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1st NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

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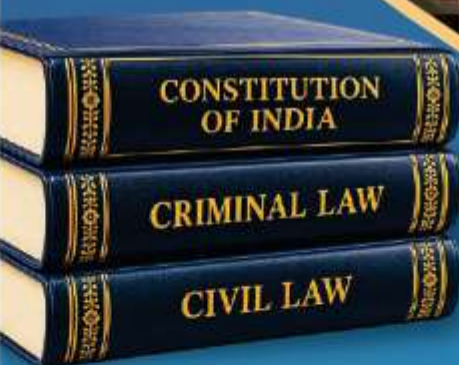
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ABOUT PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY

People's University, Bhopal, celebrating 24 years of excellence, is recognized as a top private university in MP offering multidisciplinary programs in Medical, Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy, Law and Management. Ranked among the best colleges in Madhya Pradesh, the University provides modern infrastructure, research facilities and a 1500-bedded teaching hospital to support academic excellence. Established under the Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya Act, People's University integrates professional education with practical exposure. With advanced laboratories, experienced faculty and placement-oriented programs, the university prepares students for successful careers in Central India and beyond.

Academic Excellence

Over the years, People's University has built a reputation for delivering excellence across diverse fields. The University contributes significantly to higher education in Madhya Pradesh through its diverse academic and professional programs. The University offers a comprehensive range of UG & PG courses in Bhopal across diverse professional disciplines, including:

- *Medicine*
- *Dentistry*
- *Nursing*
- *Pharmacy*
- *Engineering*
- *Management*
- *Hotel Management*
- *Law*
- *Paramedical Sciences*
- *Life Sciences*
- *Humanities & Social Sciences*
- *Media Studies*

With its robust academic framework, the university encourages interdisciplinary learning, empowering students to integrate knowledge across domains, think critically, and develop innovative solutions to real-world challenges. This holistic approach ensures that graduates are well-equipped to excel in their chosen professions and contribute meaningfully to society.

Research and Innovation

Research and innovation form the backbone of People's University. With numerous collaborations with industries, research institutions and government organizations of national repute, the University is actively engaged in advancing knowledge, technology, and sustainable development.

Campus and Facilities

People's University offers a vibrant, modern campus equipped with:

- *Smart classrooms and advanced laboratories*
- *Institutional Library*
- *Comfortable hostels and student residences*
- *Auditoriums and seminar halls*
- *Extensive sports facilities (stadium, basketball, volleyball, badminton courts, and a*

gymnasium)

Every facility is designed to create a conducive learning environment that supports both academic and personal growth. The University campus also includes essential support infrastructure such as a fire station, printing press, bank, ATM, post office, canteens, and a shopping arcade, creating a self-contained academic environment. These facilities collectively support an environment focused on academic quality, research engagement, and student development.

Community and Social Responsibility

Beyond academics, the University is dedicated to healthcare, social initiatives, and community service. Through its constituent colleges and outreach activities, it continues to make a meaningful impact on society. These initiatives encourage students to develop professional ethics, social responsibility, and community engagement alongside academic learning.



Message From The Chancellor



It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all the participating institutions, esteemed members of the Bench and Bar, academicians, and aspiring legal professionals to People's University, Bhopal, on the occasion of the 1st National Moot Court Competition organized by the People's Institute of Legal Studies.

At People's University, we have always believed that education is not merely the pursuit of academic excellence but the cultivation of character, leadership, and a deep sense of social responsibility. Our endeavor has been to create an environment where learning extends beyond classrooms, encouraging students to think critically, act ethically, and contribute meaningfully to society. Through our diverse academic disciplines and vibrant learning ecosystem, we strive to prepare future professionals who are equipped not only with knowledge but also with the wisdom to apply it responsibly.

Legal education occupies a unique position in this vision. The study of law is intrinsically connected with the ideals of justice, constitutional values, and the rule of law. It demands intellectual rigor, ethical conviction, and an unwavering commitment to fairness. At People's Institute of Legal Studies, we endeavor to nurture these qualities through a balanced approach that combines academic scholarship with practical learning, enabling students to develop into competent legal professionals and responsible citizens.

I congratulate the People's Institute of Legal Studies and the Organizing Committee for creating a platform that brings together talented students from across the country in the true spirit of academic excellence and professional learning. I am confident that every participant will leave this competition enriched with new perspectives, meaningful experiences, and lasting professional associations.

