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## COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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# 1<sup>st</sup> CCI-MNLUCS

## NATIONAL ANTITRUST MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025

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# ABOUT MNLUCS

Recognizing the importance of quality legal education and the need for well-trained law graduates to serve the Bar, the Bench, and various professions, the State of Maharashtra took a significant step by establishing three National Law Universities at Mumbai, Nagpur, and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. Each of these universities was established as an independent and autonomous institution under the Maharashtra National Law University Act, 2014.

The newest addition to this group is Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, which officially commenced operations on March 16, 2017. The establishment of this University fulfilled a long-standing aspiration of the people of the Marathwada region for a premier national institution dedicated to legal education.

The University welcomed its inaugural batch in the academic year 2017-2018, and since then, it has grown significantly in both stature and student strength. In furtherance of its commitment to academic excellence, the University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Convenor of CLAT 2017, thereby opening its doors to aspiring law students across the country through the merit-based Common Law Admission Test (CLAT).

Since its inception, MNLU Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar has evolved into a thriving academic institution, continually striving to provide an enriching environment and comprehensive facilities that support the academic and professional growth of its students.







Fair Competition  
for Greater Good

# ABOUT COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA (CCI)

## Vision

The Competition Commission of India (CCI), established by the Central Government on 14th October 2003 under the Competition Act, 2002, serves as the central authority for promoting and maintaining fair competition in Indian markets. Comprising a Chairperson and 2-6 members appointed by the government, the CCI prevents anti-competitive practices, protects consumer interests, and ensures freedom of trade.

*As a quasi-adjudicative body, the CCI investigates and penalizes activities like cartels, abuse of dominance, and collusive tendering. It also scrutinizes mergers and acquisitions that may harm market competition, aiming to ensure a level playing field for all businesses. This regulation fosters innovation, improves product quality, and reduces prices through efficiency.*

## Mission

Beyond enforcement, the CCI promotes competition advocacy by conducting workshops, trainings, and issuing informative materials to raise awareness among businesses, government bodies, and the public. It also advises statutory authorities on competition-related matters, influencing pro-competitive policies and legislation. In a developing economy like India, the CCI plays a crucial role in ensuring accessible and fair markets. Through its proactive enforcement and advocacy, it promotes transparency, discourages monopolies, and reinforces trust in the economic system, ultimately benefiting the 'common man'.





## ABOUT KNOWLEDGE PARTNER

**SCC Online** is a leading legal research platform in India, developed by Eastern Book Company (EBC). It serves as a comprehensive resource for legal professionals, providing access to a vast repository of legal documents, including Supreme Court judgments, High Court rulings, and legislative materials. Launched to enhance legal research efficiency, SCC Online has grown to encompass over 3.4 million documents from more than 20 countries, making it an indispensable tool for lawyers, judges, and law students alike. The platform is particularly renowned for its authentic coverage of Supreme Court judgments, which are published chronologically in the Supreme Court Cases (SCC) journal. This journal is recognized as one of the most reliable sources for case law in India. In addition to case law, SCC Online includes articles, practical insights, and legislative updates, thereby supporting legal practitioners in staying informed about the latest developments in law.

## MEDIA PARTNER



**SCC Times** serves as the media arm of SCC Online, focusing on delivering timely legal news and updates. It covers significant events in the legal community, including moot court competitions, seminars, and conferences hosted by various law schools across India. The platform aims to foster engagement within the legal community by providing a space for discussions on emerging legal issues and trends. Through its live blogging feature, SCC Times offers real-time updates on important legal events, ensuring that readers remain informed about key developments in the field of law. This initiative not only enhances the visibility of legal education but also encourages participation from students and professionals alike. By spotlighting events such as moot court competitions and academic discussions, SCC Times plays a crucial role in promoting legal scholarship and awareness.



