

1st VIRTUAL NATIONAL
CLIENT COUNSELLING
COMPETITION, 2022

REPORT

**15-16TH
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ICFAI LAW SCHOOL

The ICFAI Law School, a constituent of the ICFAI University, Jaipur was established in the year 2015 with an objective to deliver qualitative legal education to the new generation of legal professionals. The Law School is committed to shape a new cadre of legal professionals through a comprehensive and contemporary body of integrated knowledge of Law with Management and Humanities through rigorous education and research programs. Presently, the Law School accommodates the vibrant bunch of students from all over the country and an enriched intellectual capital in the form of highly dedicated team of faculty members.

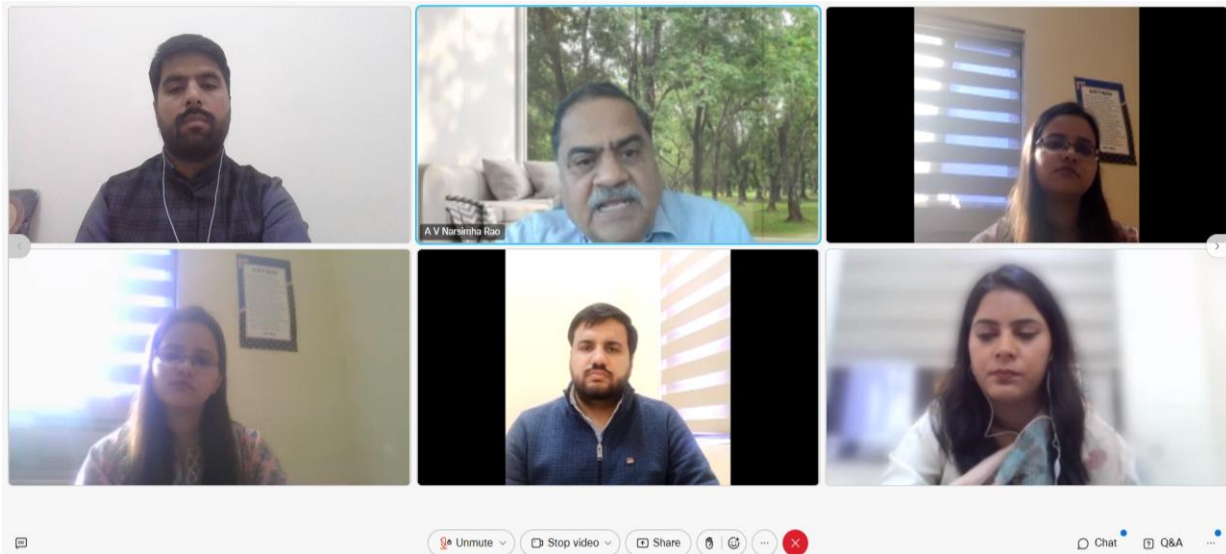
Alternative Dispute Resolution typically denotes a wide range of dispute resolution processes and techniques that parties can use to settle disputes with the help of third parties. The ICFAI Law School endeavors to achieve an all-round development of students by emphasizing on various extra-curricular activities and assigns a significant role to Alternative Dispute Resolution techniques. By following the standards of absolute impartiality, transparency and efficiency, it strives to not only organize but also motivate the students to participate in the ADR competitions.



OBJECTIVE OF THE COMPETITION

One of the most important traits of a law professional is to counsel people who see assistance in understanding the legal implications of their actions. It is thus a prerequisite for any advocate to possess the fundamental skills which would help him create a successful rapport with the client.

The 1st ICFAI Law School Virtual National Client Counselling Competition is being conducted to let aspirants test their skills as counsels in terms of handling clients, responding to critical situations, maintaining patience and perseverance and identification as well as approaches to the legal issues faced by the clients.