I extend my warmest greetings to each one of you and wish all participating teams every success. May this competition inspire excellence in advocacy, integrity in professional conduct, and an enduring commitment to the pursuit of justice.

My best wishes to all.

Suresh N. Vijaywargia

Chancellor

People's University, Bhopal

Message From The Pro-chancellor



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings on the occasion of the National Moot Court Competition being organized by the Faculty of Law, People's University.

Moot Court Competitions serve as an essential platform for aspiring legal professionals to bridge the gap between academic learning and practical application of law. They cultivate critical thinking, analytical reasoning, advocacy skills, and the spirit of healthy competition—qualities that form the foundation of an accomplished legal practitioner.

At People's University, we remain committed to fostering academic excellence, innovation, and holistic development among our students. This prestigious event provides participants from across the country an opportunity to engage with contemporary legal issues, sharpen their advocacy skills, and interact with distinguished members of the legal fraternity.

I am confident that this competition will inspire young minds to uphold the values of justice, integrity, and constitutional principles while contributing meaningfully to the legal profession and society at large.

I congratulate the organizing committee, faculty members, and students for their dedicated efforts in making this event a reality. I extend my best wishes to all participating teams and hope that the competition proves to be an enriching and memorable experience for everyone.

May this National Moot Court Competition continue to promote excellence in legal education and strengthen the spirit of learning, professionalism, and ethical advocacy.

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Megha Vijaywargia

Pro-Chancellor

People's University, Bhopal

Message From The Vice-chancellor



At People's University, Bhopal we view education as a transformative journey towards fostering Holistic development that combines academic excellence with experiential learning, innovation, research, technology, professional development and human values. We endeavor to create an environment where the thirst for knowledge in the subject is kindled so that the students get stimulated to think critically, explore new ideas, and develop the confidence to excel in their chosen fields and transform into lifelong learners.

Legal education, in particular, demands a unique blend of knowledge, analytical reasoning, ethical responsibility, and effective communication. Moot court competitions play a vital role in cultivating these qualities by providing students with a platform to apply legal principles, engage with complex issues, and experience the discipline of courtroom advocacy.

This 1st National Moot Court Competition 2026 organized by People's Institute of legal Studies reflects our commitment to experiential legal education and our belief that future legal professionals must be equipped not only with sound legal knowledge but also with the skills, integrity, and professionalism expected of members of the Bar and Bench. It also provides an opportunity for participants from across the country to exchange ideas, build lasting professional relationships, and learn from distinguished judges and legal experts.

My best wishes to all participating teams and an immersive learning experience.

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Dr. Harish Rao

Vice-Chancellor

People's University, Bhopal

ABOUT PILS

The People's Institute of Legal Studies (PILS), a constituent institute of People's University, Bhopal, is dedicated to providing a legal education that is not only intellectually rigorous but also enriching, transformative, and socially responsive. Guided by the belief that the study of law is fundamental to the preservation of justice and the rule of law, the Institute strives to nurture legal professionals who combine academic excellence with integrity, ethical responsibility, and a deep commitment to public service.

In an era shaped by globalisation, technological advancement, and evolving legal paradigms, the legal profession continues to assume an increasingly significant role in addressing complex national and international challenges. Recognising these emerging dimensions of law, PILS offers a dynamic academic environment that integrates strong foundational legal education with specialised areas of study. Having Courses offered as B.A. LL.B (5 year integrated programme), LL.B (3 Years) LL.M for 1 year and 2 years. LL.M. having various specialization as Intellectual Property Rights, Criminal Law Criminology, Business laws, Constitution Law, Cyber & Security Laws, enabling students to develop expertise in contemporary and evolving branches of legal practice.

The Institute places equal emphasis on scholarship, critical inquiry, professional competence, and experiential learning. Through legal research, clinical legal education, advocacy training, internships, legal aid initiatives, seminars, and meaningful engagement with the judiciary, the Bar, and academia, students are encouraged to develop the analytical skills, ethical values, and professional confidence essential for a successful legal career.

At its core, PILS believes that the true role of a legal professional extends beyond the practice of law. Lawyers are entrusted with safeguarding constitutional ideals, protecting individual rights, and strengthening the institutions of justice. With this vision, the Institute remains committed to preparing competent, compassionate, and socially conscious legal professionals capable of making meaningful contributions to the legal profession and society.



