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EVENT REPORT

“NLUO SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES THE FOUR DAY GRAND 2ND NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA – PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION OF INDIA PUBLIC HEALTH LAW NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022”

Centre for Public Health Law, National Law University Odisha in collaboration with the Public Health foundation of India (PHFI) organised its 2nd edition of NLUO PHFI Public Health Law National Moot Court Competition from 7th to 10th July 2022. The competition witnessed a participation of 30 teams from universities/colleges/law schools across the nation. The moot proposition was on the subject of tobacco control and ban vis-à-vis the right to trade and commerce of the tobacco industry.

School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore was adjudged the Winner of the competition and Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU) was the Runners-up. Award for Best Memorial was bagged by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) and the Best Speaker Award was given to Saurabh Bharadwaj of VES Law College, Mumbai. A total of Rs. 56,000/- cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. The Inaugural Ceremony was graced by our esteemed guest, Mr. Warren Bruke, Senior Attorney, United States House of Representatives, Office of Legislative Counsel, Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh, Registrar, National Law University Odisha & Director of the Centre.

The Final Rounds of the Competition were judged by reputed experts such as Mr. Anand Grover, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Mr. Ranjit Singh, Advocate and Consultant to the Ministry of Health and National Institute for Cancer Prevention & Research; Mr. Biplab Lenin, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; Dr. V. Srinidhi, Assistant Professor and Research Scientist, Public Health Foundation of India and Mr. Anupam Sinha, Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India. The Finalists had a great learning and edifying experience, arguing in front of such an esteemed panel of judges who are experts in their fields and tested the knowledge of the teams on every aspect.

Finally, the Valedictory Ceremony witnessed dignitaries like Senior Advocate Anand Grover, President of PHFI Prof. K. Srinath Reddy, Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh, Registrar and Director of Centre for Public Health Law, National Law University Odisha.

As tobacco consumption has been rising in the country, the competition aimed at touching the sensitive issues of health and economy. There is already a petition pending in Supreme Court in India to increase the age of tobacco consumption and banning the sale of tobacco near religious institutions, schools and hospitals. The aim of the competition was to sensitise the students on this newly emerging area of academia and practice, which the competition was successful at achieving. In conclusion, we would like to thank all the judges, dignitaries, participants of various

universities and all the members of the Organizing committee in their support and making this competition successful in its 2nd edition as well.

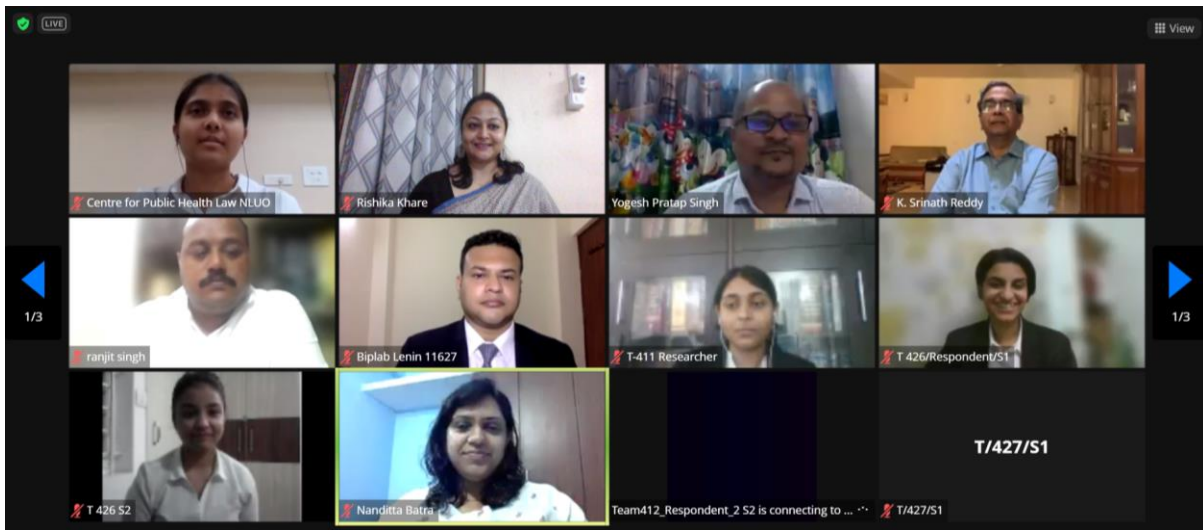


Figure 1: Valedictory Ceremony of 2nd NLUO PHFI Public Health Law National Moot Court Competition, 2022

