



The Society For Constitutional Law Discussion

in collaboration with CNLU Legal Aid Cell

Event Report: 2nd National PIL Drafting Competition, 2024

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The 2nd National PIL Drafting Competition, 2024 organised by The Society For Constitutional Law Discussion *in collaboration* with CNLU Legal Aid Cell, was held on September 29, 2024. The 2nd Edition attracted several law students from over 28 Law Universities nationwide, fostering a competitive and intellectually stimulating environment.

Competition Overview

The competition aimed to enhance law students' understanding of Public Interest Litigation (PIL), their ability to draft compelling legal arguments, and their advocacy skills. Participants were tasked with preparing comprehensive PIL memorials on a designated topic, showcasing their research, legal analysis, and creativity.

Participation and Evaluation

A total of 35 teams from various law schools, including National Law Universities and private institutions, registered for the competition. The submitted memorials were evaluated by a panel of esteemed legal experts who focused on assessing the participants' understanding of the legal and factual issues. The evaluation process also assessed their ability to apply relevant legal principles, the quality of their research and citation, the clarity and persuasiveness of their writing, and their innovative approaches.



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Oral Rounds

The top 12 teams advanced to the oral rounds, where they had the opportunity to present their arguments before a distinguished panel of judges. The oral rounds provided a platform for participants to showcase their advocacy skills, respond to questions effectively, and demonstrate their understanding of the subject matter.