VISION AND MISSION OF PILS

VISION

To be a globally recognized center of excellence in education, research and Innovation, empowering individuals to become leaders and change-makers committed to the betterment of society.



MISSION

- 1) To provide high-quality, inclusive and interdisciplinary education that nurtures critical thinking, creativity and ethical leadership.*
- 2) To foster a culture of research, innovation and continuous learning that addresses real-world challenges and societal needs.*
- 3) To promote holistic development by integrating academic rigor with co-curricular and community engagement activities*
- 4) To build strong industry-academic linkages that enhances employability and entrepreneurship*
- 5) To uphold values of integrity, inclusivity and sustainability in every aspect of institutional functioning*



Message From Principal



Dear Participants,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to People's Institute of Legal Studies, People's University, for the National Moot Court Competition.

Legal education is most meaningful when it inspires students to question, analyse, and advocate with confidence. At PILS, we believe that every aspiring lawyer deserves opportunities that extend beyond textbooks and classrooms. Moot court competitions provide precisely such an opportunity by encouraging students to think critically, argue persuasively, and appreciate the responsibilities that accompany the legal profession. We are honoured to welcome participants from across India and sincerely hope that your experience at People's Institute of Legal Studies will be intellectually stimulating, professionally enriching, and personally memorable.

We are delighted to host talented students from institutions across the nation and look forward to witnessing thoughtful legal arguments, spirited competition, and meaningful academic interaction.

May this competition enrich your understanding of law, strengthen your advocacy skills, and create memories and friendships that endure well beyond the courtroom.

I wish every participant the very best.

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DR. RAVI KANT GUPTA

Principal

PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES



ABOUT PILS MOOT COURT CLUB

The Moot Court Club of People's Institute of Legal Studies serves as the focal point for promoting advocacy, legal research, and experiential learning within the Institute. Dedicated to nurturing courtroom excellence, the Committee organizes moot court competitions, advocacy workshops, memorial drafting sessions, judgment writing exercises, and professional development programmes designed to prepare students for the practical demands of the legal profession.

The Club actively mentors students in legal research, drafting, oral advocacy, courtroom etiquette, and strategic legal reasoning, while facilitating participation in prestigious national and international moot court competitions. Through continuous training and collaborative learning, it strives to cultivate confidence, professionalism, and excellence among aspiring advocates.

As the organising body of the National Moot Court Competition, the Moot Court Club seeks to create a distinguished platform where talented law students from across India engage in meaningful legal discourse, exchange ideas, and uphold the highest traditions of advocacy and justice.

ABOUT MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Every enduring academic tradition begins with a defining moment. The Inaugural National Moot Court Competition of the People's Institute of Legal Studies, People's University, Bhopal, marks the commencement of an institutional endeavour dedicated to advancing advocacy, legal scholarship, and experiential legal education.

Conceived as a national forum for rigorous intellectual engagement, the Competition seeks to bring together promising law students from across the country to engage with contemporary legal questions through disciplined research, persuasive advocacy, and principled legal reasoning. It is founded upon the belief that the finest legal education is cultivated where scholarship meets practice, and where legal arguments are tested through reasoned discourse before experienced members of the Bench, the Bar, and academia.

The Competition has been thoughtfully structured in two stages to balance accessibility with the experience of courtroom advocacy. The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted in a hybrid format, with the Online Preliminary Round on 30th October 2026, followed by the Offline Preliminary Round on 31st October 2026 at the campus of People's University, Bhopal. The qualifying teams will advance to the Semi-Final and Final Rounds, to be held exclusively in physical mode on 28th November 2026, providing finalists with the opportunity to argue before an eminent panel in a traditional courtroom setting.

As the inaugural edition of what is envisioned to become a distinguished annual tradition, the Competition reflects the Institute's enduring commitment to nurturing advocacy, ethical leadership, constitutional values, and professional excellence. We are honoured to welcome institutions from across the nation to become the founding participants of this journey and to contribute to a legacy that aspires to enrich legal education for years to come.

INVITATION

To

The Hon'ble Chairman / Director / Dean / Head / Principal

Subject: Invitation to the 1st National Moot Court Competition 2026 hosted by People's Institute of Legal Studies, People's University, Bhopal

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from People's Institute of Legal Studies, People's University, Bhopal!

It gives us immense pleasure to extend a cordial invitation to your esteemed institution to participate in the 1st National Moot Court Competition 2026, organised by the People's Institute of Legal Studies (PILS), People's University, Bhopal.

