

8th Arun Jaitley International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot, 6-8 March 2026

The 8th edition of the Arun Jaitley International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot Competition, 6-8 March 2026 was organised on the theme of “Corporate and Cross-Border Insolvency.” The moot seeks to provide law students from leading universities, both domestic and international, an opportunity to develop and demonstrate their understanding of insolvency and bankruptcy law through rigorous research, written submissions, and oral advocacy.

The moot was organized by the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law at National Law University Delhi, in collaboration with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), INSOL India, the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL-RCAP), and the Insolvency Law Academy.

Following a competitive memorial selection process, 16 teams were shortlisted from 36 teams’ memorial submissions based on the quality of their written arguments. These 16 teams argued in Prelims 1 and prelims 2 rounds, out of which 4 teams advanced to the semi-final rounds and top 2 proceeded for the finals. During the oral rounds, participating teams presented arguments on the merits of the case before distinguished industry experts and legal practitioners serving as judges.

The shortlisted teams for the orals were from the following institutions:

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| 1. Gujarat National Law University | 9. Faculty of Law, University of Delhi |
| 2. Institute of Law, Nirma University | 10. National Law University, Jodhpur |
| 3. Maharashtra National Law University
Mumbai | 11. National Law School of India University,
Bengaluru |
| 4. RMLNLU, Lucknow | 12. Vivekananda Institute of Professional
Studies, New Delhi |
| 5. Hidayatullah National Law University,
Raipur | 13. NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad |
| 6. Lloyd Law College | 14. Maharashtra National Law University,
Aurangabad |
| 7. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law
University, Sonapat | 15. National Law University, Odisha |
| 8. Army Institute of Law, Mohali | 16. Symbiosis Law School, Noida |

The moot commenced with the Inaugural ceremony on Friday 6th March 2026. Professor (Dr.) Risham Garg Professor of Law, NLU Delhi, as the Director of the Arun Jaitley International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot (since 2017), delivered the introductory address highlighting the genesis of the moot and the continuous support by all the collaborating institutions. The welcome address was delivered by Professor (Dr.) Ruhi Paul, Registrar, NLU Delhi. The ceremony featured a special address by Ms. Athita Komindr, Head, UNCITRAL-RCAP. The Guest of Honour, Ms. Shweta Bharti, Managing Partner at Hammurabi & Solomon Partners, delivered the inaugural address.

The Preliminary Rounds 1 and 2 were conducted on 7th March. During these rounds, participants presented detailed arguments before an esteemed panel of judges. Following these rounds, the semi-finalist teams were announced, with **Hidayatullah National Law University, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU), National Law School of India University, and Army Institute of Law, Mohali** qualifying for the next stage of the competition.

On Sunday morning, 8th March 2026, the Semi-Final rounds were conducted, **National Law School of India University, Bangalore** and **Army Institute of Law, Mohali** advanced to the Final Round. The finalists presented their arguments before an esteemed bench comprising Mr. Krishnendu Datta, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Ms. Pooja Mahajan, Partner, Chandhiok & Mahajan, and Mr. Vijayandra Pratap Singh, Sr. Partner, AZB & Partners.

on the same day, Sunday, 8th March 2026, also the occasion of the International Women Day, the Valedictory & Prizes Ceremony was held from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Introductory Address was delivered by Professor (Dr.) Risham Garg, Professor of Law, NLU Delhi and the Director of the Arun Jaitley International Insolvency and Bankruptcy Moot. Welcome Address was delivered by Professor (Dr.) G. S. Bajpai, Sr. Professor & Vice-Chancellor, NLU Delhi. A Special Address was given by Ms. Pooja Mahajan, President, INSOL India, Mr. Sandip Garg, Whole-Time Member, IBBI. The Valedictory Address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manmohan, Judge, Supreme Court of India. Hon'ble Justice Manmohan highlighted the role of moots in the overall development and advocacy skills for the upcoming lawyers, the importance of insolvency as an upcoming practice area. Late Shri Arun Jaitley, was instrumental in the enactment of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, and was also a member of the Governing Board of NLU Delhi for several years, providing valuable guidance and support to the University.

The Winning Team, **Army Institute of Law, Mohali**, was awarded a cash prize of ₹25,000 along with the Winner's Trophy. The Runners-Up, **National Law School of India University, Bangalore**, received a cash prize of ₹15,000 and the Runners-Up Trophy. These prizes are generously sponsored by INSOL India.

The Best Memorial Award was awarded to **Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU)**, along with a Books Pack by Messrs. Taxmann Publishers. The Best Speaker in both Advanced Round and Preliminary Rounds was won by **Catherine Elena D, National Law School of India University, Bangalore**. The Best Researcher Award was conferred upon **Aaditi, National Law University, Jodhpur**. Books pack by Messrs. Taxmann Publishers were also awarded to them.

The ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Ruhi Paul, Registrar, NLU Delhi, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, judges, participants, organizers and the collaborating institutions for their valuable contributions towards the success of the event.