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BRAC University's School of Law wins the ninth Bangladesh round of the Jessup Moot Court Competition

The Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is held annually in two segments – the national round and the international round. This year, BRAC University formed a team consisting of Nasreen Alam, Syed Abdullah Jabeer, and Mahia Rahman, and these three junior students of LLB from the School of Law emerged as the national champion in the ninth Bangladesh Qualifying Rounds of Jessup 2025. This marks the first time in history that BRAC University has become the champion in the Bangladesh national round of the competition. Team BRAC University was guided and coached by Md Mostafa Hosain, an assistant professor at the School of Law. The team members dedicated themselves to a yearlong intensive preparation in the area of international law and continue to do so as they will be representing Bangladesh in the global stage.

This year, the competition saw participation from 44 universities across the country. The Bangladesh national round was organised by Jessup Bangladesh in association with International Law Students Association (ILSA), Hearth Bangladesh, and American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB). It was held at the AIUB campus from February 6 to 8, 2025. Team BRAC University defeated Dhaka University in the semi-finals, and Eastern University in the final round of the competition.

After becoming the champion in the national round, team BRAC University advanced to the Jessup 2025 "White & Case International Rounds" where the team will be competing with the best law schools from all over the world. The international rounds are going to be held between March 29 and April 5, 2025 at Washington, DC. Previously, the BRAC University moot court team clinched the runner-up position three times in the national round of the Jessup competition.

Strengthening Bangladesh's startup ecosystem: The role of university incubators

As Bangladesh's startup landscape expands, university incubators have emerged as pivotal forces in fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and job creation. To address the challenges and opportunities in this space, NSU Startups Next (NSUSN) hosted an exclusive roundtable discussion on the topic "The Role of University Incubators in Fostering Bangladesh's Startup Ecosystem" on February 17, 2025, at North South University's (NSU's) Syndicate Hall.

Bringing together prominent academics, policymakers, investors, and industry leaders, the event served as a high-level

challenge, strengthening public-private partnerships, expanding regional incubation programmes, and developing policy frameworks.

Monjur Mohammad Shahriar said, "We celebrate outputs, but true success lies in outcomes. A startup, like a child, matures through mentorship, passing through stages of growth before becoming a thriving business."

Specifically relating to the state of students in today's ecosystem, Mohammad Shahriar added, "Many ideas seem new to students simply because they haven't



dialogue on the sustainability of university incubation programmes. With over 1,200 active startups in Bangladesh, university-driven incubation models are essential in providing entrepreneurs with access to mentorship, funding, and policy support. However, financial sustainability, limited industry collaboration, and regulatory constraints remain key barriers to their effectiveness.

The discussion featured an esteemed panel of experts, including Prof. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, NSU; Prof. Abdur Rob Khan, Pro-VC In-Charge, NSU; Rahat Ahmed, Founder and Managing Partner, Anchorless Bangladesh; Waiz Rahim, Venture Partner, Sturgeon Capital; and Monjur Mohammad Shahriar, Project Director, DEIED-Project, BHTPA. In addition, successful NSU alum entrepreneurs such as Anayet Rashid, Founder and CEO of Truck Lagbe, and Fahad Ifaz, Co-founder and CEO of iFarmer, shared their experiences and insights into navigating Bangladesh's startup ecosystem.

The discussions revolved around several critical themes like fostering university-led innovation, addressing sustainability

encountered them before. The real challenge is bridging this knowledge gap."

During further conversations and deliberations, Rahat Ahmed stated, "A strong startup ecosystem requires balance – government support must be complemented by private sector investment to ensure long-term success. Ignoring global standards prevents Bangladeshi startups from scaling internationally. To compete on the world stage, we must embrace best practices."

The discussion was moderated by Samuel Mursalin, Director (IC), NSU Startups Next, who highlighted the significance of university incubators in today's entrepreneurial landscape. The event concluded with commitments to developing a strategic roadmap for university incubators, advocating for government-backed funding mechanisms, and fostering deeper industry-academia engagement. The insights gathered will contribute to shaping policy dialogues that ensure university incubators remain sustainable and impactful, supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs in Bangladesh.

Success of DIU BNCC unit in Regiment Training 2025

Daffodil International University (DIU) BNCC platoon recently distinguished itself at the Ramna Regiment Camp held from January 26 to February 4. The camp offered a rigorous programme designed to cultivate discipline, leadership, and other essential skills.

DIU BNCC cadets immersed themselves in a variety of activities. Daily drills and physical training honed precision and fitness. Weapon handling and marksmanship training provided

them with necessary practical skills in a safe environment. Tactical exercises, including simulations of raids, ambushes, and camouflage, prepared cadets for real-world scenarios. The inter-battalion competition showcased the platoon's teamwork and talent.

Beyond military exercises, the camp fostered camaraderie and cultural expression, with DIU cadets earning ten medals in "singing", "acting", and "media" categories. The camp also incorporated



sessions on time management, chain of command, sports, and co-curricular activities, promoting holistic

development.

The Ramna Regiment Camp provided invaluable lessons. Cadets learned the importance of discipline, time management, punctuality, and teamwork. They honed leadership skills, strengthened resilience, and gained practical experience in military tactics. The camp also instilled a deep sense of patriotism and responsibility, shaping cadets into responsible citizens and future leaders.