



**THE TWELFTH M.M. SINGHVI MEMORIAL
BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA
INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2009**



The Moot Court Committee of the National Law University under the able guidance of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. N. Mathur**, Vice Chancellor, National Law University hosted the 12th edition of M.M. Singhvi Memorial Moot Court Competition; which has taken further the trend established by the previous editions of the competition and dealt with current issues in International Law, especially that concerning India. The National Law University has been hosting this competition for seven years now and the conducting of the competition has become a part of the culture of National law University. The Moot Court Committee at the National Law University spared no effort in taking care of the guests and participants throughout the event upholding the spirit of the M.M. Singhvi Memorial Moot which attracts one the highest participation in the country.

The Committee took the decision to not have the host institution field a competing team to ensure transparency and fair play in the event.

Following is a digest of the teams and how the competition unfolded along with the eventual winners:

FOREIGN TEAMS

1. UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES
2. PAKISTAN COLLEGE OF LAW, LAHORE
3. KATHMANDU SCHOOL OF LAW, KATHMANDU

NATIONAL TEAMS

4. AMU, ALIGARH
5. BARKATULLAH UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL
6. BILS, BANGALORE
7. CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

8. D.Y. PATIL LAW COLLEGE
9. DEPARTMENT OF LAW, DR. HARISINGH GOUR VISHWAVIDYALA, MADHYA PRADESH
10. DR. AMBEDKAR GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, CHENNAI
11. DR. AMBEDKAR LAW COLLEGE, TIRUPATI
12. DR. AMBEDKAR, DEEKSHABHOOMI, NAGPUR
13. GGSIP UNIVERSITY
14. GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, CHURU, RAJASTHAN
15. GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, MUMBAI
16. GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
17. H.P.U. SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES
18. ILS LAW COLLEGE, PUNE
19. INSTITUTE OF LAW, KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY
20. INSTITUTE OF LAW, NIRMA UNIVERSITY
21. KGA LAW COLLEGE
22. LAW CENTRE II - DELHI UNIVERSITY
23. LAW COLLEGE, BEED
24. LAW FACULTY, JNV, JODHPUR
25. M.S. RAMAIAH
26. NALSAR
27. NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL, DELHI
28. NLIU, BHOPAL
29. NLSIU, BANGALORE
30. NUALS, KOCHI
31. NUJS, KOLKATA
32. P.G. COLLEGE OF LAW, O. U., HYDERABAD
33. PENDEKANTI LAW COLLEGE, HYDERABAD
34. RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW (RGNUL)
35. RMLNLU, LUCKNOW
36. S.V.K.M COLLEGE OF LAW, MUMBAI
37. SCHOOL OF LAW, DAW, INDORE
38. SOUTH CALCUTTA LAW COLLEGE
39. SYMBIOSIS LAW COLLEGE, PUNE
40. UCL, DHARWAD
41. UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR

42. VIVEKANANDA LAW SCHOOL
43. AMITY LAW SCHOOL, DELHI
44. ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW, MOHALI
45. CLC, DELHI
46. CMR LAW SCHOOL, BANGALORE
47. DEPARTMENT OF LAW, NEHU, SHILLONG
48. GLC, AJMER
49. GLC, COIMBATORE
50. HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
51. ICFAI LAW SCHOOL, ICFAI UNIVERSITY, DEHRADUN
52. IDEAL INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL OF LAW
53. INDIAN LEGAL THOUGHT, KOTTAYAM, KERALA
54. INSTITUTE OF LAW, JIWAJI UNIVERSITY, GWALIOR
55. LLOYD LAW COLLEGE
56. MADHUSUDAN LAW COLLEGE, CUTTACK
57. MAHILA VIDHI MADAVIDYALAYA, JAI NARAYAN VYAS UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR
58. N.B. THAKUR LAW COLLEGE, PUNE
59. R.L. LAW COLLEGE, BELGAUM
60. RTMNU'S DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR COLLEGE OF LAW, NAGPUR
61. SCHOOL IN EXCELLENCE OF LAW, CHENNAI
62. SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST UNIVERSITY
63. UCL, OSMANIA UNIV

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The preliminary rounds started on 9 January, 2009, after the inaugural function for the Competition. The ceremony was attended by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Govind Mathur, Judge, Rajasthan High Court** as Chief Guest.

