

# **SMT. SHAKUNTALA DEVI**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT**

### **COMPETITION, 2026**

**DATE: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Online) & 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 (Offline)**

**RULE BOOK**

## **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

### **1. THE COMPETITION**

The Oral Rounds of the **Smt. Shakuntala Devi 3<sup>rd</sup> International Moot Court Competition, 2026** (“the Competition”) shall be conducted in a hybrid mode. The **Preliminary Round** will be held online on **12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. The **Advanced Rounds** are scheduled to take place in offline mode on **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026** at the School of Law, Galgotias University, Greater Noida.

The Competition shall consist of:

- i. Preliminary Rounds,**
- ii. Quarter Finals,**
- iii. Semi Finals,**
- iv. Final.**

### **2. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION**

#### **2.1. Eligibility**

- i.** The competition is open for students who are studying in LLB three year or five years integrated course during the current academic year.
- ii.** In case there are odd number of teams participating in the Preliminary Rounds, the organizers shall nominate a non-competing dummy team that will not proceed beyond the preliminary rounds.

#### **2.2. Team Composition**

- i.** Each team shall consist of **two speakers** and **one researcher**.
- ii.** The Organizers will assign a code to each team and its members.

### **3. REGISTRATION**

- i.** The teams will have to register themselves at <https://forms.gle/QLw2wVy71kur3uxa7>
- ii.** Registration should be no later than 11:59 PM IST on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- iii.** Registration Forms will have to be completed and submitted with all material particulars by the teams. Please note that incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted.

- iv. The composition of the team cannot be changed once a team has registered.
- v. Kindly fill the form after payment in the QR/ Bank Details given below

#### **4. LIST OF DATES**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Start of registration	25 February 2026
Last date of Registration	26 March 2026
Last date for seeking clarification	20 March 2026
Release of clarification	25 March 2026
Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	05 April 2026
Preliminary Rounds (Online)	12 April 2026
Memorial Submission (Hard Copy)	28 April 2026
Quarter-Final Round (On-campus)	01 May 2026
Semi-Final Round (On-campus)	01 May 2026
Final Round (On-campus)	02 May 2026

#### **5. REGISTRATION FEE**

- i. Registration Fees- ₹1500/- (Including GST) (per Team)
- ii. Accommodation Fees- ₹6,000/- (Including GST) (Per Team)

**NOTE:** Additional Accommodation Fees is applicable only to the teams qualifying for Quarter-Final Rounds and interested in university accommodation.

#### **Complete Your Registration Securely**

- i. Scan the QR code or click on the link below to complete your registration payment:



ii. **NOTE:** Participants can complete their registration by making the payment through the link: <https://p.ppsl.io/PYTMPS/IcfXqk>

iii. Upon successful completion and submission of the Registration Form, the team will receive an email from the Organizers, informing them of their successful Registration.

iv. If such an email is not received by a team, the team may contemporaneously send an email with its registration details to [info.mcs@galgotiasuniversity.edu.in](mailto:info.mcs@galgotiasuniversity.edu.in) and a response will be sent through email by the Organizers within One working day informing the team of its successful Registration.

v. The teams successfully registering online as aforesaid will be provided a **Team Code [TC]** which will be mentioned in the email informing the team of their registration. The email will be sent on the email address provided by the teams in the contact details forming part of the Registration Form.

vi. Once each team has been provided the TC, this code will have to be mentioned by the team in all future communication(s) with the Organizers.

vii. Apart from the TC, teams are requested not to display or add the names or logos of their Colleges, Universities or Law Schools anywhere in any communication(s) addressed to the Organizers or in memorials/material submitted for the Competition.

viii. **Compendium is not mandatory**, however interested teams may submit one for each side not exceeding 200 Pages.

ix. Name of the Institution or the Name(s) of the participants shall not be reflected in any material cited in the Compendium, if submitted.

