

## **EVENT REPORT: FIRST NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION, 2021**

- SVKM'S NMIMS, School of Law, Navi Mumbai has successfully hosted its FIRST NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION, 2021. The event aimed at creating a platform of excellency through diverse opinions of brilliant minds sitting at home and willing to spread their word and bring the discussion of important topics pertaining to COVID-19 to the forefront. The pandemic has affected people from all levels of life, some people have lost their jobs, some have even lost their beloved family members. In these troubling times, it is important to engage in fruitful activities and one of the ways to do this would be to participate in online events.
- The theme of the competition was **“THE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES OF COVID-19”** which encompassed topics that brought the discussion of COVID-19 to the forefront thereby spreading awareness and is a perfect way of engaging into something fruitful by appropriately putting your wits to the test. We believe that a platform was created of knowledge, focusing on stimulating discourse in the socio-legal field while also offering a substantial contribution to the fields of legal, social, environmental, political, commercial, and worldwide concerns.
- The Topics of the Competition were:
  1. The Tragedy of Vaccine Nationalism: The Danger of Prolonged Pandemic.
  2. Suffering During the Lockdown: Domestic Violence and Women Safety.
  3. Response of International Human Rights to COVID-19 Pandemic.
  4. Impact of social media on Mental Health During Pandemic.
- An overwhelming registration of 62 teams was received from across the country. However, a total 36 teams made it to final submission of their essays. The event rolled out on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and the last date of submission was 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The results were declared on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

- The quality of research and smooth flow of thoughts of the participants created a tough competition. The best teams have won. However, we truly believe that each participant who showcased such great work is a winner.
  
- To fairly judge the competition, a panel of 5 judges was created. The following contributed to the success of this event by judging the competition at par with its true spirits:
  1. Dr. Ajay Sonawane, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Delhi University.
  2. Dr. Anita Yadav, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Delhi University.
  3. Prof. Anu Mishra, Assistant Professor, KPMSOL, NMIMS, Mumbai.
  4. Prof. Manisha Band, Assistant Professor, SOL, NMIMS, Navi Mumbai.
  5. Prof. Manasi Ahire, Assistant Professor, SOL, NMIMS, Navi Mumbai.
  
- The Winning Teams are as follows:
  1. **FIRST PRIZE:** ANSHUMAAN JAISWAL, First Year, B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), RMNLU Lucknow **WITH** ALAINA FATIMA, First Year, B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) RMNLU Lucknow. **(89/100)** awarded with the prize money of INR 7000 and an E-certificate of merit.
  2. **SECOND PRIZE:** BHARATEE PRIYA, Third Year, B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), Alliance University. **(88/100)** awarded with the prize money of INR 5000 and an E-certificate of merit.
  3. **THIRD PRIZE:** DHANASHREE BALASAHEB KOLTE, Second Year, B.A.LL.B., MNLU Mumbai **WITH** MADHURA DINESH DALVI, Second Year, B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), MNLU Mumbai. **(87/100)** awarded with the prize money of INR 3000 and an E-certificate of merit.
  4. **FOURTH PRIZE:** PRAVERTNA SULAKSHYA, First Year, B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), RGNLU Punjab. **(85/100)** awarded with the prize money of INR 1000 and an E-certificate of merit.
  5. **FIFTH PRIZE:** KHYATI JAIN, Fourth Year, B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), KPMSOL, NMIMS, Mumbai **WITH** SAKSHI RAJAWAT, Third Year, B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), HNLU Raipur. **(84/100) SHARED PRIZE:** TANISHA GANGWAL, Second Year, B.Com.LL.B., Institute of Law, Nirma University **WITH** Vaibhav Gupta,

Second Year, B.B.A.LL.B, HPNLU Shimla. **(84/100)** awarded with the prize money of INR 1000 and an E-certificate of merit.

- The winning teams have been happy to provide with their experience of the competition:

1. The experience was quite wholesome for me. It was the first National competition that I participated in as a first-year student. We started researching for our topic in May itself and it took us a little more than a month to complete the essay. We learnt a lot during the process and I'm glad our efforts paid off so well. The Moot Court Committee, NMIMS was really helpful throughout the course of this competition. I'd thank the organizers for providing us with an opportunity to showcase our work at this wonderful event.

-Alaina Fatima (Winner)

2. It was an amazing experience overall. The list of topics provided was interesting; we found "vaccine nationalism" most fitting for our essay. The research process, though time-taking, was fun and I did learn a lot while reading on the said topic. I'm elated that our hard work bore fruits. Members of the organizing committee were always up for clearing our doubts. I really want to thank the organizers for providing us with this opportunity.

-Anshumaan Jaiswal (Winner)

3. The first national essay writing competition was one among the best experiences during COVID times. Feeling low during the COVID times this competition had motivated us in doing things beneficial. Being into other competitions over time, I personally felt that the organizing team done a exemplary work in communicating and aiding the participants without a delay. They are amicable. I would like to appreciate the whole team and I am grateful for them in conducting such as beneficial event for every one of us. I am awaiting to work more with them in future. Congratulations and best wishes to The Moot-Court Committee, SVKM'S NMIMS School of Law.

-Bharatee Preeya A.K. (1<sup>st</sup> Runner up)

4. My experience about the competition to research, analyze and write about the carefully crafted topic, and condense a large thought process into a limited number

of words was definitely an enriching learning experience. I am extremely grateful to the NMIMS Panel for providing this opportunity and honoring 4<sup>th</sup> rank to my essay submission.

-Pravertna Sulakshya (3<sup>rd</sup> Runner up)

5. The manner in which the competition was conducted is commendable, not only the topics were pertinent, lucid and informative but very interesting as well. We thank the organizing team of the competition and the judges who adjudged the competition in a very time bound manner and were there to help when it was required.

-Sakshi Rajawat and Khyati Jain (4<sup>th</sup> Runner Up)

- The organizing team is the present Moot Court Committee of school of Law headed by Aditi Pareek (**President**), Muskaan Halani (**Vice President**) and Executive members namely: -
  1. Jahanvi Jain (Head of Marketing and advertising)
  2. Shruti Jain (Head of social media)
  3. Astitva Shrivastava and Aryanshu Gautam (Head of Sponsorship)
  4. Soumya Sharma (Head of workshops)
  5. Sakshi Kamulkar (Head of Documentation)