



7TH EDITION OF
DR. M V V S MURTHI

CRIMINAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

7-10 October, 2026

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ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

Established in 2012 on the Visakhapatnam Campus, the School of Law is a constituent institution of GITAM (Deemed To Be University). The institution is dedicated to redefining legal education with a blend of academic rigor and practical experience. The Curriculum of the Law School is thoughtfully designed to integrate the foundational principles of law with the demands of the modern legal career.

What truly sets us apart is our commitment to practical, hands-on learning. From participating in vibrant moot courts to engaging in the real-world, we foster an environment where theoretical knowledge meets practical application, complemented by interaction with distinguished legal professionals who provide insights and networking opportunities.

ABOUT GMAC

GITAM Moot and Advocacy Committee (GMAC) is a remarkable wing of the GITAM School of Law, which is dedicated to provide comprehensive advocacy training to students.

GMAC had organized various moot court competitions, both external and internal, ensuring students have ample opportunities to hone their legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills. Students are given necessary guidance and networking opportunities, which would reshape their career path.

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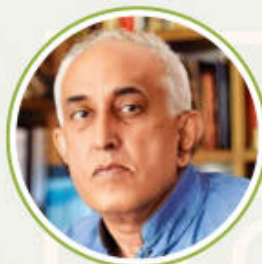
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IMPORTANT DATES

25th September, 2026

Deadline for Registration

25th September, 2026

Deadline for Payment of Registration fee

28th September, 2026

Last date for seeking clarification on Problem

30th September, 2026

Deadline for submission of soft copy of Memorials

7th - 10th October, 2026

Oral Rounds

EVENTS TIMELINE

7th October, 2026

Registration & Inauguration

8th October, 2026

Preliminary Rounds & Researchers Test

9th October, 2026

Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals

10th October, 2026

Finals and Valedictory



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INTRODUCTION

GITAM School of Law, Visakhapatnam is organizing the 7th Edition of Dr. M.V.V.S. Murthi Moot Court Competition, 2026. The event is scheduled to be held at School of Law from 7 to 10 October at GITAM, Visakhapatnam.

The Committee successfully conducted the GITAM Regional Moot Court Competition in July 2019, National Moot Court competition on Space Law 2020, National Moot Court competition on Intellectual Property Rights in 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 and Criminal Law in 2025 which saw participation from colleges across the country.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility: The competition is open to students currently enrolled in Three Year/Five Year LLB Courses in India. **Not more than 2 teams may represent an institution.**

Team size: Each team shall comprise of a minimum of two students and maximum of three students, with two speakers and one researcher (as needed).

REGISTRATION

Online Registration Form Link: [Click to Register for Moot Court](#)

Interested teams are required to register by sending a scanned copy of the duly filled Registration Form to mcc.schooloflaw@gitam.edu with the Subject "**Registration for Moot 2026**".

Fee Details: All teams shall be required to make a payment of **INR 3500/- (Excluding GST)** via online transfer through Payment link on/before **25th September, 2026**.

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**Details of the registration and payment must be sent to mcc.schooloflaw@gitam.edu before 11:59 P.M. on 25th September, 2026, along with the duly filled registration form.

In any instance, the amount once paid is **strictly non-refundable.

MOOT PROPOSITION

Use the link below to access the moot problem



QR & Link for Moot Proposition

[Click here to access the Proposition](#)

PAYMENT INFO

Use the link or scan QR to pay for registration and Accommodation



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RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Title and commencement:

The Dr. M.V.V.S. Murthi Moot Court Competition, 2026, shall be held on 7th to 10th October, 2026 at the School of Law, GITAM (Deemed to be) University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India.

2. Language:

The language of the Competition shall be English.

3. Eligibility Criteria:

Law schools/Colleges/ Institutes/ Universities, recognized by the Bar Council of India, are eligible to participate. The participants should currently be pursuing their degree in law i.e., Three Year/Five Year Law Courses. Students who have completed their law courses are not eligible to participate in the competition. Only two teams can register from a particular law school/College/Institution/University to participate. There shall be two speakers and one researcher designated for each team. In case of illness of the designated speaker, the researcher may be allowed to argue for the team with prior permission of the Committee.