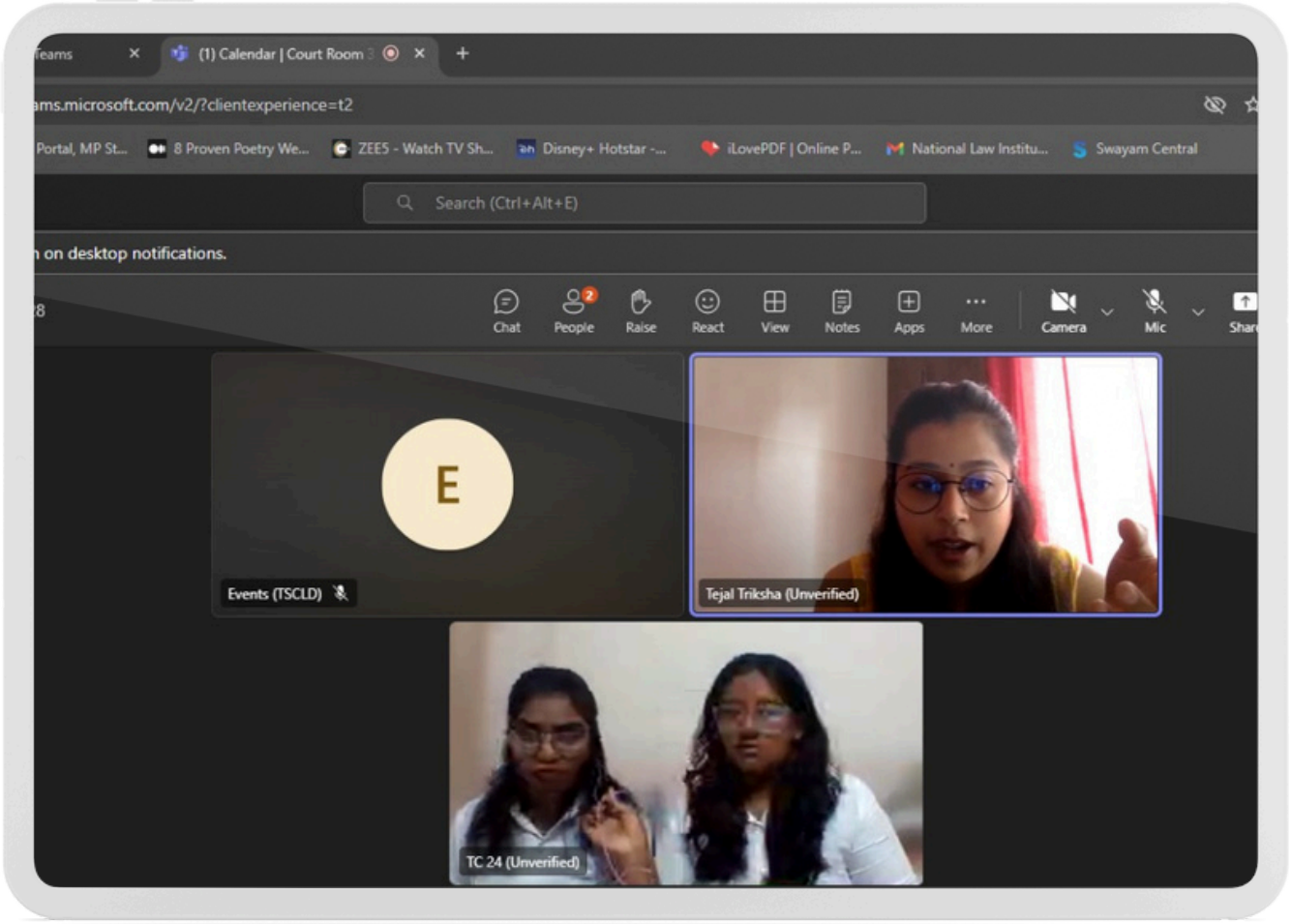
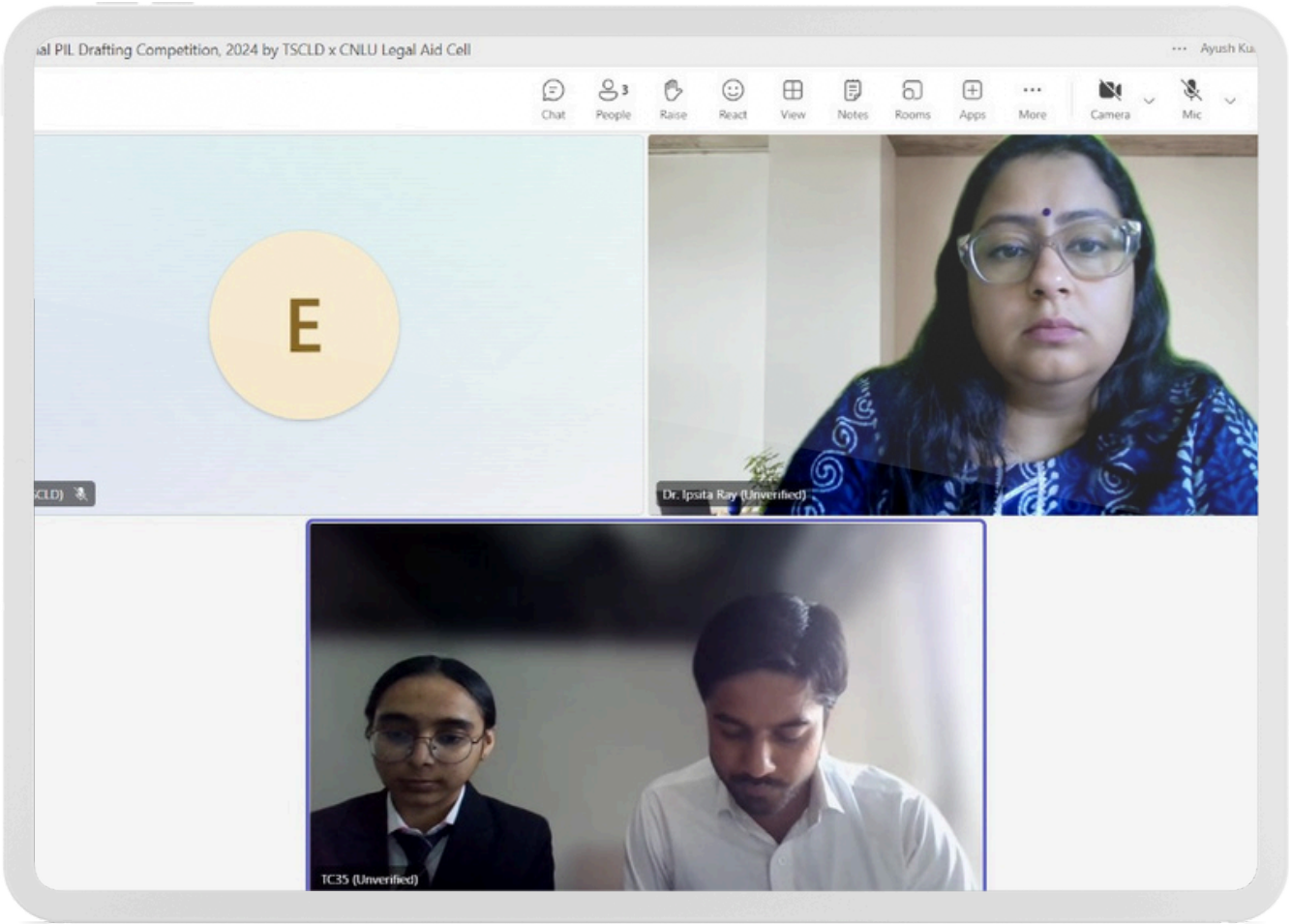
Winners

