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PRESENTS THE
3rd

EDITION OF

**JUSTICE G. D. KAMAT
MEMORIAL NATIONAL
LEVEL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION - 2025**

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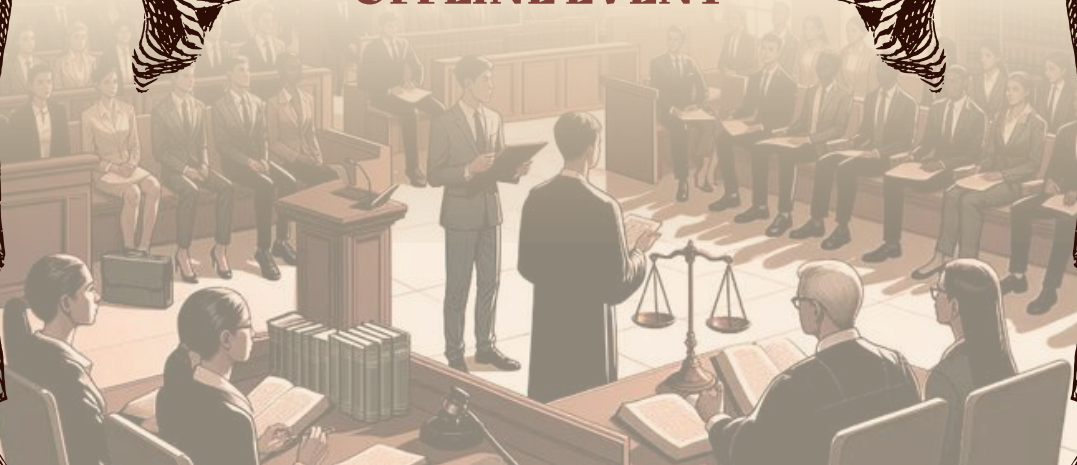


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ABOUT VMSCCL

Situated in the State of Goa, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law offers the Five Year Integrated double degree B.A. LL.B., Three-year LLB Degree, a two-year post-graduate LL.M program, a Ph. D program, and a Diploma in Civil Law. V.M. Salgaocar College of Law is committed to and directs its activities towards securing: Excellence in Legal Education Responsible citizenship Social justice and humanism Fraternity and common brotherhood Compassion and respect for fellow beings and the environment Professionalism, ethics, and integrity of thought and action Equality of opportunity Freedom of ideas and novelty of thoughts, Scientific temper and the spirit of inquiry and reform.

The V.M. Salgaocar College of Law has always endeavoured to teach commitment and professionalism in all of its students thereby contributing to the growth of the legal system in India. The college has received accolades such as the Institutional Excellence Award from The Society of Indian Law Firms, Community Engagement Awards from Herbert Smith Freehills as well as the Knowledge Steez Legal Aid Award from Knowledge Steez, Delhi which are all emblematic of the Institution's sincere efforts.

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The Moot Court Society of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law is one of the most ancient and enduring pursuits within the college's legacy. A multitude of students, driven by the aspirations to become adept mooters, engage in rigorous selection processes, subsequently representing our esteemed institution in esteemed national Moot Court Competitions, thereby bestowing honor upon our academic establishment. The aforementioned success has been attributed to the combined efforts of the qualified and experienced teaching staff, visiting faculty, and the ever-valuable assistance of the administrative staff.



LATE JUSTICE GURUDAS DATTA KAMAT



Justice Gurudas D. Kamat was born in Goa on January 5, 1935. Late Justice G.D. Kamat was enrolled as an advocate by the Maharashtra Bar Council on August 10, 1962. He commenced his practice back in Bombay in 1963, and in 1964 he started his practice in his home state of Goa and went on to explore various branches of law. He also held the post of Public Prosecutor from 1967 to 1969. In 1980, he became an advocate for the Customs and Central Excise Departments of the Government of India. Sir had also been a member of the Senate and a law faculty member at Bombay University from 1980 to 1982.

Sir was appointed as an Additional Judge at the Bombay High Court on November 29th, 1983, and was appointed as a Permanent Judge on November 29th, 1983. He was then appointed as the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court with effect from July 1, 1996. Sir was the first Goan to have accomplished such a commendable feat. Sir had an exceedingly illustrious career spanning more than three decades as a doyen of the legal fraternity, retiring on January 5, 1997.