## 6. MEMORIALS

### 6.1. SOFT COPY

- i. Each Team must submit the Memorial for the Petitioner and the Respondent in PDF Format only, named “**Memorial for Petitioner/Respondent\_TC()**”, no later than 11:59 PM [IST] on **05<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**. The Teams shall mention their TC in the subject of the mail while submitting the memorial. The memorials are to be submitted only to the following mail: [info.mcs@galgotiasuniversity.edu.in](mailto:info.mcs@galgotiasuniversity.edu.in) with the subject Memorial Submission and your Team Code.
- ii. The **Organizers will NOT be responsible** for the non-receipt of the soft copies of the memorials. Teams are requested to ensure that soft copies via email are sent well in time and that the attachments can be viewed.
- iii. Memorials submitted after 11:59 PM [IST] on **05<sup>th</sup> April, 2026** will incur a deduction of 2 marks for each day of delay, with the first deduction being made at 12:00 AM [IST] on **06<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**.
- iv. It is made clear that such deduction would be made from the cumulative memorial score. Memorials submitted after 11:59 PM [IST] on **10<sup>th</sup> April, 2026** shall not be accepted and the Team shall stand disqualified.

### 6.2. HARD COPY

- i. Teams qualifying for the Quarter-Final Rounds, shall submit **7 hard copies** of each side of the memorials for the Petitioner and the Respondent by **28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**, via Post or according to team’s convenience.
- ii. **Postal Address:** Dean Office, School of Law, Galgotias University, Plot No. 2, Sector 17-A, Yamuna Expressway, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh – 203201.
- iii. The teams are responsible for ensuring that the correct number of copies of the memorials are submitted to the Organizers and that acknowledgment of the same is obtained.
- iv. All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements and a team will attract negative marking for failure to comply with the limitations as described below:
  - Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper with black ink and must be neatly bound. The memorial shall be **printed on both sides of the paper**.
  - No plastic dividers should be used in the memorials.

- Memorials submitted after **28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026** shall not be accepted and the team shall stand disqualified.

### **6.3. MEMORIAL FORMAT**

**i.** The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font-size of footnotes/endnotes, if any, must not be less than size 10.

**ii.** A uniform method of citation of authorities must be followed.

**iii.** Each page must have a margin of at least one inch on all sides.

**iv.** The Arguments Advanced in the Memorial should not exceed 30 typed pages on A-4 size paper.

**v.** The Memorial for Petitioner and Respondent shall at least consist of the following parts:

- Cover Page (coloured Blue for Petitioner, and Red for Respondent)

- Table of Contents

- Index of Authorities

- Statement of Jurisdiction

- Statement of Facts (not more than 2 pages)

- Statement of Issues

- Summary of arguments (not more than 2 pages)

- Arguments advanced (not more than 30 pages)

- Prayer

**vi.** The Cover Page **MUST** contain:

- TC in the upper right-hand corner

- The year of the Competition

- The name of the Competition

- The name of the Case

- The party for which the Written Submission has been prepared.

- Name of the forum resolving the dispute.

**vii.** There will be a deduction of **2%** mark for each page exceeding the 30-page limit for the Arguments Advanced, and a deduction of **0.50%** marks for each 'objective' error, i.e., non-adherence to the rules set out herein above. This negative marking (along with the negative marking for delayed submission) shall be deducted from the total memorial score obtained by a team.

- viii. The software to be used by all teams for plagiarism checking shall be **Turnitin**.
- ix. Plagiarism shall be evaluated as per **Regulation 8** of University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018

## **7. ORAL ARGUMENTS**

- i. The Competition shall consist of **two preliminary rounds, each side once**, followed by a **Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Round**.
- ii. The oral rounds will be in **Hybrid Mode**.
- iii. The **Preliminary Rounds** will be conducted in **online** mode.
- iv. The **Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds** will be conducted in **offline** mode at the campus of Galgotias University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- v. The language of the Court shall be **English**.