Guided by our commitment to experiential legal education and excellence in advocacy, the Competition has been conceived as a distinguished platform where aspiring legal professionals can demonstrate their proficiency in legal research, memorial drafting, oral advocacy, and analytical reasoning while engaging with contemporary questions of law before an eminent panel of judges and legal experts.

The Competition will be conducted in a hybrid format, with the Preliminary Rounds scheduled for 30 October 2026 (Online) and 31 October 2026 (Offline) at the People's University Campus, Bhopal. The Semi-Final and Final Rounds will be conducted in physical mode on 28 November 2026 at the Moot Court, People's Institute of Legal Studies, People's University, Bhopal.

We believe that the participation of your esteemed institution will greatly enrich the academic discourse and contribute to making this Competition a meaningful platform for excellence in legal advocacy. We would be honoured to welcome your institution to People's University, Bhopal, and look forward to your enthusiastic participation.

We eagerly await for your favourable response.

Warm regards,

Organising Committee

Moot Court Club, People's Institute of Legal Studies

People's University, Bhopal

TIMELINE

EVENT	DATE
<i>Release Of Moot Brochure & Proposition</i>	<i>1st September 2026</i>
<i>Last Date Of Registration</i>	<i>10th October 2026</i>
<i>Last Date For Seeking Clarifications</i>	<i>10th October 2026</i>
<i>Release Of Clarifications</i>	<i>15th October 2026</i>
<i>Last Date Of Memorial Submission (soft Copy)</i>	<i>20th October 2026</i>
<i>Researchers' Test (online)</i>	<i>22nd October 2026</i>
<i>Virtual Orientation & Draw Of Lots</i>	<i>30th October 2026</i>
<i>Preliminary Rounds (hybrid) Online-</i>	<i>30th October 2026</i>
<i>Offline-</i>	<i>31st October 2026</i>
<i>Preliminary Rounds Results</i>	<i>02nd November 2026</i>
<i>Last Date Of Memorial Submission (hard Copy, Qualifying Teams Of Prelims Rounds)</i>	<i>20th November 2026</i>
<i>Semi-final & Final Rounds (offline, At Institute, Same Day)</i>	<i>28th November 2026</i>
<i>Valedictory & Prize Distribution</i>	<i>28th November 2026</i>

PROPOSITION

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE MOOT PROPOSITION

A substantial financial transaction, an alleged digital deception and a complex trail of electronic evidence form the backdrop of this year's Moot Proposition. As events unfold, questions emerge concerning the misuse of digital systems, individual accountability, the reliability of electronic evidence and the extent of institutional responsibility. Set against an evolving technological landscape, the proposition presents participants with a challenging legal dispute where the digital trail may reveal more than one version of the truth.

Participants are invited to analyse the facts, examine the evidence, and navigate the complexities of law and technology to advance their case.

*To View the full proposition
please Scan the given QR code or
Follow the link*



https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-KfAN_s3BqRrr2BuGALgzpXIGqU4dQyj/view?usp=drivesdk

REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. To Register for the competition, Please fill the Google form through the link/QR Code given below.
2. Registration Fee: 900/- (Rupees Nine Hundred only) per Team, non-refundable and non-transferable
3. Fee payable by [] (UPI /online transfer /DD) as per the Registration Form.
4. The Registration Form, Authority Letter in the prescribed format (given in the last page of the brochure), and proof of payment (screenshot) must be added in the given google form of registration and to be emailed to [official email] on or before the registration deadline.
5. Registration is confirmed only upon allotment of a Team Code by the OC. The same Team Code shall be used for all soft copies, hard copies, and oral rounds. The OC reserves the absolute discretion to refuse or cancel the registration of any Team.



