

The National Law Institute University, Bhopal adjudged the Runners Up in the 2024 edition of the Nuremberg Moot, Nuremberg, Germany amongst 140 teams from across the world



The Nuremberg Moot Court is an international competition, held annually in Nuremberg, Germany. University teams from all over the world are invited to argue a fictitious case before the "International Criminal Court" during the competition. The organisers of the Nuremberg Moot Court are the International Nuremberg Principles Academy and the International Criminal Law Research Unit at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg. The Moot Court is held in honour of the Nuremberg Trials conducted by the International Military Tribunal from 1945 to 1949.

This year, the team representing the National Law Institute University, Bhopal were adjudged the Runners in the 2024 edition of the Moot.

The Competition has two qualifying stages, and the teams that qualify both the stages are selected for the World Rounds, which are held in Nuremberg, Germany. The first qualifying stage requires every team to submit a Letter of Motivation which describes the team's interest in the competition, and the motivation of the team to participate in the Competition. On the basis of these Letters, about 140

teams were selected from across the world for the second stage, and the NLIU, Bhopal team was one of them.

The second stage required the teams to submit two written submissions, one for each side – Prosecution and Defense. The arguments were centered around the hypothetical Moot Problem which was released by the Organizers of the Nuremberg Moot Court. Only 40 teams were selected for the World Rounds, on the basis of the marks obtained during the written round. The team representing NLIU, Bhopal qualified for the World Rounds, having obtained the 3rd highest scores across the world.

The World Rounds were held in the Palace of Justice, in Nuremberg from 24th July to 27th July. Highly esteemed professionals, such as national and international judges, academics and other legal practitioners were invited to judge the arguments of the teams. The preliminary rounds were held first, and based on the scores obtained, the top 16 teams made it to the advanced rounds. The team from NLIU, Bhopal was marked 3rd highest. The advanced rounds were knockout rounds, and only the winning team from each pair-up could advance to the next round. After successfully winning the Round of 16, the Quarter Finals and the Semi Finals, the team from NLIU, Bhopal made it to the Finals.

The Finals of the Moot were held in the historic Courtroom 600, which is the room in which the major Nazi war criminals were once tried. The Finals saw a panel of 5 esteemed judges, and the presiding judge was Judge Diana Korner, currently a judge at the International Criminal Court. The NLIU, Bhopal team was adjudged the Runners Up in the Finals, and won the Second Place in the Competition.