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International Moot Court Competition inaugurated at GNLU

Gandhinagar, February 12, 2020: The 12th edition of the GNLU International Moot Court Competition (GIMC) was inaugurated at Gujarat National Law University, today. GIMC is one of the most prestigious moots in the country and revolves around contemporary and contentious issues in **trade law**. This year's edition draws participation from 52 law schools including six teams from overseas law schools – one each from the United Kingdom, Australia, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by GNLU Director Prof. Dr S. Shanthakumar, Dr Jagadeesh Chandra T.G., Registrar, GNLU; Dr Girish R., Faculty Convener, GIMC 2020 Organising Committee; and Dr Mamata Biswal, Dean of Academic Affairs.

Prof. Dr Shanthakumar warmly welcomed all the participants to GNLU and observed that engaging in this competition provides an opportunity for students to develop and nurture a nuanced understanding of trade law.

Dr Girish R., the Faculty Convener of the GIMC 2020 Organising Committee then announced a slew of prizes for the Winning Team, Runners-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. Apart from the cash prizes, the winners will have other incentives in the form of internships at prestigious law firms, opportunities to participate in the Joint Academy on International Trade Law and Policy, 2020, and access to online resources. He also assured the teams of the most robust levels of competition and professionalism in the conduct of the rounds.

The Inaugural Ceremony was followed by an orientation programme where the participants were briefed by the Organising Committee about the rules of the competition and the scoring and evaluation parameters. After the session, the Researchers' test was conducted for the researchers of the teams present. The results of this test will ascertain the Best Researcher and Second Best Researcher positions.

The first day of GIMC 2020 ended with the Inaugural Dinner arranged for all the participants.

The preliminary rounds will commence on Thursday, February 13. Qualifying teams will then battle it out in the quarter-final and semi-final rounds which will unfold over the following days. The Competition will conclude with a Final Round on Sunday, February 16 judged by a panel of five eminent experts in trade law:

- Dr Werner Zdouc (Director, World Trade Organization (WTO) Appellate Body Secretariat),
- Dr James Nedumpara (Professor & Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade),
- Mr Shashank Kumar (Dispute Settlement Lawyer, WTO)
- Mr V. Lakshmikumaran (Managing Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan),
- Ms Anuradha R V (Partner, Clarus Law Associates)

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