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RULES & REGULATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Moot Court Club under Legal Society of People's Institute of Legal Studies, People's University, Bhopal, announces its inaugural flagship event - the 1st National Moot Court Competition, 2026.
- 1.2. The Competition aims to sharpen advocacy, legal research, and courtroom skills, in keeping with the highest traditions of the legal profession.
- 1.3. The Competition shall be conducted in the English language.
- 1.4. These Rules are binding on all teams. Registration shall be deemed acceptance of these Rules in entirety.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. "Competition" - the 1st National Moot Court Competition, 2026.
- 2.2. "Institute" / "Organisers" - People's Institute of Legal Studies, People's University, Bhopal, and its Moot Court Club.
- 2.3. "Team"- participants from a single institution duly registered.
- 2.4. "Organising Committee" (OC)- the committee constituted by the Institute, whose decisions are final and binding subject to Rule 22.
- 2.5. "Moot Proposition" - the moot problem released by the Organisers.
- 2.6. "Memorial" - the written submissions for either side.
- 2.7. "Team Code"- the anonymised code allotted to a Team, used uniformly across all soft copies, hard copies, and rounds.
- 2.8. "Scouting" - observing the oral rounds of any Team other than the one with which a person is associated.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Open to students bona fide pursuing a 3-year LL.B. or 5-year integrated LL.B. course from any recognised law school / college / university in India during the current academic year.
- 3.2. Each Team must submit a Permission Letter / Bonafide Letter from own institution, signed by the Principal / Dean / Director / Head (or the Faculty-in-charge of the Moot Court Society). Registration remains provisional and incomplete until this letter is submitted.
- 3.3. An institution may send more than one Team only with the prior written permission of the OC, subject to slot availability.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1. Each Team shall consist of two (2) Speakers and one (1) Researcher (maximum three members). A team of two (both Speakers) is permitted but receives no concession for the absence of a Researcher.
- 4.2. No member shall be substituted after registration except with the prior written approval of the OC, and only if due reason is shown.
- 4.3. If a designated Speaker is unable to argue due to illness or genuine incapacity, the Researcher may argue with the prior permission of the OC ; no such substitution may be claimed as a matter of right, it is discretion of the OC.
- 4.4. Teams shall not disclose their institutional identity at any stage, except through the Team Code.
- 4.5. Any change in contact details must be notified to the OC within 24 hours; adverse consequences of failure to do so shall be borne by the Team alone.
- 4.6. Participation certificates shall be prepared from the names exactly as submitted at registration; correctness of spelling is the Team's responsibility.

5. ASSISTANCE FROM NON-MEMBERS & RESEARCH INTEGRITY

- 5.1. Each Team must research and write its memorials without the assistance of non-members. General guidance from a faculty advisor/coach on the area of law and the structure of arguments is permitted. No assistance whatsoever may be taken from any other Team or its coach/advisor.
- 5.2. No Team shall incorporate arguments or material from another Team's memorial.
- 5.3. Where a Bench Memorandum is prepared, it shall remain confidential at all times. Any Team found making use of it, howsoever acquired, shall be disqualified.

6. MOOT PROPOSITION & CLARIFICATIONS

- 6.1. The Moot Proposition shall be released on 14th of August 2026 and shall be governed by Indian law unless otherwise stated therein.
- 6.2. Requests for clarification must be emailed by 10th of October 2026, shall be clear and related to the facts (not the merits/substantive arguments). Clarifications, when issued, shall be published to all Teams and form part of the Proposition.
- 6.3. The OC may refuse any clarification it deems unnecessary or one seeking an opinion on the merits.

7. MEMORIALS

- 7.1. Each Team shall prepare memorials for both sides (Petitioner/Appellant and Respondent), in English. (Total 3 set)
- 7.2. Citation: Mandatory Indian Law Institute (ILI) mode of citation, applied uniformly. Footnotes only (no endnotes); in-line citation is not permitted; footnotes must not contain substantive arguments.
- 7.3. Limits & format: Arguments Advanced and Prayer shall not exceed 10,000 words per memorial and 40 pages, whichever is reached first. Body Times New Roman 12, 1.5 spacing, justified; Footnotes Times New Roman 10, single spacing, justified, no extra space between footnotes; margins 1 inch on all sides; page number top-right of each page.
- 7.4. Mandatory contents (in this order): Cover Page; Table of Contents; Table of Abbreviations (alphabetical); Index of Authorities (alphabetical, with page/para references); Statement of Jurisdiction; Statement of Facts; Issues Raised (as neutral questions); Summary of Arguments; Arguments Advanced; Prayer.
- 7.5. Cover Page: Colour Blue (Petitioner/Appellant), Red (Respondent). It shall bear only: the Team Code (top-right, followed by "A" for Petitioner or "R" for Respondent), the forum, the year, the case name, and the title of the memorial. No institutional identity anywhere in the memorial.
- 7.6. Soft-copy submission
 - (a) Both memorials in PDF and Word to (memorial submission email) on or before 20th October 2026, 11:59 PM IST.
 - (b) Subject line: "Memorial Submission Team Code".
 - (c) File naming: Petitioner file as Team Code + "A" and Respondent file as Team Code + "R" (e.g., 06A, 06R). Non-conforming naming, or submission as a single/incorrect file, shall attract penalty.
- 7.7. Hard-copy submission (offline rounds): Teams qualifying for the Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall submit a soft copy and three (3) hard-copy sets per side (i.e., 3 Petitioner + 3 Respondent), spiral-bound, printed double-sided on A4, bearing only the Team Code, on or before 20th November 2026. Hard copies must be identical to the soft copy; any discrepancy may entail penalty up to disqualification.
- 7.8. No revisions: Once submitted, no revision, supplement, or addition to a memorial shall be permitted, at the OC's discretion.

