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**Modern Law College**  
Ganeshkhind, Pune

**16<sup>th</sup> Shankarrao Kanitkar National Moot Court Competition**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

**REPORT**

P.E.S. Modern Law College, Pune Shankarrao Kanitkar National Moot Court Competition is an annual moot competition conducted by the Progressive Education Society's Modern Law College, Ganeshkhind, Pune-16. This competition has been established in the name of our founder member of the society Late Shri. Shankarrao Kanitkar, a visionary in the field of education. This competition is intended to be a platform for law students studying all over the country. Here, these budding student advocates can match their advocacy skills with each other.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Shankarrao Kanitkar National Moot Competition was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022. The problem dealt with farm laws which the government introduced and passed but then later withdrawn because of pressure groups and protests. As the case had many debates and deliberations on this point, special attention was required; hence the moot court competition was organized on this point.



### **Moot problem-**

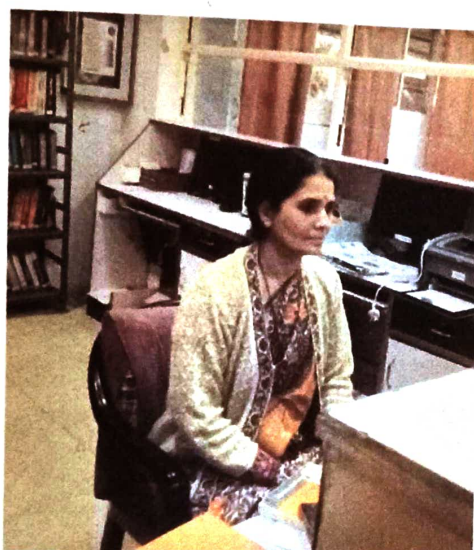
1. Hind Rashtra is a Democratic Republic country. Hind Rashtra has written Constitution identical to the Constitution of India 1950, having significant features like Social Justice, Federalism, Independent Judiciary, Separation of powers. The laws in Hind Rashtra are the same as in the Union of India. Hind Rashtra is a country with agriculture as the major occupation of its people. After independence in 1947, Hind Rashtra faced challenges in the agricultural sector.
2. In 1955 The Essential Commodities Act was passed to ensure corrupt traders would not hoard supplies from the consumer. The government took a view that structure of the agricultural sector was in need to reform, stating that there is need to undertake market reforms of decades-old and restricted Agriculture Produce and Marketing Committee (APMC) architecture.
3. The Government in 2020 introduced three bills and were passed in both the Houses of Parliament unceremoniously
  - a. Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act 2020
  - b. Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act 2020
  - c. Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act 2020
4. The Act garnered bitter opposition in the Parliament. Various farmer organisations have also been protesting the Act across the country. It was apprehended by the protestors that these laws would lead to privatization of the agriculture sector. Farmers of Hind Rashtra have been protesting against these three Farm Laws and these Laws are described as 'Anti-farm Laws' by many Farmer Unions and politicians from the opposition who say it would leave farmers at the mercy of Corporates. Farmers also demanded the creation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) Bill to ensure that corporates cannot control the prices.
5. One of the states of Hind Rashtra, named as Maha Rajya filed a petition under Article 131 challenging constitutionality of these Farm Laws. These laws are challenged on the ground of violation of the principle of federalism which is the basic structure of the Constitution of Hind Rashtra.



### **Inauguration function**

Dr. Sunita Adhav, Principal of Modern Law College inaugurated the function. She addressed the student about the competition and purpose behind such moot competitions. She motivated the students, guided the students on how to argue before the Court, how to develop skills as a lawyer. Prof. Akshay Ugale gave a briefing about the rules and regulations about the Moot Court Competition which was conducted online by using the zoom platform.