## **8. RULE FOR PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

- i. There shall be two preliminary rounds to be completed on the same day and, each team shall have to argue once for the Petitioner and once for the Respondent.
- ii. The **draw of lots** for the preliminary rounds and **exchange of memorials** will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Each team shall argue for the allotted side i.e. Petitioner or Respondent.
- iii. The **Preliminary Rounds** shall be conducted **virtually**. Participating teams will be provided with a **Zoom meeting link** and are required to join strictly through the link shared by the Organising Committee within the stipulated time.
- iv. Each participant must log in using their allotted **Team Code**, followed by their **designation**, namely: *Speaker 1, Speaker 2, or Researcher* (for example: **TC-01 Speaker 1**).
- v. All participants must ensure a neutral and distraction-free background throughout the proceedings. Any suspicious activity, unauthorized assistance, or unfamiliar movement detected during the rounds may result in immediate disqualification at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- vi. Each team would be given **30 minutes** to present their oral arguments, subject to a **maximum of 18 minutes per Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds**. This shall include the

pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable.

- vii. The petitioners will first submit their arguments, followed by the respondents. Rebuttal is allowed upon permission given by the Judges.
- viii. Judges, at their discretion, may extend oral argument time up to a maximum of 5 minutes per team.
- ix. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.
- x. The results shall be declared on the same day and will be communicated to all participating teams via email.

## **9. RULE FOR QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS**

- i. Teams with two wins in the Preliminary Rounds will go to the Quarter Final. If there are more than 8 teams having two wins each, the teams will be ranked according to their total scores.
- ii. The draw of lots for the Quarter Final rounds and exchange of memorials will be held on **30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Each team shall argue for the allotted side i.e. Petitioner or Respondent.
- iii. For the **Quarter Final**, each team would get **40 minutes** each, subject to a **maximum of 25 minutes per Speaker**. This shall include the pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable.
- iv. The petitioners will first submit their arguments, followed by the respondents. Rebuttal is allowed upon permission given by the Judges.
- v. Judges, at their discretion, may extend oral argument time up to a maximum of 5 minutes per team.
- vi. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.

## **10. RULE FOR SEMI FINAL ROUNDS**

- i. Teams with a win in the Quarter Final Round will qualify for the Semi Final Round.
- ii. The draw of lots for the Semi Final rounds and exchange of memorials will be held on **01<sup>st</sup> May 2026**. Each team shall argue for the allotted side i.e. Petitioner or Respondent.
- iii. For the **Semi Final**, each team would get **40 minutes** each, subject to a **maximum of 25 minutes per Speaker**. This shall include the pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable.
- iv. The petitioners will first submit their arguments, followed by the respondents. Rebuttal is

allowed upon permission given by the Judges.

v. Judges, at their discretion, may extend oral argument time up to a maximum of 5 minutes per team.

vi. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.

## **11. RULE FOR FINAL ROUNDS**

i. Teams with a win in the Semi-Final Round will go to the Final Round.

ii. The draw of lots for the Final Round and exchange of memorials will be held on **01<sup>st</sup> May 2026**. Each team shall argue for the allotted side i.e. Petitioner or Respondent.

iii. For the **Final Round**, each team would get **40 minutes** each, subject to a **maximum of 25 minutes per Speaker**. This shall include the pleadings and any rebuttal time, if applicable.

iv. The petitioners will first submit their arguments, followed by the respondents. Rebuttal is allowed upon permission given by the Judges.

v. Judges, at their discretion, may extend oral argument time up to a maximum of 5 minutes per team.

vi. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.

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## **12. SCORING**

### **12.1. Scoring Criteria for Memorials**

Application of facts	25%
Reasoning	25%
Use of Authorities and Precedents	25%
Understanding Law and Procedure	15%
Presentation	10%

### **12.2. Scoring Criteria for Oral Rounds**

Knowledge of Law, Logic, and Reasoning	20%
Organisation, Clarity, and Articulate Analysis of the Issues	20%
Understanding of Relevant and General Principles of Law	20%
Ability to answer questions and Reference to Written Submissions	20%
Persuasiveness and Deference to Court	20%

