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6TH SJCL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2026

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The 6th SJCL Moot Court Competition 2026 shall be held from 24 April 2026 to 26 April 2026

Venue:

St. Joseph's College of Law,
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Location:

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ABOUT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF LAW



Established in the year 2017, St. Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore is the pioneer Jesuit law college in South Asia that is strengthened with a 450-year-old legacy in imparting quality education through the Jesuit mission of molding students into people of competence, conscience and compassion dedicated to the service of faith and the promotion of justice'.

The Institution is driven by the ideology of faith and labour that is resonated in the motto of the College: *'fide et labore'*. Emboldened with a vision to 'transform the lives of people by bringing about a just an egalitarian society', the College believes in a steadfast focus to bridge law and governance with a human rights approach. The college, though neoteric, has been able to work towards these set ideals.

The Moot Court Society, through its various inter- and intra-collegiate events, aims to achieve and fulfill the objectives of the institution by encouraging a sound mooting culture, which has at its center, justice and equity.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

OBJECTIVE

The 6th SJCL Moot Court Competition, 2026 is designed to provide a dynamic platform for law students across the country to demonstrate their research acumen, analytical reasoning, legal interpretation, and advocacy skills in the field of environmental law and sustainable development.

The competition explores the complex and often contentious relationship between infrastructure-led economic development, environmental conservation, and constitutional guarantees, particularly in the context of large-scale projects undertaken in ecologically sensitive regions. Through the moot proposition, participants will engage with pressing legal issues such as the legality of environmental clearances, the role and adequacy of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), forest land diversion, coastal regulation, and the scope of judicial review in environmental governance.

By arguing from both developmental and conservation perspectives, participants will critically analyse how courts balance national interest, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.

The ultimate objective of the competition is to foster a competitive, intellectually rigorous, and socially relevant academic environment, while drawing attention to the urgent need for robust environmental decision-making and sustainable policy frameworks in the face of climate change, biodiversity loss, and ecological fragility.

AIM AND PURPOSE

The 6th SJCL Moot Court Competition, 2026 aims to provide aspiring legal professionals with a platform to engage in critical discourse on environmental protection, Constitutional law and development policy.

The competition seeks to strengthen participants' legal research, drafting, and oral advocacy skills by addressing key issues relating to environmental clearances, forest conservation, coastal regulation, and constitutional rights, particularly in the context of large infrastructure projects in ecologically sensitive regions. It encourages critical examination of the effectiveness and limitations of existing environmental regulatory frameworks.

By exploring the balance between environmental preservation and developmental imperatives, the competition aims to foster a nuanced understanding of sustainable development and to sensitise participants to the role of courts, tribunals, and expert bodies in environmental governance. Ultimately, it aspires to promote environmental awareness, ethical advocacy, and policy-oriented legal thinking.

NOTE BY DIRECTOR



The proposition of the 6th SJCL Moot Court Competition this year is a searching inquiry into the relationship between development, social justice, and constitutional rights.

The issues invite profound reflection on the State's obligations to ensure meaningful participation, protect marginalised communities, and uphold environmental integrity as an essential component of justice. They challenge the assumption that national interest and economic progress can be pursued at the cost of human and ecological rights.

These concerns are deeply aligned with the Jesuit tradition's commitment to justice, discernment, and solidarity with the excluded. Jesuit education calls for critical engagement with structures of power and insists that law must serve the common good, especially where the voices of the vulnerable risk being silenced.

I earnestly wish that participants not only treat this as an exercise in legality, but as a pursuit of justice grounded in rights, responsibility, and ethical restraint. I wish all the participants for this moot competition the very best.

NOTE BY PRINCIPAL



St Joseph's College of Law is proud to host this national level Moot Court Competition. This year's moot problem focuses on laws relating to environmental protection, forest conservation, and coastal regulation. It asks participants to carefully examine environmental impact assessments and regulatory decision-making. By placing the dispute in a fragile island ecosystem, the problem highlights the legal challenges involved in protecting environmentally sensitive and scientifically complex regions.