## ABOUT MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION, MNLUCS

With the energetic leadership of Faculty Convener Ms. Sakshi Gupta, the MCA has positioned itself as a remarkably vibrant and esteemed student organization. The association arranges a variety of competitions, such as national, novice, and intra-university moots, making sure that all students—regardless of their experience level—have plenty of chances to participate and thrive. Significantly, the university's prominent NHRC-MNLUA National Moot Court Competition has drawn participants from top law schools nationwide, prompting students to tackle intricate legal challenges in front of distinguished panels, and nurturing a sense of intellectual fellowship and analytical exploration.

The liveliness of the MCA is additionally showcased in its students' outstanding successes at multiple moot court contests across the nation, consistently earning honors for the university. The student-driven framework, backed by a committed faculty, has nurtured a culture of guidance, creativity, and unwavering quest for excellence. In this place, advocacy is not just taught but practiced, cultivating legal thinkers who uphold the legacy of MNLU Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar with excellence and steadfast determination.

The Moot Court Association (MCA) at Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, serves as a notable foundation of practical legal education, reflecting the university's dedication to fostering courtroom proficiency and legal expertise. Mooting, frequently seen as the core of legal education, is not simply an extracurricular activity here—it is integrated into the essence of the academic journey, offering students a challenging environment to develop advocacy, research, and analytical abilities vital for the legal field.





## **ABOUT CENTRE FOR COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY, MNLUCS**

Considering the rising importance of Competition Law in order to ensure free and fair markets, The Centre for Competition Law and Policy has been established at Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad with the aim to create awareness and disseminate knowledge about Competition Law in domestic and foreign arenas. The Centre aims to promote interdisciplinary research in competition law and policy making, involving developments in the fields related to sectoral regulators. The Centre aims to provide a forum for exchange of information and knowledge wherein leading practitioners and academicians, scholars and students, can discuss and exchange ideas on contemporary issues of competition law and policy. The Centre aims to establish an institution of excellence in research and teaching concerning Competition Law and Policy.

# **ABOUT**

## **CCI-MNLUCS NATIONAL ANTITRUST MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

1st MNLU-CS National Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2025, organized by the Moot Court Association and Centre for Competition Law and Policy (CCLP) of Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (MNLU-CS) in association with the Competition Commission of India (CCI) is a stepping stone for the University to enter into building legal scholarship and advocacy in the most significant field of competition law. This Competition aims to encourage participants to discuss and debate intricate antitrust matters that are both contemporary and jurisprudentially evolving.

Although relatively young, India's competition law framework has rapidly grown in significance, with the adjudicatory and advocacy roles of the CCI affecting the business environment and consumer welfare. Against this backdrop, this competition seeks to offer a platform for law students across the country to develop high-level research work, effective advocacy skills, and to enhance the academic debate on antitrust law.

The Competition shall be conducted across different stages in a hybrid format, virtual Preliminary and Quarter-Final rounds on 6th and 7th September 2025 respectively, followed by the Semi-Final and Final rounds to be conducted physically at the university campus on 28th September 2025. The arrangement is conceived to provide maximum accessibility with the flavor of courtroom advocacy in a real-life environment.

Through this project, MNLU-CS seeks to establish a sound corpus of antitrust principles and provide future lawyers with conceptual tools needed to navigate and mold the fast-developing field of competition law in India.



# **TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

**COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION  
9th July 2025**

**RELEASE OF MOOT PROPOSITION  
9th July 2025**

**LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS  
31st July 2025**

**RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS  
08th August 2025**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES  
15th August 2025**

**MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (SOFT COPY) DEADLINE  
31st August 2025**

**INAUGURAL CEREMONY  
5th September 2025**

**PRELIMINARY ROUNDS 1 AND 2  
6th September 2025**

**QUARTERS FINAL ROUNDS  
7th September 2025**

**LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF  
MEMORIALS  
20th September 2025**

**SEMI-FINAL, FINAL ROUNDS AND VALEDICTORY  
28th September 2025**



# RULES



## SHORT TITLE

This moot court competition shall be called the "**1st CCI-MNLUCS National Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2025.**"

## 1. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them:

**1.1 Competition:** Refers to all aspects of the "1st CCI-MNLUCS National Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2025."

