

Institute of Law, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
is organising



1st NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

(12th March, 2016 – 13th March, 2016)

About the University:

The Kurukshetra University was established in 1956 as a unitary residential University and its foundation stone was laid by late Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India. Located in the holy city of Kurukshetra, land of the historical battle of 'Mahabharata' and the great message of Bhagwad Gita, its campus is situated on the western bank of Brahm Sarover (the holy tank) and extends over an area of over 400 acres. Starting with only the Department of Sanskrit, it has grown into a multi-faculty University as one of the premier centres for advanced study and research in the region.

About the Institute of Law:

The Institute of Law is one of the best twenty Law Schools and Institutes in India. In order to meet the challenges of globalization and liberalization and to develop an institution of excellence in legal education, Kurukshetra University established the Institute of Law in the Year 2001 on its campus to offer 5-year Integrated Law Course. The object of the Institute is to disseminate legal knowledge that meets the demands of the fast changing economic, political and social institutions. The emphasis is to look at law as an instrument of social change and progress and to inculcate amongst students high degree of professionalism with a sense of responsibility towards the society. The Institute is housed in its own building on the campus, the foundation stone of which was laid by the Hon'ble Dr. Justice A. S.

Anand, the then Chief Justice of India. It is a modern building complex having a compact area of 60,000 square feet with state –of –the –art infrastructure.

The Institute of law is proud that around forty students passing from the Institute have joined judiciary as judges in the different states of India. Many students are working in the corporate sector, government sector as administrators and some students own their law firms. Apart from academic activities institute also organizing extra co-curricular activities annually.

About the Competition:

The Institute of Law, Kurukshetra University takes great pride in organising its 1st National Moot Court Competition which is based on Juvenile Law. The competition will provide a platform to students across the nation to put on display their advocacy skills, to refine their research capabilities & reasoning power and to build up their confidence and professional ethics.

Patron:

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Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra

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How to Reach Kurukshetra?

Kurukshetra town, a district headquarter, is situated 160 km from Delhi (north) on NH-1. It can be reached by trains connecting Delhi to Ambala Cantt. It can also be reached via Ambala (located about 50 km north of Kurukshetra town).

All kind of buses starting from ISBT Delhi and bound for Chandigarh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh will ply via Pipli town, which is 10 km from Kurukshetra University. Teams coming via Ambala can take any bus bound for Delhi and get down at Pipli on NH-1. The moot hosts will arrange for a pick-up from Pipli, the road point, and from Kurukshetra railway station if informed in advance.

Participants from far off places can also come via air routes where Chandigarh and Delhi happen to be the nearest airports.



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KURUKSHETRA.**

I. GENERAL RULES

Date: The Competition shall be organized from March 12, 2016 to March 13, 2016.

Dress Code: The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

a. Ladies: White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes.

b. Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Note : The participating teams shall also adhere to the above mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.

Language: The language of the Competition shall be English.

II. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

Eligibility: The Competition shall be open to students who are –

- a. Pursuing an integrated 5 year LL.B. programme in India or
- b. Pursuing a 3 year LL.B. programme in India.

Team Composition: Each team shall consist of minimum of two members and maximum of three members. Under no condition shall a team consisting more than 3 members be allowed to participate.

In the event where a team consists of three members then –

- a. Such team shall designate two of its members as speakers and

b. Such team shall designate one member, who has not been designated as speaker as a researcher. The team must amongst its members identify speakers and researcher at the time of registering itself.

In the event where a team consists of two members, the team shall designate both the members as speakers and no member in the team shall be allowed to be represented as a researcher and take the researcher's test.

III. REGISTRATION

Online Registration: All the participating institutions have to confirm participation by sending an email consisting of a scanned copy of registration form to moot.iolkuk@gmail.com on or before February 12, 2016 by 5:00 PM.

Registration by Post: The duly filled in hard copies of the Registration Form along with a demand draft of INR 2,000/- (Indian Rupees Two Thousand Only) must reach the Organizers by February 17, 2016.