Participants are encouraged to understand the connection between scientific evidence, public policy, and legal accountability in environmental matters. Moreover it is our attempt through this moot problem that we promote awareness and genuine interest among young minds in protecting the environment. It is important that future legal professionals recognise their role in advancing sustainable development and environmental justice.

I trust that participants will approach the problem with seriousness and intellectual discipline. I am confident that the competition will provide a meaningful platform for learning and academic engagement.

I wish all participating teams a rewarding and successful mooting experience.

DEFINITIONS

1. Organizing Committee: The Moot Court Society of St. Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore, members thereof, or any person/persons appointed for the administration of this moot court competition.
2. Petitioner/Appellant: Petitioner/Appellant means the side that argues on behalf of Petitioner or Appellant at any given point in the competition.
3. Respondent: Respondent means the side that argues on behalf of Respondent at any given point in the competition.
4. INR: Indian Rupee.
5. Memorandum: Memorandum means the written arguments submitted by each team.
6. Penalty: Penalty refer to deductions imposed on the memorandum scores of a participating team for non-compliance with the rules mentioned herewith.
7. Rebuttals: Rebuttals refers to the arguments presented by Petitioner/Appellant in response to Respondent's submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the speakers.

8. Sur-rebuttals: Sur-rebuttals refer to the defense presented by the Respondents to the rebuttals.
9. Scouting: Scouting refers to the practice whereby any person observes the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with. Such scouting by the participants shall be invigilated seriously by the organizers and shall attract penalties.
10. Clarifications: Clarifications refer to procedural order(s) and/or any clarification(s) issued by the Organizing Committee and published on the official website.
11. Compendium: A brief compilation of principal heads, general principles, case laws and any other academic resource relevant to the memorandum to be physically submitted by the respective teams in absolute confidentiality.

MOOT PROPOSITION

Prakriti Raksha Manch..... (Appellant)

v.

Union of Bhramas and Anr..... (Respondents)

1. The Union Territory of Sagar Dweep, situated in the eastern waters of the Bay of Bengal, comprises a cluster of remote islands known for their rich biodiversity - dense tropical forests, coral reefs, and fragile coastal ecosystems. Due to its geographical location, the territory occupies strategic importance in maritime trade routes and national security planning. At the same time, the islands fall within a highly seismic and tsunami-prone zone, having experienced major geological disturbances in the past.
2. One of the islands in this archipelago is Dakshin Sagar Island, the southernmost and least populated island in the territory. The island covers an area of approximately 1,050 square kilometres, of which nearly 88% is classified as forest land. Dakshin Sagar Island hosts a range of endemic flora and fauna and is recognised by environmental scientists as an ecologically sensitive zone due to its isolation, unique evolutionary characteristics, and limited carrying capacity.
3. The coastline of Dakshin Sagar Island includes mangrove belts, coral reef systems, and nesting grounds for endangered marine species. These ecosystems serve as natural buffers against coastal erosion and extreme weather events. Several scientific institutions have consistently warned that large-scale anthropogenic intervention on the island could lead to irreversible ecological damage.

4. Dakshin Sagar Island is home to the Soren Tribe, a small indigenous community classified by the administration as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). The Soren Tribe has lived on the island for generations and follows a traditional lifestyle dependent on forest produce, subsistence fishing, and small-scale shifting cultivation.

5. The tribe does not possess formal land titles but has historically exercised customary rights over forest areas and coastal zones. Their social, cultural, and spiritual practices are deeply intertwined with the island's natural landscape. Anthropological surveys indicate that the Soren Tribe has minimal exposure to modern industrial society and limited proficiency in the dominant languages used in governmental administration.