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JUSTICE G. D. KAMAT MEMORIAL NATIONAL- LEVEL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The V.M. Salgaocar College of Law in collaboration with G. D. Kamat Charitable Trust in memory of the Late Justice G.D Kamat organized the first edition of a National Level Moot Court Competition titled Justice G.D Kamat Memorial National Moot Court Competition in January 2023. The first edition served as a torchbearer, boasting active participation from 26 teams representing prestigious colleges across the country. The Moot Court Competition in its very first edition has established itself as one of the most promising moot court competitions of the year 2023. The Moot Court Competition served as a pivot where we had the best-practicing lawyers in the state of Goa as Judges for the Preliminaries, Quarter Finals, and Semi Final Rounds.

The Winners of the Moot Court Competition were National Law University, Bhopal and the runners-up were Gurusiddappa Kotambri Law College, Hubballi. Both the triumphant teams were awarded certificates of merit, a trophy, and cash prizes.

The 2nd Edition of this competition was held in February 2024 with 24 prestigious colleges across the country participating in the competition. The 2nd edition was judged by renowned advocates from across the State of Goa. The Winners of the 2nd Edition of the Moot Court Competition were Christ (Deemed to be) University and the runners-up were R. V. Institute of Legal Studies, Bangalore, Karnataka. Both the triumphant teams were awarded certificates of merit, a trophy, and cash prizes.

To commemorate the unparalleled achievements of one of Goa's greatest legal laureates, Hon'ble Late Justice GD Kamat we are honored to announce that Devi Sharvani Education Society's V.M. Salgaocar College of Law is fortunate to collaborate once again with the G.D. Kamat Charitable Trust to host the 3rd edition of this National Level Moot Court Competition.

With this incredible legacy to live up to, we are elated to announce the 3rd Edition of Justice G.D Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition in February 2025.





LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Participants,

Welcome to V.M. Salgaocar College of Law,
At VMSCCL, we are committed to fostering an environment that inspires creativity, encourages growth, and supports academic excellence. Our goal is to provide every student with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.



We believe in the power of experiential learning and moot court competitions provide students with a unique opportunity to step into the shoes of legal practitioners, presenting arguments, analyzing cases, and understanding the nuances of courtroom decorum. It is a bridge between academic learning and practical application, preparing students to face real-world legal challenges with confidence and competence.

Through the dedication of our talented staff, the support of our engaged community, and the enthusiasm of our students, we strive to create a nurturing and innovative learning atmosphere. We believe in holistic development, ensuring our students excel not only in academics but also in extracurricular activities, character building, and life skills.

It is with immense pride and pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to all of you to the Justice G. D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Competition 2025. This event is not just a celebration of legal acumen and advocacy skills, but also a platform that fosters critical thinking, intellectual rigor, and professional ethics among budding legal minds.

Wishing all participants the very best for the competition.

Warm regards,

Dr. G. Shaber Ali

Officiating Principal, V.M Salgaocar College of Law



BACKGROUND TO THIS EDITION'S MOOT PROPOSITION

Marriage has had huge significance in Indian society for centuries, where a man and a woman come together to share their lives. However, in recent years there has been a decline in this socially and legally recognized sanctimonious union. Furthermore there has been a gradual increase in the concept of live-in relations, especially among the young adults.

Unlike the various personal laws across different states of India that govern numerous aspects of family law like marriage, divorce, inheritance of property, adoption, etc., the concept of legalizing live-in relationships is still evolving and there are neither any provisions in any of the personal laws nor is there any specific central legislation that governs live-in relationships in India.

In regard to the same issue, the State Legislature of Vindhya Pradesh has passed “The Vindhya Pradesh Live in Relationship (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2024” to regulate live-in relationships in the State.

The 3rd Edition of Justice G. D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2025 dwells into this sensitive concept of regulating live-in relationships through above mentioned legislation.

[LINK TO MOOT PROPOSITION](#)



TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION

Sr. No.	Particulars	Date
1.	RELEASE OF THE MOOT PROPOSITION & RULES FOR MOOT COURT COMPETITION	10TH DECEMBER 2024
2.	COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION	10TH DECEMBER 2024
3.	LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION	20TH JANUARY 2025
4.	RELEASE OF SELECTED TEAMS & ALLOTMENT OF TEAM CODES	28TH JANUARY 2025
5.	LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS	30TH JANUARY 2025
6.	RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE (IF ANY)	5TH FEBRUARY 2025
7.	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF MEMORIALS (ONLINE)	12TH FEBRUARY 2025
8.	INAUGURATION CEREMONY & DRAW OF LOTS (OFFLINE)	21ST FEBRUARY 2025
9.	PRELIMINARY AND QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS	22ND FEBRUARY 2025
10.	SEMI-FINALS & FINAL ROUNDS & VALEDICTORY CEREMONY	23RD FEBRUARY 2025

☆ The Organizing Committee has the discretion to change the timeline or grant an extension for the dates mentioned above.



GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR JUSTICE G. D. KAMAT MEMORIAL NATIONAL LEVEL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, DEVI SHARVANI EDUCATION SOCIETY'S V.M. SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW - GOA, has announced its 3rd edition of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition to be held from 21st February 2025 to 23rd February 2025 to enable law students from all across India to participate to showcase their majesty over law and legal principles;

THEREFORE, the Organising Committee of this Competition hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

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1, SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT :

These rules may be called “**JGDKMNLICC Rules - 2025**”

- They shall come into force from the date of publication of these rules on the official website of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law - <https://vmslaw.edu.in>
- The rules are reviewed annually and are subject to change. Reliance should be placed only on “**JGDKMNLICC Rules - 2025**” and not any previously applicable rules.

2. DEFINITIONS :

In these rules, unless otherwise stated, a reference to a rule is a reference to a rule under “**JGDKMNLICC Rules - 2025**”

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

2.1 ‘**Bench**’ means to the members duly invited by the host institution to adjudge any of the competition rounds collectively.

2.2 ‘**Clarifications**’ means an explanation published by the Organising Committee on the moot problem, at any point in time of the competition, or a query posed by any competing team within the given deadline.

2.3 ‘**Competition**’ means the Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2025.

2.4 ‘**Host Institution**’ means and includes Devi Sharvani Education Society’s V.M. Salgaocar College Of Law - Goa.

2.5 ‘**Memorial**’ means the written arguments submitted by the teams on behalf of both parties according to the rules prescribed below.

2.6 ‘**Memorial Round**’ means the assessment of memorials, submitted by teams, on the predefined criterion, hereinafter mentioned in these rules.



2.7 **'Moot Proposition'** means a set of facts published by the Organising Committee for the Competition, supplemented or clarified or corrected thereof.

2.8 **'Official Email'** refers to the email of the Competition-
vmsnationalmoot@vmslaw.edu.in

2.9 **'Official website'** means the official website of the host institution i.e. V.M. Salgaocar College of Law <https://vmslaw.edu.in>

2.10 **'Oral Submission'** means the oral pleadings / arguments made by the teams before the bench during any of the competition rounds, including time given for rebuttal.

2.11 **'Organising Committee'** means the student-faculty-staff body appointed by the Host institution for the administration and smooth conduct of the Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court competition 2025.

2.12 **'Participant'** means only bona fide representatives of any Law College / University, that be State or Central or any other department recognized/authorised by the Bar Council of India to impart law degrees, and who have applied and registered for the competition by complying with the procedure prescribed in these present rules

2.13 **'Penalty'** means the deductions imposed on the scores of a participating team.

2.14 **'Plagiarism'** means:-

- Direct duplication of somebody else's work represented inter-alia in books, articles, and internet sources without acknowledgment.
- Direct or substantial duplication of another moot memorial, irrespective of whether that memorial is a competing memorandum or not, and irrespective of whether there is acknowledgment or not.
- Substantial duplication denotes situations wherein sentences have been substantially copied, that is, where at least seven continuous words from the original work are present in the impugned memorial and/or where a segment of the impugned memorial has been paraphrased from the other memorandum with minor changes, keeping intact the import of the latter.



2.15 **'Rebuttals'** means the arguments presented by the Petitioner/Plaintiff in response to the Respondent/Defendant's submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the oralists.

2.16 **'Researcher'** means the person who will be appearing for the researcher's test

2.17 **'Rules'** means the official competition rules referred to as “ **JGDKMNL MCC Rules -2025.**”

2.18 **'Scouting'** means witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions of a team other than the team such person is associated with or reading a memorial of a team to which he/she is not affiliated.

2.19 **'Session Supervisor'** means member/s of the Organising Committee designated as such, in charge of overseeing the smooth conduct of every Competition Round/ Session.

2.20 **'Speaker'** means a participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.

2.21 **'Sur-rebuttals'** refers to the defence presented by the Respondent/Defendant to the rebuttals.

2.22 **'Team'** means and includes any team of any University/Law college /Law institution participating in the Competition and who have registered themselves for the competition as per the rules and regulations.

2.23 **'Team Code'** means a unique code assigned by the host institution to the registered team.

3. INTERPRETATION :

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to interpret and change the rules as it deems fit to ensure fairness and equality in the competition. Any such interpretation shall be conclusive.
- The decision of the Organising Committee for the application of the rules shall be final and binding.



- The Organising Committee may amend, modify, change, or repeal any rule from JGDKMNLICC Rules - 2025 the same shall be communicated to the teams in due time.
- In case of any conflict, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final and binding.
- The Host Institution reserves the right to change the mode of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition - 2025 to an online mode or postpone or cancel the event if any unforeseen circumstance renders the organization of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition - 2025 impossible and puts the participants, experts, volunteers and all those part of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition - 2025 at risk.

