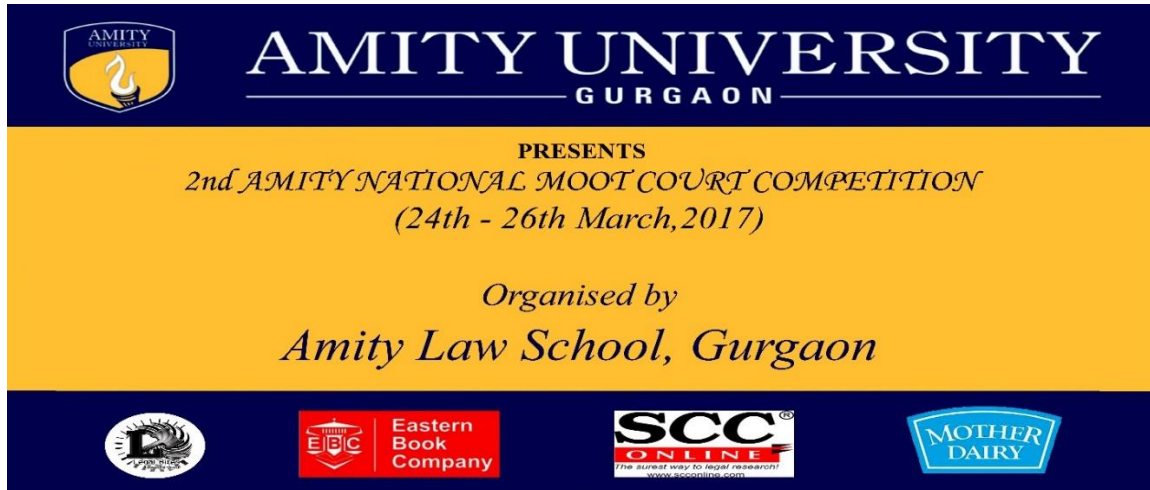


AMITY LAW SCHOOL

2nd Amity National Moot Court Competition

Organized by
Amity Law School, Gurgaon
(24th – 26th March, 2017)



An ignited mind is the most powerful weapon on the earth, and education is the most powerful tool to help ignite the mind. Education is the most profitable investment for the near future. In recent years, Moot Courts have emerged as an indispensable part of legal education and at any Law School, the closest experience of litigating, that a law student can get is through mooting. The students are given a hypothetical case in their hands and they research, frame arguments, prepare briefs and appear before Judges to argue the case. Mooting delivers a holistic approach to learning the Law. It trains a student on how to find the relevant Law, develop abstract thinking and facilitate in understanding the latest legal updates. Mooting also helps a student in understanding the value of teamwork.

Realizing the value of Moot Courts, we at Amity Law School, organize a National Moot Court Competition every year. After the success of the 1st Amity National Moot Court Competition, held in April 2016, Amity Law School, Gurgaon, organized the 2nd Amity National Moot Court Competition, from 24th -26th March, 2017, in association with Knowledge and Research Partners SCC Online® and Eastern Book Company, Food Partner Mother Dairy and Media Partner Legal Bites. The Moot Problem of this year's competition was, 'The implementation of Uniform Civil Code and determining the constitutional validity of the Surrogacy Act, 2016'. This competition was yet another milestone in its stride towards academic and professional excellence of Amity Law School, Gurgaon. Following the active participation of 36 teams in the last competition, this year saw the participation of 38 teams from the finest Law Colleges from across the Nation.