6. Over the years, various expert committees appointed by the Government have emphasised the need for special care and restraint while undertaking any development activities on Dakshin Sagar Island, particularly those involving land diversion or environmental alteration.

7. In March 2024, the Union of Brahmas, acting through the Ministry of Maritime Development and Strategic Infrastructure, announced the Dakshin Sagar Multi-Modal Development Project (hereinafter referred to as 'DSMMDP'). The project was projected as a transformative initiative intended to:

- Establish a deep-sea transshipment port capable of handling ultra-large cargo vessels,
- Develop a greenfield international airport,
- Construct a coastal township to support commercial, tourism, and residential activities,
- Build ancillary road, power, and logistics infrastructure.

8. The project was to be implemented by the Sagar Dweep Integrated Development Corporation (SDIDC), a government-owned enterprise incorporated specifically for executing large infrastructure projects in the territory. The Government justified the project on grounds of:
- Economic development,,
 - Employment generation,
 - Strengthening national maritime capabilities, and,
 - Enhancing strategic presence in the Bay of Bengal.
9. To execute the DSMMDP, the Government proposed the diversion of approximately 140 square kilometres of forest land on Dakshin Sagar Island. This included:
- Primary evergreen forests,
 - Forest areas adjoining mangrove belts, and
 - Land traditionally accessed by the Soren Tribe
10. The proposed port area required extensive dredging, reclamation, and construction of breakwaters. The airport and township components required clearing large contiguous forest tracts to ensure “operational viability”.
11. The Ministry stated that compensatory afforestation would be undertaken on non-forest land located on the mainland, approximately 1,200 kilometres away from Dakshin Sagar Island. Environmental groups raised objections, arguing that, island ecosystems are non-replicable, compensatory afforestation on the mainland cannot substitute loss of endemic biodiversity, forest diversion would permanently alter the island’s ecological balance.

12. In July 2023, SDIDC appointed AquaTerra Environmental Consultants Pvt. Ltd. to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the DSMMDP. The EIA process included:

- Field studies conducted over a period of three months
- Compilation of secondary data from governmental databases
- A predictive assessment of environmental impacts

13. The EIA report concluded that:

- The environmental impacts of the project were “significant but manageable”
- Modern engineering solutions could mitigate ecological damage
- Seismic and tsunami risks were “low-probability, high-impact events”

14. Public consultations were conducted in Port Nayan, the capital city of Sagar Dweep, located on a different island approximately 1,400 kilometres from Dakshin Sagar Island. Attendance from residents of Dakshin Sagar Island was minimal due to logistical constraints. Several independent experts and civil society organisations criticised the EIA on the following grounds:

- Inadequate duration of field studies,
- Failure to assess cumulative impacts of multiple project components,
- Underestimation of disaster vulnerability, and
- Lack of meaningful public participation.

15. Despite these objections, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs granted Environmental Clearance in January 2024 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. A substantial portion of the DSMMDP fell within coastal areas classified as ecologically sensitive zones under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification.

16. The Coastal Authority granted clearance, reasoning that:

- Ports and associated infrastructure are permissible activities
- The project serves strategic and national interests
- Mitigation measures such as artificial reef creation and mangrove transplantation would be undertaken.

17. Marine biologists submitted representations warning that dredging and increased vessel traffic could:

- Destroy coral reef systems
- Disrupt marine breeding cycles
- Increase coastal erosion.

18. These concerns were noted but not incorporated into revised clearance conditions. Members of the Soren Tribe alleged that:

- They were not informed of the full scale and consequences of the project
- Consultations were conducted through district officials unfamiliar with tribal customs
- Meetings were held in languages not understood by many community members.

19. The Government contended that:

- No permanent displacement of the tribe was planned
- Development would improve healthcare, education, and connectivity
- National interest must prevail over resistance rooted in traditional lifestyles
- No separate rehabilitation or cultural impact study was commissioned.

