



**3RD NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
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**THE
3RD NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

11th, 12th & 26th November 2022

Submitted By:
MOOT COURT SOCIETY

RELEASE OF MOOT PROPOSITION

The Moot Proposition of MAIMS 3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2022 was released on 4th September 2022 along with the official Brochure and detailed Rule Book on the website of the institute, social media platform of MAIMS Moot Court society as well as on the website of the Knowledge Partners.

ABOUT THE MOOT PROBLEM

The Moot proposition was based on Criminal Law. The prime issues raised in the problem are:

1. Whether the doctrine of reverse burden is constitutionally valid under the “SOC Act”?
2. Whether the accused Mr Bloom has a right to privacy and more specifically the right to be forgotten with respect to the Criminal Identification Act 2022?
3. Whether Mr. Sarvesh should be held guilty for a while of a violation of the Representation of People Act, 1951 for supporting the victim?
4. Whether the victim has a right to privacy? Whether the victim is entitled to compensation considering breach if admitted?

FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

To efficiently conduct the Competition the Moot Court Society as many as 5 Committee were constituted with students from 2nd to 4th year students. The Competition attracted the support of the entire Law Department from students to faculty members. The Student Coordinators of the Moot Court Society; Ms. Grishita Chopra and Mr. Prince Grover along with the Moot Court Society’s Core Committee comprising Ms Sonali Agrawal, Ms Sonika Singhla, Ms Simrit Chadha, Ms. Anshumita Taparia, Ms Ritika Bansal, Ms Soumya Tiwari, Ms Vinita Sejwal, Ms. Ifrah Parvez, Ms. Riya Bansal and Mr. Avinash Singh spearheaded the execution and planning of the Inaugural day event.

SENDING INVITES FOR PARTICIPATION

Participation was requested via online mode of posters and advertisements on the social media handles of the Moot Court Society of MAIMS.

PARTICIPATION DETAILS

A total of 49 teams took part in the competition with a total of 147 participants. The Competition attracted participants from over 13 States across India.

MODE OF COMPETITION

The Competition was held in a Hybrid Mode: Inaugural, Preliminary rounds and Quarter Final rounds were held in Online Mode and Semi Finals and Final round were in Offline Mode in Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies Campus.

DAY 1: INAUGURAL CEREMONY & DRAW OF LOTS

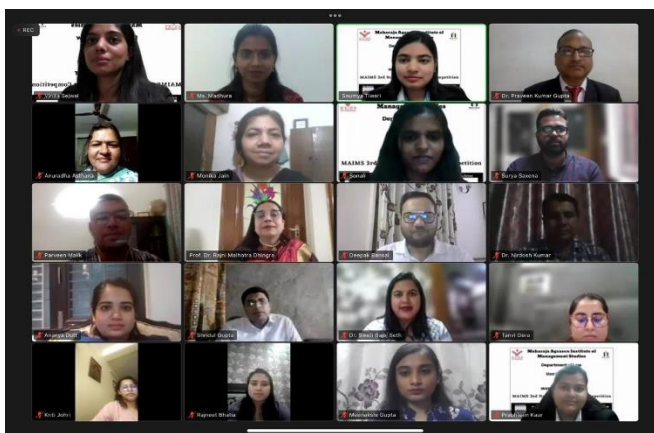
Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi organized its 3rd Edition of the National Moot Court Competition that was scheduled on 11th -12th November 2022 in Online Mode. Afterward Semi-finals and Finals were held in physical mode at Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies in Delhi.



The inaugural ceremony of the event was conducted virtually on 11th November, 2022. The event was graced by the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Priyank Konoongo, Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. It was a privilege to have Former Hon'ble Ms. Justice Asha Menon, Delhi High Court as the Guest of Honor. Dr. Nand Kishore Garg, Founder Chairman, MATES, Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Garg, Director General, MAIMS, Prof. (Dr.) Rajni Malhotra

Dhingra, Director, MAIMS, Prof. (Dr.) Praveen Kumar Gupta, HOD, Department of Law, MAIMS were also present to galvanize the contending members and students of Dept of Law, MAIMS. A total of 49 teams compete from different states of the country attended the inaugural ceremony.