AIM AND PURPOSE

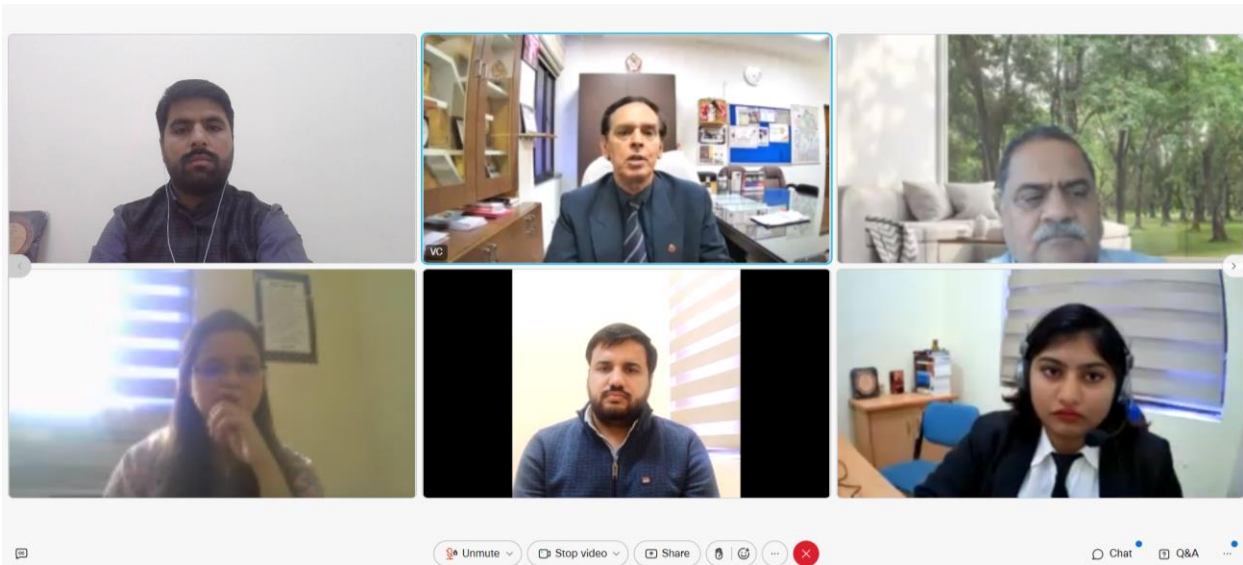
The 1st ICFAI Law School Virtual National Client Counselling Competition has been conceived with the aim of inculcating in students the art of interviewing, planning and analytical skills that are required for a successful lawyer-client relationship in the law office. The client counselling competition promotes greater knowledge and interest among law students in the preventative law and counseling functions of law practice.

It has been designed with a vision to encourage the students to develop listening and questioning skills needed to conduct an effective interview and establish an effective communication.