20. Following grant of clearances, SDIDC initiated preliminary activities including:

- Clearing of vegetation for survey work
- Construction of temporary access roads
- Deployment of heavy machinery

21. Satellite imagery released by independent researchers indicated noticeable changes in forest cover within months.

22. In May 2024, Prakriti Raksha Manch, a registered environmental organisation, instituted proceedings before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) challenging the legality of the Dakshin Sagar Multi-Modal Development Project (DSMMDP).

23. The Applicant questioned the validity of the statutory approvals granted to the Project and contended that the decision-making process suffered from legal and procedural infirmities. It was argued that the Project, given its scale and location in a fragile island ecosystem, warranted a higher degree of environmental scrutiny.

24. The Union of Brahmas and the Sagar Dweep Integrated Development Corporation (SDIDC) opposed the application, asserting that all mandatory clearances had been obtained in accordance with law and that the Project involved policy considerations beyond the scope of judicial interference.

25. After hearing the parties, the National Green Tribunal dismissed the application, holding that the Project had received approvals from competent statutory authorities and that no sufficient ground was made out to interfere at that stage. Aggrieved by the order of the National Green Tribunal, Prakriti Raksha Manch preferred an appeal before the Supreme Court of Brahmas, invoking its appellate jurisdiction.

26. The Appellant contends that the Tribunal erred in law in declining to examine the legality of the clearances granted to the Project. The Respondents maintain that the Tribunal's decision was justified and that the Project serves significant public and national interests. The Supreme Court has admitted the appeal and framed the matter for final hearing.

Note:

The present Moot Proposition is set in a fictional jurisdiction; however, the applicable laws and legal principles are *pari materia* with those in force in the Republic of India.

ISSUES RAISED

1. Whether the Environmental Clearance granted to the Dakshin Sagar Multi-Modal Development Project violates the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 due to an inadequate and flawed Environmental Impact Assessment?
2. Whether diversion of extensive forest land on Dakshin Sagar Island is contrary to the object and purpose of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980?
3. Whether the grant of Coastal Regulation Zone clearance permitting large-scale construction in ecologically sensitive coastal areas is legally sustainable?
4. Whether the Dakshin Sagar Multi-Modal Development Project infringes the right to life and a healthy environment under Article 21 of the Constitution of Brahmas?

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

- Participation is open to all law students (3 years LL. B or 5 years LL. B integrated course) or any equivalent law program from any law college/ department/university recognized by the Bar Council of India.

Team Composition

- Team Registration: Only one team per institution may register for the competition.
- Team Dynamics: Teams shall comprise a maximum of three members, wherein two members shall perform the role of a speaker, and one member shall perform the role of a researcher.
- Disclosure of Identity: Teams shall not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties, including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the organizing committee. The Teams will be given team codes after completion of the registration process.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The 6th SJCL Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall consist of written and oral rounds conducted in accordance with the following structure:

1. Written Submissions (Memoranda)

- All teams that have successfully completed the registration process shall be required to prepare and submit memoranda on behalf of both sides, namely the Appellant/Petitioner and the Respondent.
- The soft copy of the memorandum shall be submitted online within the stipulated deadline, in accordance with the rules prescribed in the brochure.
- Teams qualifying for the oral rounds shall be required to submit hard copies of both memoranda at the time of reporting for the oral rounds.
- The evaluation of memoranda shall determine qualification for the oral rounds, and only the top twenty-four (24) teams, as ranked on the basis of memorandum scores, shall qualify for the oral rounds of the Competition.

2. Preliminary Rounds

- The selected twenty-four (24) teams shall participate in two (2) Preliminary Rounds. Each team shall argue once as the Petitioner/Appellant and once as the Respondent.
- Based on the cumulative scores of both Preliminary Rounds, the top eight (8) teams shall qualify for the Quarter-Finals.
- In the event of a tie in cumulative scores at the Preliminary Round stage, the memorandum scores shall be taken into consideration as the tie-breaker for determining qualification to the Quarter-Finals.