The event was held as per the following schedule: -

Event Details

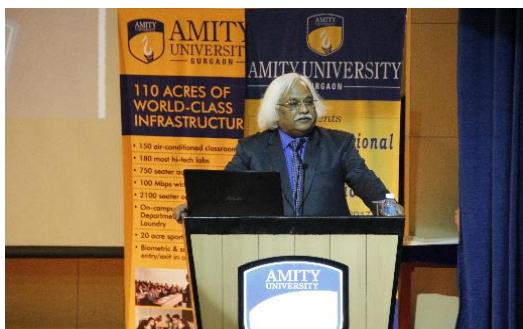
DATE & DAY	TIME	EVENT
24 th March, 2017	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast
24 th March, 2017	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Formal Registration
24 th March, 2017	11:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Inaugural Function
24 th March, 2017	01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch
24 th March, 2017	02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	Kits Distribution
24 th March, 2017	03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	SCC Briefing
24 th March, 2017	04:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Researcher Test
24 th March, 2017	06:00 PM - 07:30 PM	Memorial Exchange
24 th March, 2017	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Dinner
25 th March,2017	09:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast
25 th March,2017	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	1 st Preliminary Round
25 th March,2017	12:00 NOON - 01:00 PM	Lunch
25 th March,2017	01:30 PM - 03:00 PM	2 nd Preliminary Round
25 th March,2017	03:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Felicitation of Judges
25 th March,2017	05:30 PM – 06:30 PM	Declaration of Result & Draw of Lots
25 th March,2017	07:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Quarter Final Rounds
25 th March,2017	08:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Dinner
25 th March,2017	09:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Declaration of results & Draw of Lots
26 th March,2017	08:30 AM - 09:30 AM	Breakfast
26 th March,2017	09:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Semi Final Round
26 th March,2017	11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	Declaration of Result& Draw of lots
26 th March,2017	12:00 NOON - 02:00 PM	Lunch
26 th March,2017	02:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Final Round
26 th March,2017	04:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Valedictory Function& Prize Distribution
26 th March,2017	07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Gala night
26 th March,2017	09:00 PM - 10:30 PM	DJ Night

Inauguration Of the 2nd Amity National Moot Court Competition by Shri Ram Jethmalani on 24th March 2017



The 2nd Amity National Moot Court Competition was inaugurated by Shri Ram Jethmalani, Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India and Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha). The address of Shri Jethmalani, a living legend, was enlightening. He encouraged the young budding lawyers, with his words of wisdom, to be percipient and prudent. Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Maj. Gen. B.S. Suhag (Retd.) Respected Deputy Vice Chancellor and Maj. Gen. G.S. Bal (Retd.), Dean of Student's Welfare and HOD's/HOI's of other institutes of the University were also present on the occasion.

Shri Ram Jethmalani in his address said that a good Lawyer must have five virtues, that is, Honesty, Integrity, Fearlessness, Hard Work and the want to fight for Justice. He also emphasized that Courage and Character are the two essential tools to achieve one's goals. Shri Jethmalani on the issues involved in the Moot Court Competition said that they were very suitable topics for students to research on.

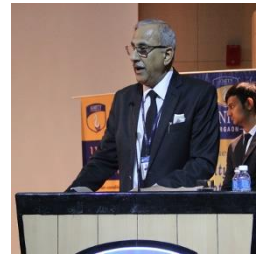


While addressing the distinguished gathering Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that, "Our Legal education is required to create lawyers who would practice this privilege with utmost sincerity and commitment to the cause of Satyamev Jayate Nantram."

Shri Ram Jethmalani with the Organizers



The Inaugural Function concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Maj. Gen. P.K. Sharma (Retd.), Director Amity Law School. He thanked the Chief Guest and the dignitaries for sparing so much of their precious time for the event. He apprised the gathering that when we approached Shri Ram Jethmalani and requested him to inaugurate this Moot Court Competition, there was no second thought by him and he said, “for law students I can go anytime anywhere”.



The dignitaries revealing the Winning Trophy and various other prizes during the Inaugural Function.

After the Inaugural Function, the Researcher Test was conducted, wherein the participants were tested on their researching skills. The pattern of the test was a combination of objective as well as subjective questions on the Moot Problem.



The remaining day saw the registration, allotment of team codes, distribution of Kits and exchange of memorials for the Preliminary Rounds. This decided the opponents for the Preliminary Rounds of the Moot Court Competition.