While addressing, Dr. Nisha Dhanraj Dewani, Associate Professor, Department of Law MAIMS, apprised the audience about the 3-day mega event of 3rd NMCC in which she gave information about the Preliminary round, quarter final rounds, semi-finals and final round and the mode in which they will be conducted and shared the valuable information about conducting the moot court competition with us. Followed by Dr. Praveen Kumar Gupta, Head, Department of law raised the spirit of participants by encouraging them to participate in the Moot Court Competition with the spirit to give their best irrespective of the result of the competition and wished them the best for the competition.



While addressing, Prof. (Dr.) S K Garg, Director-General, MAIMS, presented the idea that the Moot Court competition should be analysed and judged by the students of final year as to understand through the eyes of Judges and to get a better understanding of the Competition. He also praised mooting activity for law students as he felt this promotes their interest in handling real-life litigation.

Our Guest of Honour, Former Hon'ble Ms. Justice Asha Menon threw light on the Importance of reading Full judgements as it reflects in a good way in the life of a law student. She also encouraged the students to take part in the Judgement reading Competition and also emphasized the importance of the Mooting.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Mr. Priyank Konoongo shared with the students that they are lucky to have the experience of mootng while in college. He said that this would help them in their law career. With this he wished everyone the best. He also asked the students to give back to society what they are getting today as Law Students. Dr. Nand Kishore Garg shared that Judges can serve **honest judgment but the lawyers have to modify themselves according to the needs of their clients** so it's a very tough path for lawyers in a society where crimes are increasing at a very rapid rate.

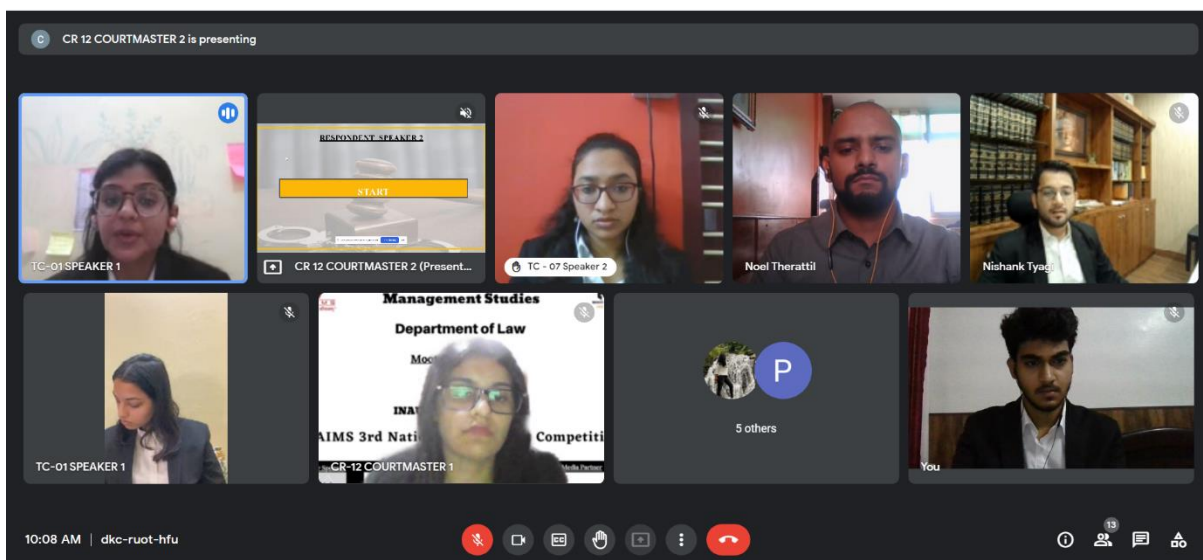
At last, Vote of Thanks was proposed by Prof. (Dr.) Rajni Malhotra Dhingra, Director, MAIMS after the inaugural event, the student coordinators conducted the Draw of Lots and the participating teams received the teams' matrix for the Preliminary rounds commenced on 12th November 2022.

DAY 2: PRELIMINARY AND QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

On 12th November 2022, the Preliminary round for the Competition was organised, followed by the Quarter-Final round which was held with great zeal, vehemence and credence. A total of 49 teams from lengths and breadths of the country, participated in the competition with enthusiasm and research. The day started with a Researcher's Test that took place early in the morning. A total of 57 judges ruled the proceedings in courts in good faith. The jury included prominent independent attorneys and partners from leading law firms. Later, Dr. Deepa Kaushik, faculty of law MAIMS announced the results where 8 teams qualified for the Quarter Final Rounds, according to the qualifying process specified in the competition rule book. A total of 8 major legal entities adjudicated in 4 courtrooms in Quarter-Finals. The aforementioned round was a knockout round, and the winning team of that round advanced to the semi-finals. The results for the Quarter Final Rounds were declared by Dr. Swati Bajaj Seth, faculty of law MAIMS.