3. Quarter-Final Rounds

- The Quarter-Finals shall be conducted on a knockout basis, wherein the top eight (8) teams shall compete against each other. The four (4) winning teams from the Quarter-Final Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

4. Semi-Final Rounds

- The Semi-Final Rounds shall be conducted on a knockout basis among the four (4) qualifying teams. The two (2) winning teams from the Semi-Final Rounds shall qualify for the Final Round of the Competition.

5. Final Round

- The Final Round shall be conducted on a knockout basis between the two (2) qualifying teams. The team securing the higher score in the Final Round shall be declared the Winner of the Competition, and the other team shall be declared the Runner-up.

6. Tie-Breaker Rule

- In the event of a tie in scores at any stage of the Competition, including the Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, or Final Round, the memorandum scores of the concerned teams shall be used as the deciding criterion to determine qualification or advancement.

7. Discretion of the Organisers

- The Organising Committee of the 6th SJCL Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall have the sole and absolute discretion to interpret, clarify, amend, or modify the structure, schedule, or rules of the Competition, including matters relating to scoring, qualification, and conduct of rounds. The decision of the Organising Committee in this regard shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

REGISTRATION AND FEE STRUCTURE

All teams intending to participate in the 6th SJCL Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall be required to complete the registration process in accordance with the following fee structure:

1. Initial Registration Fee

- All participating teams shall pay an initial, non-refundable registration fee of INR 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) + 18% GST at the time of registration. Payment of the initial registration fee is mandatory for confirmation of participation.

2. Oral Round Registration Fee

- The twenty-four (24) teams qualified for the oral rounds shall be required to pay an additional fee based on their accommodation requirements, as detailed below:
- INR 4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only) + 18% GST per team for teams not availing accommodation.
- INR 6,000/- (Rupees Six Thousand only) + 18% GST per team for teams availing accommodation.
- The additional oral round registration fee shall be payable only after the qualified teams have been formally intimated of their selection. A separate payment link shall be sent via email to the registered point of contact of each qualified team, in accordance with the schedule specified in the brochure.
- Please find below the link for initial registration for the Memoandum Assessment Round:

<https://forms.gle/jrTSQqf3pEdpFV1t9>

- Please click the link below to proceed with the payment:

<https://mcc@sjcl.edu.in>

3. Accommodation Policy

- Accommodation shall be provided only to teams that opt for the accommodation facility and make the requisite payment.
- Teams representing institutions located within Bangalore Urban and Bangalore Rural districts shall not be eligible for accommodation, irrespective of the option selected.

4. General Conditions

- All fees paid shall be non-refundable unless otherwise specified by the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee reserves the right to make final determinations regarding fee payment, accommodation eligibility, and related matters, and such decisions shall be final and binding.

AWARDS

Sl. No.	Category	Prize Money
1.	Winner	50,000
2.	1 st Runner up	35,000
3.	2 nd Runner up	25,000
4.	Best Memorandum	15,000
5.	Fr. Praveen Hrudayaraj Best Speaker Award	15,000
6.	Best Researcher	15,000

- Every award category will get a Trophy and Certificate along with the Prize money.
- Every Participating Team will get a "Certificate of Participation".

MEMORANDUM GUIDELINES

Contents of Memorandum

The Memorandum is required to contain the following sections:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Table of Abbreviations
4. Index of Authorities
5. Statement of Jurisdiction
6. Statement of Facts (Maximum of 2 pages)
7. Issues Raised
8. Summary of Arguments
9. Arguments Advanced
10. Prayer

RULES FOR THE MEMORANDUM

1. Rules on drafting of Memorandum

- The Summary of Arguments, Arguments Advanced and the Prayer sections of the memorandum shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages.
- Any non-compliance shall attract a penalty of five (1) marks for every additional page.
- The total length of the Memorandum, inclusive of the cover page, shall not exceed forty (40) pages.
- Any non-compliance shall attract a penalty of five (5) marks for every additional page.
- The citation format shall strictly adhere to the 21st Edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.
- The use of speaking footnotes or endnotes is strictly prohibited.
- Any deviation from the prescribed citation format shall attract a penalty of one (1) mark for each citation error.
- The cover page of each memorandum shall contain the Team Registration Code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by:
 - “P” for the Petitioner’s Memorandum, and
 - “R” for the Respondent’s Memorandum.
- Failure to comply with this requirement shall attract a penalty of ten (10) marks.