4. ELIGIBILITY :

- Students duly enrolled and pursuing a five-year integrated undergraduate [B.A. LL. B/ BB.A. LL. B /B. Com LL.B /B.Sc. LL. B] or a three-year graduate law program may apply to participate in the 3rd edition of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition - 2025.
- Students enrolled and pursuing a post-graduate diploma or short-term certificate courses in law are not eligible to apply.
- Students from any University/Department/Institute not recognized by the Bar Council of India to impart law degrees are not eligible to apply.
- Only one Team is allowed per Law School / College / University to participate.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION :

- Each team shall consist of **Three members only**, comprising **Two speakers and One researcher**.
- The teams shall not be allowed to change the composition of their team after the completion of their registration unless such a request for change of composition is allowed by the Organising Committee at their discretion.



- All three members of a team should belong to the same institution, cross-institute teams are strictly ineligible to participate in the 3rd edition of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition - 2025.
- Any person, other than the three registered team members, is not eligible to participate in the competition and avail of facilities reserved for the student participants.

6. VENUE OF COMPETITION :

- The Oral Rounds of the Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition 2025 will be held from the 21st of February to the 23rd of February 2025 at the campus of **V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Miramar, Panjim, Goa, 403002.**

7. LANGUAGE OF SUBMISSION :

- The official language of the competition is **English** and all participants are strictly required to present both their oral and written submissions in English.

8. MOOT PROPOSITION :

- Participants are required to present arguments for the side of petitioners and respondents adhering to the moot proposition framed by the Organising Committee for the 3rd edition of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2025.

[MOOT PROPOSITION LINK](#)

9. DRESS CODE :

- The participants shall strictly adhere to the following dress code while in the courtrooms and on the campus of the host institution on every occasion:



- **Ladies:** White salwar and kurta / white shirt and black trousers along with a black blazer and black shoes.

- **Gentlemen:** White shirt, black trousers, a black tie, a black blazer and black shoes.

- The above-mentioned dress code extends to the Inaugural and Valedictory Ceremonies also.

10. REGISTRATION INFORMATION :

10.1 General

- Each team shall register for the Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2025 by filling out the registration form by accessing the

[REGISTRATION FORM LINK](#)

- **Registrations will begin on the 10th of December 2024 and the last date for Registration is on / before 20th of January 2025, 11:59 P.M.** Registration after the given deadline shall not be accepted under any circumstance.
- On receipt of the duly filled registration form, the Organising Committee shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt.
- The registration form will not be considered if any of the following contents aren't filled / submitted as per their individual requirements and other specifics as mentioned and the registration process will be deemed to be incomplete .
- Registration for the 3rd edition of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition - 2025 shall be on a **first come first serve basis** wherein only the first **Twenty-Six (26)** teams shall be eligible to participate.
- In case any institution fills the registration form before the registration deadline but the host institution has reached its maximum limit of twenty-six teams, a refund shall be provided.



10.2 Registration Fee

- The registration fee for the competition is **INR 8,500 (in words - Rupees Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only)** inclusive of GST @18%, which includes accommodation and food for the days of the competition, access to the library, Wi-Fi, and any other facilities provided by the host institution at its discretion.
- Any additional charges incurred by the team while making the wire transfer are to be borne by the team.
- Registration fees paid by any institution towards this competition are **non-refundable once paid**.

★ **PAYMENT DETAILS:** PAYMENT SHALL BE DONE ONLINE THROUGH NEFT/IMPS

- **ACCOUNT NAME: V M SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW**
- **ACCOUNT NO: 102210100006744**
- **IFSC CODE : BKID0001022**

10.3 On-Site Registration

- All teams are requested to reach the V.M. Salgaocar College Of Law campus by 21st February 2025 morning.
- Hard copies of all required documents are to be brought and submitted on arrival of the team.
 - Bona-fide Certificate,
 - Student ID copy, and
 - 8 copies of Memorials from each side
- There will be an onsite registration where teams will receive their schedule and other articles for the event, followed by the inaugural ceremony.



11. CLARIFICATIONS :

- Clarifications can be sought on any part of the moot proposition and are to be sent to the Organising Committee **on/before 5th February 2025 11:59 pm** by an email at the following email address ishankenkre@ymslaw.edu.in.
- It is at the discretion of the Organising Committee to decide whether a clarification sought is valid and to be clarified.

12. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS :

- Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form during the Competition, except using their Team Code allotted by the Organising Committee.
- Teams must not reveal the name of their institution or names of the participants, anywhere in the memorials or during the oral arguments.
- Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges, etc., that indicates the university/college represented by them.
- Any material presented to the bench, including but not limited to a compendium, should be devoid of any identification mark(s)/seal(s) of the Team. If any such mark(s)/seal(s) exist it must be rendered unrecognisable before being presented to the bench.
- Any violation of the above-mentioned rule shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Organising Committee. The decision of the Organising Committee in this regard shall be final and binding on all parties.
- While submitting the memorial, there should be no reference to the name of the institution, and it should only contain the team code.



13. MEMORIALS AND MEMORIAL ROUND :

13.1 General

- Every participating team is required to prepare two kinds of memorials:- One on behalf of the Petitioner/ Appellant and the other on behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.
- The teams are required to submit the **soft copies of both their memorials in PDF format on/before 12th February 2025 by 11:59 p.m. via email ymsnationalmoot@ymslaw.edu.in** with the subject “Team Code – Petitioner/ Respondent. E.g. 1. T-23 Petitioners and 2. T-23 Respondents.
- The participants are instructed to ensure that their physical copies submitted during the competition are in complete congruence with the previously submitted swift copies.
- Any changes observed to the physical copy of the memorials will warrant deduction in the Memorial evaluation.
- Each team shall research in the domain of the moot problem, and prepare memorials from both sides, namely, plaintiff/ petitioner/ appellant and defendant/respondent as the case may be.
- There will be no memorial qualifier round for the 3rd edition of Justice G.D. Kamat Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition, 2025.

13.2 Format of Memorial

A] *The memorials shall contain all of, and only, the following heads, namely-*

- ❖ Cover / Title Page
- ❖ Table of Contents



- ❖ List of Abbreviations
- ❖ Index of Authorities
- ❖ Statement of Jurisdiction
- ❖ Statement of Facts
- ❖ Issues Raised
- ❖ Summary of Arguments
- ❖ Arguments Advanced
- ❖ Annexures (optional - if any)
- ❖ Prayer

B] Each memorial shall have the following and only the following on its *cover page* -

- ❖ Team code on the right-hand corner of the cover page
- ❖ Name of Moot Court Competition
- ❖ Cause Title of the case (X v. Y)
- ❖ Name of the court/forum/tribunal approached
- ❖ Relevant Statutory provision under which the case is filed
- ❖ Name of the Party on behalf of whom the written submissions are made

C] *The colour scheme to be followed for the cause title page* of the memorial-

- ❖ BLUE: PETITIONER
- ❖ RED: RESPONDENT



13.3 Font and Spacing -

- All written submissions shall be typed on **A4 size paper** in the following format.
 - ❖ Times New Roman (font type),
 - ❖ In 12 points (font size),
 - ❖ With a line spacing of 1.5,
 - ❖ Both sides Justified,
 - ❖ Headings to be bold in the same font and size,
 - ❖ Each page shall have a 1-inch margin from each side, and
 - ❖ The Font-size of footnotes must be of size 10.
- The written submissions shall have a border.
- The memorials shall be spiral-bound only.
- **The total page limit for memorial shall be 35 pages and arguments advanced shall not exceed 20 pages.**
- Exceeding the specified page limit shall lead to deductions.

13.4 Citations

- All teams shall give footnotes by adhering to Harvard Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation (21st Edition).
- There must not be any explanatory citations in the footnotes.



13.5 Plagiarism

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to disqualify a team, at any stage of the competition, if the memorial or any other part thereof, is found to be plagiarized.

13.6 Page Numbers

- Each section of the memorial, except the Cover Page, must be numbered.
- Page Numbers of the Written Submissions must be in Hindu-Arabic Numbers only (1,2,3,4), starting from 1.

★ **IMPORTANT:-** The names or logos of the colleges, universities, or law schools shall not be mentioned anywhere in the memorials submitted by the participants or material that may be handed over at the time of oral arguments, if found, such team shall be disqualified.

14. SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPIES :

- All teams shall submit a soft copy in **PDF format** of the memorials from both sides **on/before 12th February 2025, 11:59 pm** by emailing at the following email address ymsnationalmoot@ymslaw.edu.in with the subject “Team Code – Petitioner/ Respondent.”

E.g. 1. T-X Petitioners and 2. T-X Respondents

- Submissions made after the specified deadline may lead to penalties in the form of deductions from the memorial marks.
- The discretion to waive off any penalty shall lie with the Organising Committee, power being exercised only in extraordinary circumstances.