Address for Post: The hard copy of the Registration Form shall be sent on following address only through Speed Post –

To

**The Director,
Institute of Law,
Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra-136119, Haryana.**

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The participating teams must send their Registration Forms accompanied with demand draft only through Speed Post. The teams shall solely be responsible for any kind of delay in receipt of Registration Form.

Demand Draft: The demand draft of INR 2,000/- (Indian Rupees Two Thousand Only) shall be drawn in favour of “**DIRECTOR / NATIONAL MOOT COURT, INSTITUTE OF LAW, KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY**” payable at Kurukshetra.

Allotment of Team Code: Every team which has successfully registered under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once the unique code has been allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

Change in Team Composition: Any change in team composition must be intimated to the Organisers at the earliest. Any change must be accompanied with a registration form and an authority letter duly signed by the head of the institution. No change in team composition is allowed after registration by post.

IV. **FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION**

Rounds: The Competition is divided into –

- a. Preliminary Rounds
- b. Advanced Rounds.

Advanced Rounds: The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals shall constitute the Advanced Rounds of the Competition.

Draw of Lots: The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Draw of lots shall take place on March 11, 2016.

Seeding of Teams: The top 50% of the registered teams based upon the memorial scores shall be seeded in order of their rank in the memorial. All the seeded teams will not compete against each other in either of the Preliminary Rounds. However, such team may face each other in the Advanced Rounds, subject to their qualification.

Preliminary Rounds:

- a. Each team shall argue from both the sides in the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. No team shall argue the same side twice in the Preliminary Rounds.

Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds:

- a. The qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of win or loss of the team in each Preliminary Round.
- b. Win or loss of a team shall be determined on the basis of aggregate score. The team with higher aggregate score shall win the round.
- c. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of –
 - i. Score of Speaker 1
 - ii. Score of Speaker 2
 - iii. Half the score of the memorial.

Arrangement of Ranking: The teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked on the basis of below mentioned criteria –

- a. The teams shall be first differentiated on their win-loss record after the Preliminary Rounds;
- b. If there is a tie, the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted the higher rank;
- c. If the tie subsists, the team with the higher speaker score will be allotted the higher rank;
- e. If the tie still subsists, the team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be allotted the higher rank;
- f. If the tie still subsists, the team with the higher memorial score will be allotted higher rank;

Results: The results of the Preliminary Rounds shall be declared soon after the conclusion of both the Preliminary Rounds. The top eight teams will qualify for the Advanced Rounds.

Quarter-Finals:

- a. The top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the quarter-finals.
- b. The team shall argue only once in the quarter-finals. The side for the quarter-finals shall be decided by way of draw of lots.
- c. The quarter-finals shall be a knock-out round
- d. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the quarter-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed.

Semi-Finals:

- a. Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- b. The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals. The side of the team shall be decided by way of the draw of lots.
- c. The semi-final shall be a knock-out round.
- d. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the semi-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed. The team with higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

Finals: In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed.

Deciding of Winner in Case of Tie in Advanced Rounds: In the event of tie in advanced rounds, then –

- a. The team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be allotted the higher rank;
- b. If the tie still subsists, the winner of the round shall be decided by adding the score of memorials to the aggregate speaker scores;

V. MEMORIALS

Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials: All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non adherence to the same will attract penalty subject to the discretion of the organizers.

Memorials to be prepared from Both Sides: Each team must prepare memorials for both sides to the dispute.

Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials:

- a. The soft copies of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on moot.iolkuk@gmail.com in either .pdf or .doc or .docx format latest by March 1, 2016 before 5:00 PM.
- b. Memorials shall be sent as an attachment with the mail in the form of single file for each side of memorial.
- c. A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team.
- d. The team submitting the soft copy 5 days after the last date of the submission of the soft copy of the memorial will be disqualified from the competition.

Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials:

- a. One copy of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on the below mentioned address by March 7, 2016 (Only through speed post) –

To

**The Director,
Institute of Law,
Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra-136119, Haryana.**

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- b. The teams have to carry five copies of the memorial from each side and submit the same during formal registration.

No Difference between Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Memorial: The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.

Penalty for Late Submission:

- a. A penalty of 1 mark per hour per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of soft copy of memorial.
- b. A further penalty of 1 mark per day per side shall be levied in case of delay in submission of hard copy of memorial.

