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**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI**

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**Salutations**

Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra, Former Chief Justice of India;  
Hon'ble Justice Ravi Tripathi; Dr. Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor  
National Law University Delhi; Prof.Vajpayee; Prof.Kaur; other  
dignitaries present in the hall; and my dear Students!

1. It gives me immense pleasure to participate in the valedictory ceremony of the Second Edition of the National Moot Court Competition organized by the Competition Commission of India in partnership with the National Law University, Delhi.
  
2. I am always eager to interact with the youth, for, the youth has the potential to transform the nation. I believe that I am not amongst just students at the moment, but also amongst the future lawyers, judges, and bureaucrats.

3. In fact, even the Competition Commission has always acknowledged the role that students play in changing the future of the country. That is the reason why they are one of our key stakeholders and our advocacy policies are also shaped, keeping the interest of students in mind.
4. As you are all aware, enforcement and advocacy are the twin pillars on which the edifice of Competition Commission rests. The Competition Act, 2002 casts a duty on the Commission to eliminate practices having adverse effect on competition, promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade carried on by other participants, in markets across sectors in India.
5. The Competition Act follows the philosophy of modern competition laws and prohibits anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position by enterprises and regulates mergers and acquisitions, which cause or are likely to cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition within India. The law is applicable to all enterprises

including state owned enterprises and commercial activities of government bodies.

6. As a part of our advocacy mandate, we have reached out to our stakeholders in varied ways. We have organized lectures, workshops, seminars, published rich material on the subject which includes our quarterly newsletter 'Fair Play', advocacy booklets among others. They are being translated into regional languages also. Last month, we released Telugu version of the Advocacy Booklet. More are under way.
7. This year we conducted four roadshows at Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad where stakeholders from different spheres actively participated and engaged in discussions on various topics.
8. Recently, we have also made our presence felt on social media platforms like Facebook and LinkedIn and launched FM Radio Advertisement Campaign, as an innovative initiative to explore newer channels of communication.
9. This moot court competition is also a part of our advocacy mandate to reach out to our stakeholders: the academia.

Moot courts are not the only means that we have adopted to connect to students. In fact, every year we also organize around 100 advocacy events and the majority of them are with academia. We have been sending our officers to various parts of the country to give lectures, to conduct workshops and to be judges of the moot court competitions, with an intention to sensitize and spread awareness amongst students.

10. We also have a flourishing internship program, under which we provide one month paid internships to students from varied fields. We have also initiated a PhD internship program in consonance with the same. The Commission is envisaging more student friendly policies, the details of which can be found on our official website.

11. Coming to Moot Court Competition, I have been given to understand that, 20 teams have participated in the event after elimination on examination of their memorials, and only two reached the finals. First and foremost, let me congratulate each and every one of you for participating in this event and for showing interest in competition law. Even

though, there would be just one winner, but I want you all to understand that participation itself provides a great learning experience. What is most important in life is to develop clarity of thought and conviction; and a robust common sense. You must take decisions keeping larger picture of the economy and country in mind rather than basing it only on your field of specialisation.

12. With these words, I would like to compliment National Law University, Delhi for its impeccable organization of event. I would like to give my best wishes to all the participating teams. I hope that this event becomes a memorable experience for you all and inculcates an interest for competition law amongst all of you. Some of you may like to practice competition law as a career option. I am confident by looking at your performance that you'd be contributing immensely in the competition law jurisprudence through your knowledge, and ability to argue and counter-argue. Let me tell you that CCI also offers employment opportunities to the brightest minds of the

country through open competitive exams from time to time.

We will be happy if you join us.

Jai Hind!