



## **12<sup>th</sup> RGNUL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024**

4th April - 6th April 2024

### **MOOT REPORT**

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, aims to reform legal services by preparing competent lawyers, aligning with its motto, 'knowledge empowers'. The university has achieved notable successes in mooting, including reaching the Round of 32 in the Jessup International Moot, winning the Leiden-Sarin International Air Space Law Moot, qualifying for the Asia Cup Moot, and being runners-up at the NLU, Jodhpur Anti-Trust Moot.

Mooting is integral to a law student's life at RGNUL. To enhance this culture, the university organized the 12th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition 2024 under the guidance of its Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr.) Jai S. Singh, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar, and Faculty Coordinator Prof. (Dr.) Geetika Walia.

Forty-four institutions from across India participated in the three-day competition from April 4th to 6th, 2024. It aimed to test teams' oratory, research, and collective skills. The proposition blended constitutional and criminal law, challenging the constitutionality and admissibility of evidence collected through test identification parade for identifying the accused by voice and touch, raising questions on fundamental rights violations.

Teams faced two intellectually demanding preliminary rounds on April 5th, judged by a panel of academicians and practicing advocates who are also alumni. The top eight teams proceeded to the Quarter-Final Rounds, adjudicated by a specialized panel of academicians and lawyers. 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:

1. TC 34 – School of Law, Christ University

2. TC 22 – NMIMS, Indore
3. TC 35 – SLS, Pune
4. TC 27 – UIIS, Punjab

The rounds were adjudged by three judge benches each consisting of our alumni, 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:

1. TC 34- School of Law, Christ University
2. TC 35- SLS, Pune

The Final Rounds of the competition were adjudged by the following eminent judges:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Thirairaja, Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Raj Shekhar Attri, President, State Dispute Redressal Commission
3. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, DNLU, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

The following were the individual and team award winners in the competition:

1. Winners- School of Law, Christ University
2. Runners up- SLS, Pune
3. Best Speaker- Suddiksha Agrawal; Chanakya National Law University, Patna
4. Best Memorial- Army Institute of Law, Mohali