General Conditions for Memorials:

- a. The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification.
- b. Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.
- c. A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses wrong cover page for each side of memorial.

Guidelines for Formatting:

- a. Memorial Structure: The memorial must have following pages only:
 - i. Cover Page – The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of competition, name of the Court and team Code on top right corner.
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. List of Abbreviations
 - iv. Index of Authorities
 - v. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - vi. Statement of Facts
 - vii. Issues Raised

viii. Summary of Arguments

ix. Pleadings /Arguments Advanced

x. Prayer

b. Team Code: The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use “A” for Appellant, P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent.” For example: in case the Team Code is 10 the team must write “A-10” in case of memorial for Appellant and “R- 10” in case of memorial for Respondent.

c. Font –

Text	Times New Roman Font Size – 12 points Line Spacing – Double Line Spacing
Footnotes	Times New Roman Font Size – 10 points Line Spacing – Single Spaced

d. Pagination: The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.

e. Margin: A margin of 1 inch on all sides of the memorial should be left.

f. Citation Format: The 19th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed throughout the memorial.

g. Page Limit: The memorial shall be of a maximum of 35 pages including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be of a maximum of 20 pages. No annexures, photographs, exhibits, etc. should be added to the memorial.

Penalty: A penalty of 1 mark per violation per side shall be levied in case of non-adherence with the aforementioned guidelines for formatting.

Marking Criteria for Memorials:

SR. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Evidence of Original Thought	20
2.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
4.	Correct format and citation	20
5.	Extent and Use of Research	20
	TOTAL MARKS	100

VI. ORAL ROUNDS**Timings for the Oral Pleadings:****a. Preliminary Rounds:**

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 20 minutes to present their oral arguments;
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 12 minutes and minimum of 8 minutes per speaker;
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- iv. A maximum of 4 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

Advanced Rounds:

b. Quarter-Finals:

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 30 minutes to present their oral arguments;
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 18 minutes and minimum of 12 minutes per speaker;
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

c. Semi-Final and Final Rounds:

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 45 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 15 minutes per speaker.
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be given at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

Marking Criteria for the Oral Rounds:

SR.NO	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge and Application of Law & Facts	20
2.	Ingenuity and Ability to answer questions	20
3.	Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanour	20
4.	Organisation and Flow of Arguments	20
5.	Reference to Memorials	20
	TOTAL MARKS	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.

Submission of Authorities: The teams shall only submit genuine authorities from journals or other authentic sources, or their Xerox. 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.

VII. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- a. The identified researcher during the formal registration shall take the researcher's test.
- b. In case of two member team, no member from the team will be allowed to take the Researcher's test.
- c. The test shall contain questions related to the moot problem and the relevant law.

VIII. AWARDS & PRIZES

Awards: The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:

a. **Best Team:** the Team winning the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000/- (Indian Rupees Ten Thousand Only)

b. **Runners Up:** the runners up team in the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 6000/- (Indian Rupees Six Thousand Only)

c. **Best Speaker:** The speaker having the highest score in the preliminary rounds shall be given a cash prize of INR 2500/- (Indian Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)

d. **Best Memorial:** The team having the highest average memorial score from both sides shall be given a cash prize of INR 2500/- (Indian Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)

e. **Best Researcher:** The participant having the highest score in the researcher's test shall be given a cash prize of INR 1500/- (Indian Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Only)

f. Certificates of merit shall be given to all the teams qualifying for quarter finals and beyond.

g. Certificate of participation shall be given to all the participating teams.

The awards, certificates of merit and certificates of participation shall be given during the valedictory ceremony to be conducted on March 13, 2016. No certificate will be given to the team before or after the valedictory function.

IX. PENALTIES

Scouting: No member of any participating team shall view any other oral rounds while the team is still in the competition. If such an incident comes to the notice of the organizers then the scouting team shall be subject to disqualification. Teams may file a written complaint of scouting to the Organizers. The decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.

