

**TEAM FROM TAMIL NADU PLACED AMONG TOP 32 UNIVERSITIES  
IN THE WORLD IN THE 64TH PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL  
LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023**

JESSUP CUP



The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University's School of Excellence in Law, Chennai, participated in the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law moot court competition. The Jessup is considered the world's largest and oldest moot court competition for law students. The competition involved more than 600 teams from over 100 countries, making it an incredibly challenging and prestigious event.

This year's theme focused on current issues in international law, including armed attacks on occupied territories, the employment of prisoners in unhealthy labor, unilateral sanctions targeting lower economic countries, and the disposal and management of hazardous plastic wastes. The competition simulated the International Court of Justice, providing a platform for participants to showcase their knowledge and expertise in international law.

The university's team, consisting of Mr. Sunand Subramaniam, Ms. Smriti R. Saroja, Ms. Yashaswini Manasa, and Ms. Sowmya Mahalingam, competed against 38 universities in the Indian National Rounds. They were semi-finalist and received citations for the 3rd and 4th Best Oralists in the competition. Their outstanding performance in the Indian National Rounds led to their qualification to the international rounds held in Washington D.C., USA.

The international rounds saw the participation of 138 universities from across the world. The team's exceptional skills were put to the test against some of the brightest legal minds from across the globe. The team's impressive performance allowed them to progress to the Round of 32, having defeated teams from New Zealand, Ghana, Luxembourg, Colombia and Columbia Law School, United States.

The team's remarkable achievement is the best in the history of the university and Tamil Nadu, making them proud representatives of the country. The team expresses gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, and Dean for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout their journey. Their success in the competition highlights their passion and dedication towards the field of international law.