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8TH KIIT NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2021



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ABOUT KIIT(D.U.)

**INDIA'S FIRST QS 5 STARS
RATED UNIVERSITY - 2021**

**201-300 IN TIMES HIGHER
EDUCATION IMPACT
RANKINGS - 2021**

**RANKED NO. 1 IN ARIIA
RANKING - 2020**

**24TH IN INDIA RANKINGS
BY NIRF - 2020**

**EMINENCE (IOE) TAG
FROM UGC-2019**

Vision: To create an advanced centre of professional learning of international standing where pursuit of knowledge and excellence shall reign supreme, unfettered by the barriers of nationality, language, cultural plurality, and religion.

KIIT Deemed to be University is situated in Bhubaneswar and is one of the premier self financing universities of the country. It caters to more than 30,000 students from all across the nation and 50 other countries through more than 100 Academic programs like MBA, Engineering, Law, Bio-Technology, Rural Management etc., in more than 23 World Class Campus comprising of more than 2500 Academic and Research Staff. Established in 1992 with 2 staff and 12 students, it has gained its prominence in the world today and is also categorized as Institute of Eminence since 2019. Other details may be found at www.kiit.ac.in



About School of Law, KIIT D.U.

The KIIT School of Law (KSOL), is a constituent college and integral part of KIIT University. KSOL was established in the year 2007, and since then, exhibited an ascending growth trajectory. KSOL has consistently grown in stature and strength, and today we contribute to a talent pool with more than 1200 students chosen from all across the country and abroad. On date, KSOL sustains as the only one law schools in India to provide conjoint degrees in the independent streams of B.Sc.,LL.B (Hons.); B.A.,LL.B (Hons.); and B.B.A.,LL.B (Hons.). All the streams provide separate and independent specializations involving eight honours course papers each in Business Law, Intellectual Property Law, Taxation Law, Constitutional Law, Crime and Criminology, and International Law. In 2019-2020, KIIT Law School ranked 12th among Indian Law Universities and Colleges ranking credentials by National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF), Govt. of India. Today KSOL is a part of the Institute of Excellence (IoE).

KSOL also provides space for advanced legal education in the form of one year LL.M with five streams of specializations and research avenues leading to PhD degree. The Post-Graduate and PhD degree programs are very popular and competitive with limited seats.

More details are available at law.kiit.ac.in.

Director's Message



Dear Students,

Kindly accept our Greetings from KIIT School of Law, KIIT Deemed to be University, Institute of Excellence(IoE) Bhubaneswar.

It gives us immense pleasure to announce the 1st Virtual Edition of The KIIT National Moot Court Competition, hosted and organized by the School of Law, KIIT Deemed to be University.

As one of the leading law schools in India, we have constantly undertaken measures to provide holistic and meaningful legal education to bright young talent from across the country. In the course of such endeavours, we have observed that strong advocacy skills, ability to think logically and rationally, combined with acumen for drafting, are some key characteristics that are very necessary for a lawyer in the present scenario. Keeping in mind these requirements we have tried to nurture these attributes in the budding talent pool of students and likewise. We have always encouraged students to participate actively in national and international co-curricular and extra-

-curricular events like moot court competitions, wherein we believe they can correctly reflect viz., assess, evaluate and nurture their potential to best serve the interests of the profession and the fraternity in the times to come.

In 2011, the KIIT School of Law was proud to be the host of the 52nd Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition (North India Rounds). In the same year the first ever international moot court from India in the form of 1st Bar Council of India International Moot Court Competition was also hosted by KSOL. In 2013, we undertook the initiative to host our own national moot court competition, the 1st KIIT University National Moot Court Competition, and buoyed by this success, we continued with the second edition of the event in 2014, wherein Nishith Desai Associates, one of the country's leading law firms, drafted the problem for the event. In the third, fourth, fifth and sixth edition of the event held in 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018, Jyoti Sagar Associates, Mumbai, one of the top law firms of the country partnered with us and drafted the problem for the said editions; and lastly, in the 7th edition of the KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2019, Zerick Dastur of ZD Advocates & Solicitors, Mumbai had extended his support to draft the Problem. Encouraged by the overwhelming response of the past competitions, we are proud to declare that we take this opportunity to host the 1st Virtual edition of the KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2021. Mr. Zerick Dastur, partner, ZD Advocates & Solicitors has extended his gracious support to us by drafting the problem for this competition, and we expect it to be a great learning opportunity for the upcoming legal talent of the nation. We hereby extend a warm and cordial invitation to participate in this event, and we look forward to your enthusiastic participation.

Wishing you the very best.