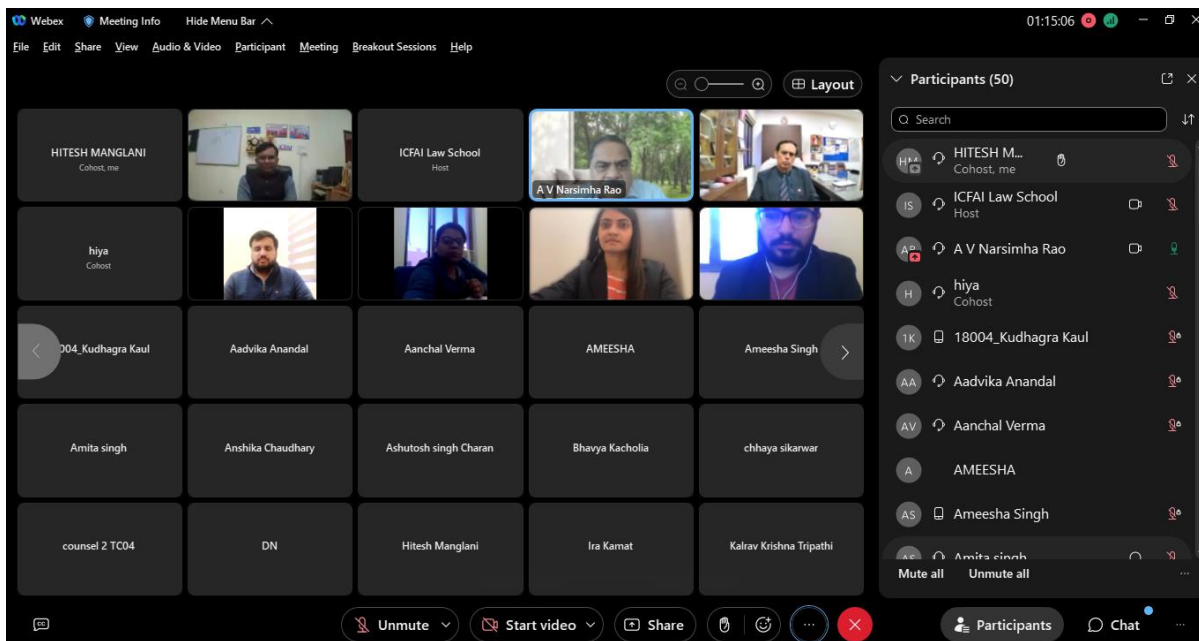
ABOUT THE COMPETITION- IN BRIEF

ICFAI Law School (ILS) hosted its “1st Virtual National Client Counseling Competition” from 15th to 16th December, 2022. In total we received 33 registrations from renowned institutions across the country. Students were provided with the propositions a day before the commencement of respective rounds, based on Family law, The Negotiable instruments act, 1881, Cyber laws and Law of Contracts, along with the rules for the competition and Google form for registration. The participants were required to counsel the clients when they approached them in accordance with the proposition provided on respective dates.



INAUGURATION CEREMONY

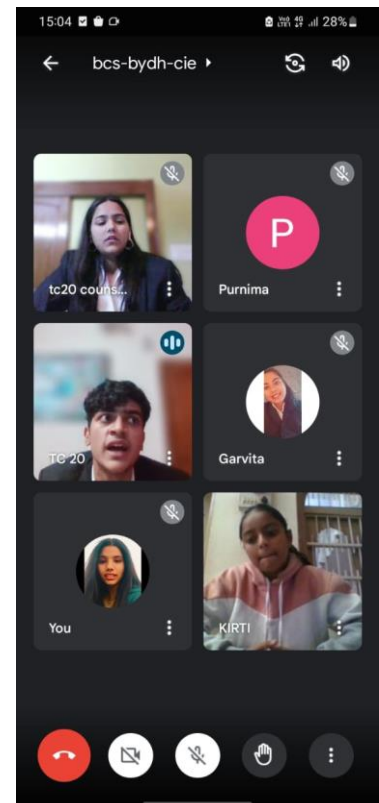
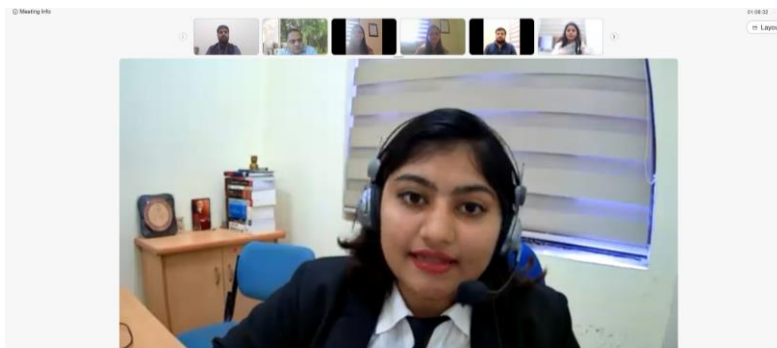
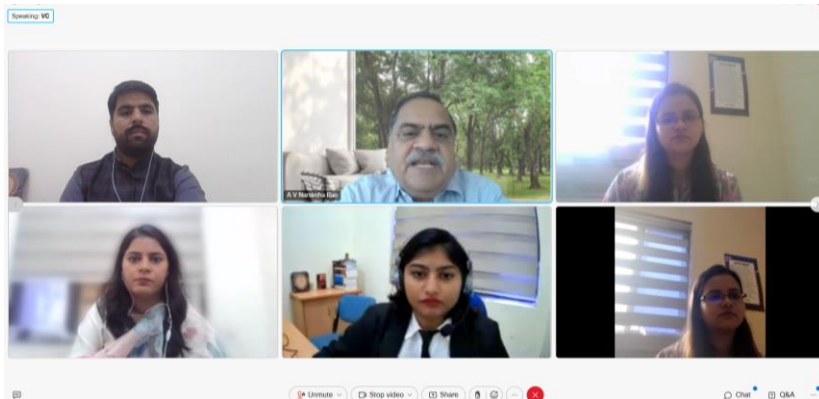
ICFAI Law School (ILS) organized its “1st Virtual National Client Counseling Competition” on 15th and 16th December, 2022. There were 33 teams and 66 participants from top colleges and universities across the country. The Inaugural ceremony was scheduled on 15th December 2022 which started sharp at 11.00 a.m. and was hosted by Ms. Shivangi Banerjee, student coordinator of the competition. With the virtual lighting of a lamp, the inaugural ceremony had begun. Prof. (Dr.) H.P. Singh VSM, President of the ICFAI University, Jaipur, Col. Sanjeev Banerjee (Retd.), Registrar, The ICFAI University, Jaipur, Dr. Pratima Soni, Associate Dean of the ICFAI Law School, (*in absentia*), Dr. A K Saini, Dean, ICFAITech School, and Ms. Monika Yadav, faculty coordinator Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, welcomed all the participants and Judges. This was followed by address by the Guest of Honor Prof. (Dr.) A.V. Narsimha Rao, Professor & Director, ICFAI Law School, IFHE in which he boosted the morale of the students by his encouraging words. He even gave an insight about the benefit of client counseling to all the students.



PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

All the participants of the competition were provided with a team code on 14th December, 2022 and a volunteer was assigned to each of the team who generated the link of Google Meet, invited the judges assigned to the team and managed the court rooms. The preliminary rounds began at 1.00 p.m. sharp on 15th December, 2022. A volunteer managed 2 teams each in the preliminary round. Before the commencement of the competition, there was a briefing session of the counsels, clients and judges which began at 11.40 a.m. sharp on 15th December, 2022.

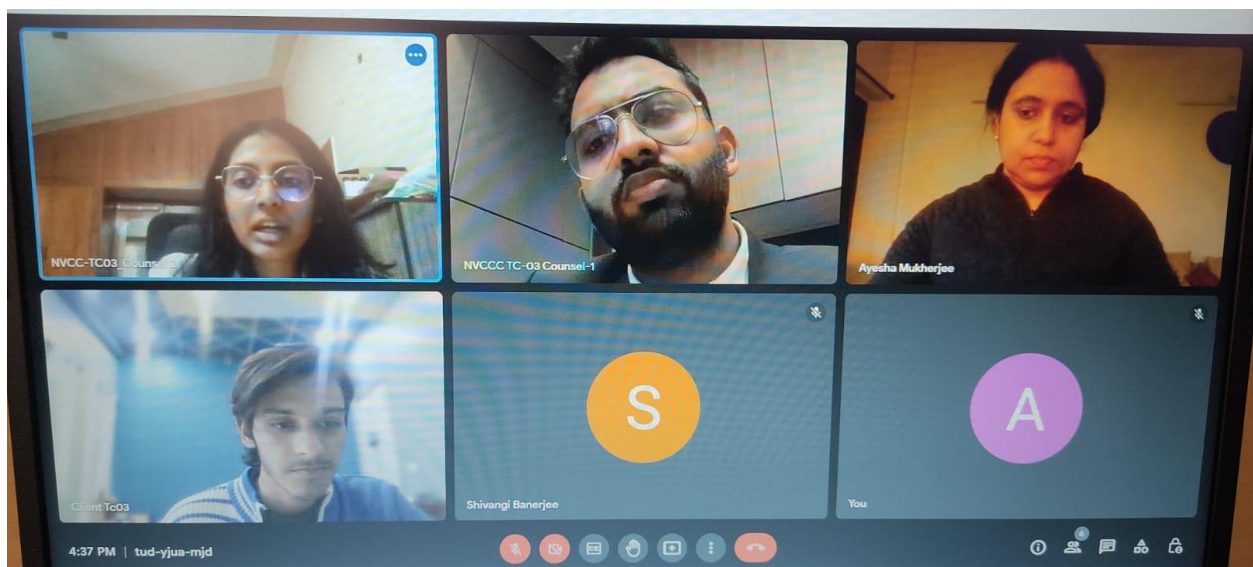
The Counsels and Clients were briefed by the student coordinators Ms. Shivangi Banerjee, Ms. Trishi Mathur and Ms. Ritika Khandelwal and the judges were briefed by Ms. Monika Yadav, faculty coordinator, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, ICFAI Law School.



QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS

On December 15, 2022, the Quarter-Final round was held between 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Students from a variety of law schools battled it out to advance to the quarter-finals and 8 out of 33 teams qualified for the same from the preliminary round. All of the qualified teams were asked to participate for their briefing for the Quarter-Final rounds for which a meeting was held. The Judges briefing was scheduled before each round in which judges were briefed about the proposition as well as the rules of the competition by Ms. Monika Yadav.

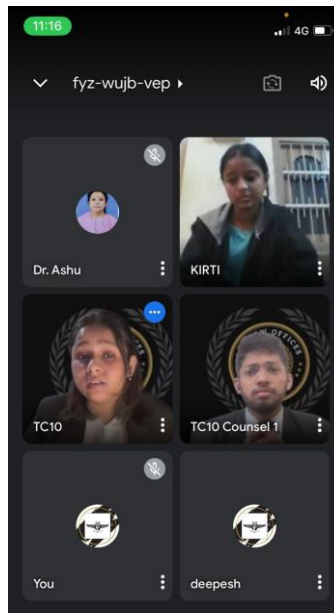
This is when the competition heats up, and all teams started working to make it to the semi-finals which was scheduled to be held on December 16, 2022. The ICFAI Law School's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee had set up eight court rooms for this round. Each team gets 15 minutes for consultation and not more than 5 minutes could be reserved for post-consultation. This was a knock out round.



SEMI FINAL ROUNDS

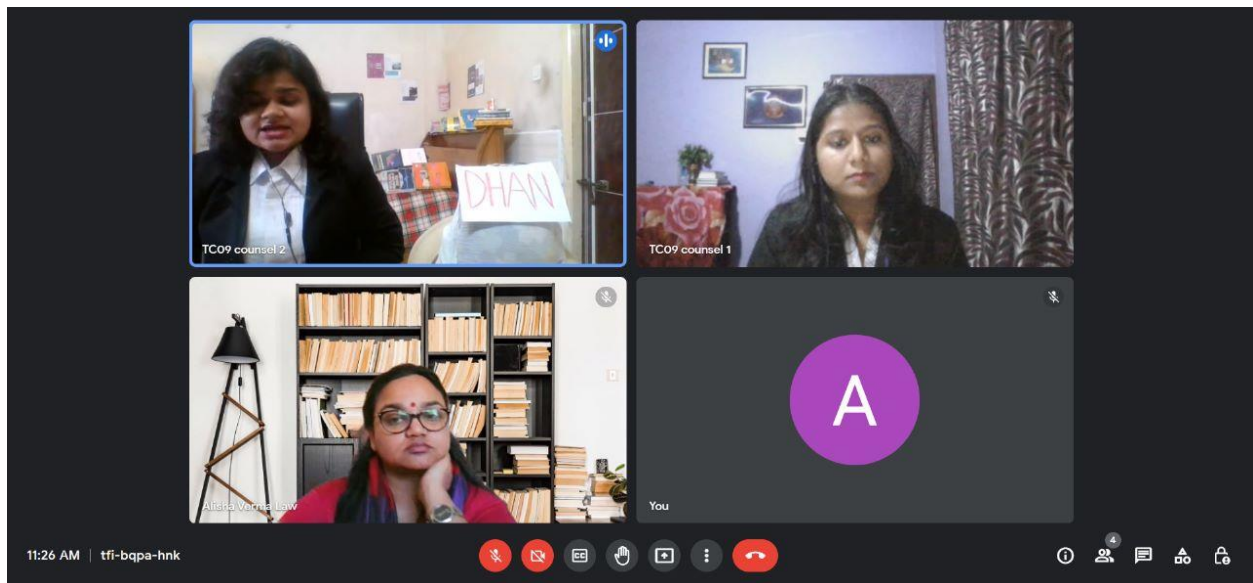
On December 16, 2022, the Semi-Final round was held between 11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. 4 out of 8 teams qualified for the semi-final rounds. All of the qualified teams were asked to participate for their briefing for the round for which a meeting was held. The Judges briefing was scheduled before each round in which judges were briefed about the proposition as well as the rules of the competition by Ms. Monika Yadav.

