



## 9<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2021

19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH- 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2021

### MOOT REPORT

**Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab** has always envisioned serving the society through reforms in legal services by way of preparing professionally competent lawyers. The current moot was a complete reflection of the motto of our University which is 'knowledge empowers'.

**Mooting**, is always an integral part of a law student's life and, thus, finds a regular mention at RGNUL. To further the mooting culture of our University and to provide the participants with a platform to showcase their advocacy, the University organized the 9<sup>th</sup> RGNUL National Moot Court Competition 2021. The Competition was initially scheduled in the month of March last year, however, due to the unfortunate global pandemic the event got postponed. It can be concluded with no shade of doubt that it was only the enthusiasm, hard work and perseverance of the young participants which motivated us to conduct the delayed moot now i.e., in March 2021.

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the competition has been conducted under the able guidance of our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr.) Anand Pawar, our Hon'ble Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, and the Faculty Coordinator of the Moot Court Committee, Dr. Geetika Walia. The competition sought to test not only the oratory and research skills of the participating teams but also their collective strengths. We also extend our heartiest gratitude to Dr. Shiva Satish Sharda, Asst. Professor of Law, RGNUL for drafting the moot proposition.

The Moot Court Competition initially witnessed participation from more than 40 teams across the nation, however this number was reduced to 18 due to the pandemic. The Competition was spread over three days, i.e. from 19<sup>th</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

On the first day, the teams participated in two intellectually demanding and gruelling preliminary rounds which were assessed by an eminent panel of academicians & practising advocates.

The Preliminary Rounds were followed by the Quarter Final Round which included the top 8 teams of the Preliminary rounds. The quarter final round was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> March and was adjudged by a highly acclaimed panel of academicians and lawyers.

The top 4 teams which advanced to the semi-final round after the exhilarating quarter final round were:

1. Symbiosis Law School, Noida
2. Jindal Global Law School
3. Symbiosis Law School, Pune
4. Amity Law School, Madhya Pradesh

The semi-final round was conducted on the same day as the Quarter Final round and was adjudged by three judge bench each consisting of senior professors and practicing lawyers. The teams were thoroughly assessed on their knowledge of law, facts and well-rounded argumentation. The two teams which successfully emerged victorious were:

1. Symbiosis Law School, Pune
2. Amity Law School, Madhya Pradesh

The riveting final round was presided over by a three Judge Bench consisting of:

1. Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director, Gujrat National Law University
2. Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja, Professor, Delhi University.
3. Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Singh, Dean, UPES, Dheradun

The Winners of the competition were:

1. Winners: Symbiosis Law School, Pune (Vaishnavi Venkatesan, Winona D'Souza, Vanshika Poddar)
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Runners Up : Amity Law School, Madhya Pradesh, Malika Jain, Rakshika Aphale, Mohitesh Santosh
3. Best Speaker: Winona D'Souza, Symbiosis Law School, Pune
4. Best Memorial: Purushartha Singh, Shrestha Roy, Ashutosh Pareek, National Law University, Odisha

