



# **Chennai Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Pudupakkam**

Under the aegis of

**Directorate of Legal Studies  
Tamil Nadu State Moot Committee**

organises

**NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024  
8th-10th February, 2024**



## **Venue**

**Chennai Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College,  
Pudupakkam,  
Tamil Nadu.**

## **Directorate of Legal Studies**

The Directorate of Legal Studies was established in the year 1953 with the primary objective of improving the standard of legal education in the State of Tamil Nadu. The creation of this Department paved the way for imparting an advanced Legal Education to poor and downtrodden people of the State of Tamil Nadu. Under the aegis of the Directorate of Legal Studies there are fifteen Government Law Colleges effectively functioning in the State. It has a vision to establish new Law Colleges in every district of the State of Tamil Nadu so as to cater to the evergrowing needs of the Bar, Bench and the society.

Prof. (Dr.) J. Vijayalakshmi, a distinguished academician and the first woman Director of the Department of Legal Studies is providing constant support and guidance to the legal academia to ensure excellent academic atmosphere in every Government Law College of Tamil Nadu.

## **Chennai Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Pudupakkam**

Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, the 133 years prestigious institution was founded by the British in the year 1891, with the speciality of its location being in the High Court Campus. This institution had the privilege of being the 2nd oldest college in the country and the first law college started in south India. Originally named 'Madras Law College', later got renamed in the year 1991 as 'Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College' in commemoration of the Birth Centenary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Father of Indian Constitution. The College has the high prestigious record of having many illustrious students – Former President of India Thiru R.Venkataraman (1987-92) , Former Supreme Court Chief Justices- Thiru Pathanchali Sastry ( 1951 – 54 ) , Thiru Koka Subba Rao ( 1958 – 1967 ) , Thiru P. Sadasivam ( 2013 ), Former Supreme Court Judges- Thiru V. R. Krishna Aiyar, Thiru P.Satyanarayana Raju , Thiru. V Balakrishna Eradi, Tmt.Banumathi, innumerable Supreme Court Lawyers and High Court Judges including Thiru.M. Karpagavinayagam, Thiru. V. Periyakaruppiah, Thiru.P.D Dinakaran , Former Central Ministers including Thiru. P. Chidambaram, State Chief Ministers including Thiru. Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy, Thiru. C. Sankaran Nair, a former President of the Indian National Congress and many government officials. In pursuance of the direction of the Madras High Court and Tamil Nadu Government Order, the Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College located in the High Court campus was bifurcated and shifted to two different campuses, one of which is located at Pudupakkam, Tiruporur Taluk, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu.

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## **OFFICIAL INVITE**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Warm Greetings to all!

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you a warm invitation to the National Moot Court Competition 2024, organized under the aegis of the Directorate of Legal Studies and with guidance from the Tamil Nadu State Level Moot Court Committee. The Competition is scheduled to be held between 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at the Chennai Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Pudupakkam, Tamil Nadu.

The National Moot Court Competition is a prestigious event that brings together legal minds from across the country. It provides a platform for students to showcase their advocacy skills, legal acumen, and understanding of contemporary legal issues. We believe that your esteemed institution has a rich tradition of nurturing legal talent, and your participation in this competition will undoubtedly contribute to the success and vibrancy of the event. To confirm your participation, kindly provisionally register your team through the following Google Form Link- <https://shorturl.at/ksAX3>

We look forward to welcoming your institution to this exciting and intellectually stimulating competition. Your presence will undoubtedly enhance the overall experience for all participants.

Thank you for considering our invitation. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to your positive response.

Warm regards,

**Prof. (Dr.) G. JAYA GOWRY**

Principal,

Chennai Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College,

Pudupakkam, Tamil Nadu.