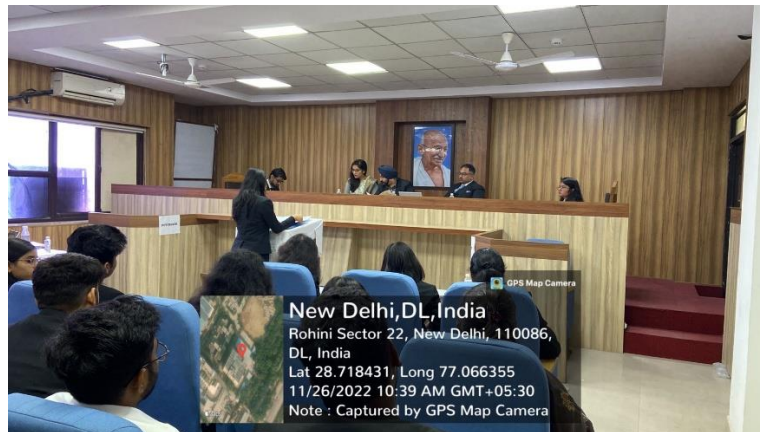
The following were the four teams that qualified for the semi-final round:

1. The University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, (TC-29)
2. Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru, (TC-15)
3. Symbiosis Law School, Noida, (TC-22)
4. School of Indian Legal Thought, Kerela. (TC-48)



**REPORT
OF THE
SEMI-FINAL ROUND**

The Semi-final round of the 3rd National Moot Court Competition, followed by the Final round of the event was conducted on November 26, 2022 with well-bifurcated time schedules, in offline mode. There were overall two court-rooms therein for the conduction of the event. A total of 4 teams were qualified from different parts of the country namely, The University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, (TC-29), Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru, (TC-15), Symbiosis Law School, Noida, (TC-22) School of Indian Legal Thought, Kerela (TC-48) were the qualifiers for the semi-final round. The moot court room 1 witnessed the proceeding of Group-A (SLS Noida v. UPES, Dehradun) chaired by Honourable Justices, Harshit Jain, Sakshi Kakkar, and Uday Bir Singh, while moot courtroom 2 had the case proceeding of Group- B (Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru, v. School of Indian Legal Thought, Kerela), chaired by the honourable bench of Justices, Dr. Anant Vijay Maria, Mr. Nishant Das and Dr. Shalini Tyagi.



Both the court-rooms commenced the proceedings with all due respect to the respective honourable lordships, irrespective of any substantial delay at 09:55 hours. The case proceeding was started with the Petitioners' side presenting their case in front of the honourable lordships along with the respondents' side, followed by their counter-arguments. Both the sides were provided with limited time frame under which they were supposed to explain the concerned issues of the case, followed by appropriate arguments in favour/against of the concerned case.

Highlights of the proceeding:

1. The counsel-1 from the petitioners' side was checked and corrected by the honourable bench regarding the issue of articles 29 and 30 of SOC Act.
2. The counsel- 2 from the petitioners' side was checked and corrected by the honourable bench regarding the issue of section 311 and 315 of the Criminal Procedure Code.
3. The counsel from the petitioners' side explained the respective stands by referring the case to K.S. Puttaswamy v. UOI, Article 42 of CrPC, Section 2 (b), 3, 4 and 5 of the Criminal Identification Act.
4. The honourable bench questioned the merit of irrational freebies and violation of RPI concerning holding elections in the Mr. Waterman v. Mr. Sarvesh case and Section 8 (a), 123, 123 (1) (a) of the People's Representation Act.
5. The honourable bench finally concluded the petitioners' side stating no merit for the *locus standi* for standing before the Supreme Court directly for PIL, as under Section 8 (a) of RPI, for issue 3 & 4.

At last, the moot court-rooms were successfully culminated with the permission of the honourable lordships, with both petitioners' and respondents' side presenting their issues and arguments. The event was concluded under the given time frame. The honourable judges thereby finalized the Semi-final round for both the groups of the court-rooms, by providing their valuable feedbacks and sound appreciation at 11:55 hours.