8. PLAGIARISM

- 8.1. Plagiarism includes (a) direct or substantial duplication of any published work (books, articles, internet sources) without acknowledgement; and (b) direct or substantial duplication of another Team's memorial, whether acknowledged or not.
- 8.2. "Substantial duplication" means at least Fourteen (14) continuous words from the source appearing in the memorial, or a passage paraphrased with only minor changes while retaining the original's import.
- 8.3. A Team alleged to have plagiarized beyond 10% shall be given an opportunity to show cause. If found guilty, the OC may impose any sanction up to disqualification. Where a Team has willingly allowed another to copy from its work, it too may be sanctioned.

9. ORIENTATION, DRAW OF LOTS & EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

- 9.1. A virtual Orientation on 30th OCTOBER 2026 shall confirm sides and conduct the draw of lots for the Preliminary pairings.
- 9.2. Anonymized memorials (Team Code only) of paired opposing Teams shall be exchanged by the OC.

10. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

10.1. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- (a) There will be a researcher's test for registered teams containing 100 Multiple Choice Questions to be answered within 60 minutes.
- (b) The platform link for conducting the researcher's test (22nd October 2026) will be provided post registration.
- (c) The language for the researcher's test will be in English only.

10.2. Preliminary Rounds-HYBRID

(30th OCTOBER 2026- ONLINE and 31st OCTOBER 2026)

- (a) The OC shall structure pairings so that every Team argues an equal number of rounds, and argues each side (Petitioner and Respondent) an equal number of times, as far as the field size permits.
- (b) The number of Preliminary Rounds shall be notified before Orientation.
- (c) The top four (4) Teams, ranked per Rule 13, shall advance to the Semi-Finals.

10.3. Semi-Final & Final OFFLINE at PILS campus, same day (28th NOVEMBER 2026)

- (a) Semi-Final – draw of lots will be done by triple randomization.
- (b) Sides decided by draw of lots immediately before each round; if the two Teams met in the prelims, they argue the opposite side.
- (c) Knock-out rounds decided on the aggregate oral/speaker score of that round only; memorial marks shall NOT be added at the knock-out stage.
- (d) The two Semi-Final winners advance to the Final.

10.4. Contingency For a large field, the OC may introduce a Quarter-Final stage with due intimation; in every case the top four reach the Semi-Finals.

11. RANKING & TIE-BREAKER

11.1. Preliminary ranking Primary: Win Points (rounds won). As all Teams play an equal number of rounds (Rule 12.1), win points are directly comparable.

11.2. Ties shall be broken in the following order:

- (i) Aggregate raw oral score across the Preliminary Rounds;
- (ii) if the tie persists, Memorial marks shall be added to the aggregate;
- (iii) if the tie still persists, criterion-by-criterion comparison in the order of the Oral Marking Scheme (Rule 14.A) higher score on Criterion 1 ranks higher; if equal, Criterion 2; and so on;
- (iv) if the tie still persists after all criteria, by random selection by chance (draw of lot) by the OC.

12. ANONYMITY & CODE OF CONDUCT

- 12.1. Counsel may state their names but shall not reveal their institution's identity before the awards ceremony including via clothing, ties, pins, badges, or any material bearing a college logo or seal.
- 12.2. Any attempt to influence the judges or OC, or to disclose institutional identity, shall lead to immediate disqualification.
- 12.3. Participants shall maintain courtroom decorum at all times, online and offline. Use of unfair means or misbehaviour shall attract penalty up to disqualification.

13. BENCH & EVALUATION INTEGRITY

13.1. Each Bench shall comprise not fewer than two (2) judges.

13.2. Any judge connected with a participating Team, or who has coached/mentored a Team, shall recuse from that Team's round and evaluation.

