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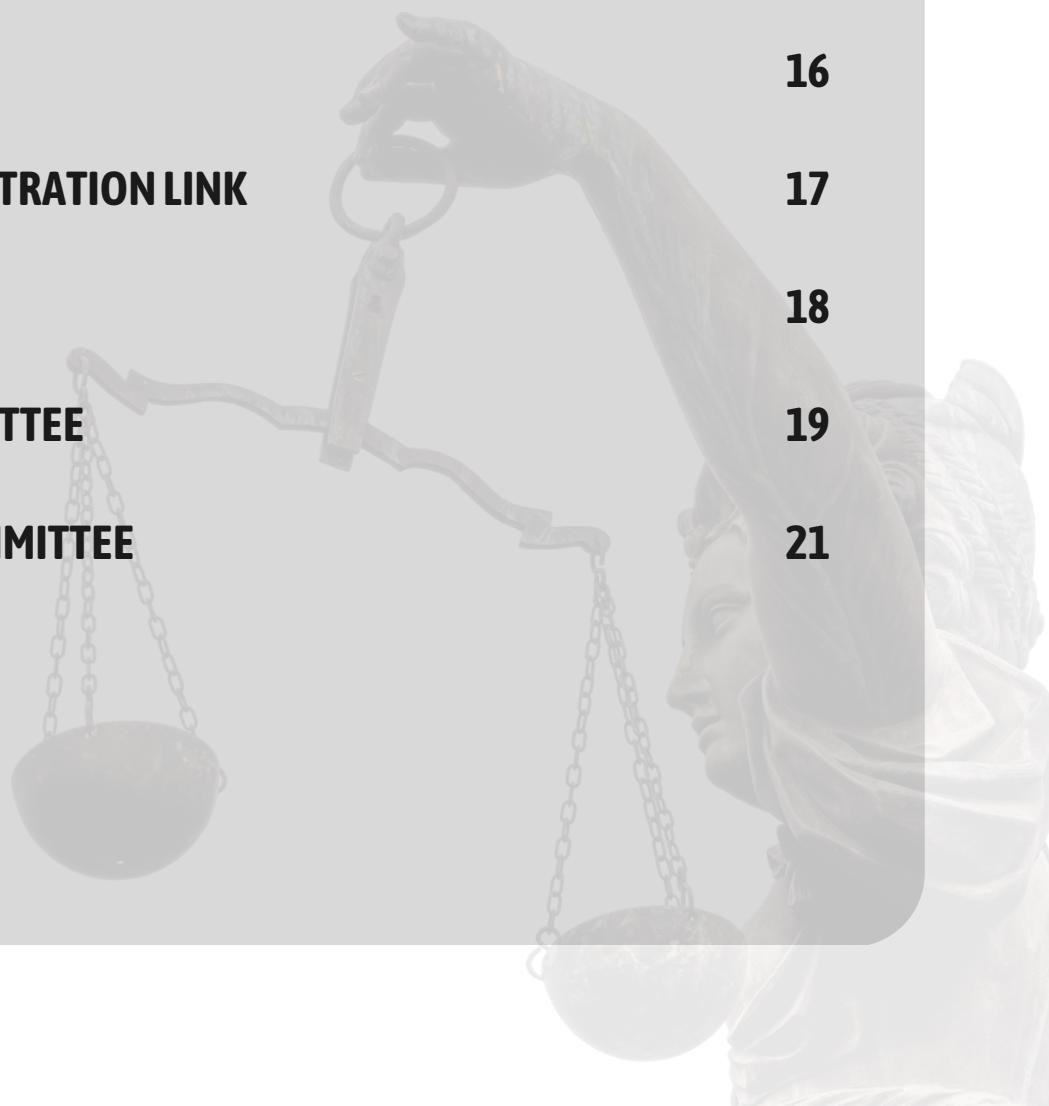


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ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF LAW

At Department of Law, Vivekananda Global University, our focus is to develop and advance interdisciplinary legal education and scholarship. We challenge normative pedagogy and believe in establishing and implementing new approaches towards teaching and learning which lead the University to NAAC A+ accreditation in a short span of a decade since its inception.