FINAL ROUND

On November 26, 2022, the third national moot court competition's final round was also held in offline mode with defined time schedules. Another occasion saw the eagerness and rivalry of the aspiring attorneys in the MAIMS moot courtroom. The honourable bench of Justices, Dr. N K Bahl, Dr. Upma Gautam, and Mr. A.K. Chaturvedi, presided over the finals, which were held between The Symbiosis Law School in Noida (TC-22) and the School of Indian Legal Thought in Kerela (TC-48).



Regardless of any significant delays, the courtroom opened the proceedings at 13:00 with all due respect to the various honourable lordships. The case proceeding began with the Petitioners' side and the Respondents' side each stating their case in front of the honourable lordships, followed by their counter-arguments.

Highlights of the proceeding:

1. The honourable bench checked and corrected counsel-1 for the petitioners on the matter of section 123(1)(a) of the Delhi Representation Act.
2. The honourable bench checked and corrected counsel-2 for the respondents on the issue of entitled to compensation based on right to privacy as per article 21 of the Indian Constitution.
3. In the case of Mr. Waterman v. Mr. Sarvesh and Sections 8(a), 123, and 123(1)(a) of the People's Representation Act, the honourable bench questioned the validity of irrational freebies and violations of RPI about holding elections.

Following that, the Sur Rebuttals were presented to the honourable bench in order to address the concerns raised by the counsel.

With the honourable lordships' approval, the mock courtrooms were successfully concluded, with the petitioners' and respondents' sides stating their points of contention. The event was over in the allotted amount of time. At 15:30, the distinguished judges concluded the Final round of the courtroom by offering their insightful comments and encouraging praise.

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY & CELEBRATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY (NOVEMBER 26, 2022)

After the 3rd Moot Court Competition's triumphant conclusion, all of the faculty and students gathered in the historic MAIMS auditorium with the honourable dignitaries for the event's valedictory ceremony. This was followed by a celebration of India's Constitution Day on November 26 in 2022. Honorable Mr. Justice Sachin Dutta was the Guest of Honor, and Honourable Mr. Justice Chandra Dhari Singh was the Chief Guest. Prof. Amanullah Mukhamedjanov from the Tashkent Law University, Prof. (Dr.) SK Garg from the Directorate General of MAIMS, Dr. Nandkishore Garg, Founder and Chief Advisor of MATES, Sh. Vineet Kumar Lohia from the Chairman of MATES, and Prof. (Dr.) Rajni M Dhingra, Director, MAIMS.



Then, our distinguished nobles began to spell their enlightened and far-off visions based on their extensive and countless years of expertise. First, Dr. SK Garg, Director General of MAIMS, shared knowledge.

The Preamble recitation ceremony of the Indian Constitution, which came after all of this, was the most important and inspirational event of the evening. We started with speeches from our dignitaries once more, but this time we gave Mr. Amanullah Mukhamedjanov, Tashkent Law University, Uzbekistan,

the chance to educate the audience by placing a special emphasis on Indo-Uzbek relations and the significance of law in the modern world. Justice Sachin Dutta, Delhi High Court, then discussed important guidelines for a better and enhanced manner of living as well as the implementation of the law in the current world, notably India. Another figure that was added to this list was Justice Chandra Dhari Singh, Delhi High Court, who commented on legal principles from his point of view as well as the significance of law and litigation in India. Dr. Nandkishore Garg, Founder and Chief Advisor, MATES also made connections between Indian history and the legal system, focusing on the importance of grassroots reformation in India, which would be useless without a just and honourable society.



The gathering then continued by concluding the Valedictory ceremony of the 3rd MAIMS National Moot Court Competition and declaring the names of the winners and runner-up of the same.

1. WINNER TEAM – (TC-22) SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NOIDA
2. RUNNER UP TEAM- (TC-48) SCHOOL OF INDIAN LEGAL THOUGHTS, BANGALORE
3. BEST MEMORIAL-(TC-03) LAW COLLEGE DEHRADUN, UTTARANCHAL UNIVERSITY
4. BEST SPEAKER-(TC-23) AMITY LAW SCHOOL, MUMBAI
5. BEST RESEARCHER-(TC-38) CHRIST UNIVERSITY, DELHI NCR

The event concluded with a graceful dance performance on beautiful composed patriotic songs and a group recitation of the National Anthem, successfully capping off the main event with the utmost clarity and fluency.