14. GRIEVANCE / LIMITED REDRESSAL

- 14.1. A Team may submit a written objection to the Convener within minutes of the announcement of results of a stage, confined to procedural irregularity (not the merits of judicial scoring).
- 14.2. The OC / Convener shall decide such objection, and that decision shall be final and binding. Beyond this limited redressal, the decision of the judges and the OC is not open to challenge.

15. LIABILITY, INDEMNITY & FORCE MAJEURE

15.1. Participation is entirely at the participants' own risk. The Institute shall not be liable for any injury, illness, accident, death, or loss of/damage to personal belongings, or any travel mishap, before, during, or after the

Competition. Participants are advised to arrange their own medical cover/insurance.

- 15.2. Participants and their institutions shall indemnify the Organisers against any claim arising from their participation or conduct.
- 15.3. Force Majeure: The OC may postpone, reschedule, change the mode of, or cancel the Competition (in whole or part) for any cause beyond its reasonable control, without liability. If the Competition is cancelled in full before, the registration fee shall be refunded after deduction of actual costs incurred; unused lodging charges shall be refunded.

16. DATA PROTECTION & RECORDING

- 16.1. Personal data (names, contact details, institution, payment particulars) is collected solely for conducting and administering the Competition, in accordance with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, and is not shared except as necessary for these purposes.
- 16.2. The OC may record the online rounds and may live-stream/record the offline rounds. Registration constitutes consent to such recording and to the use of recordings, photographs, and names for the Institute's academic and promotional purposes. Intellectual property in such recordings vests in the Institute.

17. COPYRIGHT & ORIGINALITY

- 17.1. Participants warrant the originality of their memorials and indemnify the Organisers against any claim of infringement.
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ORAL MARKING SCHEME (PER SPEAKER, OUT OF 100)

S.N.	CRITERION	MARKS
1	Knowledge of law and facts	20
2	Application & analysis (issues → law → facts)	20
3	Response to questions from the Bench	20
4	Use of authorities and citations	15
5	Court craft, articulation & persuasiveness	15
6	Organisation & time management	10
	Total	100

A Team's oral score in a round = sum of both Speakers' scores. Win/Loss = higher aggregate Team oral score.

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S.N.	CRITERION	MARKS
1	Identification & framing of issues	20
2	Knowledge & application of law	25
3	Use of authorities & depth of research	20
4	Clarity, structure & logical progression	15
5	Correct ILI citation form & format compliance	10
6	Language, grammar & presentation	10
	Total	100

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PAST EVENT VISITORS



Justice Vivek Agarwal is a judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, currently serving at the Principal Seat in Jabalpur. He is known for his strict courtroom decorum and viral judicial proceedings. Agarwal has a background in B.Sc., LL.B., and an Advance Diploma in Management. He has practiced in various matters including Civil, Criminal, Constitution, and Taxation at the High Court of Madhya Pradesh. Before his elevation to the bench, he practiced extensively on the Civil and Criminal sides before the District Court, Bhopal, the State Administrative Tribunal, Madhya Pradesh Arbitration Tribunal, Labour Court, Industrial Court, and the Cooperative Tribunal. His judicial career saw him appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh on April 7th, 2016, and as a Permanent Judge on March 17th, 2018. He was later transferred to Allahabad High Court and took oath on October 17th, 2019. Following this, he returned to the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, where he took oath as a Judge on October 20th, 2021.



Sunit Agrawal holds the position of Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bhopal, where he functions as an administrative and judicial officer supporting access to justice for marginalized populations. In this capacity, he facilitates the organization of Lok Adalats (people's courts) and legal mediation programs to resolve civil and criminal disputes at the district level. He works closely with District Legal Aid Officers, judicial personnel, and volunteer advocates to ensure the implementation of legal aid schemes and social justice programs. As Secretary, he also serves as a Senior Division Judicial Magistrate, overseeing court operations and contributing to policymaking initiatives concerning legal services.



Dr. Kripa Shankar Choubey is an active member of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) in Bhopal, working for the care and protection of children under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Dr. Choubey serves as a member of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Bhopal, where he participates in adjudicating cases involving children in conflict with the law and oversees their rehabilitation and welfare. He collaborates with the Principal Magistrate and other board members to guide the counseling and corrective measures for juveniles. He is also Secretary of the Child Conservation Foundation (CCF) and has presented in national webinars on juvenile justice, emphasizing legal provisions for child protection and the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015. His work includes participation in Child Welfare Committees and educating newly appointed members on the nuances of child protection law and juvenile rehabilitation.