As a leading research-oriented institute, we encourage unrestricted academic imagination in the belief that thinking outside the box leads to original, relevant and impactful research. Thus, we incubate research on a range of diverse and unconventional ideas, including but not limited to, intellectual property, constitutional law, and criminal law. We take pride that our effective and impact- driven research has on numerous occasions received recognition.

Since our inception in 2013, we have become one of India's premier law universities. Our students have gone on to excel in diverse fields, such as academia, legal practice, administrative services and entrepreneurship. This is a testament not only to our students' drive, talent and intellect but to our sincerity and diligence as well. We value and embrace diversity of thoughts, opinions, values and expressions. We believe that educational institutions should be fair and inclusive spaces that help everyone in achieving their true potential.



ABOUT RANKA PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST

The Trust was set up by Late Dr. N. M. Ranka, Senior Advocate in the year 1980. Major activities undertaken by the Trust are as follows:

To promote the GANDHIAN PHILOSOPHY and to motivate the citizens, students, teachers, judicial officers, lawyers and litigants, the Trust has installed 50 statues of Mahatma Gandhi all over India at various premises Including at High Courts of Rajasthan, Orissa, Kerala, Karnataka & Gauhati, District Courts, Central Jails, Universities and Colleges.

The Trust has adopted Government Upper Primary School, Ramnagariya, Jaipur wherein approximately around 200 students from the lowest strata of society are getting free education with boarding facilities.

The Trust in order to promote tax education and awareness, gives RANKA BEST TAX CONFERENCE AWARD under the banner of All India Federation of Tax Practitioners, Mumbai to deserving Tax Bar Associations.

The Trust is publishing books. Such books are freely distributed all over India. Till now more than 25,000 copies have been distributed. List of books printed and published are:

Law Profession-My Experiences & Expectations; Vital role of Constitution in Women Empowerment; Glimpses of Gandhian Philosophy; N.A. Palkhivala - A Living Legend Par Excellence; Constitutional Perception of Fundamental Duties; BE A PERFECT PERSON; BUILD THE NATION

The Trust has pioneered the Moot Court Competitions in Jaipur and more than 20 competitions have been organized in collaboration with Five Year Law College of Rajasthan University, University Law College, Jaipur and Manipal University, Jaipur and Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur and SGT Tricentenary University, Gurugram.

The trust also provides scholarship to needy students and provides free medicines and food to poor patients from time to time.

It also supports like-minded trusts involved in philanthropy, education, elderly care, and other charitable endeavors.

Furthermore, the trust partners with Vidhishala and other associations to host law- focused and student-oriented events, such as the Rajasthan Law Festival, benefiting young lawyers, students, and the wider community.

MOOT PROPOSITION

1. The Vindhya-Kailash Ranges, forming the outermost stretch of the northern highland ecosystem of Aryavarta, are recognised as one of the most ecologically fragile regions of the country. The area is characterised by young and unstable geological formations, dense forest cover, rich biodiversity, and vital water catchment systems that sustain several northern provinces. The region is also inhabited by indigenous communities, forest dwellers, and agrarian populations who are closely dependent on forest resources and natural ecosystems for their livelihood, culture, and survival.
2. In recent years, escalating geopolitical tensions along the northern frontiers of Aryavarta have compelled the Union Government to reassess its defence preparedness and strategic infrastructure capabilities. In furtherance of this objective, the Ministry of National Defence approved a comprehensive military infrastructure project intended to strengthen connectivity, ensure rapid troop mobilization, and enhance logistical support in sensitive frontier regions.
3. The project envisages the construction of all-weather roads, underground tunnels to facilitate swift military movement, forward logistics bases, and emergency landing strips within and around parts of the Vindhya-Kailash Ranges. The execution of the project was entrusted to the Frontier Infrastructure Authority (FIA), a specialised agency under the Ministry of National Defence responsible for the development and maintenance of strategic infrastructure in frontier and difficult terrains.
4. The Union Government justified the initiation and expeditious execution of the project on grounds of national security, territorial integrity, and collective national interest. It was asserted that inadequate infrastructure in mountainous regions had historically hampered defence preparedness and that modern warfare necessitates rapid logistical mobility, which cannot be achieved without reliable road and tunnel networks.
5. The Government further maintained that individual inconvenience or localized hardship arising from such strategic projects cannot outweigh the larger imperative of safeguarding the sovereignty and security of the nation.
6. The proposed project area falls within regions classified as ecologically sensitive under various environmental and forest protection statutes. Substantial portions of the land identified for construction are notified forest land under the Highland Forest Preservation Act, 1982, and certain stretches function as wildlife corridors protected under the Wild Fauna Protection Act, 1974.
7. Environmental experts have expressed concern that the Vindhya-Kailash belt is highly susceptible to landslides, soil erosion, and flash floods, and that large-scale construction activities, including blasting for tunnels and highways, may exacerbate these risks.