**1.2 Organising Committee:** Refers to the Moot Court Association of Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (MNLU-CS).

**1.3 Participating Team:** A team that has registered for the Competition in accordance with the rules of registration.

**1.4 Participating Institution:** The institution to which a participating team belongs.

**1.5 Court Master:** An officer appointed by the Organising Committee to ensure the smooth functioning of the courtroom during the Competition and to facilitate communication between the Committee and the Court.

**1.6 Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC):** The appellate body for resolving disputes arising during the Competition. The decisions of the DRC shall be final and binding. No further appeals shall be entertained.

**1.7 Memorial:** The written submissions prepared by teams on behalf of both parties in accordance with the Competition rules.

**1.8 Memorial Evaluation Committee:** The committee responsible for evaluating memorials and providing feedback and scores to the Organising Committee.

**1.9 Rules:** Refers to the rules governing the "1st CCI-MNLUCS National Antitrust Moot Court Competition, 2025."

## 2. GENERAL RULES

### 2.1 Dates:

Stage I (Virtual Rounds): The Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds shall be conducted virtually on 6th September 2025 & 7th September 2025 respectively.

Stage II (Offline Rounds): The Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall be conducted offline at MNLU, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar on 28th September 2025.



**2.2 Eligibility:** Participants must be enrolled in a 3-year or 5-year undergraduate law degree program.

A maximum of two teams per institution shall be allowed.

Only students currently pursuing an undergraduate law course are eligible to participate.

**2.3 Dress Code:**

Participants must adhere to formal attire suitable for court appearances.

For Men: White shirt, black trousers, tie, Formal black shoes and blazer.

For Women: White shirt/top/kurti with black trousers/salwar, Formal black shoes and blazer.

**2.4 Language:**

English shall be the official language for all written and oral submissions during the Competition.

**2.5 Team Composition:**

Each team shall comprise two to three members: two designated speakers and one researcher.

In case of a two-member team, both members shall act as speakers and one of them shall act as a researcher.

The team composition and roles must be submitted at the time of registration and shall not be altered, except with the explicit permission of the Organising Committee in case of extenuating circumstances.

All team members must belong to the same institution.

## **3. REGISTRATION**

**3.1 Two-Stage Registration Fee:**

**Stage I:** A registration fee of **INR 4500** per team shall be payable at the time of initial registration for the virtual rounds.

**Stage II:** Teams qualifying for the offline **Semi-Finals and Final rounds** shall pay an additional fee of **INR 3000** before the commencement of Stage II.

**3.2 Communication:**

Each team shall designate a primary contact person in the registration form.

All official communication regarding the Competition shall be sent via email to the designated contact person, who shall be responsible for relaying the information to the rest of the team.

**3.3 Payment Details:**

• The registration fee must be paid through the following link :

- Registration Link - <https://forms.gle/9y6B1CsdXqFXGcjY6>
- Payment Link - <https://forms.eduqfix.com/antitrustfirst/add>

•After payment, teams must take a screenshot of the transaction and upload it while filling the Google Form to confirm their registration. A confirmation email will be sent to the registered email ID once the payment is verified and the slot is confirmed. If a team does not receive the confirmation email within a reasonable time, it must promptly send its registration details and payment proof to **mnlucsccimoot@mnlua.ac.in** .

•Each confirmed team will be assigned a unique team code, which must be used in all written and oral submissions. Teams shall be identified only by this code during the Competition.

## **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 Anonymity:**

- Teams must not disclose their identity or the name of their institution during any of the rounds.
- Any violation of this rule may lead to penalties or disqualification, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

### **4.2 Court Decorum:**

- All participants are expected to maintain professionalism and courtroom decorum throughout the Competition.

## **5. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT (FOR OFFLINE ROUNDS)**

- Accommodation and local transport will be provided for teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals and Final rounds by the Organising Committee.
- Details and arrangements will be communicated individually to qualifying teams.

