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MANUU Law School Successfully Organized Its 1st National Moot Court Competition

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) Law School has successfully hosted its inaugural National Moot Court Competition, marking a historic moment in the university's journey towards academic excellence in legal education. The competition, held on March 8 and 9, 2025, witnessed participation from 18 teams representing prestigious law schools across the country.

The competition followed a hybrid format, with the Preliminary and Quarterfinal Rounds conducted online (**8th and 9th March**) while the Semifinal and Final Rounds were held offline (**18th March**) at MANUU Law School, Hyderabad. This structure allowed wider participation while ensuring the highest level of advocacy and legal argumentation in the advanced rounds.

The Inaugural Session of the competition was held on March 8, 2025, from 9:00 AM onwards. Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmad Founding Dena & Head MANUU Law School and Chairman organizing Committee of the 1st MANUU National Moot Court Competition while delivering the welcome address shared his vision of the MANUU Law School and set the stage for a remarkable legal battle and emphasized the significance of mooting in legal education.

His Excellency Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Rtd.) Dr. Saleem Marsoof, Former Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, and President of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Fiji was the Chief guest of the inaugural function. He delivered an insightful speech and shared valuable experiences from his judicial career and emphasized the importance of legal research, critical thinking, and courtroom ethics.

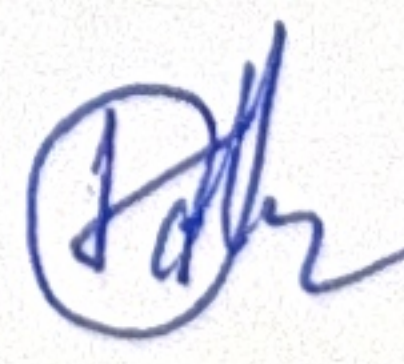
Adv. Badrinath Durvasula, Global Advisor – Legal & Secretarial, Bluestar India Ltd., while delivering his speech as a guest of honor encouraged students to develop their advocacy skills and highlighted the evolving role of lawyers in contemporary legal practice.

Their inspiring words set the tone for the competition, motivating participants to exhibit their best advocacy skills.

The Preliminary Rounds took place on March 8, 2025, in an online format, where teams presented their arguments before a panel of two judges. The judges included Assistant Professors from prestigious National Law Universities, Advocates practicing in various High Courts, and Advocates-on-Record (AOR) of the Supreme Court of India. After rigorous assessment, eight teams advanced to the Quarter Final Rounds, also conducted online on March 9, 2025. In this round, a panel of five distinguished judges—comprising legal scholars and experienced practitioners—evaluated the teams' performances with keen scrutiny.

Following intense competition, four teams qualified for the Semifinals, representing:

- Parul University, Gujarat
- Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai
- Ambedkar Law College, Chennai

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On 18th March, the Semifinal Rounds, held offline at MANUU Law School, Hyderabad, featured two simultaneous sessions judged by a distinguished panel, including:

- Adv. Nazir Ahmad Khan, Senior Advocate, Telangana High Court
- Adv. M.S. Farhan, Advocate, Telangana High Court
- Dr. Rosmy Joan, Associate Professor of Law, NALSAR, Hyderabad
- Adv. Talat Madiha, Advocate, Telangana High Court
- Mr. Mohammad Tabish, Assistant Professor, MANUU Law School
- Dr. Tausif Ur Rehman MD, Assistant Professor, MANUU Law School

After a rigorous battle of legal intellect, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, and Parul University, Gujarat, emerged as the finalists.

The Final Round took place on March 18th, 2025, in an intense courtroom setting at MANUU Law School. The two finalist teams argued before a panel of five eminent jurists:

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. Chelameswar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Adv. Badrinath Durvasula, Global Advisor - Legal & Secretarial, Blue Star India Ltd., Bombay
- Adv. B. Narasimha Sharma, Additional Solicitor General of India (Telangana)
- Adv. Gadi Praveen Kumar, Deputy Solicitor General of India (Telangana)
- Adv. Asadulla Pasha, Founder, Pasha & Co. Advocates

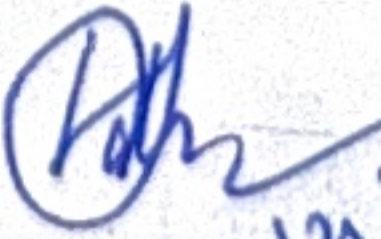
After a highly competitive final round, Parul University, Gujarat, was declared the winner of the First MANUU Law School National Moot Court Competition, securing the prestigious title in a landmark victory.

In addition to team performances, individual accolades were also awarded. The Best Speaker (Male) award was presented to Lakshav Singh Sambyal (Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi) while Tejasvini Pandya (Parul University, Gujarat) was awarded Best Speaker (Female) for their exemplary oral arguments and advocacy skills.

Additionally, Islamia College of Law won the prestigious Best Memorial Award, which was presented to Sneha Singh and Ayesha Begum for their outstanding legal drafting and research skills.

Following the final round, an award distribution ceremony was held to recognize the efforts of the participants.

The 1st National Moot Court Competition at MANUU Law School has set a new standard for legal advocacy at the university. By adopting a hybrid mode, the competition ensured wider participation in


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early rounds while upholding the prestige of in-person advocacy in advanced rounds. This format not only provided a platform for Law students to enhance their research and litigation skills but also enabled them to interact with esteemed members of the legal fraternity.

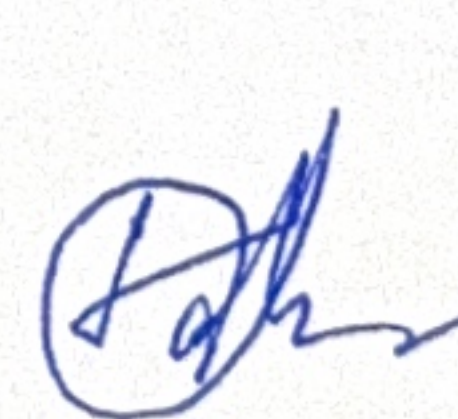
With the resounding success of this inaugural event, MANUU Law School aims to institutionalize the National Moot Court Competition as an annual tradition, fostering a culture of excellence, professionalism, and advocacy skills among law students across the country.

The Vote of Thank was delivered by Dr. Sudhanshu Chandra, Assistant Professor at MANUU Law School and Faculty Convener of the Moot Court Committee, who expressed gratitude to the judges, participants, and organizers for their contributions to the success of the competition.

His Excellency Hon'ble Mr. Justice J. Chelameswar the Former Judge Supreme Court of India addressed the participants, handed over the prizes to the winners and appreciate the efforts made by the MANUU Law School for building an excellent moot culture in the university.

The event was a grand success under the guidance and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmad, Dean and Head, MANUU Law School and Chairman of the Moot Court Committee, whose invaluable direction and expertise ensured the smooth execution of this prestigious National competition. His vision and commitment was instrumental in making this national-level competition a benchmark of excellence in legal education at MANUU.

Padma Shri Prof. Ainul Hasan the Vice Chacellor, MANUU and Prof. Faizan Mustafa Adjuct Professor MANUU Law School, recognised the great contribution and leadership of Prof Tabrez Ahmad and the efforts made by the entire Moot Court Committee including the faculty convener Dr. Sudhanshu Chandra, other faculty colleagues and the entire student organsing team including Mr. Saif Ali, Mr. Mujahid and Ms. Jaza Abbas for meticulously organizing the event and making it a grand success.

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