## **MOOT PROPOSITION**

1. DEEPAKALPAM is a country in South Asia. It is a Union of States. DEEPAKALPAM has diverse people- in terms of Geography, culture, demography, etc. DEEPAKALPAM got its independence from British Rule in 1947. It has the lengthiest written Constitution in the world. Its Constitution has remarkable features such as broad Fundamental rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties of the citizens, Emergency provisions, etc Democracy, Equality-in status and opportunity, and Socio-Economic and Political JUSTICE are some of the ideals of the Constitution. The Word 'Socialism' is added only after 42<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional amendment, however the ideals of Socialism are well imbibed in various parts of the Constitution of DEEPAKALPAM, such as Directive Principles of State Policy. The principles, though non-justiciable in nature, they are fundamental in the governance of the country and the Constitution imposes a duty on the State to apply these principles in making laws.
2. Article 39 provides certain principles of policy to be followed by the State.

39(b) - "the ownership and control of the material resources of the community are so distributed as best to subserve the common good"

39(c) - "the operation of the economic system does not result in the concentration of wealth and means of production to the common detriment"
3. The intent of Article 39(b) and (c) is to avoid accumulation of wealth. It implies social and economic equality. Measures to achieve this end might result in abridgement of rights of a few individuals. To protect such welfare legislation from getting struck down on the ground of violation of Fundamental Rights, Article 31C was inserted into the Constitution of DEEPAKALPAM. Article 31C states that no law giving effect to the policy of the State towards securing any of the Directive Principles shall be deemed to be void on the ground that it is inconsistent with or takes away or abridges any of the rights conferred by Article 14 or Article 19 of the Constitution. It further provides that where such law is made by the Legislature of a State, the protection under Article 31C is not available unless the assent of the President is received to such law. However, it cannot be denied that this provision could be misused by legislators. There is a fear that the legislators could use the Articles 39(b) & (c) r/w Article 31C as a garb to fulfill their ulterior motives.



4. Mahadweep is a State situated within DEEPAKALPAM, with City of Bhikaji as its Capital. It has 840 kilometres of coastline on its western side. The land available for housing in the island Bhikaji is very limited due to geographical limitations and Bhikaji being the commercial capital of the country- DEEPAKALPAM, the pressure on the limited availability of the land is extremely heavy. The prices of houses were always on the rise and it is extremely difficult for persons belonging to the lower income group or even middle-income group to secure shelter by payment of reasonable rent.
5. Realising the plight of people residing in the State of Mahadweep, especially in Bhikaji, the Government of Mahadweep enacted various Laws to suit the needs of different regions and changing times. Fixing fair/ standard rent to secure housing accommodation at a reasonable rent (rent payable on September 1, 1940) and protecting tenants/lessees from wrongful eviction are the major aims of these Acts. Even after several years, the legislators retained the standard Rent to the level of 1940. It resulted in a new problem.
6. The owners of the land could not erect buildings to provide shelters to the tenants or carryout repairs due to stiff rise in expenses for construction, freezing of rent and the restrictions on recovering possession from the tenants. The return which the landlord can expect from the properties due to the freezing of the rent was hardly 1 to 2% of the investment. As the landlords ignored necessary repairs/attention to the building, several buildings in City of Bhikaji became dilapidated. In addition, heavy rainfall in the city and a saline atmosphere deteriorated the conditions of the buildings. Ultimate result is the collapse of a large number of buildings causing loss of life and dis-housing a large number of people. This forced the legislature of Mahadweep to enact “**Mahadweep Housing and Area Development Act, 1976**” which makes provision for acquisition of private lands for providing sites for building houses or housing accommodation to the community. The title to the lands of the private holders which are acquired first vests in the State Government. Later on, the land is developed and then distributed amongst the people as house sites. It also provides for reserving land for providing public amenities such as Community centers, shopping complex, parks, roads, drains, play grounds which could be enjoyed by all.
7. This Act was amended in 1986 to include Chapter VIII-A (containing Sec. 103A to 103N) after obtaining assent from the President of DEEPAKALPAM. Section 103A provides that the provisions of the Chapter shall apply to all the cessed buildings which are erected before September 1, 1940 and classified as Category A under sub-section (1) of Section 84 of the

Same Act. The proviso prescribes that if out of a total number of occupiers of buildings falling under Category A, 50 per cent or more are using the tenements for commercial or non-residential purpose, then the provisions of Chapter are not attracted. Chapter VIII-A is extended only to City of Bhikaji.