8. Notwithstanding these concerns, the Union Government granted environmental and forest clearances to the project by invoking strategic and defence-related exemptions available under environmental regulations.

9. These clearances were granted without conducting a prior comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment or public hearings as ordinarily required under the Environmental Assessment Directive, 2008. The Government contended that such procedural relaxations were necessitated by the sensitive and confidential nature of defence projects and the urgency involved in their execution.

10. Following the commencement of construction activities, apprehensions were raised by local residents, environmental activists, and civil society organisations. Several non-governmental organisations alleged that the project had resulted in large-scale deforestation, disruption of wildlife habitats, increased incidents of landslides, and depletion of natural water sources.

11. Local communities further claimed that agricultural land had been damaged and that their safety and livelihoods were adversely affected by extensive road-cutting and the use of heavy machinery.

12. The affected populations contended that they were neither adequately consulted nor informed prior to the commencement of the project, in alleged violation of the Forest Communities Recognition Act, 2007.

13. It was asserted that mandatory Village Council consent for diversion of forest land affecting forest-dependent communities had not been obtained and that no clear rehabilitation or compensation mechanism had been put in place for displaced persons.

14. As opposition to the project intensified, peaceful protests and demonstrations were organised by local communities and non-governmental organisations, seeking suspension of the project and a reassessment of its environmental impact.

15. The protestors claimed that their actions were protected under Articles 19 and 21 of the Constitution of Aryavarta, encompassing the right to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly as well as the right to life, including the right to a clean and healthy environment.

16. In response, State authorities imposed restrictions on public gatherings and detained certain protest leaders under preventive laws, citing concerns relating to public order, national security, and the potential disruption of critical defence operations.

17. The Government maintained that such measures were necessary to ensure that individual actions or localized dissent did not undermine collective national interest or compromise sensitive military information.

18. Aggrieved by the grant of environmental and forest clearances, the manner of execution of the project, and the alleged violation of constitutional and statutory rights, several non-governmental organisations and affected individuals approached the Supreme Court of Aryavarta by filing a writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution.

19. The petitioners challenged the legality of the strategic exemptions granted to the project, the role of the Frontier Infrastructure Authority in bypassing statutory safeguards, and the Government's assertion that national security considerations automatically override environmental protections and fundamental rights.

20. The Union of Aryavarta, in its defence, relied upon Article 355 of the Constitution and Entry 1 of the Union List, contending that the Constitution recognises the paramount importance of national security and empowers the Union to take all necessary measures to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

21. The Government further argued that environmental protection and development are not mutually exclusive and that adequate mitigation measures, including compensatory afforestation, had been undertaken to minimise ecological harm.

22. The matter now stands for consideration before the Supreme Court of Aryavarta, raising significant questions concerning the balance between national security and environmental protection, the scope of sustainable development in defence-related projects, the applicability of environmental and forest laws to military infrastructure, the constitutional limits on State power in restricting protests, and the extent to which individual and community rights may be curtailed in furtherance of collective national interest.

CLARIFICATIONS, ASSUMPTIONS & MOOT INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Constitution of Aryavarta is a fictional constitution broadly analogous to the Constitution of India. Participants may rely upon Indian and comparative constitutional jurisprudence where relevant.

2. All statutes referred to in the proposition are fictional enactments and are substantially similar in structure, scope, and purpose to corresponding Indian environmental, forest, and wildlife protection laws.

3. Environmental and forest clearances for the project were granted by invoking defence and strategic exemptions without conducting a prior comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment or public consultation.

4. Certain protest leaders were detained under preventive laws without formal charges, and restrictions were imposed on public gatherings citing concerns of public order and national security.