### **13. AWARDS**

- i. Winning Team:** Cash Prize of ₹50,000/-, Merit Certificate, Winner's Trophy, Smt. Shakuntala Devi International Moot Court Competition Runners Trophy; Internship Opportunity at Scriboard; Certificate Course by ACIAM worth ₹50,000.
- ii. Runner-up Team:** Cash Prize of ₹30,000/-, Merit Certificate, Runners Up Trophy; Internship Opportunity at Scriboard; Certificate Course by ACIAM worth ₹30,000
- iii. Best Memorial (Petitioner):** Cash Prize of ₹7,500/-, Merit Certificate, Trophy; Certificate Course by Legal Vidhiya worth ₹7,500
- iv. Best Memorial (Respondent):** Cash Prize of ₹7,500/-, Merit Certificate, Trophy; Certificate Course by Legal Vidhiya worth ₹7,500
- v. Best Speaker (Male):** Cash Prize of ₹7,500/-, Merit Certificate, Trophy; Certificate Course by ACIAM worth ₹10,000
- vi. Best Speaker (Female):** Cash Prize of ₹7,500/-, Merit Certificate, Trophy; Certificate Course by ACIAM worth ₹10,000

### **Additional Perks**

- i.** FREE Access to LawFoyer Academy's two Premium Courses to Top 3 teams including Advanced Certification Course on Legal Research & Writing (**worth Rs. 2000**) and Advanced Certification Course on Supercharging Litigation & Academics with AI (**worth Rs. 4000**).
- ii.** Discounted **Publication Opportunity** to all the Participants with 50% Discount on Publication with LawFoyer **International Journal of Doctrinal Legal Research** (ISSN: 2583-7753) which is indexed on 350+ Global Databases including Harvard HOLLIS Library, Oxford SOLO Library, Hein Online, Google Scholar, CrossRef, ISSN, and other international libraries and databases.
- iii.** **Internship Opportunity to all the Participants** - All participants will get an opportunity to Intern with LawFoyer and attend LawFoyer's structured Free Virtual Internship Training Program in collaboration with reputed law firms.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- i. The dress code for the Competition shall be professional formal attire (strictly black and white).
- ii. Two team prizes, two prizes for the Best Memorial and individual prizes for the Best Speaker (Male), and Best Speaker (Female) will be awarded. The speakers and the researchers will be awarded certificates of participation.
- iii. The Organizers shall provide accommodation and food to the teams qualifying for the Quarter-Final Rounds, who opted for University accommodation. Boarding and lodging shall be available from one day prior to the Competition, i.e., 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 from 01:00 PM, and up to 18 hours after the conclusion of the Competition, i.e., until 11:00 AM. on 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2026.
- iv. All queries relating to the moot problem, and the rules of the competition may be directed vide email to [info.mcs@galgotiasuniversity.edu.in](mailto:info.mcs@galgotiasuniversity.edu.in)
- v. Participants shall use only their TC numbers for identification purposes. No electronic device, including (but not limited to), laptops, tablet computers, mobile phones etc. may be used by any member of the teams during the course of the physical round, including when the opposite team is addressing arguments. Teams are therefore advised to ensure that the delivery of their oral arguments is not dependent on electronic devices.
- vi. Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the organizers immediately, without disturbing the round in progress. Any team found scouting will be disqualified.
- vii. Any reference to identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial may lead to disqualification of the team, which shall be at the sole discretion of the organizers displayed in the School of Law and the same will be mailed to the teams.
- viii. The above-mentioned rules shall be strictly adhered to. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules.
- ix. The organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final. These rules are not exhaustive, and the Organizers reserve the right to amend, change or provide for any other rule.

**MOOT PROPOSITION – Participants may access the moot proposition for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Smt. Shakuntala Devi International Moot Court Competition, 2026 via below-mentioned link**

**[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rz7-jdK6TlpzBr21MPFNIV6wVFxQ7i7r?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rz7-jdK6TlpzBr21MPFNIV6wVFxQ7i7r?usp=drive_link)**