**Inauguration ceremony by Dr. Sunita Adhav, Principal, Modern Law College**

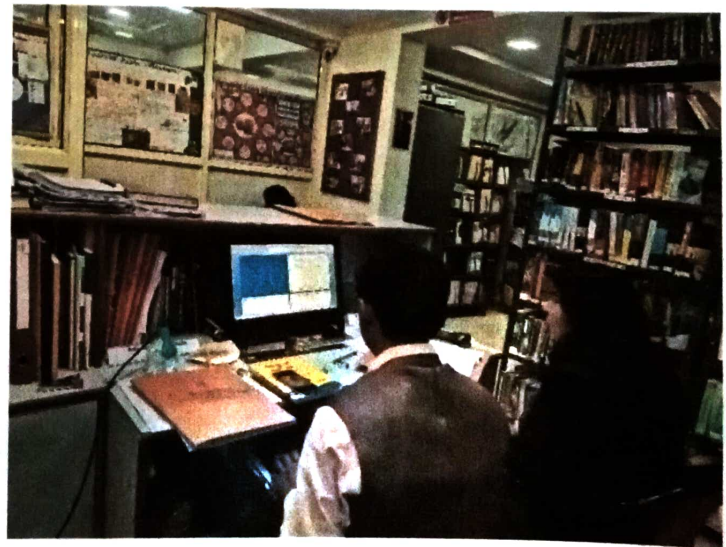
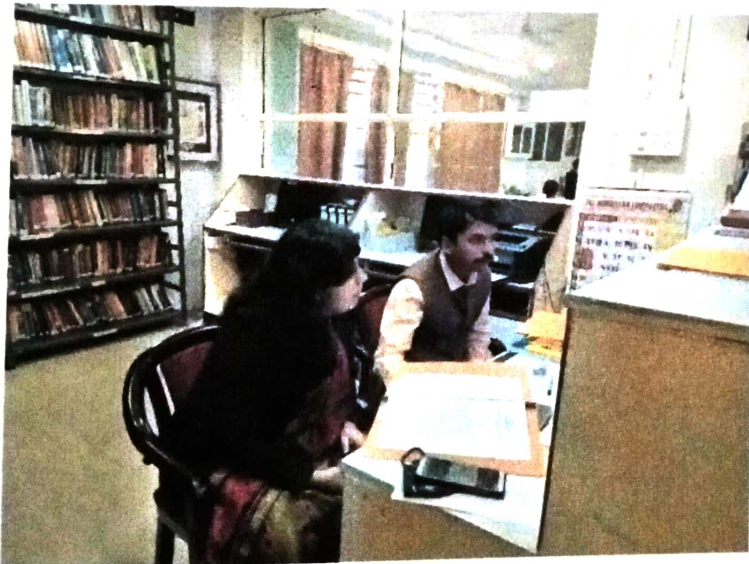
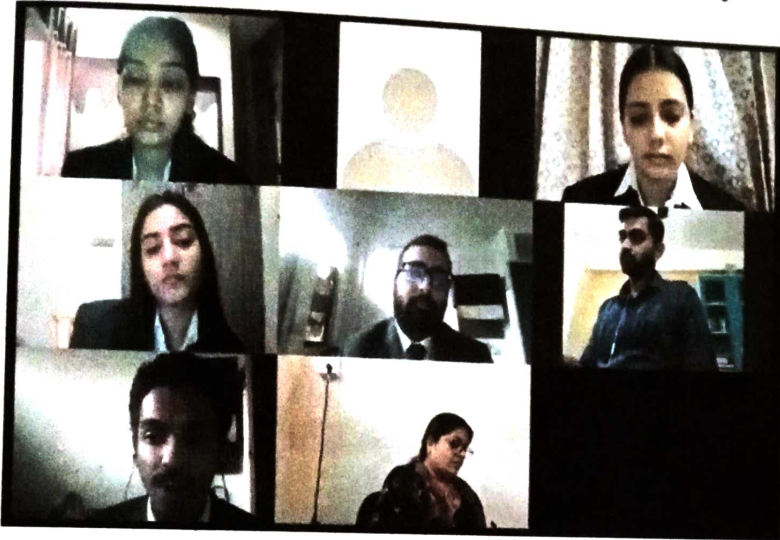


### **Moot Competition:**

P.E.S. Modern Law College had organized the 16<sup>th</sup> Shankarrao Kanitkar National Moot Court Competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022. All the rounds such as preliminary round, semifinal and final were conducted on the same day. 18 teams from various Law Colleges/Institutions from all over India (Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Maharashtra, etc.) had participated in this competition.

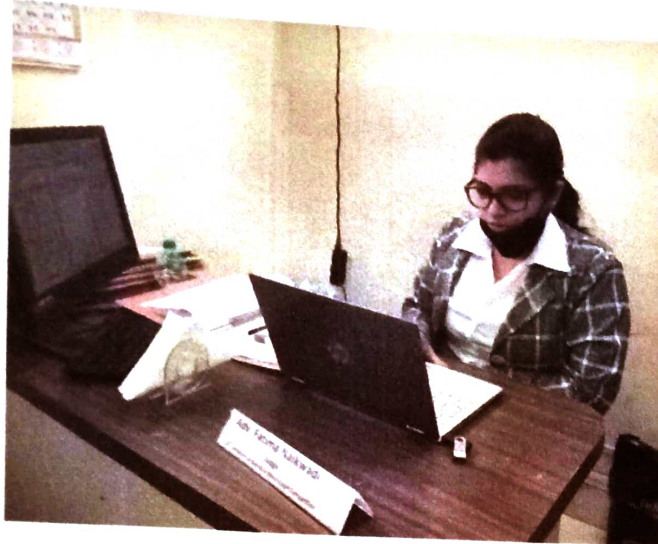
### **Participants & Dignitaries of 16<sup>th</sup> Shankarrao Kanitkar National Moot Court Competition-**

