition's theme. Tamil Nadu

National Law University was declared the runners-up, reflecting their strong performance throughout the competition.

Awards and Recognitions:

The valedictory ceremony recognized the achievements of the participants and celebrated their contributions to the competition.

- **Winner:** Campus Law Center, Delhi
- **Runners-Up:** Tamil Nadu National Law University
- **Best Researcher:** Sehrish Jafri of Campus Law Center, Delhi – Awarded for exceptional legal research skills and comprehensive understanding of the competition's theme.
- **Best Orator Female:** Zainab Ul Kubra of NUSRL, Ranchi – Recognized for outstanding oral advocacy and persuasive argumentation.
- **Best Orator Male:** Akshansh Pandey of GNLU (Gujarat National Law University) – Honored for excellent oratory skills and effective presentation.
- **Best Memorial Applicants:** Tamil Nadu National Law University – Awarded for the best written submissions representing the applicant's side.
- **Best Memorial Respondents:** NUSRL, Ranchi – Recognized for the best written submissions representing the respondents' side.

Valedictory Ceremony:

- **Prize Distribution:** The ceremony featured the distribution of trophies and certificates to the winners, runners-up, and recipients of individual awards. Each award was presented with a brief overview of the recipient's performance and contributions.
- **Closing Remarks:** VC, NLUJAA delivered the closing remarks, commending the high level of participation and the quality of arguments presented throughout the competition. The representative expressed gratitude to the judges, participants, and organizers for their efforts in making the competition a success.

Conclusion

The 5th Gurjeet Singh Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2024 was a significant achievement, reflecting the high standards of legal education and advocacy in India. The competition successfully provided a platform for engaging with important human rights issues and showcased the exceptional talent of participating students. The collaboration with NHRC enhanced the event's impact and significance, reinforcing the importance of human rights in legal education. The competition's success was evident in the quality of the debates, the professionalism of the participants, and the overall execution of the event.

List of Judges

Final Round:

HMJ Kaylan Rai Surana

HMJ Manish Choudhury

HMJ Mridul Kumar Kalita

Semi Final Round:

Mr. Dilip Kumar Das (8638791406)

Mr. Subhash Chandra Keyal (keyalsc@gmail.com)

Mr. Moin-Ul-Haque Choudhary (mhchoudhury61@gmail.com)

Mr. Saptarishi Sharma (8638750787)

Mr. Abhinav Shrivastav (neil.chatterjee@trilegal.com)

Mr. Neil Chatterjee (abhinav.srivastav@trilegal.com)

Quarter Final Round:

Mr. Arunav Phukan (8473931971)

Mr. Boidurjya Deka (9864081083)

Ms. Shruti Sharma Hazarika (8130101588)

Mr. Saptarishi Sharma (8638750787)

Mr. Partha Shankar Biswas (910100562)

Mr. Monzur Ul Kabir Choudhary (9971927278)

Mr. Ishan Borthakur (9864274300)

Preliminary Round:

Mr. Saptarishi Prasad Sharma (8638750787)

Ms. Karishma Das (8099734370)

Ms. Ashraf Alom

Mr. Sakique Ahmed

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Mr. Kunal Jain (8486350840)

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Mr. Joydeep Bordoloi

Mr. Manowar Hussain Saikia (9101268207)

Mr. Tawhid Laskar (9957432388)

Mr. Susmit Ishfaq (8876704200)

Mr. Nilutpal Deb (8638258030)

Mr. Shrubojyoti Sarkar (70024 19628)

Mr. Dipesh Agarwal

Ms. Jafreen Haque (8399931483)

Ms. Anandita Deb (9365392632)

Ms. Banshika Poddar

Ms. Pakeeza Khatun

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Event Report
of

6th Capacity Building Moot Court Competition, 2023

Moot Court Committee

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MOOT COURT COMMITTEE, NLUJA ASSAM

Event: 6th Capacity Building Moot Court Competition, 2023

Date: November 25-26 November, 2023

Venue: National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam, Guwahati

Organized by: Moot Court Committee, NLUJA Assam

- Dr. Shailendra Kumar (Faculty Advisor)
- Mr. Ayush Yashaswi (Convener, MCC)
- Mr. Rajat Kumar Garg (Member, MCC)
- Ms. Akansha Sharma (Member, MCC)

Participation: 20 Teams (60 Students)

Guests: 20 Judges for 2 Preliminary Rounds

The National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam recently played host to an impactful intra-college event—the 6th Capacity Building Moot Court Competition. Aimed at providing a platform for first-year law students to refine their advocacy skills, the event was designed to foster legal acumen and familiarize participants with practical aspects of courtroom proceedings.

Judicial Expertise Elevates the Competition:

Distinguished advocates from the Guwahati High Court lent their expertise as judges, adding a layer of professionalism to the competition. This not only elevated the significance of the Capacity Building Moot but also provided students with a unique opportunity to engage with experienced professionals in the field. A total of 20 judges were invited for the Preliminary Rounds of the CBM.

Enthusiastic Participation:

The Capacity Building Moot witnessed enthusiastic participation from twenty teams, each comprising first-year law students. The teams showcased their research, analytical, and argumentative abilities while addressing legal issues related to the Constitution. The moot problem challenged participants to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios, encouraging a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. The Moot Problem was authored by Mr. Tathagat Sharma (Advocate, Supreme Court of India), assisted by Mr. Rajat Kumar Garg.

Structured Competition Unfolds:

The event unfolded in several stages, with participants forming teams within their peer groups and selecting mentors from senior batches, facilitated by the Moot Court Committee. Submissions of memorials (written submission) took place by November 22, with a researcher's test conducted on November 25, emphasizing the importance of research in

advocacy. The test was followed by a draw of lots and an exchange of memorials. The method of draw of lots was used to form the fixtures of the oral rounds. The Oral Rounds of the competition took place on 26th November (both the Preliminary rounds were conducted that day) and finally on 29th November, the Valedictory Ceremony of the event took place.

Oral Rounds and Judicial Feedback:

The culmination of the event occurred on November 26 with the oral rounds, where esteemed advocates from the Guwahati High Court served as judges. Their involvement added authenticity to the competition, giving students insight into the expectations and standards of the legal profession. Judges provided constructive feedback, contributing to the overall learning experience. Preliminary rounds involved rigorous scrutiny of legal arguments, research depth, and presentation skills, with participants engaging in spirited debates to demonstrate their grasp of legal principles.

Awards Recognizing Merit:

The event concluded with the announcement of awards recognizing outstanding participants. Awards:

- Winning Team (The Protégé) – Ayushman Singh, Dhruv Vashishth & Vaibhav Bansal (TC-2)
- Runners-up Team (The Apprentice) – Anushka Daipuria, Varada S, T Kinjala (TC-9)
- Best Speaker - Priyansh Kanawat (TC-15)
- Best Researcher - Dhilan Sarma (TC – 16)
- Best Memorial - Ayushman Singh, Dhruv Vashishth & Vaibhav Bansal (TC-2)

were the awards presented. These accolades not only motivated the participants but also underscored the importance of continuous improvement and dedication to the field of advocacy.

The National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam's Capacity Building Moot proved to be a resounding success, offering a valuable platform for the development of budding legal minds and fostering a spirit of excellence in the practice of law.