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Gandhinagar, February 13, 2019: The 11th edition of **GNLU International Moot Court Competition** kicked off today, with **56 teams, including 11 international teams**, competing for the foremost trade law moot in India which **simulates a WTO dispute redressal mechanism**. The moot problem this year was drafted by Mr Sagnik Sinha and deals with intriguing issues on **the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures**.

The competition is aimed at providing a platform to law students for polishing their understanding and practice of International Trade Law.

On the first day, after a brief orientation programme about the rules of the competition and the scoring pattern, the **Researchers' test** was conducted for the researchers of the teams present. The results of this test determine the recipients of the prizes for Best Researcher and Second Best Researcher.

Dr Girish R., Faculty Convener of the GIMC 2019 Organising Committee, welcomed the teams to the competition, assuring them of highly competitive rounds judged by persons specialised in trade law.

Dr Girish announced that the competition will culminate in **nine awards** – Winner (Team), Runner Up (Team), Best Orator (Finals), Best Orator (Prelims), Best Researcher, Best Written Submissions, Second Best Orator (Prelims), Second Best Researcher and Second Best Written Submissions.

Earlier, GNLU Director, Dr Bimal N. Patel, addressed the gathering about the relevance of the issues in the moot problem in global trade. He advised the participants “to think beyond law and develop an attitude of resolving disputes by way of legal ingenuity and innovation rather than restricting themselves to the law as it exists.”

Dr Patel made references to current global trade affairs to emphasise on the complexity of the issues gripping this field. In light of this, he spoke about the importance of presenting strong legal arguments to the panel.

The preliminary rounds will commence on Thursday, February 14, with the subsequent quarter-final and semi-final rounds being scheduled over the span of three days. The Competition will conclude with the Final Round between two teams on Sunday, February 17, judged by a panel of five eminent judges who are experts in trade law.



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