The competition culminated in the announcement of the winners:

- **1st Place (Best Performing Team/Individual Overall):** TC-21
 - **Prize:** A prize money of Rs.2,500/- and Internship Opportunity at Four Pillars Chambers, New Delhi
- **2nd Place (2nd Best Performing Team/Individual Overall, Best Memorial):** TC-10
 - **Prize:** A prize money of Rs.2,000/- and Internship Opportunity at Four Pillars Chambers, New Delhi
- **3rd Place:** TC-28
 - **Prize:** Internship Opportunity at Four Pillars Chambers, New Delhi

The 2nd National PIL Drafting Competition, 2024 was a resounding success, providing invaluable opportunities for law students to develop their legal skills and contribute to the field of public interest litigation. The competition showcased the exceptional talent and dedication of the participating students, who demonstrated a deep understanding of complex legal issues and a passion for social justice.

TSCLD is committed to organising future editions of the competition to continue fostering legal excellence and promoting advocacy for marginalised communities. The success of this year's event serves as a testament to the growing importance of PIL in India and the valuable role that law students can play in advancing social change.



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface with four participants: apoorva kaur (External), Srishti Chaturvedi, TC-21 (Unverified), and TC 21 (Unverified). The main content is a document titled "Indian schools: A Nightmare".

Indian schools: A Nightmare
 Even in the progressive 21st century, Indian schools are a dreadful nightmare for students. Several conditions haunt them including poor infrastructure with dreadful condition in monsoons where the walls leak accompanied by frequent electric short circuits which hamper the safety of students. Are we not taking the basic fundamental right to education from our future generation? Additionally, the quality of education is so poor and is provided by abysmally low number of teachers in schools to teach a subject. Statistical data presents that there is a shortage of about 1 million teachers in the country. What can be done about the Education Loan Scheme if the students are not made to progress due to implementational challenges?*

An issue dating back to decades
 In 2015, a case of Chhoti, a 5-year-old-girl came in light. She hailed from a rural area. Her parents wished to provide her pre-schooling education so that she could start learning at an early age. Unfortunately, the area where she lived had no playschool or anganwadis for the development of these children. In 2001, the case of Govind brought forth major issues. He was a 10-year-old child who hailed from a backward village of India. Govind used to go to a government school, however, his parents forced him to drop out of school and focus on begging to support the family's survival, due to which the drop-out ratio in schools has been increasing considerably. Such poor conditions of children have also made them a victim of grave evils such as sexual harassment, being drugged and trafficking. What is now left to be seen is whether the government wakes up from its slumber!

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface with a search bar at the top and a gallery view of participants. The participants are:

- Abhinav K Shukla (External) with initials AS
- Neha Singh (Unverified) with initials NS
- Ayush Kumar with initials AK
- TC- 10 (Unverified)

The interface includes a search bar with the text "Search (Ctrl+Alt+E)" and a toolbar with icons for Chat, People, Raise, React, View, Notes, Apps, More, and Camera.