Section 103B of the Act provides for occupiers' participation in carrying out the work of structural repairs or reconstruction of new buildings. As per this provision, a cooperative Society comprising of not less than seventy percent of occupiers can apply to the authorities to acquire the land with the existing dilapidated Building and express their willingness to contribute for the repairs. If those occupiers deposit 30% of the money required to compensate the owner for such acquisition, then the Government of Mahadweep would acquire the old and dilapidated buildings, use the contribution from the occupiers to carry out the repairs and transfer ownership and control of such buildings to the occupiers.

Section 1A of this Act gives a declaration that the Act is for giving effect to the policy of the State towards securing the principle specified in clause (b) of Article 39 of the Constitution of DEEPAKALPAM.

8. Aggrieved by the amended provisions of the Act, Asset Owner's Association (AoA), a body of 20,000 Building owners and several individual owners whose properties are acquired by the Government of Mahadweep, filed Writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court of Bhikaji under Article 226 of the Constitution of DEEPAKALPAM. Upon dismissal of the Writ Petitions, they approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court of DEEPAKALAPAM on the following grounds:

- The provisions of Chapter VIII-A of **Mahadweep Housing and Area Development Act, 1976** (in short '**the Act**') are entirely discriminatory and arbitrary and deprive the valuable rights of the owners of the properties for negligible or illusory amounts and confers rights on the occupiers of the building irrespective of their status to occupy the premises. Thus, it is submitted that the provisions of Chapter are violative of Article 300A of the Constitution of DEEPAKALPAM.
- There is no justification or rationale to restrict application of Chapter VIII-A of the Act only to particular category of buildings which are situated within City of Bhikaji.



- That the Chapter VIII-A of the Impugned Act violates rights guaranteed under Article 14 and 19 of Constitution of DEEPAKALPAM.
- That the State has malicious intent of taking away the property in order to sell it to wealthy contractors under the garb of welfare legislation.
- That mere declaration in Section 1A of the Act does not bring the Act under protection of Article 31C. As there is no direct and reasonable nexus between Chapter VIII-A and the ideals of Article 39(b), Chapter VIII-A of the Impugned Act is not protected under Article 31C.
- That the Act seeks to acquire properties of individual community members and distribute it. Thus, “to distribute” in Article 39(b) does not mean “to acquire.” “distribution” solely refers to the distribution of assets already in the possession of the State, not their accumulation of assets from citizens.

All the similar SLP’s are tagged together and the following issues are framed for consideration of the Supreme Court of DEEPAKALPAM:

1. Whether the State of Mahadweep has legislative competency to enact the impugned provisions of the Act?
2. Whether the Act violates Article 300A?
3. Whether Chapter VIII-A of the Act violates rights guaranteed by Article 14 and 19?
4. Whether amended provisions of the impugned Act could qualify for the protection of Article 31A of the Constitution?
5. Whether the term “material resources of the community” means and includes Private property also?

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**Note:**

*The Constitution and Laws of DEEPAKALPAM are in pari materia to the Constitution and Laws in India.*

*The Mahadweep Housing and Area Development Act, 1976 is in pari materia to the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Act, 1976.*

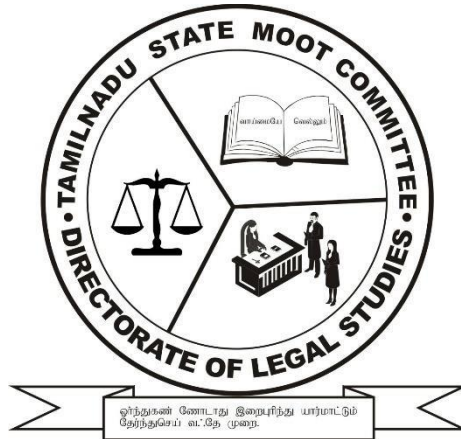
Participants are free to include their own issues and sub-issues in addition to the issues given above.