5. Any matter not specifically provided in the proposition may be reasonably inferred, provided such inference does not contradict the stated facts

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Whether military infrastructure projects undertaken in ecologically sensitive areas such as the Vindhya-Kailash Ranges can be exempted from compliance with environmental and forest laws on the ground of national security and collective national interest.
2. Whether the grant of environmental and forest clearances without conducting a prior Environmental Impact Assessment, public consultation, and Village Council consent violates the principles of sustainable development and statutory protections under environmental and forest laws.
3. Whether national security considerations can override Fundamental Rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution of Aryavarta, including the right to a clean and healthy environment.
4. Whether the restrictions imposed on protests and the detention of demonstrators opposing the project are constitutionally valid, reasonable, and proportionate in a democratic society.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Schedule: 10th - 12th April, 2026

2. Rules of the Competition

The rules for the moot court competition shall:

- 2.1 The Organizing Committee shall function as the point of contact and any changes in the Rules of the Competition shall be notified by mail to all the participating teams.
- 2.2 The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder.
- 2.3 Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
- 2.4 The official e-mail for all correspondence concerning the Competition is info.moot@vgu.ac.in.
- 2.5 Participating teams should carry with them the required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of competition, however the university library will be open during university hours.
- 2.6 Use of electronic devices is prohibited during oral arguments, except for accessing memorials, authorities, or time-keeping, subject to the discretion of the Bench. Internet access during rounds is strictly prohibited.
- 2.7 Any team found attempting to approach and influence Judges/Administrators/Organizers shall be disqualified.
- 2.8 No team shall be permitted to hear the arguments of another team (scouting) except with prior permission of the Organizing Committee or where designated as observers.

3. General Definitions

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified

3.1 'bench' collectively designates the adjudicators overseeing an oral pleading session.

3.2 'Compendium' denotes the compiled research materials.

3.3 'Competition Rules' pertains to the officially sanctioned rules and regulations of the competition, subject to periodic amendments.

3.4 'Memorials' allude to the written submissions presented by a team in accordance with these regulations.

3.5 For the context of this Moot Court Competition, **'Moot Court Committee'** means the committee responsible for the management and execution of the competition, inclusive of any duly authorized individuals, and all activities leading up to the competition.

3.6 'Oral Pleading' pertains to the verbal arguments and presentations delivered before a bench and these arguments correspond to those initially composed within the memorial.

3.7 'Participant' denotes any member of the participating team.

3.8 'Penalty' encompasses the consequences resulting from a breach of rules, which may encompass disqualification or deduction of points.

3.9 'Rebuttal' denotes the series of arguments or challenges the applicant/petitioner must raise upon the conclusion of the principal pleadings presented by all the orators. These shall be appropriately addressed by the respondent.

3.10 'Speaker' designates the assigned spokesperson of the team.

3.11 'Team Code' signifies the unique code assigned to a team during the registration process.

4. Team Composition

4.1 Teams can consist of either two or three members. In situations where there are two participants, a single individual can be both researcher and speaker. However, in scenarios involving three participants, two individuals will be speakers, while one will be researcher.

4.2 Each team will be provided a team code prior to the submission of memorials via email.

4.3 Any alteration in the status of the team members, whether as a speaker or researcher, must be informed through mail to **info.moot@vgu.ac.in** before **26th March, 2026**. Any such requests after the given time shall not be entertained except in case of unprecedented circumstances.

4.4 The inability of any team member to participate in accordance with the rules of this Competition shall lead to immediate disqualification of the Team from the Competition. In cases of medical emergency, bereavement, or other force majeure circumstances, the Organizing Committee may permit substitution or role adjustment, subject to verification.

4.5 Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution in their memorials; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

5. Eligibility

The competition invites participation from regular students of integrated five-year law programmes, three-year law programme from any University/College/Department duly recognised by the Bar Council of India.

5.1 Official language: The said competition shall be in English language only. Use of vernacular language by the participants during the said competition is prohibited.

5.2 Accommodation and Meals:

- The registration amount inclusive of registration, meals & accommodation is **Rs.5500/-**. The registration amount without accommodation is **Rs.2000/-**. The accommodation shall not be provided by the host institution in any case before **9th April, 2026 11:59 AM** and after **12th April, 2026 11:59 AM**.
- Teams who wish to arrive before or depart after the timeline mentioned in the previous point need to submit a regular accommodation amount on the registration QR Code for adjustment.