2. Rules on formatting of Memorandum

- All soft copies of the Memorandum shall be submitted in PDF format.
- Each Memorandum shall be contained in a single file. The file name shall consist of the allocated Team Code, followed by the side represented in the Memorandum, namely “Petitioner” or “Respondent”.
- Illustration: The Petitioner’s Memorandum of a team bearing Team Code 25 shall be titled “Memorandum for Petitioner – TC 25”.
- All pages of the Memorandum shall be of A4 size, with one-inch margins on all sides. The formatting requirements shall be as follows:
 - Font: Times New Roman
 - Font Size (main text): 12
 - Line Spacing (main text): 1.5

COMPENDIUM

- Submission of a compendium is not mandatory. However, where a team chooses to submit a compendium, it shall be submitted only in hard copy and shall strictly comply with the guidelines set out herein.
- The compendium may be presented only at the discretion of the Presiding Judge. Where permitted, the compendium shall be submitted at least ten (10) minutes prior to the commencement of the oral round.
- The compendium shall contain only relevant extracts of books, cases, statutes, or other authorities relied upon. Each extract shall include the first page of the source, followed by only the relevant pages being cited.
- Illustration: Where reliance is placed on a judgment in X v. Y, the first page of the judgment, along with the relevant pages containing the cited paragraph(s), shall be included.
- The responsibility for preparing a clear, coherent, and accessible Compendium shall rest entirely with the participating team. All compendiums shall contain a properly indexed table of contents.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF MEMORANDUM

Sl. No.	Parameter	Marks
1.	Logical Progression of Ideas	10
2.	Originality in Analysis and Argument	10
3.	Understanding Essential Legal Issues Presented	10
4.	Clear, Concise and Unambiguous Writing Style	10
5.	Effective and Persuasive Presentation	10
6.	Integration of Facts into Legal Arguments	10
7.	Analytical Comprehension of Legal Authorities	10
8.	Proper Use of Citations and Citation Format	10
9.	Effective application of legal authorities in support of Arguments	10
10.	Formatting	10
	TOTAL	100

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF ORAL ROUNDS

1. The decision of the judges shall be final and binding.
2. The Teams shall be evaluated in the oral rounds based on the criteria mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Parameter	Marks
1	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
3.	Interpretation and Application of Facts	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Response to Questions	10
6.	Organisation of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thought and Expression	10
8.	Argumentative skills and creativity	10
9.	Reference to Written Submissions in the course of Oral Pleadings	10
10.	Court Mannerism	10
	TOTAL	100

RESEARCHER'S TEST

- Only one (1) member per team shall be registered as the Researcher, and the team member so registered shall be required to appear for the Researcher's Test as part of the Competition.
- The Researcher's Test shall consist of fifty (50) multiple choice questions and shall be conducted for a duration of forty five (45) minutes.
- Researchers shall be assessed individually based solely on their performance in the Researcher's Test. The Best Researcher Award shall be conferred upon the researcher who secures the highest score in the said test.
- In the event of a tie for the Best Researcher Award, the memorandum score of the team represented by the concerned researcher shall be taken into consideration as the tie-breaking criterion.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Soft copy of the Petitioner and Respondent Memorandum shall be uploaded via Google form in pdf format:

<https://forms.gle/ttKJe7Akf4FQ51Gx5>

- Participants can communicate their clarification(s) via the Google Form-

<https://forms.gle/fUKjCu3HAWq2zUzz8>

DRESS CODE

- All participants shall strictly adhere to the prescribed formal courtroom attire for the entire duration of the Competition. Participants shall be required to wear the Identity Card issued at the time of registration at all times during the event.