25th March 2017

Beginning of the Competition and Address by Shri Salman Khurshid, Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India

Preliminary Rounds



The second day of the competition, kick started with the 1st Preliminary Round followed by the 2nd Round, where the participants despite being grilled by the learned and competent Judges, did their level best to put forward their respective cases.

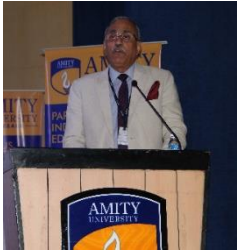
Address by Shri Salman Khurshid, Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India



The day was then graced by the presence of Shri Salman Khurshid, Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India and former Cabinet Minister for Law and Justice. Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Maj. Gen. B.S. Suhag (Retd.), Respected Deputy Vice Chancellor and Maj. Gen. G.S. Bal (Retd.), Dean of Student's Welfare were also present on the occasion. Shri Khurshid addressed the students and felicitated the Judges of the Preliminary Rounds.

In his address, he encouraged the students to participate in Moot Court Competitions, as such competitions develop their skills as Lawyers. On the Moot Problem, Shri Khurshid was of the opinion that implementation of the Uniform Civil Code needs to be discussed with an open mind and a more tolerant view needs to be taken. On the issue of surrogacy, Shri Khurshid was totally against Commercial Surrogacy.

Shri Salman Khurshid felicitating the Judges of the Preliminary Rounds



The Vote of Thanks was given by Maj. Gen. P.K. Sharma (Retd.), Director Amity Law School. He thanked the Chief Guest and the dignitaries for gracing the occasion and encouraging the participants and the students of Amity Law School. He also thanked the Judges of the various rounds.

Quarter-Finals

Shri Salman Khurshid's address was followed by the Quarter Final Rounds where the undermentioned teams contested for moving up in the competition:

1. Law College Dehradun, Uttaranchal University, Dehradun.
2. National University of Study and research in Law, Ranchi.
3. School of Excellence in Law, Chennai.
4. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow.
5. University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU, Delhi.
6. Damodaram Sanjivayyan National Law University, Vishakhapatnam.
7. Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala.
8. Symbiosis Law School, Pune.



Glimpses of the Quarter-Finals

The Competition saw the arguing, presentation and persuasive skills of the teams in the Quarter Final Rounds. The Judges were highly impressed by the advocacy skills of the Mooters. The teams were well versed with the moot problem and it was a neck to neck competition to advance to the Semi-Finals. The teams to make it to the Semi-Finals were:

1. University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU, Delhi.
2. Damodaram Sanjivayyan National Law University, Vishakhapatnam.
3. Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala.
4. Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

26th March 2017

Semi-Finals, Finals and the Valedictory Ceremony

The morning of the final day of the 2nd Amity National Moot Competition saw the grueling Semi-Finals, which began at 10 AM and were presided over by:

- a. Dr. Shiv Sharma, Retd. District and Sessions Judge, Gurgaon
- b. Rear Admiral H. Gupta (Retd.), Director ALS Jaipur
- c. Mr. Qayam-u-din, Advocate Delhi High Court
- d. Mr. Ranjan Kumar, Asst. Prof. National Law Institute University, Bhopal

The semifinalists were well prepared and put in their best efforts to persuade the Judges with their arguments and oratory skills.



Glimpses of Semi-Finals

The teams from, **Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala** and **Symbiosis Law School, Pune** were successful in advancing to the Finals of the Competition.

Final Of the 2nd Amity National Moot Court Competition

The Final Round was judged by a Bench of five Judges that comprised of Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Singhvi, Mr. Mohan Parasaran, Dr. G Narayana Raju, Ms. V. Mohana and Dr. S.K. Singh. A brief profile of these distinguished Judges is as follows:



Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Singhvi is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and has recently superannuated from the post of Chairman, Competition Appellate Tribunal. He is now rendering social service and undertakes Arbitration matters.

Mr. Mohan Parasaran is a Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and has served as the Solicitor General of India. He has wide practice in Constitutional Law, Commercial Law, Service Law, Taxation and Intellectual Property Rights.



Dr. G Narayana Raju is the Secretary, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, an eminent Lawyer, Academician and an excellent Administrator.

