

## **A REPORT ON JIS UNIVERSITY'S FIRST NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2019**

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**The entire event of Moot Court Competition in JISU could take place only through the vision of the Hon'ble Chancellor Sir and assistance and support of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir, Hon'ble Dean Sir.**

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In the academic year JIS University hosted the very first National Moot Court Competition on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

The convener and the joint convener of the organisation; Dhriti Chakraborty and Palak Malhotra respectively, led the whole event supported by the other fellow members of the organizing team. The event started at sharp 10:00 am.





The competition was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir of JIS University, Prof. (Dr.) Bimal Chandra Mal, Pro Vice Chancellor, Sir Prof Asitbaran Bhattacharya, the Dean Sir of the University, Prof TK Chatterji and Head of the Department, Law, Dr Souvik Chatterji, followed by gifting school kits and health drinks to some slum childrens. The competition further proceeded with the V.C and the H.O.D of the Law department of the University; Prof. (Dr.) Souvik Chatterji enlightening the students with their valuable speeches and welcoming the participating teams followed by felicitating our guests and the Judges invited for judging the moot court competition. The judges for the competition were:

1. Justice Shri Kumar Goswami, (Judge, Special Court, Alipore Sessions Court)
2. Mr Surja Baladhikari (Assistant Professor, WB National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata)
3. Mr Arindom Saha (Assistant Professor, Amity University, Noida)
4. Mr Subhajit Chakraborty (Assistant Professor, Adamas University)
5. Prof.(Dr.) Souvik Chatterji (HOD, Associate Professor, JISU)

6. Mr Ranadip Bhattacharya (Assistant Professor, JISU)
7. Mrs Sabarnee Chatterjee (Lawyer, High Court Kolkata, DVC Bench)







All the Judges had prior experience in participating or judging moot court competitions. We express our heartfelt gratitude towards all those who took their time out on their working days in order to judge the rounds.

The event was anchored by Dhriti Chakraborty. A number 12 teams with a total of 35 members from all over India were selected and were invited to participate in the Moot Competition. Each team consisted of 3 members, 2 speakers and 1 researcher. The moot problems for every rounds were drafted by Dhriti Chakraborty. The participating colleges and the members were:

1. Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College : a) Shreyasi Chakraborty  
b) Pragya Sutradhar  
c) Souhardya Biswas
2. South Calcutta Law College : a) Manisha Gupta  
b) Sohini Mukherjee  
c) Prateek Tanmay
3. South Calcutta Law College : a) Raj Kumar Singh  
b) Shivani Tejaswi  
c) Priyanshu
4. Hazra Law College : a) Aniket Pandey  
b) Mayank Barman

- c) Survajoy Ghosh
5. Hazra Law College : a) Arkadip Sarkar  
b) Saptak Naskar  
c) Arjun Dasgupta
6. JIS University : a) Vishnurath Varma  
b) Bedabrata Roy
7. Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College : a) Rama Ragini  
b) Aakriti Singh  
c) Rishabh Ahmed Khan
8. NLU Assam : a) Sagnika Banerjee  
b) Gargi Dhang  
c) Sreshtha Banerjee
9. Kingston Law College : a) Sherry C. George  
b) Tanya Adhikari  
c) Kaustav Chandra
10. Adamas University : a) Rajrupa Basu  
b) Ritu Basu  
c) Saheli Biswas
11. Amity University : a) Shirsho Ghosh  
b) Preksha Manot  
c) Piyush Jain
12. Mies R.M. Law College : a) Syed Mossammed Nisar  
b) Vidhi Sharma  
c) Surabhi Durga

After the lots being picked which determined the party i.e; either the Petitioners or the Respondents for which the team would argue, each team submitted their respective 'memorials' as they are called in mootng parlance. All the teams were assisted with their personal assistants which were provided to them from our University. The list of the volunteers which were accompanying the teams and the observers were :

1. Shivadrija Maiti
2. Ishita Patra

3. Ahana Basu
4. Anjali Tiwary
5. Upasana Sengupta
6. Neha Singh
7. Sushreya Dutt
8. Sounak Barik
9. Shikha
10. Palak Malhotra
11. Purbasha Ghosh
12. Dhatri Ghosh
13. Nasrin Parvin

Other volunteers for the food, drinking water, moot kit providing department and others were the following:

1. Baby Sarkar
2. Joyasri Roy
3. Shovana Koley
4. Akash Takukdar
5. Saba Khan
6. Baisakhi Chakraborty
7. Srijit Chatterjee
8. Suranjit Das

The volunteers were very enthusiastic and hard-working also they were very understanding and friendly with their allotted team members as said by the participants themselves. It was really nice to see them bonding with each other at such a short period of time. The volunteers were meant to assist their respective teams throughout the day and they did that very well.