15. ASSESSMENT OF MEMORIALS :

15.1 Marking Criteria

Each side of the memorials shall be assessed out of **100 marks**, by a team of experts on the predetermined criterion, as specified hereunder:

PARTICULARS	MARKS
Application and Appreciation of Facts	20 Marks
Application of Legal Principles, Authorities and Precedents	20 Marks
Identification and Presentation of Issues	20 Marks
Logical Reasoning	20 Marks
Grammar and Clarity	10 Marks
Originality	10 Marks

15.2 Penalties and Deduction Criteria

PARTICULARS	DEDUCTIONS
Failure to adhere to the colour scheme of the Cover/Title Page	0.25 mark for each written submission
Failure to place team code as specified	0.25 mark for each written submission
Failure to adhere to the page limit	0.25 for every page exceeded for each written submission
Failure to submit the written submission within the stipulated time	1 mark for every hour that passes following the lapse of the deadline
Failure to adhere to the format of the memorial, font, and spacing	1 mark for each written submission
Incorrect and inconsistent footnote and citation	0.25 mark for each written submission
Plagiarism exceeding the specified limit	1 mark for every 10% over the specified limit
Revealing the identity of the team in the written submission	Direct Disqualification of the team.



16. SUBMISSION OF HARD COPIES :

- Hardcopies of the memorials are to be submitted by the teams on the day of their arrival for the competition i.e. on **21st February 2025**.
- The teams shall bring **8 hard copies of their memorial from both sides (a total of 16 copies)** when they arrive.
- The softcopy submitted for the Online memorial submission and the hardcopy submitted during the registration have to be identical. Any discrepancies observed may lead to a severe penalty that may include but is not limited to, the disqualification of the team.
- The Organising Committee of the competition reserves the right to disseminate and produce the memorials as and when deemed necessary for the competition. Submission of the memorials will constitute the team's consent to do the same.
- The Organising Committee will not take any responsibility for the mistakes found in the final submission of the memorials.

17. RESEARCHERS TEST :

- The Researcher's Test for the Moot Competition shall be conducted on **21st February 2025**.
- The Researcher's test shall be conducted in offline mode.
- The venue for the test shall be the same as the venue of the competition.
- Only the participant registered as the 'Researcher' is supposed to give the test.
- The test shall consist of 50 objective-type questions.
- The test shall contain questions related to the moot problem, the law applicable in the Moot Proposition, and from allied areas including case laws.



18. STRUCTURE OF ORAL ARGUMENTS :

18.1 General

- The competition will be held for three days, i.e. **21st, 22nd and 23rd of February 2025.** The competition shall have two Preliminary Rounds, one Quarter-Final Round, one Semi-Final Round, and the Final Round.
- The two Preliminary Rounds and the Quarter-Final Round shall be conducted on *22nd February 2025* (Saturday), followed by the Semi-Final Round and Final Round on *23rd February 2025* (Sunday).
- The structure of every oral pleading round shall be as follows: the Petitioners/ Appellants shall present their arguments first, followed by the Respondents. After the conclusion of the Respondents' pleadings, Petitioners / Appellants may proceed with the Rebuttal, followed by Sur - Rebuttal by the Respondents.
- Failure to deliver an oral argument shall be considered in entirety, a disqualification of the team from the round in case of preliminary rounds and from the competition in case of knock out rounds.
- Teams are permitted to submit to the bench compendiums or any other written material/ Documents other than the memorial related to the Moot Proposition.
- Use of any kind of electronic devices like laptop, mobile, Tablets etc. is strictly prohibited during the oral arguments and will lead to immediate disqualification of the team if not adhered to.
- Teams are strictly prohibited from engaging into the services of a coach during the oral arguments either through online/offline means.
- The memorials of the opposing team shall be made available to the teams during the draw of lots for every round of the competition.

18.2 Preliminary Rounds

- There shall be two Preliminary Rounds where each team shall argue once from each side, i.e., once as Petitioner/ Appellants and once as Respondents.



- The pairing of teams and their corresponding representing side i.e., (Petitioner/Respondent) shall be allotted to the teams via the draw of lots conducted, which shall be notified to the teams shortly after the inaugural ceremony.
- No team shall plead against the same team in the subsequent preliminary round. It shall be the duty of the organising committee to ensure that the opposing teams in the subsequent rounds are distinct.
- **For the preliminary round, each team has a maximum of 30 minutes to make their oral submission.**
- **A speaker shall speak for a maximum of 20 minutes.**
- **The teams can reserve not more than 5 minutes for rebuttal and it should be noted that such time reserved will be included in the total 30 minutes for making oral submissions**
- The highest-scoring 8 teams by the cumulative score in both the preliminary rounds shall progress to the quarter-finals.
- The Best Speaker Award shall be determined based on the individual cumulative score of both the preliminary rounds.
- In case of a tie-breaker, the Memorials Marks shall be added to the cumulative score of both the preliminary rounds to decide the quarter-final ranks.