**THE DIRECTORATE OF LEGAL STUDIES  
CHENNAI**

**OFFICIAL RULES OF  
THE NATIONAL MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION**

**Prepared by  
TAMIL NADU STATE MOOT COMMITTEE**



## 1. DEFINITIONS

- a) **Advanced Round** refers to the Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final rounds of the Competition.
- b) **Clarifications** refer to the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Problem/Rules issued by the Host College/Organizing Committee.
- c) **Competition** refers to the National Moot Court Competition to be conducted by the Directorate of Legal Studies.
- d) **Memorial** refers to the written arguments (Hard / Soft Copies) submitted, on behalf of both the Parties, in accordance with the Rules by each team. Memorials may also be referred as “Written Submissions”.
- e) **Official Website** refers to the website **[www.tndls.ac.in](http://www.tndls.ac.in)**.
- f) **Oral Rounds** refer to a team’s pleadings submitted orally by both Speakers before the Judge(s) on behalf of either one of the Parties, allotted by the Organizing Committee through lot and / or Fixture system.
- g) **Organising Committee** (“OC”) means the State Moot Committee for the purpose of supervision of conducting National Moot Court Competition and for the other purpose Host College shall be the organising committee.
- h) **Plagiarism** means and includes,
  - 1. Representation of someone else’s ideas or words mentioned in books, articles or any other sources as one’s own;
  - 2. To present the content as new and original, which is derived substantially from an existing source;
  - 3. Copying words or ideas from someone else without giving due credit or acknowledgment;



4. Changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit;
  5. Copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of a Memorial;
  6. Taking printout of another's memorials and submitting it as one's memorial.
- i) **Rebuttal** refers to the counter/arguments presented by the Petitioner in response to the Respondent's submissions, at the end of the main pleadings of all the Speakers.
  - j) **Researcher** refers to that member of a Team specifically mentioned at the time of registration, if it necessitates the researcher will be given a chance to be a speaker at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
  - k) **Researcher's Test** refers to the written test conducted during the Competition.
  - l) **Rules** refer to the rules postulated in this document and any other Regulations, Instructions, Guidelines that the Organizing Committee may from time to time issue.
  - m) **Speaker** refers to that member of the team who will make oral pleadings before the Judge in the Oral Rounds.
  - n) **Sur-rebuttal** refers to counter argument presented by the Respondent to the rebuttal.
  - o) **Team Code** refers to the unique code allotted to each participating team for the purpose of this Competition by the Organizing Committee.

## 2. INTERPRETATION CLAUSE

The State Moot Committee shall have exclusive authority to interpret the Rules in the interest of fairness and equality. The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the State Moot Committee shall be conclusive and

the decision of the State Moot Committee regarding the application of these Rules shall be final and binding.

### **3. LANGUAGE**

The National Moot Court Competitions will be held in English Language only.

### **4. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION**

The National Moot Court Competitions will be held under the aegis of the Directorate of Legal Studies and the State Moot Committee between all the educational institutions imparting legal education in India. The proposition for National Moot Court Competition (NMCC) may be prepared either by the State Moot Committee or by the host college. In case the host college prepares the proposition for the NMCC, the same has to be send to [tmsmc2022@gmail.com](mailto:tmsmc2022@gmail.com) and approved by the State Moot Committee before it is released to the participants.

The State Committee will upload the proposition in the official website of Directorate of Legal Studies. Any changes in the rules will be uploaded as an addendum in the official website of the Directorate of Legal Studies **[www.tndls.ac.in](http://www.tndls.ac.in)**. All the materials pertaining to the moot court and the memorials become the sole property of the Directorate of Legal Studies.

### **5. STATE MOOT COMMITTEE**

The State Moot Committee shall be nominated by the Director of Legal Studies from time to time. There shall be Chairman, Co-Chairman, Member Secretary, Members not exceeding five shall be appointed by the Director of Legal Studies. The State Moot Court Committee shall supervise the conduct of the National Moot Court Competition.

### **6. STRUCTURE OF THE MOOT**

- i. All the educational institutions imparting legal education in

India will be officially invited to participate in the National Moot Court Competition.