By 11:00 am, the first round i.e; the preliminary round was conducted. The problem for the preliminary round and semi final round were the same which was the INDIAN YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION & ORS. Petitioner(s) V. THE STATE OF KERALA & ORS. Respondent(s). Each team had 30 minutes each to present their arguments and for rebutting. For this round, six rooms were arranged and in each court room two teams were allotted for

competing with each other. Each room had one Judge for judging the performances of teams in this round and marking them on that basis. Also, along with the Judge, one Court Master were also present in each class. They were responsible for maintaining the time for judgements as well as for rebutting. They had to be present in the court room beforehand with the memorials of both the teams and preparing the room for the proceedings. Following were the Court Masters selected:

1. Disha Roy
2. Anideep Seth
3. Sonal Agarwal
4. Aniket Sreemany
5. Trishani Naha
6. Harpreet Kaur
7. Gargi Mukhopadhyay
8. Debyeet Mukherjee

The Court Masters were very responsible and true to their work. They had the work to ensure no mischiefs being practised during the proceedings and prohibiting the use of cell phones by any of the team members as well as the observers. They even had the work to collect the mark sheet which was provided to the Judges after being marked and submitting them to the convener for its tabulation along with the memorials for its checking and evaluation. The memorials were closely examined for selecting the best memorial which was done by our professors. The selectors were:

1. Mrs Moumala Bhattacharjee Roychowdhury
2. Mrs Sabarnee Chatterjee
3. Mr Soumadip Kundu
4. Mr Ranadip Bhattacharya



After the first round was over, a break of one hour was provided for having the lunch. The lunch was organised by our University for all the participants, observers, Judges and everyone who were the part of this event. The results were announced in between this span of time. Only four teams were supposed to be qualified among 12 for the semi finals. As a rule, only four teams who secured the highest marks were selected. After calculating the total, the following four teams qualified for semi-final round :

1. NLU Assam - 46 Points
2. Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College - 45 Points
3. Amity University - 43 Points
4. Adamas University - 42 Points

These were the teams who were the maximum scorers and qualifiers for semi finals and it took place between :

1. Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College & Amity University
2. NLU Assam & Adamas University

The semi finals took place at approx. 2:00 pm and was being observed by many participants who didn't qualified for the round. The time allotments and the rules were the same as the first round. This round was very challenging as it was the path to the finales and tackling the questions of the Judges and clearing their doubts weren't that easy. But it was worth watching.

After calculating the totals of the semi-finals, the two teams who performed excellent in securing their positions in the finals were:

1. NLU Assam
2. Amity University

The finale rounds had a new moot problem concerning the International Criminal Court. The Judges for this round were :

1. Justice Shri Kumar Goswami (Judge, Special Court, Alipore Sessions Court)
2. Prof.(Dr.) Souvik Chatterjee (HOD, Law, Associate Professor, JISU)
3. Mr Arindom Saha (Assistant Professor, Amity University, Noida)

Each team were granted 40 minutes which included the rebutting time as well. After a lengthy argument, the teams were marked by each Judges.





The following are the results of the competition:

1. Best Speaker : Preksha Manot
2. Best Researcher : Prateek Tanmay
3. Best Memorial : NLU Assam
4. Second Runner up : Adamas University
5. First Runner up : NLU Assam
6. Winner : Amity University

Immediately after the completion of the final round we started valedictory function at near about 5:30 pm. The function was presided over by Justice Shri Kumar Goswami, Dr. Souvik Chatterji and Mr Arindom Saha. The announcement and list of prizes was done by Dhriti Chakraborty and the handling of the certificates, trophies, medals were done by our Judges. The winning team were awarded Rs 6000 along with medals for each member and the trophy. The first runners up were awarded Rs 4000 with the medals for each team member.





Other than them, all the other participants and observers were given certificates for being a part of this moot court competition.

As a whole, the competition proved to be a great success. The entire Law department of JIS University worked hand in hand to turn this event into a memorable one. Each helping hand is responsible for making it a grand success at the first time and we wish and hope to hold many others competitions in the upcoming years and grow ourselves in this field very soon. We'll be very pleased to host all the teams who had participated or who wanted to participate in this competition again.

We wish the above mentioned students who have participated, all the very best for their future mooting endeavours and hope that they continue the tradition of bringing accolades to the college in the sphere of moot court activities

There has been reporting of successful Moot Court Competition hosted by JISU Department of Juridical Sciences in Sanmarg Newspaper.

There has been huge publicity of JIS University as elite universities around India came to know that JISU can host National Moot Court Competitions of the magnitude of any other competitions in any part of India.