Dr. Bhavani Prasad Panda, LL.D

**Director,
School of Law,
KIIT Deemed to be University**



1st KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2013

The 1st KIIT University National Moot Court Competition, 2013, was our first initiative in organizing a national level moot court competition. It turned out to be very successful and encouraging. Twenty four teams participated with immense enthusiasm. The competition's objective was to nurture academic excellence amongst the students, and it was to our pleasure and honor to have a seven-panel bench for judging the final round of the competition. The competition was weaved around two moot problems, one for the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds and another problem for the semi-final and final rounds. The active participation of the teams was of great motivation to us in our decision to organize this moot competition in a slightly different format.

The final round of the event witnessed a stiff competition between National Law Institute University, Bhopal, and Christ University, Bengaluru, and the success of the event encouraged us to host and organize the next edition of the moot in 2014.



2nd KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2014

The 2nd edition of the competition upheld the essentials of the first National Moot Court Competition which was challenging in nature in terms of mooting, erudite judging, high stake prizes and great hospitality. At the same time, there were significant improvements based on our learning experience from the past edition. One of India's best known law firms, Nishith Desai Associates, drafted the problems for the competition, while SCC Online and Lawctopus also partnered with us in different capacities. Like the earlier edition, the competition had two problems – one for the preliminary and quarter final rounds, and another problem for the semi-final and final rounds. Participation by teams from across the country had increased substantially for this event and by the conclusion of the moot, KIIT University National Moot Court Competition had made a name for itself and had become a much awaited mooting event.

Before a panel of eminent judges like Hon'ble Justice Altamas Kabir, (Former Chief Justice of India), Hon'ble Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Judge, Supreme Court of India, and other Hon'ble Justices of the Odisha High Court and Calcutta High Court, the grand finale witnessed some intense advocacy by Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, pleading on behalf of petitioner and respondent respectively. The immense success of the event encouraged us to conduct the 3rd Edition.



3rd KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2015

The 3rd National Moot Court Competition witnessed an unprecedented 46 teams from across India who argued before the erudite judges, at a shot to earn prizes worth over 2 Lacs. The event took place from 18th September - 20th September, 2015 and marked the beginning of our association with J. Sagar Associates. Mr. Zerick Dastur, then partner at JSA, gave the inaugural address by stressing upon the importance of mooting skills for law students. The knock-out rounds witnessed the advocacy skills of the budding lawyers with utmost perfection, which also involved the best adjudicating panels comprising of sitting High Court and District Court Judges, Senior Advocates, Legal Counsels and Academicians. The teams were assertive yet concrete in their approach with their persuasive contentions and convincing arguments. At the end of the Semi Finals, the two best teams, namely- CMR Law College, Bengaluru and Campus Law Centre, Delhi University entered the finals.

Hon'ble Justice Altamas Kabir (Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India) chaired the Finals along with a panel consisting of Hon'ble Justice Ruma Pal, former Judge of Supreme Court; Hon'ble Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge, Calcutta High Court; Mr. U.K. Chaudhary, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Mr. Somasekhar Sundaresan, Partner at J Sagar Associates.

(16th to 18th September, 2016)

GRAND FINALS & VINDICTORY CEREMONY



4th KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2016

In continuation of our collaboration with J Sagar Associates, the 4th edition of the National Moot Court Competition witnessed a participation of 56 teams from all across the country. Various national law schools and top private universities battled it out for the ultimate prize money of 2 lakhs rupees. The event was organized from 16th to 18th September, 2016. The inaugural address was given by Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) A. S. Naidu which enlightened the participants about a lawyer's core values and professional perseverance. The teams were put in front of a panel consisting of sitting High Court Judges, Senior Counsels, and Senior Partners & Associates from top-tier law firms of the country. The finals witnessed teams of School of Law, Christ University & School of Excellence in Law, Chennai, pitted against each other.

The Final was chaired by a panel consisting of Hon'ble Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghosh, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Judge, Calcutta High Court, Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) S.J. Mukhopadhyay, Chairman, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal and Mr. Somasekhar Sundaresan.



5th KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2017

After the unprecedented success of the previous edition, the 5th edition was a much anticipated event among the mooting fraternity. The problem, drafted by J. Sagar Associates, was based on competition law. The preliminary rounds witnessed teams putting up a tough fight against each other. However, only eight teams could proceed into the quarter final rounds. During the Quarter-final Rounds, the teams argued in the presence of Senior Advocates and academicians, who tested the erudite participants to the limit. However, only the unfathomable four could proceed to the Semi-Final Rounds where sitting High Court Judges tested their resolve. Ultimately Amity Law School Delhi and Christ University were pitted against each other for the Finals.