- ii. The preliminary rounds, the quarter final round, the semi-final round and the final round will be conducted by one of the Government Law Colleges that is selected for the purpose of conducting the National Moot Court Competition.
- iii. The moot will be held through **offline** mode, only in extraordinary circumstance warranting, holding of Moot through virtual mode will be conducted at the discretion of the State Moot Committee. The rules and regulations for the virtual mode will be issued at the time of the event.
- iv. It is the discretion of the **Host College** to decide upon taking part in the same competition to be conducted by them.
- v. Apart from the Government Law Colleges of State of Tamil Nadu, on a “first come first serve” basis maximum 10 educational institutions imparting legal education in India shall be allowed to take part in the National Moot Competition.

## **7. RESEARCHER’S TEST**

- i. Participation in the **Researcher’s Test is mandatory** for all teams and failure to participate may result in disqualification of the team.
- ii. The researcher nominated by the institution through the registration form will be allowed to write the researcher’s test.
- iii. The duration of the Researcher’s Test shall be **ONE hour** and may include both multiple choice as well as subjective questions. The number of questions, type, etc., shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee/Host College.



- iv. The objective of the Researcher's Test is to test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Moot Problem and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Moot Problem.
- v. Researcher's Test shall not be conducted in the open book format i.e., notes, bare acts, books or any other material or electronic aid shall not be permitted during the test.
- vi. On the basis of the score in the researcher's test the best researcher will be selected.

## **8. PRELIMINARY ROUND**

- i. The procedure of the preliminary rounds begins with the draw of lots on the day fixed by the Organizing Committee/Host College.
- ii. Each team will be given 30 minutes to present their oral pleadings and no additional time shall be provided. The teams can reserve 2 minutes for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal each from their allotted 30 minutes. The time reservation shall be made before the commencement of each round. The same must be notified to the court officials nominated by the organizing committee.
- iii. In the preliminary rounds there shall be two rounds fixed on the basis of the lot picked by each team.
- iv. Fixture will be in such a way that in the preliminary rounds each team will argue on both the sides against different teams.
- v. Each Speaker in the team shall be assessed separately and the consolidated score with the marks of the memorial shall be the score of the team for preliminary rounds.
- vi. The individual scores of the speakers in both the preliminary rounds excluding the memorial marks shall be the deciding marks

for selecting the Best Speakers of the Moot Competition.

## **9. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS**

- i. Top 8 teams on the basis of the marks obtained in both the preliminary rounds together with the memorial marks shall qualify for the Quarter final rounds.
- ii. The Quarter final shall be a knock out round, where the side for pleading shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots and / or Fixtures.
- iii. Each team will get a minimum of 40 minutes to argue from the allotted side, including 3 minutes' time that shall be reserved for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal each.
- iv. The time reservation reserved for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal shall be before the commencement of the round. The same must be notified to the court officials nominated by the organizing committee.
- v. Time-extension for a maximum of 2 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judges.

## **10. SEMI- FINAL ROUNDS**

- i. The winning teams of the quarter finals will qualify for the semi-final rounds.
- ii. The semi-final shall be a knock out round, where the side for pleadings shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots and / or Fixtures.
- iii. Each team will get a minimum of 40 minutes to argue from the allotted side, including 3 minutes' time that shall be reserved for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal each.
- iv. Time-extension for a maximum of 3 minutes may be granted to each

team at the discretion of the Judge.

## **11. FINAL ROUND**

- i. The winning teams of the Semi Final Round shall qualify for the Final round.
- ii. The side for pleading shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots and / or Fixtures.
- iii. Each team will get a minimum of 40 minutes to argue, with an additional 5 minutes for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal each.
- iv. Time-extension for a maximum of 5 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge.
- v. In case of tie the memorial marks shall be considered.

**12. PROHIBITION OF SCOUTING / ELECTRONIC GADGETS** Scouting in any form and the use of electronic gadgets during the oral pleadings are strictly prohibited and if any team indulge in such act shall be terminated from the competition.

## **13. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

- i. All the educational institutions imparting legal education in India are eligible to nominate their Under graduate students for participation in the National Moot Court Competition.
- ii. **No Registration Fee** for a team to participate in the National Moot Court Competition.
- iii. The team from the educational institutions imparting legal education in India other than Government Law Colleges of the State of Tamil Nadu can participate on their own expenses.
- iv. All the team members have to be students pursuing their 3 years / 5 years Bachelor's degree in law. The year of study has to be mentioned while registering for the competition along with the copy of the college



ID card and a Bonafide certificate signed and sealed by the Head of the Institution.

