

Moot court at Nirma: Nos dip by half this year

Dividing competitors into zones leads to a fall from 64 teams last year to 29 this year

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The number of participating teams is less this year but Institute of Law is all gung ho about hosting the 14th Henry Duntant Memorial Moot Court Competition at Nirma University today.

Apparently a change in the pattern has led to a dip in the number of participating institutes. While till last year all colleges would assemble for one main round, this year they have been divided into two zones: north and south. The competition for north zone is conducted at Nirma University, while colleges in south zone will compete at Madras University. The winners from zones will compete in New Delhi.

While 64 teams from all over India participated in the competition last year, this time around 29 teams are part of it.

“We thought zonal rounds will attract more colleges and we will be able to rope in more local lawyers and academicians to judge the case, but it is difficult to get timeline which is conducive to all colleges as they all have different calendars,” said Dr Anuradha Saibaba, legal advisor for academic programmes to International Committee to Red Cross which is organising the event in association with Indian Society of International Law.

Eighteen teams of three members each are participating in the competition. These in-



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clude teams from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law from Patiala, Amity Law School from Noida, Department of Law from University of Kashmir and Chanakya National Law University from Patna. “We prepared through the holidays in our college library for the moot court. We do not have a team coach so we worked with each other,” said Pavani Nath, who is pursuing BA LLB at GNLU.

“The participants were given the problem in April and they submitted their report by July 28. The winners will compete with south zone winners in New Delhi. The national winners will go for South Asia competition at Teheran. Four winners in Iran will go to Hong Kong for the final,” said U Vardharajan, head of Moot Court at Nirma University.