R.C. Chaurasia is a retired District and Sessions Judge who serves as an advocate and legal consultant for the Madhya Pradesh High Court in Jabalpur and the District and Sessions Court in Bhopal. He was invited as the Guest Speaker at People's Institute of Legal Studies, People's University, Bhopal on 26th November 2026 on the occasion of Constitution Day.

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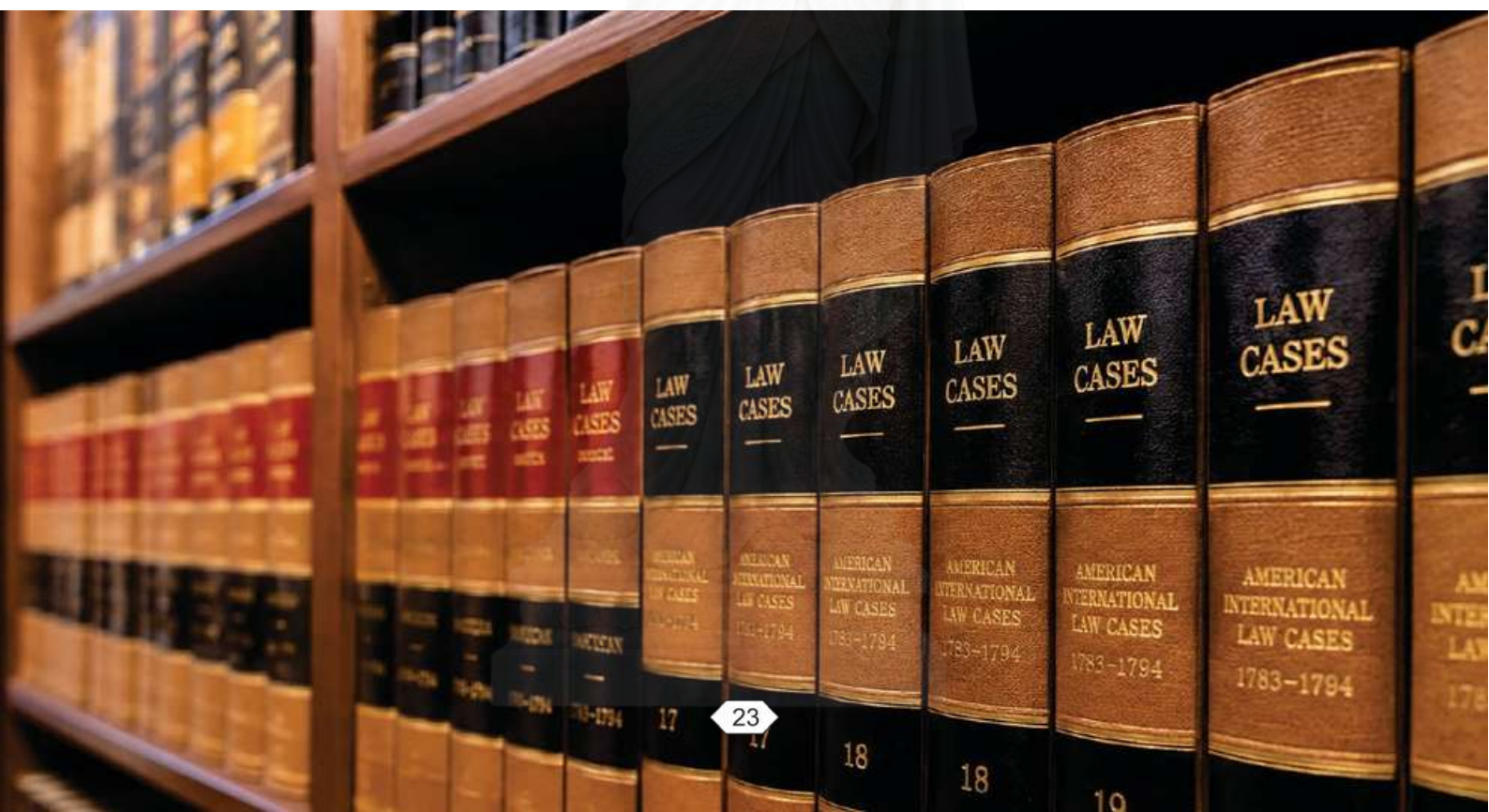
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