Note: Consumption of alcohol or smoking within university premises or during official competition events is strictly prohibited. Proven violation shall invite disciplinary action including possible disqualification.

6. Dress Code

Male - advocate's attire (black blazer, black trouser, black formal shoes and white formal shirt with black tie) is compulsory. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements regarding the same. Not abiding by the said rule can lead to penalty in scoring and the bench will have complete discretion regarding the same.

Female - advocate's attire (black blazer, black trouser, black formal footwear and white formal shirt with black tie) is compulsory. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements regarding the same. Not abiding by the said rule can lead to penalty in scoring and the bench will have complete discretion regarding the same.

6.1 Reasonable Accommodations Reasonable accommodations in dress code may be permitted on grounds of religion, disability, or gender identity, subject to prior intimation to the Organizing Committee.

7. Registration

7.1 The teams interested in participating are required to confirm their participation by filling up the Google form. Registration Link: <https://www.vgu.ac.in/RANKA2026/>

7.2 The last date of registration is **25th March 2026**.

7.3 A confirmation e-mail, together with the team code, shall be sent to each team within a week of successful registration and payment. Thereafter, all the registered teams shall identify and refer themselves using the allotted team code only for all further correspondence with the Organizing Committee.

7.4 Registration fee with accommodation: Rs. 5500/- (Rupees five thousand five hundred only)
Registration fee without accommodation: Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only).

Account holder name : Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur
Account number : 921010054847627
IFSC code : UTIB0000626
Bank name : Axis Bank, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur

8. Anonymity of Teams

8.1 Each team will be allotted a code number called as the team code that must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be succeeded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent”. For example: In case the Team Code is 10 the team must write “TC-10 (P)” in case of memorial for Petitioner and “TC-10 (R)” in case of memorial for Respondent. Identity of the team or the names of the participants must not be revealed in the Memorial in any manner whatsoever.

8.2 Name of the school/University shall not be mentioned in any compendium or material to be presented to the bench. Failure to compliance will lead to disqualification of such compendium of material from presentation.

9. Rounds of the Competition

The Competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds, Researcher Test, Quarter-Final Rounds, Semi-Final Rounds, and Final Round. Additional instructions, if any, shall be notified by the Organizing Committee during the course of the Competition.

9.1 Important Dates

• Last Date of Registration	25th March 2026
• Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	3rd April 2026
• Memorial Submission (Hard Copy)	9th April 2026
• Arrival, Team Registration, Briefing, Draw of Lots & Memorial Exchange	9th April 2026
• Preliminary Rounds	10th April 2026
• Inaugural Ceremony, Researcher Test, Quarter-Finals, & Social Night	11th April 2026
• Semi-Finals & Final Round, Valedictory Ceremony, & Awards Distribution	12th April 2026

9.2 Preliminary Rounds

9.2.1 Each team shall argue **once as Petitioner and once as Respondent**. The order of arguments shall be determined by a **Draw of Lots** conducted by the Organizing Committee.

9.2.2 No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds, nor shall they appear before the same panel of judges.

9.2.3 The fixtures and match-ups for each Round shall be determined through a **Draw of Lots**.

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9.2.3 The fixtures and match-ups for each Round shall be determined through a **Draw of Lots**.

9.2.4 The **Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted on 10th April 2026**.

9.2.5 Teams shall be allotted a **total of 20 minutes** to present oral arguments, inclusive of rebuttal (in case of petitioner): The time may be divided between the two speakers at the discretion of the team, subject to a **maximum of 10 minutes and a minimum of 8 minutes per speaker**.

9.2.6 The **division of time** must be communicated to the **Court Master prior to the commencement** of oral arguments.

9.2.7 A **maximum of 2 minutes** may be reserved for rebuttal. Any extension of time shall be **entirely at the discretion of the Judges** and shall be inclusive of the total time allotted.

9.2.8 If a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the extra time consumed shall be deducted from the time allotted to the co-speaker.