1. Female Participants:

- White collared shirts, black trousers, black blazers, and black formal shoes.

2. Male Participants:

- White collared shirts, black trousers, black blazers, and black formal shoes.

- Non-compliance with the prescribed dress code or failure to wear the Identity Card may attract penalties and, in cases of repeated or serious violations, may lead to disqualification from the Competition, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

ORAL ROUNDS

1. General Procedure

- The Oral Rounds shall be conducted offline at the designated venue and shall consist of the following four (4) rounds:
 - Preliminary Rounds
 - Quarter-Final Rounds
 - Semi-Final Rounds
 - Final Round
- In all rounds, the team representing the Petitioner/Appellant shall present arguments first, followed by the Respondent. Upon conclusion of the arguments:
 - The Petitioner/Appellant may present rebuttals, followed by
 - Sur-rebuttals by the Respondent, for a duration not exceeding duration of rebuttal.
 - No submissions shall be permitted after sur-rebuttals.
- Teams shall comprise two speakers, and each speaker shall speak for a minimum of seven (7) minutes in every round.
- Student counsels shall not disclose their names, institution, or any personal details during oral rounds and shall identify themselves only by their Team Code.
- The Researcher shall mandatorily be present during all oral rounds.

2. Procedure for Oral Submissions

a. Time Allocation

- The division of time between the two speakers, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals shall be at the discretion of the team, subject to the minimum speaking time requirement.

b. Prior Intimation

- Teams shall inform the Organising Committee of their proposed time division between:
 - First Speaker
 - Second Speaker
 - Rebuttal (Petitioner/Appellant) or Sur-rebuttal (Respondent)Prior to the commencement of the oral round.
- Oral submissions shall not travel beyond the issues raised in the Memoranda.

ROUND-WISE STRUCTURE AND TIME ALLOCATION

1. Preliminary Rounds

- Each team shall argue twice, once as Petitioner/Appellant and once as Respondent.
- Time per team: 20 minutes, inclusive of arguments, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals.
- Teams shall be matched through a Draw of Lots, and no team shall face the same Bench more than once.
- Qualification to the next round shall be based on cumulative scores of both Preliminary Rounds.

2. Quarter-Final Rounds

- The Quarter-Final Rounds shall be conducted on a knockout basis.
- Time per team: 25 minutes, inclusive of arguments, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals.
- Fixtures shall be determined by a Draw of Lots.
- The teams securing the highest scores shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.

3. Semi-Final Rounds

- The Semi-Final Rounds shall be conducted on a knockout basis.
- Time per team: 30 minutes, inclusive of arguments, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals.
- In the event of a tie, memorandum scores shall be used as the tie-breaking criterion.
- The winning teams shall qualify for the Final Round.

4. Final Round

- The Final Round shall be conducted on a knockout basis between the two qualifying teams.
- Time per team: 40 minutes, inclusive of arguments, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals.
- The team securing the higher score shall be declared the Winner, and the other team shall be declared the Runner-up.
- In case of a tie, memorandum scores shall be used to determine the Winner.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION

1. Eligibility for Accommodation

- Accommodation shall be provided only to teams representing institutions located outside the Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural Districts.

2. Optional Nature of Accommodation

- Availing accommodation arranged by the Organising Committee is not mandatory. Accommodation shall be provided only to those teams that expressly request the same and complete the requisite formalities.

3. Accommodation Facilities

- The accommodation facilities identified are affiliated with religious congregations and therefore require strict adherence to their internal rules and codes of conduct by all residents.