- v. Only one team is eligible to participate representing the institutions. Soliciting in any form with regard to team allotment will strictly lead to disqualification from the competition.
- vi. A team code will be allotted to each team by the moot organisers. Thesame shall be the identity for all the correspondence.
- vii. Provisional registration is permitted from the date of the announcementof the competition till the subsequent 10 days.
- viii. The Registration shall be done by sending Hard and Soft Copies of the Registration forms to the Host College.
- ix. Once the Registration form submitted the acknowledge mail will be sent within two working days by the Host College to the respective teams.
- x. The team comprising of 3 members is mandatory. While registering for the competition, it is mandatory to nominate two speakers and one researcher. The host will not entertain any change in the nomenclature of Speaker-1, Speaker-2 and Researcher as nomination by the Participatingteam at the time of Provisional Registration, except under extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the Organizing Committee/Host College.
- xi. All Team members and Faculty-in-charge are advised to regularly check the official website / E-mails of the organizing committee/hostcollege for any updates on the competition.

#### **14. DRESS CODE**

The participants shall adhere to the following dress code while in the court rooms:

- **Gentlewomen:** White salwar and waist coat with black bottoms or white shirt and black trousers along with a black blazer and black shoes.
- **Gentlemen:** White shirt, black trousers, a black tie, a black blazer / coat and black shoes.

#### **15. NON-DISCLOSURE CLAUSES**

- i. The Name of the institution shall not be revealed and the team has to refer themselves with the team code throughout the competition.
- ii. Team must not reveal the identity of their institution to the Judges at any time during any round. All instances of such disclosure shall be treated as Disqualification of the team.
- iii. The host college should not reveal the name of the participating institution.

#### **16. CLARIFICATIONS**

Teams may request for corrections and clarifications in the moot problem by submitting a written request to the email ID provided by the Organising Committee/Host College on or before the date mentioned in the official notification. All the clarifications will be collated and the response will be provided via a mail on the date as specified by the Organising committee/Host College to all the participating Colleges. No further clarifications shall be entertained after the said date.

#### **17. DECLARATION OF RESULTS**

The declaration of results for each round will be declared within a maximum time limit of One hour. The results declared by the organizing committee shall be final and binding.

## **18. SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS**

- i. Each team participating in the event must prepare memorials on behalf of the Petitioner / Appellant / Applicant / Plaintiff side and Respondent / Opposite Party / Defendant / Other side.
- ii. The cover page of the memorials shall be **blue colour** in the case of Petitioner / Appellant / Applicant / Plaintiff side and **pink colour** in the case of Respondent / Opposite Party / Defendant / Other side memorial.
- iii. Team code shall be printed in the Top Right corner of the coverpage.
- iv. And the team code shall not be reflected anywhere other than the cover page of the respective memorials.
- v. The soft copy of the memorials in PDF format shall be submitted to the Email ID of the organizing committee.
- vi. The soft copy of the memorial forwarded within the dead line to the email of the organizing committee shall be **final and binding**. The same shall not be altered, changed for any reason at any point of time.
- vii. The **five hard copies** of the memorials for each side shall be soft bounded & submitted in person to the organizing committee on the date specified by the organizing committee. The extra hand copies for the team has to be kept by themselves. In event the hard copies submitted to the Organizing Committee shall not be



returned to the teams concerned.

- viii. The Soft copy and the Hard copy of the memorial submitted shall be the same and identical in all aspects. If any change is found, then the memorial shall be rejected and no marks shall be awarded.
- ix. After the deadline for memorial submission, the memorials that are forwarded to the email ID will be subject to a **penalty of 2 marks for each day of delay.**

## **19. MEMORIAL FORMATTING**

- i. All parts of each Memorial must be contained in a single file.
- ii. Memorials shall be submitted only in PDF format. Memorials that do not confirm to this Rule shall not be accepted.
- iii. All pages of the Memorial must be A4 size, with margins of at least one inch on all four sides.
- iv. The Memorial shall be in typewritten. The following content specifications shall be strictly adhered to:
  - 1. Language: English
  - 2. Body Font & Size: Times New Roman, 12
  - 3. Line Spacing: 1.5 [The spacing need not be followed for the Cover Page, Tabular Column, Header or Footer]
  - 4. Footnotes Font & Size: Times New Roman, 10
  - 5. Line Spacing: 1.0
  - 6. Paragraph Spacing: None
  - 7. No additional space between footnotes
  - 8. Substantive Footnoting is strictly prohibited
  - 9. Alignment (Body & Footnotes): Justified Margin: 1 inch on all 4 sides

10.Citation Method: The Bluebook / Harvard Law Review, 20th edition. / ILI / A Uniform System of Citation.

- v. Memorials submitted for the competition will be subject to plagiarism check.
- vi. The Memorandums shall not contain any Annexure / Appendices, Photographs, Sketches, Exhibits, Affidavits, etc.

## **20. MEMORIAL STRUCTURE**

Each Memorial shall not exceed 35 pages (A4 size), inclusive of cover page, and shall contain the following sections:

- i. Cover Page (shall include, Cause Title, Forum / Court, designation as Petitioner or Respondent Memorial).
- ii. Table of Contents.
- iii. Index of Authorities.
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction (strictly restrict to 1 page).
- v. Summary / Statement of Facts (strictly restrict to 1 page; argumentative Statement of Facts shall be penalized).
- vi. Issues Raised.
- vii. Summary of Arguments / Pleadings.
- viii. Arguments Advanced / Written Pleadings.
- ix. Prayer.

## **21. COMPENDIUM**

- i. All relevant case laws and statutory material to be passed on to the Judges during the Oral Rounds may be submitted in the form of a Compendium to the organizing committee during the submission of the hard copies of the memorial.
- ii. The teams have to keep a hand copy of the compendium for their reference during argument before the judges. In event the

compendium submitted to the Organizing Committee shall not be returned to the teams concerned.

- iii. Participants shall ensure that anonymity is not violated in the compendium.
- iv. If any mark, name, seal, symbol or logo of the institution / college is present, participants must ensure that the same is properly shaded to maintain anonymity. Violation of anonymity shall result in immediate disqualification.

## **22. ASSESSMENT OF MEMORIALS**

The memorials shall be assessed out of 100 marks, by a team of experts nominated by the organizing committee on the predetermined criterion, as specified here under:

<b>Content</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Clarity of Facts	<b>15</b>
Incorporation of Facts into the arguments	<b>20</b>
Use of Authorities / Precedents	<b>20</b>
Knowledge and Interpretation of Applicable laws	<b>20</b>
Grammar and Style of Presentation	<b>10</b>
Originality	<b>10</b>
Appropriate Relief Prayed	<b>05</b>
Total	<b>100</b>

### 23. ASSESSMENT OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS

Team performance of the orators shall be judged in all rounds on the basis of following criterion

Content	Marks
Knowledge of the Facts	10
Knowledge of the Applicable Law	10
Interpretation of facts and Law	20
Argumentative Skills	15
Clarity of Thoughts and Expression	15
Courtroom Conduct	10
Ability to response to the questions	10
Overall presentation style, poise and demeanor	10
Total	100

### 24. AWARDS AND HONOURS

- a) **Certificate of Merit:** The winner of the Final Round shall be declared as the “Winner” of the competition and shall be awarded a certificate of merit and winner trophy.
- b) **Runner’s Up:** The other team that made it to the Final Round shall be declared “Runners up” and shall be awarded a certificate of merit and runner trophy.
- c) **Best Speaker:** Best Speaker (separately for Boys and Girls) shall be determined on the basis of the highest average marks obtained individually in the preliminary rounds excluding the memorial marks and shall be awarded a certificate of merit and a best speaker trophy.
- d) **Best Memorial:** Best Memorial shall be determined on the basis of



the highest marks obtained in the memorial, and shall be awarded a certificate of merit and trophy.

- e) **Best Researcher:** Best Researcher shall be determined on the basis of the highest marks obtained in the in the Researcher Test, and shall be awarded a certificate of merit and trophy.
- f) **Certificate of Participation:** Every participating team shall be awarded a “Certificate of Participation”. “No Certificate of Participation” shall be granted to those teams who failed to submit the memorials in accordance to the rules.

## **25.Accommodation, Food and Travel Allowance**

Accommodation will be provided only to the teams of Government Law Colleges of the State of Tamil Nadu. The other teams can participate on their own expenses.

- i. Accommodation (on sharing basis) to the participating team members of Government Law Colleges of the State of Tamil Nadu will be provided by the Organizing Committee/Host College on the request of the teams.
- ii. No additional member shall be accommodated under any circumstances.
- iii. The accommodation shall be subject to the conditions imposed by the Organizing committee/Host college.
- iv. Food and snacks shall be provided for the participating team members at the venue of the competition.
- v. The registered team members of Government Law Colleges of the State of Tamil Nadu alone will be provided with travel allowance on

the basis of actuals by submitting travel tickets of the bus or train from the studying institution to the venue of the Moot competition.

- vi. In case of train travel the maximum permissible limit for travel allowance is second class sleeper.
- vii. In case of the bus travel the maximum permissible limit for travel allowance is Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation sleeper coach.
- viii. The travel allowance for the return journey is as that of the onward journey.
- ix. The local transit from the place of accommodation to the venue of the Moot competition may be arranged if necessary by the Host college on the timing fixed by them. The teams shall adhere to the timings of the organizing committee, failure on which, teams have to make their own arrangements.

## **26.CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- i. No team members shall indulge themselves in any act of misconduct which is unbecoming of a student.
- ii. No team members shall indulge in any misconduct in or outside the premises and precincts of the venue including the place of accommodation and transits.
- iii. The acts or omissions of any team members undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition is also misconduct.
- iv. Any behavior of indiscipline with the organizing committee/Host college or any other staff member or student volunteer of the venue, damage to the property or goodwill of the institution shall

be dealt with strictly.

- v. No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round. Any attempt to approach the framer of the moot problem or judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall lead to appropriate action by the Organizing Committee/Host college.
- vi. Any form of scouting during the Competition is strictly prohibited and shall entail disqualification of the team.
- vii. Committing of any misconduct by any of the team members shall lead to immediate disqualification of the team. The organizing committee/Host college shall recommend to the appropriate authority for disciplinary action.

## **27.MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- i. In case of any dispute arising out of the interpretation of the Rules, or otherwise, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.
- ii. The National Moot Court Competition shall be conducted as per the above mentioned Rules. However, the Organizing Committee has powers to amend, vary, alter, modify, the Rules in the event of any exigencies. The same shall be Final and binding upon the Participating Teams. Further, the decision of the Organizing Committee of concerning the conduct of the Competition is final and the same shall be binding upon the Participating Teams.

## **SCHEDULE & DEADLINE**

Release of Moot Proposition and Commencement of Registration	05.01.2024
Provisional Registration (through Google Form)	15.01.2024
Any Clarification on Moot Proposition	16.01.2024
Release of Clarification	17.01.2024
Final Registration (Submission of Soft Copy of the Registration Form)	18.01.2024
Submission of Soft Copy of the Memorials	27.01.2024
Submission of Hard Copy of the Memorials ( <b>6 COPIES</b> ) & Registration Form with Travel & Accommodation Details	30.01.2024
Inaugural Ceremony and Researcher's Test	08.02.2024
Preliminary Round, Quarter Final Round & Semi Final Round	09.02.2024
Final Round	10.02.2024
Valedictory Ceremony	10.02.2024



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

	SPEAKER 1	SPEAKER 2	RESEARCHER
NAME			
COURSE & YEAR			
MOBILE			
E-MAIL ID			
PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO			
<b><u>DECLARATION</u></b> We, affirm that all the information provided are true and we declare that the members shall abide by all the rules and regulations as notified by the organisers throughout the competition.			
SIGNATURE			

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION	
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**TRAVEL MODE : Bus / Train**

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**ACCOMODATION REQUIRED : YES / NO**