## Preliminary Round

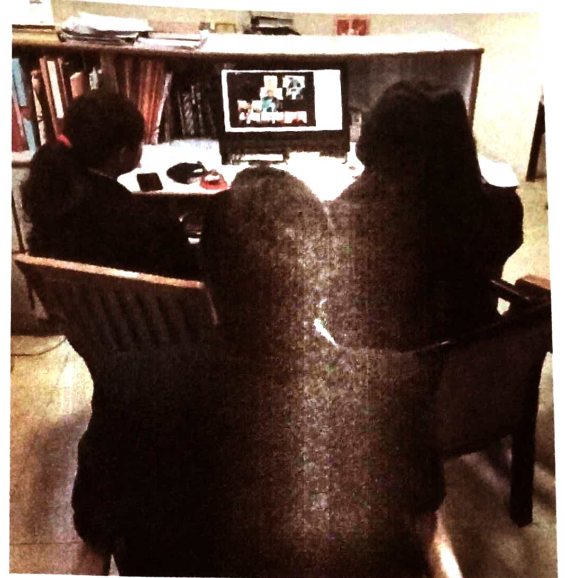




## Semi - Final Round



## Final Round- Participants and Dignitaries





### **Result Announcement and Valedictory Function:**

Final rounds results were jointly announced by our Coordinator Adv. Dr. Chintamani Ghate and principal Dr. Sunita Adhav.

### **Result Declaration and Valedictory Function**



### **Vote of Thanks:**

Vote of Thanks by Prof. Akshay Ugale.

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In this competition, **Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab** won the competition, while **Symbiosis Law School, Pune**, finished as Runner-Up Team. **Ms. H.N. Shree Harini** from **The Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai** was adjudged as the 'Best Speaker' and **Iram Kacchi, Sadakhatoon Shaikh** and **Revati Gawande** received Judge's special appreciation.

Sr. No.	Prize	Participants and Name of the College
1	Winner	Arun Mahapatra, Sujatro Roy, Tarpan Soni: Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab
2	Runner Up	Sarakshie Sonawane, Rishabh Guha, Kriti Bhatia: Symbiosis Law School, Pune
3	Best Speaker	Ms. H.N. Shree Harini: The TamilNadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai
4	Judge's Appreciation	Iram Kacchi, Sadakhatoon Shaikh: A.K.K. New Law Academy, Pune Revati Gawande: Dr. D.Y. Patil Law College, Pimpri

**Prize Distribution:**



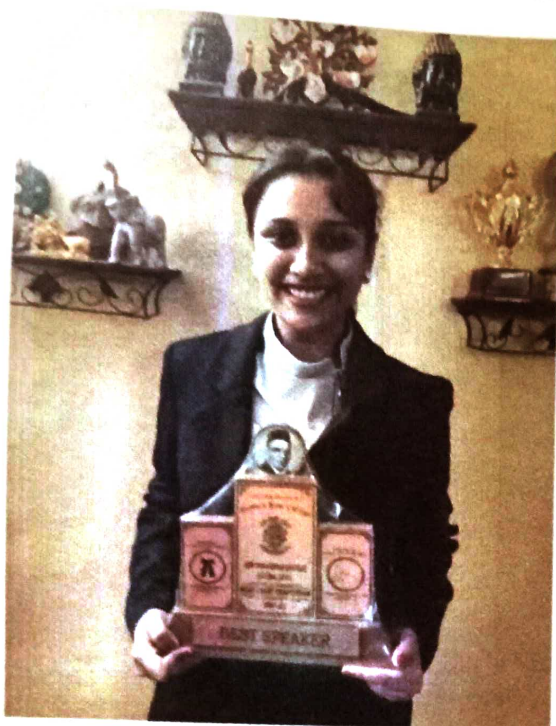
**Winner - Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab**



**Runner Up Team- Symbiosis Law School, Pune**



**Best Speaker: Ms. H.N. Shree Harini:  
The Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai**



**Judges who judged the competition:**

<b>Name of Judges</b>	<b>Round</b>
Adv. Dr. Chintamani Ghatе	Final
Adv. Suyog Wagh	Final
Adv. Rishiraj Walvekar	Final
Adv. Fatima Naikwadi	Semi Final
Adv. Hrishikesh Honkalas	Semi Final
Adv. Sushama Kadam	Semi Final
Adv. Pratik Tendulkar	Semi Final
Adv. Shahin Shinde	Prelims
Adv. Hrishikesh Honkalas	Prelims
Adv. Rohit Surawase	Prelims



Adv. Sushama Kadam	Prelims
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### Participating teams

Sr. No.	Name of the Participating College
1.	School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.
2.	Symbiosis Law School, Pune
3.	Yashwantrao Chavan Law College, Pune
4.	National Law University(NLIU), Bhopal
5.	The Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai (1)
6.	Gujarat National Law University(GNLU)
7.	Jagran Lakecity University, Faculty of Law Bhopal
8.	Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded
9.	Dr. D.Y. Patil Law College, Pimpri
10.	Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla
11.	HRSPM's Sarsenapati Hambirrao Mohite Law College, Rajgurunagar.
12.	ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad.
13.	The Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai (2)
14.	Central University of South Bihar
15.	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab
16.	DES Navalmal Firodia law College (FC), Pune
17.	A.K.K. New Law Academy, Pune
18.	Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow