

AMITY LAW SCHOOL

3rdAmity National Moot Court Competition

Organized by

Amity Law School, Gurgaon

(9th – 11th March 2018)



Law is the system of rules which a country or community recognizes as regulating the actions of its members and which it may enforce by the imposition of penalties. Judges, Magistrates and Lawyers are directly connected with Law and the Lawyers are the ones that help people, families and businesses to establish their rights, and help the Judges in arriving at decisions that ensure justice. Today's Law Students will become Lawyers in future. To be a good Lawyer a Law Student must develop himself both theoretically and practically.

Mooting is not the same as public speaking or debating, although it shares some common elements with these activities. It is a specialized application of the art of persuasive advocacy. It has been part of the process of training lawyers for centuries and plays a significant role in legal education. Opportunities to gain experience in persuasive advocacy are difficult to come by for Law students. The Amity National Moot Court Competition provides Law students a valuable opportunity to hone both their written and oral advocacy skills in this competitive field.

There is a proverb that practice makes a man perfect. At Law school, the closest experience that a law student can get to appearing in a court is mooting. The students are given a hypothetical case in their hands and they research, frame arguments, prepare briefs (popularly called memorials) and appear before Judges to argue the case. Mooting is the better way to learn the Law than to read, interpret, comprehend, and understand research, frame arguments, and write. Mooting delivers a holistic approach to learning the Law. It trains a student on how to find the relevant law develops abstract thinking and facilitates in understanding the latest legal updates. Mooting 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 two National Moot Court Competitions, Amity Law School, Gurgaon, organized its 3rdAmity National Moot Court Competition, from 9-11thMarch, 2018, in association with Knowledge and Research Partners SCC Online® and National Commission for Women, Food Partner Mother Dairy and Media Partner Legal Bites. The Moot Problem of this year's competition dealt with issues like marital rape, abortion laws and child marriage. This competition was yet another milestone in the stride towards academic and professional excellence of Amity Law

School, Gurgaon. Following the active participation of 38 teams in the last competition, this year saw the participation of 40 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
9th March, 2018	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast
9th March, 2018	11:00 AM – 12:01 AM	Formal Registration
9th March, 2018	12:01 AM - 02:00 PM	Inaugural Function
9th March, 2018	02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Lunch
9th March, 2018	03:30 PM – 04:00 PM	Kits Distribution
9th March, 2018	03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	SCC Briefing
9th March, 2018	04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Researcher Test
9th March, 2018	05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Memorial Exchange
9th March, 2018	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Dinner
10th March,2018	08:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Breakfast
10th March,2018	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	1 st Preliminary Round
10th March,2018	12:00 NOON - 01:00 PM	Lunch
10th March,2018	01:30 PM - 03:00 PM	2 nd Preliminary Round
10th March,2018	03:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Address by Ms. Nupur Sharma and Results declaration
10th March,2018	05:30 PM – 07:00 PM	Quarter Final Rounds
10th March,2018	07:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Gala Night
10th March,2018	09:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Declaration of results & Draw of Lots
10th March,2018	10:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Dinner
11th March,2018	08:30 AM - 09:30 AM	Breakfast
11th March,2018	09:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Semi Final Round
11th March,2018	11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON	Declaration of Result& Draw of lots
11th March,2018	12:00 NOON - 02:00 PM	Lunch
11th March,2018	02:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Final Round
11th March,2018	04:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Valedictory Function& Prize Distribution
11th March,2018	08:00 PM - 10:30 PM	DJ Night
11th March,2018	10:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Dinner

Inauguration of the 3rd Amity National Moot Court Competition by Shri Ram Jethmalani on 9th March 2018



The 3rd 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. Padma Shri T.K. Viswanathan, Ms. Sushma Sahu, Member, National Commission for Women, Ms. Ruby Yadav, Mrs. Universe 2015, Member Executive Committee- Delhi State BJP, 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 being part of moot competitions reminds him of his younger days. Shri Jethmalani on the issues involved in the Moot Court Competition said that it was the need of the hour for the youth to be involved in issues related to women's rights. He was of the view that a Lawyer should fear none.

Padma Shri T.K. Viswanathan in his address quoted that, "the Pedagogy is changing. Internet is changing everything. There is a lot of information available around you but along with it, comes the responsibility to protect it from theft." He praised Amity Law School for organizing such a competitive event that helps garnering the budding lawyers into hotshot advocates.





Ms. Ruby Yadav had a loud and clear message to women that, “Raise your voice against domestic violence. Women are 50 % of the society so don’t tolerate the wrongs done to you. Rather be an inspiration and contribute to the welfare of society as much as you can.”

Ms. Sushma Sahu shared real life and firsthand experiences with the gathering. She gave factual data of cases of marital rape and domestic violence in recent years, which she felt were not a good sign for a developing country like India. Ms. Sahu also emphasized on changing Laws for benefit of men in society who are facing harassment due to false cases been registered in their names. She applauded the initiative of ALS for taking such a critical issue for discussion among the youth.



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.” Prof. Sharma emphasized the need for raising our voices against gender bias and encouraged the Law students to create awareness with respect to women’s rights amongst the youth.

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.



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.



10th March 2018

Beginning of the Competition and Address by Ms. Nupur Sharma, Advocate and BJP Spokesperson

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.

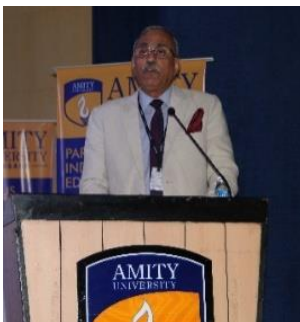
Address by Ms. Nupur Sharma, Advocate and BJP Spokesperson



The day was then graced by the presence of Ms. Nupur Sharma, Advocate and BJP Spokesperson, Maj. Gen. G.S. Bal (Retd.), Dean of Student's Welfare was also present on the occasion. Ms. Nupur addressed the students and felicitated the Judges of the Preliminary Rounds.

In her address, she encouraged the students to participate in Moot Court Competitions, as such competitions develop their skills as Lawyers. On the Moot Problem, Ms. Nupur was loud and clear on women empowerment. She opined that there should be a swift upliftment in abortion laws and that it is the prime time to amend the laws relating to child marriage and that of marital rape.

Felicitation of 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

Ms. Nupur Sharma's address was followed by the Quarter Final Rounds where the under mentioned teams contested for moving up in the competition:

1. School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore
2. ILS Law College, Pune
3. Government Law College, Mumbai
4. School of Law, Sastra University, Tamil Nadu
5. CMR School of Legal Studies, Bengaluru
6. School of Excellence in Law, Tamil Nadu
7. CNLU, Patna
8. VIPS, Delhi



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. Government Law College, Mumbai
2. ILS Law College, Pune
3. School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore
4. School of Law, Sastra University, Tamil Nadu

11th March 2018

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 were presided over by:

- a. Mr. Qayam-u-din, Advocate Delhi High Court
- b. Mr. Atul Sud, Director Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Perfetti Van Melle India Pvt. Ltd.
- c. Ms. Shivani Luthra Lohiya, Advocate
- d. Ms. Parvinder, Advocate Delhi High Court

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 ILS, Pune and School of law, Christ University, Bangalore were successful in advancing to the Finals of the Competition.



Final of the 3rd Amity National Moot Court Competition

The Final Round was judged by a Bench of five Judges that comprised of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Mr. Anand Grover, Dr. Mukulita Vijayavarghiya , Ms. Geeta Luthra and Ms. Bindu K. Nair. A brief profile of these distinguished Judges is as follows:



Hon'ble Justice Swatanter Kumar is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India. He was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal on December 20, 2012 while he was a sitting judge of the Supreme Court, with a vision to build a Green Court of India that would pave the way for a global environmental justice system. Presently the Lordship undertakes important matters of Arbitration.

Mr. Anand Grover is a Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and is a Co-Founder of the Lawyers Collective (India) where he is Director of the HIV/AIDS Unit. He was UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health during 2008-2014. Mr. Grover uses litigation and advocacy to promote human rights related to HIV/AIDS, LGBT persons, access to medicines, sex workers, and drug users, right to privacy etc.





Dr. Mukulita Vijayawargiya, an eminent lawyer, academician and an excellent administrator has been holding Class I Post in the legal field at the Central & State Government Service for more than 30 years. Dr. Vijayawargiya practised as an Advocate at Indore from 1979-1985 and is now a lawyer in Supreme Court of India.

Ms. Bindu K. Nair Bindu K Nair is a graduate of Government Law College, Ernakulam, Kerala, India and a Post Graduate in ADR and IPR of Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, U.S.A. She has 24 years standing as Attorney and is currently practicing in Delhi, in the Supreme Court of India



Ms. Geeta Luthra is a designated Senior Advocate, in the Supreme Court of India. Ms. Luthra is Vice President of the Indian Council of Arbitration, Member LAWASIA (The Law Association for Asia and the Pacific) and International Association of Family Lawyers. She has appeared as a counsel in several landmark cases, and has expertise in myriad facets of Law, including Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Arbitration Law, Human Rights.



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 Hon'ble Justice Swatanter Kumar** **Former Judge, Supreme Court of India**



The Chief Guest of the Valedictory Ceremony of the 3rd Amity National Moot Court Competition was Hon'ble Justice Mr Justice Swatanter Kumar, former Judge of Supreme Court of India. Ms. Mukulita Vijayavarghiya, Ms. Geeta Luthra and Smt. Bindu K. Nair, a Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India also graced the occasion. The dignitaries on dais also included 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.



Hon'ble Justice Swatanter Kumar presented his views on the advantage to be a law student of this era. He quoted that “Nowadays you have events like this in which you can see the reality of interactions in courtroom itself while studying in law school. If this was in our time, the judiciary might be at a different level.

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



The Winning Trophy was lifted by the star team of the event **School of Law, Christ University**.

ILS, Pune, had to be content with the Runner's Up Trophy



Best Researcher, Nakul Mehta, Law College, Dehradun.

Best Mooter, Tanya Chib, GLC, Mumbai





Best Memorial, Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

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





The 3rd 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 event. The students



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