Each team had 25 minutes for consultation with a maximum of 5 minutes for post-consultation included in the given time this round. Team code- 01, 09, 10, 16 earned a spot in the semi-finals. To ensure a smooth operation, ADR Committee had set up four court rooms for this round with a volunteer in each. The competition was judged by esteemed and respected judges viz. Dr. Abhishek Baplawat, Ms. Alisha, Dr. Ashu Maharshi and Adv. Anubha Dhulia. All the teams fought valiantly to earn a spot in the finals. Everyone in the courtroom was astounded by the teams' strong and compelling counseling skills.

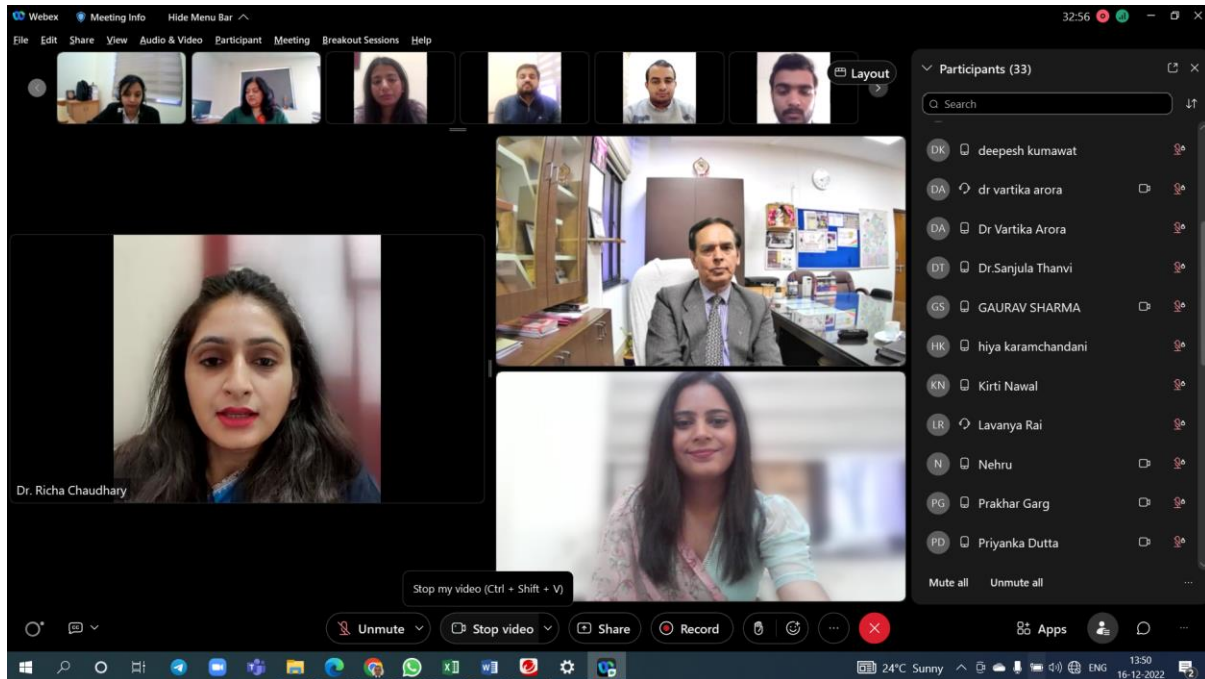


FINAL ROUND

The final stage had been set, and the competition was nearing its conclusion. Finally, we had two finalists: Team 01 and team 09. The competition's final round took place between 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Both the teams had 30 minutes including 5 minutes for post consultation to make their case and win the trophy and the glory. Renowned academicians, Dr. Sanjula Thanvi, Dr. Vartika Arora and Dr. Richa Chaudhary, were invited to judge the competition's final round. Both the teams performed expeditiously well.