Non – Disclosure of Identity: Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

Copyright: The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

X. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Accommodation and food shall be provided by the Organizers only during the days of the competition. The team of 3 or 2 participants, as the case may be, shall be provided accommodation by the University for the duration of the competition only. The interested students are required, to inform the Organizing Committee, through their Travel & Accommodation Form, so as to enable them to make necessary arrangements. Under no circumstances the Organizer shall provide accommodation to any other person accompanying the team. Accommodation shall be provided to the teams after **5 PM on 11th March, 2016.**

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

Power to Amend or Alter Rules: The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The Organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point of time. All decisions made by Organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.

Disclaimer: The problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the author of the problem.

Contact Details: In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to mail your queries at moot.iolkuk@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

Regarding the Moot problem-

Clarifications regarding the moot proposition will only be entertained through email. Send your queries at moot.iolkuk@gmail.com and also at nikitagoel2295@gmail.com with subject line “Moot Problem”.

Note: The last date for seeking clarifications regarding the moot proposition is 15th February 2016.

Regarding the Rules of the Competition or any other queries-

(Timings: 10 AM – 9 PM)

Student Organisers-

Vishal Jha (M.9896592098)

Bhujali (M.9992318433)

Faculty Co-ordinator-

Dr. Amit kumar (M. 9996510039)

LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE
Notification of the Competition and Release of the Moot Proposition	27 January 2016
Last Date of online Registration	12 February 2016 till 5:00 PM
Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	15 February 2016
Last Date of Submission of Demand Draft and Hard Copy of Registration Form	17 February 2016
Release of Clarifications	18 February 2016
Last Date of Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials	1 March 2016 till 5:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials	7 March 2016
Formal Registration	11 March 2016, 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials	11 March 2016
Researcher's Test	11 March 2016
Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Finals	12 March 2016
Semi Finals Rounds and Final Round	13 March 2016
Valedictory and Prize Distribution	13 March 2016

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: _____

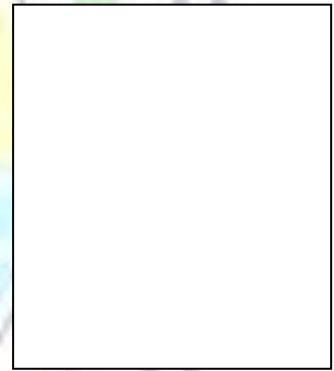
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TEAM DETAILS :

SPEAKER 1: _____

GENDER: _____ CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL ID: _____

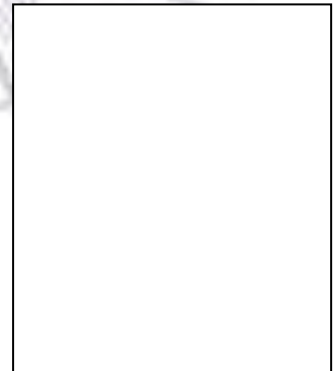


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SPEAKER 2: _____

GENDER: _____ CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL ID: _____

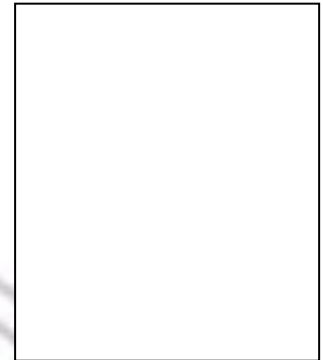


SIGNATURE

RESEARCHER: _____

GENDER: _____ CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL ID: _____



SIGNATURE

DEMAND DRAFT DETAILS:

NAME OF THE BANK: _____

DD NO.: _____

DATE: _____ PAYABLE AT: _____



NAME & SEAL OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

NOTE: All Communications shall be done by the Organizers on the primary Contact and Email Id.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FORM

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT NO: _____ EMAIL ID: _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____ TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____

MODE OF TRANSPORT: _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE: _____ TIME OF DEPARTURE: _____

MODE OF TRANSPORT: _____

ACCOMMODATION (TICK AS APPLICABLE): YES NO

NOTE:

1. Travel Form must be sent latest by 17 February 2016 (Scanned copy of the form).
2. No Pick and Drop facility will be provided if travel form is not submitted.
3. The accommodation will be provided from 11 March to 13 March 2016.