

PRESS REPORT

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law has always envisioned serving the society through reforms in legal services by way of preparing professionally competent lawyers. Mooting being an integral part of a law student's life finds a regular mention at RGNUL. To further the mooting culture at a national level, the University organized the 11th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2023.

In this 11th edition Though a total of 40 team registered for the moot but owing to the limited slots and the rules in place we could only allow 30 teams and even during these tough times the zeal and the interest of young mooters prompted us to conduct the moot from 7th, 20th and 21st April 2023.

The 11th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2023 has been conducted under the guidance of our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Prof. (Dr.) Sharanjit, Faculty Coordinator of CASCL and the Faculty Coordinator of the Moot Court Committee, Dr. Geetika Walia, Associate Professor of Law at RGNUL. This edition of the Competition sought to test the oratory and research skills of the participating teams.

The draw of lots and exchange of memorials for the preliminary rounds was conducted on April 6.

On April 7, the teams participated in two intellectually demanding and gruelling preliminary rounds which were adjudged by an eminent panel of academicians & practising advocates. The Preliminary Rounds were followed by the Quarter-Final Rounds which were organized in the afternoon of April 20, wherein the top 8 teams which qualified were adjudged by a highly specialised panel of academicians and lawyers.

The teams that qualified for Quarter Final Rounds were:

TC 16 Army Institute of Law, Mohali

TC 12 Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida

TC 09	Indian Law Society, Pune
TC 02	National Law University, Odisha
TC 24	Law Centre - 2, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi
TC 13	Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur
TC 01	Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat
TC 21	Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi

These rounds were then followed by the Semi-finals wherein the top 4 teams qualified. The quarter final and semi-final rounds were knock out rounds where the teams pushed hard for a straight win against their opponents.

The top 4 teams which advanced to the semi-finals after an interesting round of quarter finals were:

TC 16	Army Institute of Law, Mohali
TC 09	Indian Law Society, Pune
TC 01	Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat
TC 21	Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi

The rounds were adjudged by three judge benches each consisting of our Alumini, senior professors and practicing lawyers. The teams were thoroughly tested on their knowledge of law and facts. The two teams which sustained the thrilling semi-finals were:

TC 16	Army Institute of Law, Mohali	
TC 21	Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi	

The Riveting final rounds were organised on April 21 and were presided over by a three Judge Bench consisting of:

Guest of Honour, Prof. Dr. Gurpal Singh, Prof. of law, Punjabi University

Guest of Honour, Prof. Dr. GIS Sandhu, Former Registrar, RGNUL

Chief Guest, Hon'ble (Mr.) Justice Darshan Singh, Former Judge, Punjab And Haryana High Court

The winners of the competition were TC 21 Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi. They were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 30,000.

The Runners up were TC 16 Army Institute of Law, Mohali. They were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 20,000.

Best Speaker is awarded to Ms. Samika Verma from TC 16, AIL Mohali and she was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 8,000.

The best Memorial went to TC 13, HNLU Raipur and they were given cash prize of Rs. 8,000.

Best Witness is awarded to Shashank Tripathi from RGNUL Punjab he was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 8,000