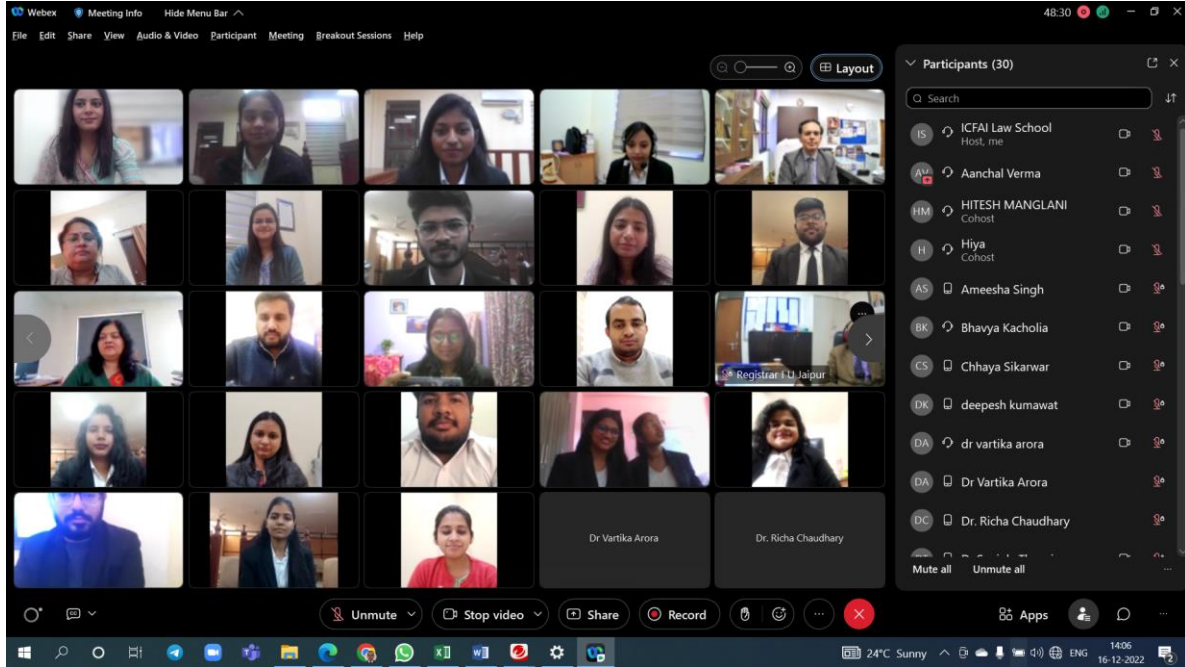


VALEDICTORY CEREMONY



The valedictory ceremony was scheduled between 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on December 16, 2022 which was witnessed by Prof. (Dr.) H P Singh, VSM, President, The ICFAI University Jaipur, Col. Sanjeev Banerjee (Retd.), Registrar, The ICFAI University, Jaipur, Judges of Final rounds and all the faculty members of the ICFAI Law School, Jaipur. After a virtual lightening of a lamp, Ms. Milli Babel, student coordinator, gave a welcome address. Following that, the ADR Committee, ICFAI Law School faculty coordinator, Ms. Monika Yadav submitted the report of this event. After that, Prof. (Dr.) H P Singh, VSM, President, The ICFAI University Jaipur, delivered a speech and congratulated the ICFAI Law School on successful completion of the competition. Following that, the eminent judges for Final rounds, Dr. Sanjula Thanvi, Dr. Richa Chaudhary and Dr. Vartika Arora, addressed the gathering with their words of wisdom. Then the results were announced by Ms. Shivangi Banerjee and Ms. Anchal Verma. Ms. Lavanya Rai and Ms. Aditi Mishra (TC-09) From IFHE, Hyderabad, bragged the first position, Ms. Sae Bhate and Ms. Samrudhi Raut (TC-01) from V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa, bragged the second position and Mr. Gaurav Chawla and Ms. Lavanya Chaudhary (TC-16) from Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow,

bragged the third position. Ms. Kirti Nawal, 3rd Year, ICAFI Law School, The ICAFI University, Jaipur, won the award for the best client. Finally, the ceremony was concluded with a vote of thanks by Assistant Professor and faculty coordinator of ADR Committee, Ms. Monika Yadav.



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