## **6. MEMORIAL**

### **6.1 General Rules for Submission and Compliance:**

- All rules regarding submission and formatting of memorials must be strictly followed.
- Non-compliance will result in penalties as detailed below.
- Teams may raise grounds or issues beyond those mentioned in the Statement of Facts.

### **6.2 Submission Requirements:**

- Each team must submit two memorials – one for the Petitioner and one for the Respondent.



- Soft copies in PDF and DOCX formats must be emailed to **mnluccimoot@mnlua.ac.in** with the subject: “Submission of memorial by [TC - XX]” by 11:59 PM IST on **31st August 2025**. Late submissions incur penalties.
- File names must clearly reflect the team code. Example: P01 for Petitioner, R01 for Respondents.
- Deadlines are strict; no extensions will be granted.
- Only the team code is permitted as identification. Any other identifying marks (participant names, institution names) will cause disqualification.
- Cover page color: BLUE for Petitioner/Appellant memorials, RED for Respondents memorials.
- In case of multiple submissions, only the latest received before the deadline will be evaluated.
- Teams qualifying for offline rounds must submit printed copies upon arrival at the university on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### **6.3 Formatting Requirements:**

- Total memorial (including Cover Page) must not exceed 30 pages.
- Statement of Facts and Summary of Arguments must not exceed 2 pages each.
- Formatting specs:
  - Font: Times New Roman
  - Font Size: 12 for body text, 10 for footnotes
  - Line Spacing: 1.5 for body, single for footnotes
  - Citation Style: Bluebook 21<sup>st</sup> Edition
  - Margins: 1 inch all sides
  - Pagination: Bottom-centered on each page
- Use of endnotes is prohibited.
- Headings/titles: size 12, bold, consistent throughout.

### **6.4 Structure of the Memorial:**

Memorials must include the following sections in order:

- Cover Page (appropriate color and team code at top-right corner)
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

### 6.5 Evaluation Criteria:

S. No.	Parameter	Marks
1	Application of Facts	20
2	Reasoning & Understanding of Law and Procedure	25
3	Knowledge, Interpretation, and Application of Law	20
4	Use of Authorities and Precedents	20
5	Presentation and Formatting	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### 6.6 Penalties:

Rule Violated	Penalty
Late submission (up to 4 hours)	2 marks per hour, per side
Late submission (beyond 4 hours)	Disqualification
Exceeding total page limit	1 mark deduction per extra page
Missing required sections	5 marks deduction per section
Improper cover page (color, format, missing code)	Up to 5 marks deduction per memorial
Font, spacing, margin, citation, or style errors	1 mark deduction per error (max 10 marks per side)
Speaking footnotes	0.5 mark deduction per footnote
Disclosure of identity (names, institution, etc.)	Disqualification
Plagiarism exceeding 25%	Disqualification



## 7. ORAL ROUNDS

### 7.1 General Rules:

- The oral rounds will be conducted in hybrid mode, with teams allotted courtrooms accordingly.
- The rounds include Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Final Round.
- Two speakers from each team will present oral arguments; the researcher must be present but cannot address the court.
- No oral communication is allowed between team members and the speaker during submissions.
- Teams may not use any digital or electronic devices during rounds except to join virtual rounds. Violation may lead to disqualification.
- The division of time between speakers must be communicated to the Court Clerks before the round.
- Teams shall not disclose their or their institution's identity at any time during the rounds.
- Only one speaker per team may deliver rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, subject to Judges' permission.
- Rebuttals must address only the opposing side's primary oral pleadings; no new legal issues can be raised. If the Petitioner waives rebuttal, Respondents cannot give sur-rebuttal.
- Standard pleading order in all rounds:

Petitioner 1 → Petitioner 2 → Respondent 1 → Respondent 2 → Rebuttal (P1 or P2)  
→ Sur-rebuttal (R1 or R2)

### 7.2 Preliminary Rounds:

- Each team argues twice — once as Petitioner and once as Respondent.
- Match-ups will be determined by random allocation.
- Total time per team: 30 minutes (including rebuttal, sur-rebuttal, and Judges' questions).
- Each speaker may argue for a maximum of 18 minutes.
- These rounds will be conducted online.
- No extra time will be granted to teams.
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### 7.3 Quarter-Final Rounds:

- Top 8 teams from Preliminary Rounds qualify for Quarter-Finals.
- **The teams winning both of the rounds shall directly qualify for the Quarter Finals, however if the required number of teams fall short of the required number, and in case of 1 win & 1 lose the team with the highest total scores of both of the Preliminary Rounds shall be selected.**

- In case the total number of teams winning both the rounds exceeds the required number total scores of both of the Preliminary Rounds shall be accounted.
- In event of a tie between the total scores of both of the Preliminary Rounds the marks secured in memorial of the respective shall be taken into account.
- These rounds are knockout rounds and will be conducted online.
- Total time per team: 40 minutes (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal).
- Maximum 25 minutes per speaker.
- No extra time will be given.

#### 7.4 Semi-Final Rounds:

- Knockout rounds for the four teams qualifying from Quarter-Finals.
- Total time per team: 50 minutes (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal).
- Maximum 28 minutes per speaker.
- These rounds will be conducted offline.
- Time may be extended at the discretion of the Judges.

#### 7.5 Final Round:

- The final two teams compete in the Final Round conducted offline.
- Total time per team: 60 minutes (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal).
- Maximum 30 minutes per speaker.
- Time may be extended at the discretion of the Judges.

#### 7.6 Scoring Criteria:

S. No.	Parameter	Marks (%)
1	Knowledge of Law	30
2	Application of Law to Facts	25
3	Ingenuity & Ability to Answer Questions	25
4	Time Management & Organisation	10
5	Style, Advocacy Skills, Court Craft & Demeanour	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>



## **9. DELAY IN APPEARANCE / PRESENTATION**

- Preliminary and Quarter Rounds will be held virtually. Final and Semi final Rounds will be held in physical mode.
- Courtrooms will be allocated in advance, with designated Court Officers and Timekeepers.
- If a team fails to appear within 15 minutes of its scheduled time (while the Judges are present), the opposing team may be allowed to present ex-parte.
- Permission to allow a late-appearing team to present is at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
- Any attempt to use unfair means or violate competition rules will lead to disqualification. The decision of the Organising Committee shall be final in case of disputes or issues during the rounds.

## **10. SCOUTING**

- Scouting by any speaker, researcher, or person affiliated with a team will result in immediate disqualification of that team.
- Scouting is deemed to have occurred if any affiliated person is found:
- Witnessing, hearing, or observing oral submissions of a round not involving their team.
- Reading the memorial of another team, except:
  - The memorial belongs to their own team; or
  - The memorial was obtained through an official exchange prior to the round involving their team.

## **11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any dispute regarding interpretation or application of competition rules will be resolved by the Organising Committee. Their decision is final and binding on all participants.