Ms. V. Mohana a graduate from Coimbatore Law College is presently Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India.



Dr. S.K. Singh retired as the Dean, Department of Law, Ram Manohar Lohiya Awadh University.

The most awaited Final Round was viewed by curious students agog to know who bags the winning trophy. The Final Round was held in the Moot Court Room of Amity Law School and attended by Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Maj. Gen. G.S. Bal (Retd.), Dean of Student's Welfare, Faculty members, all the participating teams and students of Amity Law School.



The Final Round of the competition was fiercely fought between the two Semifinalists. The Bench grilled the Mooters on every aspect of their arguments. The teams were well prepared and impressed the Judges with their legal acumen. The teams were judged on various aspects like presentation skills, knowledge of the subject, time taken in answering the queries put up by the judges and the legal reasoning presented by the Mooters.

Glimpses of Final



Valedictory Ceremony

Chief Guest Smt. Krishna Raj

Minister of State for Women and Child Development



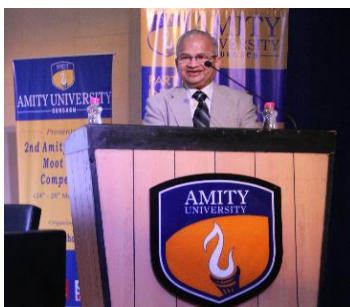
The Chief Guest of the Valedictory Ceremony of the 2nd Amity National Moot Court Competition was Smt. Krishna Raj, Minister of State for Women and Child Development. Hon'ble Mr Justice G.S. Singhvi, former Judge of Supreme Court of India, Dr. G. Narayan Raju, Secretary Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice and Smt. V. Mohana, a Senior Advocate Supreme Court of

India also graced the occasion. The dignitaries on dais also included Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Maj. Gen. G.S. Bal (Retd.), Dean of Student Welfare and Maj. Gen. P.K. Sharma (Retd.), Director, Amity Law School.



In his welcome address, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that, "Privilege of a Lawyer is a privilege to serve and privilege to excel. A Law-abiding society is our cherished dream and let it not remain our wishful thinking, else we shall lose the opportunity to build India of our dreams."

Smt. Krishna Raj, Minister of State for Women and Child Development, in her address said that, "Our country's greatest strength is in its unity and we have to take this country to greater heights". On the issue of implementation of Uniform Civil Code, she emphasized that Law is equal for everybody and having different laws based on religion is not desirable. The Hon'ble Minister further said that she strongly opposed Commercial Surrogacy.



In his address, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Singhvi said that two things must always be kept in mind for achieving anything in life, "Lead a simple and clean life and don't lie to yourself." He further stated that to be successful one must believe in one self and remain humble.

The awards ceremony was vociferously cheered by all present. Award of Best Draftsman was awarded to **Shringar Bhattarai and Deepanshu Tuteja, students of Amity Law School**, for their moot preposition being selected as the best among all invited for the competition.



The Winning Trophy was lifted by the star team of the event Symbiosis Law School, Pune





Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, had to be content with the Runner's Up Trophy



Best Researcher, Ms. Khyati Lohan, Symbiosis Law School, Pune



Best Mooter Female, Raina Bijay Mahapatra, Symbiosis Law School, Pune



•Best Mooter Male, Rohan Rahul Priyadarshi, Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

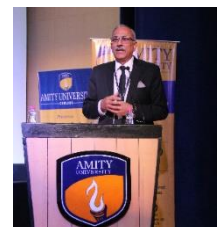


Best Memorial, Chanakya National Law University, Patna



All the participating teams were also presented with participating mementos and certificates by Maj. Gen. P.K. Sharma (Retd.), Director Amity Law School.

The 2nd Amity National Moot Court Competition concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Maj. Gen. P.K. Sharma (Retd.), Director Amity Law School. He thanked all the guests and dignitaries for gracing the occasion and encouraging the students with their insights.



The three-day competition came to an end with a Gala and DJ Night organized for the participating teams and the Students of Amity Law School.