9.2.9 Each speaker shall introduce themselves to the Court only by their designated identification (Speaker 1 or Speaker 2) and the Team Code allotted for memorial submission.

9.2.10 In the event of a tie in total scores between two or more teams at any stage of the Moot Court Competition, the tie shall be resolved sequentially by applying the following criteria:

first, the team with the higher aggregate oral round score shall be ranked higher; if the tie persists, the team whose best individual speaker has secured the higher oral score shall be preferred;

thereafter, the team that has obtained a higher total score against a common opponent (where applicable) shall be given preference; failing this, the team with a higher cumulative score under the parameters of knowledge of law, application of law to facts, and legal reasoning and argumentation shall be ranked higher; and if the tie continues, the team with fewer penalty deductions shall be preferred, and the decision of the Organising Committee in applying these criteria shall be final and binding. The tabulated scores shall be made available to teams on request after completion of the concerned round.*

***applies to any stage in the competition**

9.3 Quarter-Final Rounds

9.3.1 The **Quarter-Final Rounds shall be conducted on 11th April 2026**.

9.3.2 The **top 8 teams qualifying from the Preliminary Rounds** shall advance to the Quarter-Final Rounds.

9.3.3 The fixtures for the Quarter-Final Round shall be decided by a **Power-matching with high power-low power match-ups**, as deemed appropriate by the Organizing Committee.

9.3.4 the side to be argued shall be decided by draw of lots.

9.3.5 Each team shall be allotted a **total of 25 minutes** for oral arguments, inclusive of rebuttal.

9.3.6 The division of time between the two speakers shall be at the discretion of the team, subject to:

Maximum: 12 minutes per speaker

Minimum: 08 minutes per speaker

9.3.7 A maximum of **3 minutes** may be reserved for rebuttal, subject to the discretion of the Judges.

9.3.8 The **time division must be informed to the Court Master** prior to the commencement of oral arguments.

9.3.9 The team securing a **higher total score** shall qualify for the Semi-Final Round.

9.4 Semi-Final Rounds

9.4.1 The Semi-Final Rounds shall be conducted on 12th April 2026.

9.4.2 The top four overall teams qualifying from the Semi-Final Rounds shall compete in the Semi-Final Round. The side to be argued by each team shall be determined by a Draw of Lots, unless otherwise notified by the Organizing Committee.

9.4.3 Each team shall be allotted a total of 30 minutes for oral arguments, inclusive of rebuttal.

9.4.4 The time may be divided between the speakers at the discretion of the team, subject to:

Maximum: 14 minutes per speaker | Minimum: 10 minutes per speaker

9.4.5 A maximum of 4 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal, subject to the discretion of the Judges.

9.4.6 The time allocation and division must be communicated to the Court Master before the commencement of arguments.

9.5 Final Round

9.5.1 The Final Round shall be conducted on 12th April 2026.

9.5.2 The top two overall teams qualifying from the Semi-Final Rounds shall compete in the Final Round.

9.5.3 The side to be argued shall be decided by a Draw of Lots, unless otherwise directed by the Organizing Committee.

9.5.4 Each team shall be allotted a total of 40 minutes to present oral arguments, inclusive of rebuttal.

9.5.5 The division of time between the two speakers shall be at the discretion of the team, subject to:

Maximum: 20 minutes per speaker | Minimum: 15 minutes per speaker

9.5.6 A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, which shall be subject to the discretion of the Judges.

9.5.7 The decision of the Judges in the Final Round shall be final and binding.

9.5.8 The team securing the higher score in the Final Round shall be declared as the Winner of the Competition, and the opposing team shall be declared as the Runner-Up of the Competition.

9.6 Researcher Test

The Researcher Test shall consist of objective and/or short-answer questions based on the moot proposition and applicable law. Duration, marking scheme, and syllabus shall be notified prior to the competition.

EX-PARTE PROCEEDINGS

At the outset, if a team fails to appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time (in any of the four rounds) then the oral round of the attending party may proceed Ex Parte.

10. Memorials

- (a) All the participants must submit 6 Memorial in hard copy from each side i.e., 12 copies in total.
- (b) The soft copy of the memorial shall be sent in **Word (.docx)** and **PDF (.pdf)** format via email at **info.moot@vgu.ac.in** by the **3rd April 2026**, as facilitated by the Organizing Committee.
- (c) Late submission penalties shall be proportional to the duration of delay, subject to a maximum deduction of 10 marks.