18.3 Quarter-Finals

- The Quarter Final Round shall be based on the **Cumulative Score Of Both The Preliminary Rounds.**

The Following Will Be The Pre-Decided Fixtures For The Quarter-Final Round:

COURTROOM 1	RANK 1	RANK 8
COURTROOM 2	RANK 2	RANK 7
COURTROOM 3	RANK 3	RANK 6
COURTROOM 4	RANK 4	RANK 5

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★ Ranks 1 to 8 are the highest to lowest ranks of cumulative scores of the team for Prelim 1 & 2.

- The representing side i.e. (Petitioner /Respondent) for each qualifying team for the quarter-finals will be decided by a draw of lots by the fixtures as above-mentioned.
- Each team has a maximum of **40 minutes** to make their oral submissions in the quarter-final round.
- A speaker can speak for a maximum of **25 minutes**.
- The teams can reserve not more than **6 minutes for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal** and it should be noted that such time reserved will be included in the total **40 minutes** for making oral submissions.
- In case of a tie between 2 teams, Memorial Marks shall be added to the total to decide the qualifying team of the round.
- The quarter-final round of the competition shall be determined by knockout i.e., 4 winning teams out of the 8 that make it to the quarters shall progress to the semi-finals.

18.4 Semi-Finals

- The four teams shall progress to the Semi-Finals from the Quarter-Finals through knock-outs.
- The fixtures for the semi-final round shall be determined by the scores of the quarter-final round i.e., 4 qualifying teams through knock-out in each courtroom in the Quarter-Final round shall be ranked based on their scores.

The Following Will Be The Pre-Decided Fixtures For The Semi-Final Round.

COURTROOM 1	RANK 1 OF QUARTER-FINALS	RANK 4 OF QUARTER-FINALS
COURTROOM 2	RANK 2 OF QUARTER-FINALS	RANK 3 OF QUARTER-FINALS

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- ★ Rank 1 to 4 is the highest to lowest ranks of the 4 qualifying teams
- The representing side i.e. (Petitioner /Respondent) for each of the 4 semi-finalist teams will also be determined by a draw of lots.
- **Each team shall have a maximum of 50 minutes to make their oral submissions in the semi-final Round.**
- **A speaker can speak for a maximum of 30 minutes.**
- **Teams can reserve a maximum of 6 minutes for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal as the case may be; such time reserved will be deducted from the 50 minutes allotted to each team.**
- In case of a tie between 2 teams Memorial Marks shall be added to the total to decide the qualifying team of the round.
- The Semi-Finals Rounds of the competition shall also be knock-out rounds i.e., 2 qualifying teams out of the 4 that make it to the semi-finals shall progress to the Final Round.

18.5 Final Round

- The two qualifying teams in the semi-finals shall progress to the Final Round.
- The representing side ie. (Petitioner /Respondent) for the 2 finalist teams will be determined by a draw of lots.
- **Each team shall have a maximum of 50 minutes to make their oral submissions in the final round.**
- **A speaker can speak for a maximum of 30 minutes only.**
- **Teams can reserve a maximum of 8 minutes for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal as the case may be; such time reserved will be deducted from the 50 minutes allotted to each team.**
- In case of a tie between the teams, Memorial Marks shall be added to the total to decide the Winners and Runners Up of the Competition.



18.6 Rebuttal and Sur-Rebuttal

- The distribution of the allotted time for respective arguments of the Speakers and rebuttals can be decided by the participants.
- Only one speaker is allowed to do the entire rebuttal /sur - rebuttal.
- Participants are required to specify the time reserved for arguments, rebuttals, and surrebuttals at the beginning of the session to the session supervisor.
- Sur-rebuttals will be at the discretion of the bench constituted for every round.

18.7 Scouting

- No member of any team will be permitted to witness any competition rounds/the arguments in any courtroom in which that team is not one of the participating teams unless they are disqualified from that particular round.
- In case of any instances of scouting, the Organising Committee shall take strict actions, which may include but may not be limited to, the disqualification of the said team from the competition.

19. RULES REGARDING ACCOMMODATION :

- The registration fees are inclusive of the accommodation provided by the Host Institution to the participants during the days of the competition.
- There is no concession/ refund issued in case any team does not avail of the provided accommodation however, the teams have to notify the Organising Committee about the same by contacting the below-mentioned Accommodation head.
- The accommodation shall be provided from 21 February 2025 to 24 February 2025. (Details in regards to the Check-in and Check-out timings will be provided later after the completion of the registration process).
- Teams will be allocated their rooms upon arrival and the details thereof shall be provided by way of email upon completion of the registration process.
- The teams are required to strictly comply with the rules regarding accommodation.



