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Press Release

### **JMI Faculty of Law team wins three trophies in International Deal Negotiation Competition, 2025**

A team from the Faculty of Law at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) earned the distinction of being semi-finalists (top four) in the third edition of the International Deal Negotiation Competition, 2025. This event was organised by the National Law University, Jodhpur, in collaboration with Allen & Overy Sherman, the world's leading law firm, from February 28 to March 2, 2025.

The competition featured 32 teams from various National Law Universities across India, along with international teams from Singapore, Australia, and Durham. Notably, the team from JMI distinguished itself as the sole Indian representative to advance to the semi-finals. It was organised to provide students with a platform to enhance their problem-solving skills in a unique commercial setting and expose them to commercial negotiation. The competition fostered a culturally diverse environment, with participants from all over the globe.

The team comprised Isra Mukhtar, a 4<sup>th</sup> Year student, and Medha Chandra, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Year student, both enrolled in the B.A. LL.B. programme. It is noteworthy that Isra Mukhtar was adjudged as Best Counsel and received the Best Counsel Opening Statement Award in the competition. Furthermore, the team also bagged a Distinction in Commercial Awareness. In recognition of their outstanding performance, they were presented with three trophies and certificates of merit.

It's a matter of pride that the JMI team was the only female team among the semi-finalists, competing alongside teams from the National University of Singapore, the University of Durham, and the Australian National University. The judges greatly appreciated and applauded the team's performance in the preliminary rounds of the competition. The competition was judged by associates, principal associates, and partners from esteemed tier-one law firms in the country, including Khaitan & Co., JSA, and Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., as well as representatives from the world's premier law firm, Allen & Overy Sherman.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Ghulam Yazdani, along with the Faculty Conveners of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Dr. Qazi Mohammed Usman and Dr. Alisha Khatun, as well as other esteemed faculty members, extended their congratulations to the team for its outstanding performance. In recognition of the team's efforts and to encourage student participation in similar prestigious competitions, the team will be awarded Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Law at JMI.



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