## **12. Miscellaneous**

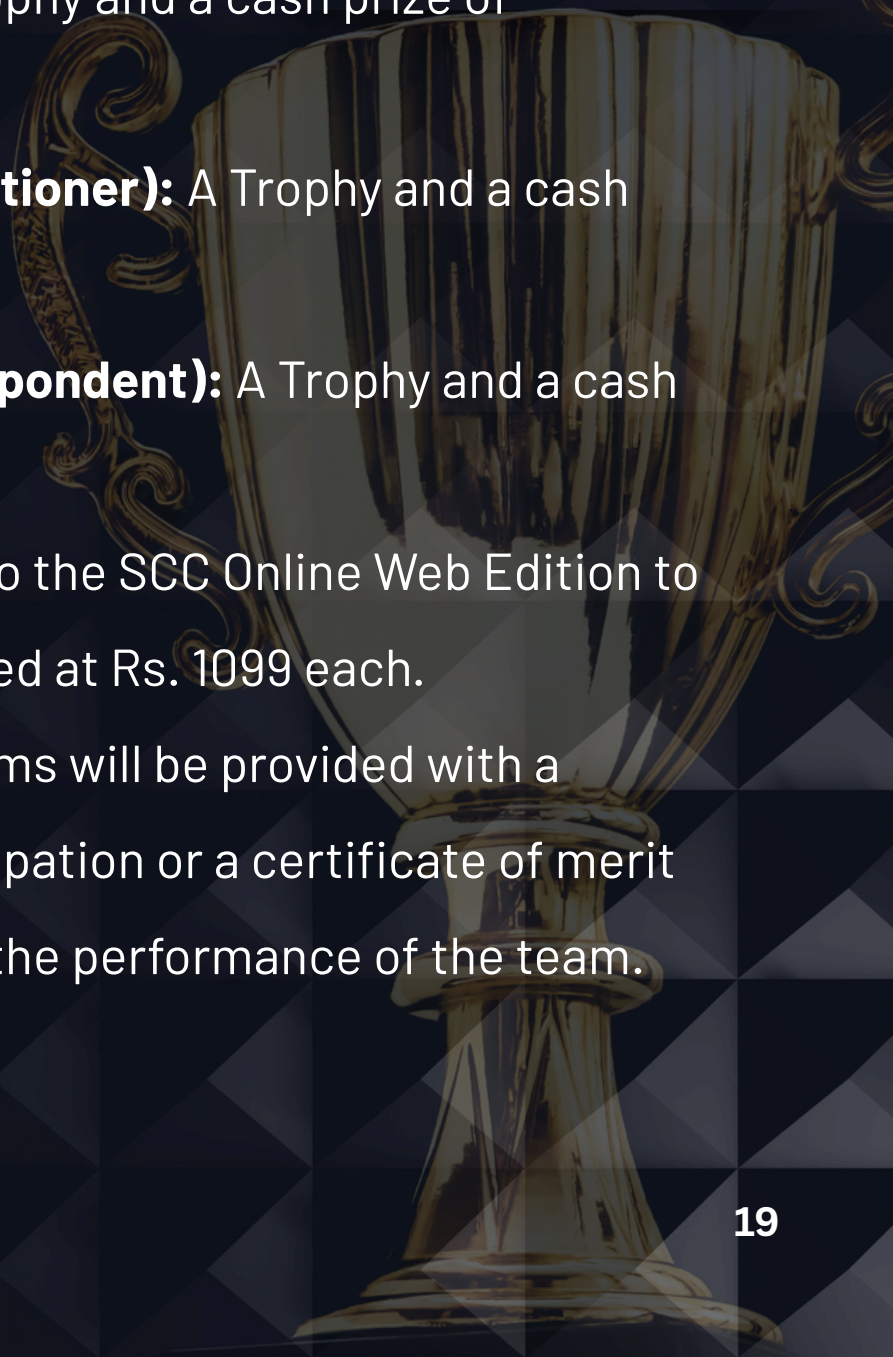
- Two team prizes, prize for the Best Memorial and individual prizes for the Best Speaker will be awarded.
- All rules may be amended or revised at any stage by the Organising Committee at their sole discretion.
- Official communications from the Organising Committee or its

- recognized channels shall be considered official notifications. Teams must stay updated and respond promptly.
- The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The Organising Committee reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organising Committee will resolve any contingencies and doubts/grievances that may arise. The decision taken by the Organising Committee shall be final.



# AWARDS & PRIZES

- **Winner:** A Trophy, a cash prize of ₹40,000/-, & 1-year complimentary subscriptions to SCC Online Web Edition worth ₹24,000/- to each member of the winning team.
- **Runner-up:** A Trophy and a cash prize of ₹20,000/-.
- **Best Speaker:** A Trophy and a cash prize of ₹10,000/-.
- **Best Memorial (Petitioner):** A Trophy and a cash prize of ₹10,000/-.
- **Best Memorial (Respondent):** A Trophy and a cash prize of ₹10,000/-.
- One month access to the SCC Online Web Edition to all participants valued at Rs. 1099 each.
- All participating teams will be provided with a certificate of participation or a certificate of merit in accordance with the performance of the team.



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