- *Prior and Extended stays apart from the dates on which accommodation will be provided by the host institution shall be independently communicated and paid for by the teams, themselves to the concerned hotel authorities.*
- *The host institution shall not be responsible for accommodation or any other expense incurred by the teams before or beyond the specified dates of the competition.*

20. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS :

- The absence of any of the required participants of the registered teams during any of the rounds of the competition has to be mandatorily communicated to the Organising Committee.
- Any disclosure or reference to the name of the team's institution or the identity of individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorials will lead to immediate disqualification of the team at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- The decision of the bench about the outcome of all the rounds of the competition shall be final and binding.
- Food will be provided on the days of the competition.
- Participating Teams are deemed to have agreed to the use of photography and video-tapping by the host institution during the duration of the competition.
- Damage to property of Host Institution is strictly prohibited. It will lead to direct disqualification of the team and payment of compensation by the respective college towards such damage.
- Smoking/alcohol consumption and/or any other illicit activities and/or any other act amounting to misconduct are strictly forbidden on campus of Host Institution during the competition days and will lead to disqualification of the team if not adhered to.
- Any kind of vulgarity, obscenity or violent behavior on or off stage will lead to disqualification of the team.
- Any kind of derogatory statements made against the Host Institution will lead to direct disqualification of the team from the event.



- Any kind of anti-nationalistic and/or communal and/or racist behavior is highly condemned by the Host Institution and strict action will be taken against the offender.
- Any kind of non-compliance with these rules will lead to serious disciplinary measures, which may include suspension or expulsion from the host institution thereby resulting in disqualification from the Competition and/or even withholding the Certificate and/or Awards and/or Prize money conferred on the awardee team and/or participating team.
- The rules shall be strictly adhered to, and the Organising Committee reserves the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the rules.
- The Organizing Committee has the sole authority to resolve ambiguities or inconsistencies involving the Rules, if any.

21. VIOLATION OF RULES :

- Any violation of the rules will be met with, either by way of deduction of points or by disqualification of the entire team from the Competition by the Grievance Redressal Committee constituted by the Host Institution.
- In case any penalty for any violation of the rules is imposed on teams by the Grievance Redressal Committee, the concerned team will be given a fair chance to show cause why such a penalty should not be imposed on it.

★ IN MATTERS OF DISPUTE, THE GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE'S DECISION SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

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22. ASSESSMENT CRITERION FOR ORAL ARGUMENTS (SCORE SHEET FORMAT):

V.M. SALGAOCAR COLLEGE OF LAW

**JUSTICE G. D. KAMAT MEMORIAL NATIONAL LEVEL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION 2025**

Team Code:

Court Room:

Sr. No.	Criterion	Average	Above Average	Good	Very Good	Total Marks (100)	M1	M2
1.	Appreciation of facts	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	10		
2.	Correct articulation of legal issues, clarity and brevity	6-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	20		
3.	Knowledge of law and interpretation	6-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	20		
4.	Ability to answer to questions posed	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	10		
5.	Advocacy skills	6-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	20		
6.	Use of authorities and citations	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	10		
7.	Language and style, General impression and Court manners	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	10		
TOTAL								
TEAM TOTAL								

Signature of the Judge: _____

Name of the Judge: _____



AWARDS

- The team that scores the highest in the Final Round is declared the "**Winner**" and awarded a Trophy, Certificate of Merit, and Cash Prize.
- The opposing team that qualifies for the Final Round will be declared the "**Runners Up**" and will be awarded a Trophy, Certificate of Merit, and a Cash Prize.
- "**Best Speaker**" shall be determined based on the cumulative marks obtained by Individual Mooter only in the Preliminary Rounds and shall be awarded a Trophy and a Certificate of Merit and Cash Prize.
- "**Best Memorial**" shall be determined based on the highest marks obtained in the memorial round, and shall be awarded a trophy, a certificate of merit and a Cash Prize.
- "**Best Researcher**" shall be determined based on the highest marks obtained in the Researchers Test and shall be awarded a trophy, a certificate of merit and a Cash Prize.

WINNERS	Rs 50,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate
RUNNERS UP	Rs 25,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate
BEST MEMORIAL	Rs 15,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate
BEST SPEAKER	Rs 15,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate
BEST RESEARCHER	Rs 10,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate

- Every participating team including the Winners and Runners-Up shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation which will be handed over to them during the Valedictory Ceremony.
- All Certificates will be handed over in physical mode only, there will be no postage of trophies or certificates to any of the participants.
- All the Teams must show their presence at the Inaugural and the Valedictory Ceremony. Non-compliance with the above-mentioned rules shall attract forfeiture of the Participation Certificate/Award Certificate.

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