Wannabe lawyers to fight their cases at GNLU's moot court

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The wait for the international moot court competition to start at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU),

Gandhinagar, ended on Wednesday. The eighth edition of the GNLU International Moot Court

Competition (GIMC) has attracted over 42 teams from eight countries. GIMC deals with international trade law and this year's moot problem is based on a dispute between two

fictional countries, Wingardium and Leviosa.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Mamta Biswal, the Dean of Academic Affairs at GNLU said,

"Mooting is one of the best means of learning international trade law as it helps to learn real world

implications of the law." Biswal is hopeful the competition will be a learning experience for the participants.

The competition will see students arguing over a 'dispute', and representing two fictional nations before a mock panel of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The WTO is an international body that adjudicates on matters relating to the international trading regime.

Muskan Sharma, student head of the organising committee said, "We started preparing for this edition even before the end of the last GIMC and have invited world renowned

experts to judge the competition. Some of the judges have even represented India before the WTO in the past."

The competitors will be judged by trade lawyers from various law firms in India over oral rounds in the next two days. The guarter-finals and semi-finals of the competition are scheduled for Saturday, and, the final round will be held on Sunday.

Justice Mohit Shah (Former Chief Justice of Bombay High Court) will be the chief quest at the valedictory ceremony.