4. Room Allotment

- Room allotment shall be carried out by the Faculty Coordinators of the Moot Court Society(MCS) and shall be based on gender. Any request for changes in room allotment shall be subject to the sole discretion of the Faculty Coordinators.

5. Check-in and Check-out

- Participants shall inform the Organising Committee in advance of their check-in and check-out timings.
- Any request for late check-in or early check-out must be communicated at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

6. Code of Conduct

- Participants shall maintain respectful and professional conduct towards fellow participants, coordinators, accommodation staff, and all other persons at the facility.
- Any concerns relating to accommodation facilities shall be immediately reported to the designated MCS Coordinators upon check-in.
- Participants are expected to behave in a professional, disciplined, and responsible manner at all times during their stay.

7. Prohibited Activities

- Smoking, consumption or possession of alcohol, narcotic substances, or any illegal items within the accommodation premises is strictly prohibited.
- Any violation of this rule shall result in immediate disqualification from the Competition and may invite further disciplinary action as determined by the Faculty Coordinators.

8. General Rules

- Participants shall be responsible for maintaining cleanliness and discipline in their allotted rooms.
- Any damage to property shall be recovered from the responsible individual(s) or team.
- Silence shall be maintained after 10:00 PM to ensure a peaceful environment for all residents.

9. Security and Compliance

- Participants shall carry their Identity Cards at all times and cooperate with security personnel.
- The curfew timings prescribed by the accommodation facilities shall be strictly adhered to.
- The accommodation staff and the Organising Committee reserve the right to inspect the premises at any time.

10. Provision for Meals

- Refreshments shall be provided to all participants from Friday onwards at the College campus, post completion of registration formalities.
- Availing all meals is not mandatory. Participants shall clearly indicate their meal requirements in the registration form.

11. Consequences of Non-Compliance

- Failure to comply with any of the above rules may result in strict action, including removal from the accommodation facility and disqualification from the Competition.
- The decision of the Faculty Coordinators in this regard shall be final and binding.

Note: By checking into the accommodation facility, participants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to abide by the above rules and regulations.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Participants shall ensure that their electronic devices remain adequately charged and have sufficient network connectivity to receive official communications and updates outside the court halls.
2. Participants shall strictly comply with the Dress Code prescribed under the relevant provisions of the Competition Rules.
3. The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, add to, or repeal any of the Competition Rules. Any such changes shall be duly communicated to the participating teams.
4. The Organising Committee shall have the authority to decide upon any matter not expressly provided for in the Competition Rules, and any decision taken in this regard shall be final and binding.
5. The Organising Committee reserves the right to interpret the Competition Rules, and such interpretation shall be final and binding on all participating teams.
6. Any communication, notice, or information conveyed to a member of a team or the registered point of contact shall be deemed to constitute valid and sufficient notice to the entire team.

7. Participants are expected to maintain professional conduct and decorum at all times during the Competition, including within court halls, common areas, and accommodation facilities. Any act of misconduct may attract penalties, including disqualification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

8. All participants shall be required to be present at the Valedictory Session scheduled on 26th April, 2026. Certificates of Participation shall be issued only to those participants who are present at the Valedictory Session. Absence from the Valedictory Session, except for reasons expressly approved by the Organising Committee, may result in non-issuance of the Certificate of Participation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sl. No	Events	Dates
1.	Release of Brochure	15 th February 2026
2.	Last date of registration	8 th March 2026
3.	Last date to seek clarification	12 th March 2026
4.	Release of Clarification	14 th March 2026
5.	Submission of Memorandum	27 th March 2026
6.	Announcement of Memorandum results	8 th April 2026
7.	Confirmation of Teams Advancing to Oral Rounds	10 th April 2026
8.	Inauguration and Draw of Lots for Prelims	24 th April 2026
9.	Preliminary 1 & 2, Quarter & Semi- Finals	25 th April 2026
10.	Finals & Valedictory	26 th April 2026

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