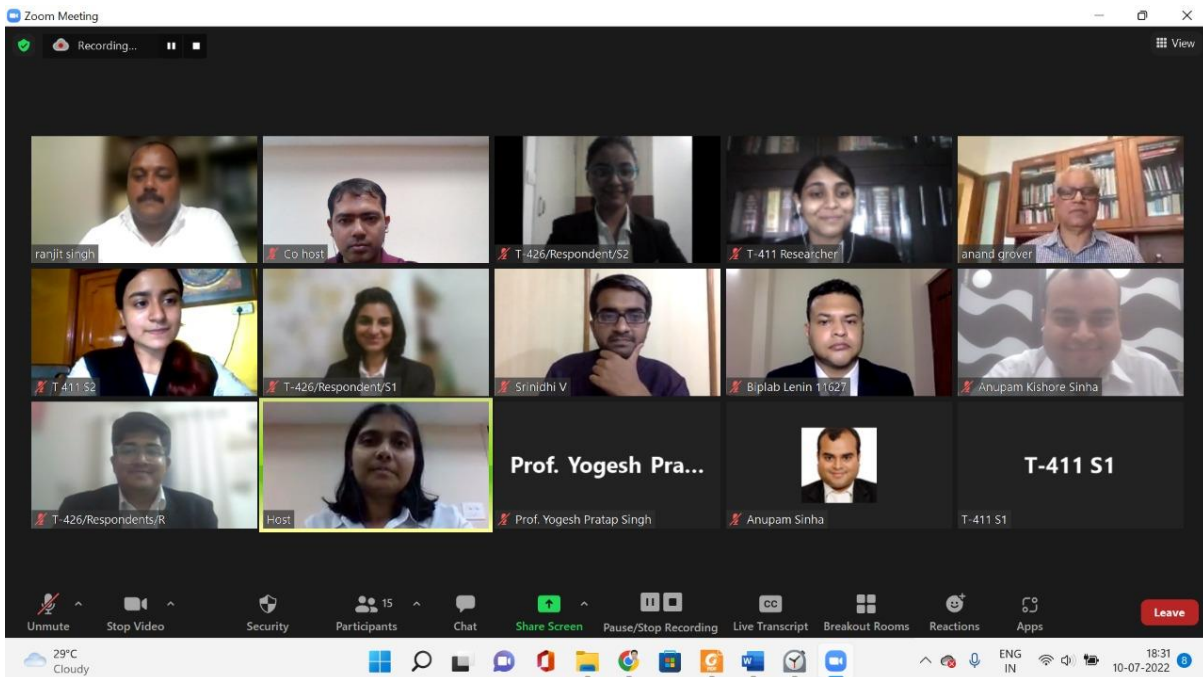


Figure 2: Final Round Courtroom

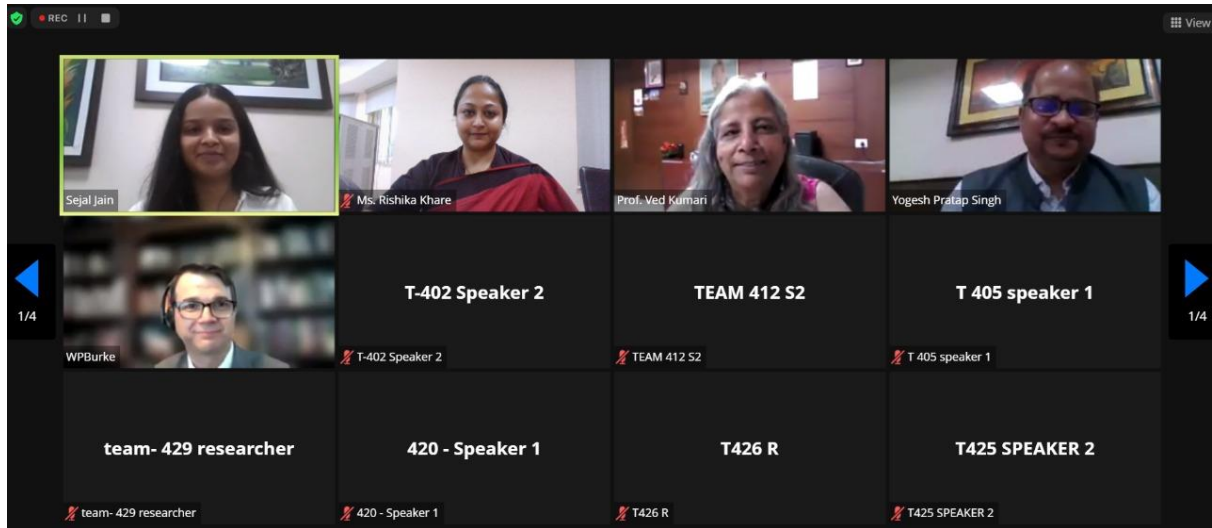


Figure 3: Inaugural Ceremony of 2nd NLUO PHFI Public Health Law National Moot Court Competition, 2022