Following the inauguration, four Preliminary Rounds were held in eight Courtrooms, seating the International Court of Justice with each team appearing twice, once as Applicant and once as Respondent. The Preliminary Rounds were judged by practicing members of the local Bar at the High Court. The day lasted long with the last round concluding as late as 8 p.m. in the evening. Results of the preliminary rounds were announced during the course of dinner.

Sixteen teams progressed to the octa-final rounds of sixteen based on the total scores calculated after adding the total score of each speaker in each round along with the marks scored on each memorial.

OCTA-FINALS

The Octa-finals were conducted on 10 January, 2009 where the sixteen qualifying teams appeared once during the first half of the day to stake claim to the following round. The sixteen teams were divided into four court rooms and both the match ups in each room were judged by the same bench of senior members of the local Bar of the High Court. The top team from each Court room qualified further to the semi final rounds.

The Octa-finalists were:

1. BILS, BANGALORE
2. DR. AMBEDKAR LAW COLLEGE, TIRUPATI
3. GGSIP UNIVERSITY
4. GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, MUMBAI
5. GUJRAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
6. ILS LAW COLLEGE, PUNE
7. LAW CENTRE II, DELHI UNIVERSITY
8. M.S. RAMAIAH COLLEGE OF LAW
9. NALSAR
10. NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI
11. NLIU, BHOPAL
12. NLSIU, BANGALORE
13. NUALS, KOCHI
14. NUJS, KOLKATA
15. RMLNLU, LUCKNOW
16. SYMBIOSIS, PUNE

SEMI FINALS

The semi finals were conducted on 10 January, 2009 in the evening and both the semi finals were judged by highly established senior practitioners at the High Court.

The Semi-finalists were:

1. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA
2. NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI
3. BANGALORE INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES, BANGALORE
4. SYMBIOSIS SOCIETY'S LAW COLLEGE, PUNE

FINALS

The day of the finals saw the National Law University welcome to its premises, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir**, Judge, Supreme Court of India as Chief Guest to the valedictory ceremony, alongside **Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.C. Tatia**, Judge, High Court of Rajasthan as Special Guest. The ceremony was presided over by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Narayan Roy**, Chief Justice, High Court of Rajasthan and *ex officio* Chancellor of the National Law University. The Hon'ble judges also judged the finals as the International Court of Justice. The two top teams from the semi-finals viz NUJS, Kolkata and BILS, Bangalore were up against each other in the finals.

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

The valedictory ceremony was attended further by various dignitaries and special invitees of the M.M. Singhvi Memorial Trust. Alongside, the Hon'ble Chief Guest, Special Guest and President of the Valedictory ceremony, the dais was graced by the presence of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Singhvi**, Judge, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and managing trustee of the M.M. Singhvi Memorial Trust, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.N. Mathur**, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the National Law University, Jodhpur and **Shri J.R. Beniwal**, Vice President, the Bar Council of India Trust.

RESULTS

The results of this edition were as follows:

WINNER	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA
RUNNERS UP	BANGALORE INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES, BANGALORE
BEST STUDENT ADVOCATE	ANIMESH BISHT, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA
BEST MEMORIAL	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA
BEST RESEARCHER	POORVA GARG, GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, MUMBAI

CONCLUSION

The valedictory ceremony was followed by a sumptuous lunch at the grounds of the National Law University Academic Block. The competition received appreciation from the participants and judges alike in its standard of mooting as well as organization. A special mention of the members of the Moot Court Committee along with its co-opted volunteers is necessary to underscore their hard work and dedication which eventually led to the fruitful conclusion to the four day event.

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Chairman,
Moot Court Committee