The Bench for the Final Rounds consisted of Hon'ble Justice P.C. Ghose, (Retired), Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Justice S.J Mukhopadhyaya, Supreme Court of India (Retired); Hon'ble Justice A.S Naidu, Odisha High Court (Retired); Mr. Pramod Kumar Singh, Advisor, Competition Commission of India; Mr. Ashish Ahuja, Managing Partner, Wadia Ghandy & Co., Mumbai; Mr. Sujit Ghosh, Partner, Advaita Legal, Mumbai and Mrs. Shabnum Kajiji, Partner, Wadia Ghandy & Co., Mumbai.



6th KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2018

Enthused by the success of five magnanimous events, the 6th KIIT National Moot Court Competition was yet another successful event. The subject matter of the competition revolved around Arbitration. The problem drafted by J. Sagar Associates, Mumbai, intrigued many young minds, and the event saw a participation of 44 teams from all across the country. The judge-pool for the preliminary and qualifying rounds of the competition saw practitioners from High Courts across the country, academicians from the best law schools and senior associates from top firms like Wadia Ghandy & Co., Dua Associates, and many more. After a panel of five judges testing their knowledge, resolve, and demeanor, the teams representing SASTRA University and Rizvi Law College came out as finalists for the competition.

The Finals Bench comprised Hon'ble Justice Sanjib Banerjee, Calcutta High Court; Mr. Surya Prasad Misra, Advocate General, Odisha High Court; Mr. Somasekhar Sundaresan; Mr. Siddharth Datta, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and Prof. Indrajit Dube, Professor, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Intellectual Property Laws, IIT Kharagpur. The Valedictory Ceremony witnessed Hon'ble Justice Debabrata Dash, Odisha High Court share his feedback on the final rounds and felicitate the winners of the competition.



7th KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2019

In continuation of its six preceding events, the 7th KIIT National Moot Court Competition was also an enthralling affair from the beginning to the end. The event drew its crucial subject matter from Constitutional Law. It was formulated by Zerick Dastur, Founder and Proprietor, Zerick Dastur, Advocates and Solicitors. This raised the game's stakes and provided a thrilling match amongst the 42 contenders from different universities spanning across the nation. The preliminary and qualifying sessions witnessed esteemed line up of judges ranging from academicians, senior associates at top-tier firms to High Court and Supreme Court Practitioners to add flavor and expertise to the competition. In spite of the unprecedented talent and grit showcased by the participants crème de la crème, that is, Tamil Nadu National Law University and Pravin Gandhi College of Law could make it to the prestigious finals, which was headed by a panel consisting of academicians, Advocate General of Odisha, Hon'ble Judges of Odisha High Court. The Valedictory Ceremony was presided over by the Former Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Dipak Mishra, was invited to preside over the event as the chief guest.

With the success of the 7th edition of the National Moot Court Competition, we take the pleasure to organize the 8th edition of KIIT National Moot Court Competition, 2021 in virtual mode.

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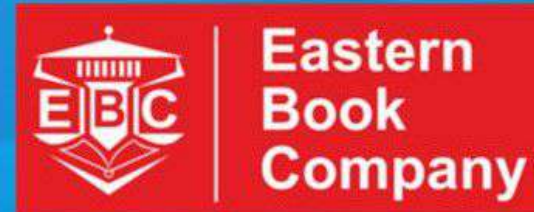
ABOUT KISS

Started with just 125 students' way back in 1993 by eminent educationist & social activist Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar has today grown into the largest free Residential Tribal Institute of the world. KISS provides food, accommodation, health care and all other basic necessities of life to more than 27,500 tribal children of the poorest of the poor background absolutely free to pursue education from Kindergarten to Post Graduation (K.G. to P.G.). Students are enrolled from 62 tribes of Odisha, including 13 Primitive Tribes. KISS has been declared a Deemed to be University by Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India making it the first University exclusively for tribal students in India and the entire world.

The course curriculum designed for KISS is unique, for it incorporates vocational training with formal education, thus making a child educated and self-sufficient. Achievements of KISS students in examinations and other academic events speak volumes about high quality of education at the institute. KISS students have been achieving cent percent pass record in annual examination for Class 7th, Class 10th and +2 Arts, Science and Commerce for consecutive ten years. Students of KISS have been representing State in the prestigious National Children's Science Congress every year since 2005. They have not only been qualifying in reputed institutions like NITs and IITs on the basis of their own merit, but have also been selected by top corporate names like Accenture, TCS and Wipro in campus placement. Students of KISS have proved their mettle not only in academics, but also in sports and cultural activities. Highpoints of these achievements have been their becoming Champion in Under 13 International Rugby Tournament held in Manchester, U.K. (19th June 2011) and participation of KISS students in Asian Games at Guangzhou (China) and Commonwealth Games (New Delhi). More details are available at www.kiss.ac.in. KISS is the finest expression of KIIT's social commitment. It plans to educate 2,00,000 tribal children during the next decade.



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