10.1 The Memorial shall consist of the following:

- Cover Page: The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the written submission, name of the competition and team Code on the top right corner
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Summary of Issues Raise
- Summary of Arguments/Pleadings [1 to 3 Page]
- Arguments Advanced/Pleadings [not more than 30 pages]
- Prayer for Relief [1 Page]
- Memorials should be in spiral binding.
- Pages should be numbered at the bottom middle.
- The memorials shall not contain any photographs/sketches.

(Note: Failure to adhere to the specified criteria will incur a penalty of two marks for each omission.)

10.1.1 Format Specifications:

- (a) Font and Size (Headings) - Times New Roman, 14 pts.; Line Spacing - 1.5 lines.
- (b) Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts.; Line Spacing - 1.5 lines.
- (c) Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts.; Line Spacing- 1.0 line.
- (d) Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides.
- (e) Font- Times New Roman
- (f) Hard copies shall be printed on one side of each page.
- (g) The citations should comply with the 20th Edition of Bluebook.

(h) Memorial cover page shall follow the following colour scheme:

- Petitioner/Appellants - BLUE
- Respondents/Defendant – RED

10.1.2 Deadline for submission of Memorials:

(a) Every participating team is required to prepare both memorials in English.

(b) All teams must submit hard copies of these documents to the organizers during the registration process and provide soft copies through mail to info.moot@vgu.ac.in by the specified submission deadline, as facilitated by the Organizing Committee.

(c) Failure to adhere to these submission requirements will result in penalty and/or disqualification from the competition.

(d) The memorial shall be a maximum of 45 pages including the cover page, and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be a maximum of 30 pages.

10.1.3 Anonymity:

(a) Each team will be awarded a code number called as the team code that must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be succeeded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent”. For example: In case the Team Code is 10 the team must write “TC-10 (P)” in case of memorial for Petitioner and “TC-10 (R)” in case of memorial for Respondent. Identity of the team or the names of the participants must not be revealed in the Memorial in any manner whatsoever.

(b) Name of the College/University shall not be mentioned in any compendium or material to be presented to the bench. Failure to compliance will lead to disqualification of such compendium or material from presentation

10.1.4 Compendium

The teams may prepare a separate compendium, which will carry all the annexures, case laws, etc. that have been referred to in the memorial. The cover page of compendium should have the same credentials as that of the memorial. The teams will retain them and may present to the Judges during the rounds through Court Master. Any identifying marks/seal of the College/University may result in disqualification from the competition.

10.2 Evaluation criteria for the Memorials:

S No	Criteria	Marks
1	Knowledge of law and facts	20
2	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	20
3	Style, poise, courtesy & demeanor	20
4	Organization & flow of arguments	20
5	Proper citation and references in memorial	20
	Total	100

- **Levy of Maximum Penalties:** Notwithstanding anything in the rules, a maximum of 20 marks shall be deducted as penalties for violations under the Rules. However, gross violation of rules and regulations may lead to disqualification.
- **Submission of Authorities:** The teams shall only submit genuine authorities from Journals or other authentic sources. The teams may prepare and submit Compendium of authorities before the beginning of oral arguments to the panel of Judges, otherwise they can only submit authorities with the prior permission of the panel or if demanded by the Judges.

10.3 Timing criteria for the Oral Rounds:

The time allocations mentioned below are inclusive of prayer and rebuttal, and shall be read harmoniously with Rule 9.

- In the preliminary rounds the time slot for each round shall be as follows:

Arguments by each side	18 minutes
Prayer from each side	2 minutes

- In the quarter-final rounds the time slot for each round shall be as follows:

Arguments by each side	23 minutes
Prayer from each side	2 minutes

- In the semi-final rounds, the time slot shall be as follows:

Arguments by each side	28 minutes
Prayer from each side	2 minutes

- In the final round, the time slot shall be as follows:

Arguments by each side	38 minutes
Prayer from each side	2 minutes

10. Memorials:

(a) Format Specifications:

1. Font and Size (Headings) - Times New Roman, 14 pts.; Line Spacing - 1.5 lines.
2. Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts.; Line Spacing - 1.5 lines.
3. Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts.; Line Spacing- 1.0 line.
4. Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides.
5. Font- Times New Roman
6. Hard copies shall be printed on one side of each page.
7. The citations should comply with the 20th Edition of Bluebook.
8. Memorial cover page shall follow the following colour scheme:
 - Petitioner/Appellants - BLUE
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(b) Deadline for submission of Memorials:

- Every participating team is required to prepare both memorials in English.
- All teams must submit hard copies of these documents to the organizers during the registration process and provide soft copies through a designated Google Form by the specified submission deadline, as facilitated by the Organizing Committee.
- Failure to adhere to these submission requirements will result in disqualification from the competition.
- The memorial shall be maximum of 45 pages including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be maximum of 30 pages.

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10.2 Evaluation criteria for the Memorials:

S No	Criteria	Marks
1	Knowledge of law and facts	20
2	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	20
3	Style, poise, courtesy & demeanor	20
4	Organization & flow of arguments	20
5	Proper citation and references in memorial	20
	Total	100

- Levy of Maximum Penalties: Notwithstanding anything in the rules, a maximum of 20 marks shall be deducted as penalties for violations under the Rules. However, gross violation of rules and regulations may lead to disqualification.

- Submission of Authorities: The teams shall only submit genuine authorities from Journals or other authentic sources. The teams may prepare and submit Compendium of authorities before the beginning of oral arguments to the panel of Judges, otherwise they can only submit authorities with the prior permission of the panel or if demanded by the Judges.

Oral Submissions/ Pleading Sessions:

- In the preliminary rounds the time slot for each round shall be as follows:

Arguments by each side	18 minutes
Prayer from each side	2 minutes

- In the quarter final rounds the time slot for each round shall be as follows:

Arguments by each side	23 minutes
Prayer from each side	2 minutes

- In the semi-finals and final round, the time slot shall be as follows –

Arguments by each side	28 minutes
Prayer from each side	2 minutes

- In the final round, the time slot shall be as follows –

Arguments by each side	38 minutes
Prayer from each side	2 minutes

10.4 Judging Criteria:

Parameters for judging are:

- (a) Knowledge and Application of Law
- (b) Logic & clarity in reasoning
- (c) Use of Authorities
- (d) Responses to questions
- (e) Proper, articulate and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts
- (f) Language & Presentation

11. Prizes & Awards

- (a) Winner - INR 30,000/- and a trophy
- (b) Runner Up - INR 15,000/- and a trophy
- (c) Best Speaker - INR 7,000/- and a trophy
- (d) Best Researcher - INR 7,000/- and a trophy
- (e) Best Memorial - INR 7,000/- and a trophy

Certificates: Certificates shall ordinarily be distributed during the valedictory ceremony.

Participants unable to attend due to genuine reasons may collect certificates subsequently with prior permission.

12. Miscellaneous:

12.1 Case laws that the parties wish to rely on at the time of final arguments can be referred to the bench through bench in form of a compendium. The source of judgements should be from a verified database like SCC Online, Manupatra etc.

12.2 Judges are at liberty to ask questions to the participants on relevant points of law which may arise during the conduct of proceedings, in order to test the participant's knowledge of the relevant provisions.

12.3 Last date for seeking clarification with respect to the said competition is **27th March, 2026**.

12.4 Clarifications can be sought via email on info.moot@vgu.ac.in.

12.5 Any grievance regarding procedure or tabulation shall be raised in writing to the Organizing Committee within 24 hours of declaration of results of the concerned round. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

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13. General instructions for Participants

13.1 Each team must prepare memorials for both sides.

13.2 Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed.

13.3 One advance soft copy in PDF format must reach the organizers latest by 3rd April 2026 on info.moot@vgu.ac.in.

13.4 16 hard copies (8 copies from each side) of the memorials should reach the organizers on 09th April 2026 at the time of registration.



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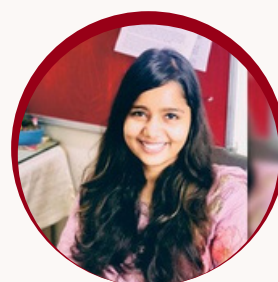
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