4. Registration:

- The Participating team shall duly fill out the Registration Form provided along with the official rules and a Registration fee of Rs. **3500/- (Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred only) (Excluding GST)**. The Registration fee shall be sent through Online Payment. The **last date** for receiving the registration form with fee shall be **25th September, 2026**.
- The participants are required to submit one passport-size photograph of each team member along with the (actual) registration form.

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- Each team shall be allotted a Team Code on the receipt of the registration fee and form.
- The Draw of Lots for the Preliminary rounds shall be drawn by the GMAC Committee on **7th October, 2026**, and the opponent memorial shall be handed over to the respective teams on the same day.
- The name of the Institution shall not be disclosed at the time of submission of memorials. Any such disclosure shall lead to disqualification.

5. Written Submission/Memorial: (Soft Copy)

- All participating teams shall submit 1 set of written memorials in soft copy on or before the deadline for Submission of memorials, i.e., **30th September, 2026** and **6 sets of Hard Copy** on **7th October, 2026. (Submission of hard copy is mandatory)**
- The cover page of memorials for the Appellant shall be in **Blue**, and the Respondent shall be in **Red**.
- The teams shall not indicate their names or the names of their college or the university on memorials. For all communications purposes, **only the team code** shall be specified.
- The team code allotted to all teams shall be indicated at the top right corner of the memorial, which will be communicated by way of E-mail.
- Memorials should conform to the set standards. Non-compliance with this rule would entail negative marking. Hard copies must be exact prints of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail negative marking which may also attract disqualification. Decision in this regard shall be taken by the Committee.
- The written memorials shall conform to the set standards:
 - 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, if any, must not be less than size 10.

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- ii. Blue Book mode of citation (21st Edition) must be followed.
- iii. Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.
- iv. The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages (not including the Cover Page) and shall consist of the following parts:

(a) Cover Page (b) Table of Contents (c) List of Abbreviations (d) Index of Authorities (e) Statement of Jurisdiction (f) Statement of Facts (g) Issues Raised (h) Summary of arguments (i) Arguments Advanced (not Exceeding 15 pages) (j) Prayer.

6. Compendium: (Soft Copy & Hard Copy)

- Every team has to submit Compendium that the Team relies on and it shall be submitted along with the memorials before the submission deadline. Such Compendium must be in the same format of memorial, and must contain a cover page specifying the Team Code. Further, the Compendium is to comply with Rule 5 of the Rules of the Competition.
- Any further legal or technical authorities not included in the Compendium may be presented only at the discretion of the Bench, provided that such authorities were submitted to the committee prior to the Oral Pleading Session for verification of compliance with Rule 5 of the Rules of the Competition.



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7. Deduction of Marks

S.no	Scheme of Decution	Marks Deducted
1.	Teams submitting soft copy after 11:59 pm IST, 30th September, 2026.	1 mark for each day of Delay
2.	Non-compliance with the rules relating to the font of the body of the Memorial and line spacing.	0.5 marks for each page
3.	The Memorial Exceeding 25 pages	1 Mark for each page
4.	Non-compliance with the Bluebook method of citation (21 Edition) and AI Generated content.	0.25 Marks for every Page containing such Violation.

8. Evaluation Criteria for written submission:

Every memorial will be marked on scale of 100 and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

S.no	Marking Criteria	Max Marks Allocated
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	15
2.	Grammar & Style of Presentation	10
3.	Application of Law to Facts	20
4.	Analysis and Organization	10

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5.	Use of Authority	15
6.	Proper Citation & Correct Format	10
7.	Originality in Presentation	10
8.	General Impression & Clarity of thought	10

9. Structure of Rounds:

The Oral Rounds shall comprise of:

Preliminary Rounds

- There shall be two preliminary rounds on **8th October, 2026**, and every team shall be given the opportunity to argue on each side.
- The Draw of Lots for the Preliminary rounds shall be drawn by the Committee on **7th October, 2026**, and the opponent memorial hard copy shall be handed over to the respective teams on the same day.
- Each team shall get a total of **30 minutes** to present their case and shall include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Sub-rebuttal'. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges.
- The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for one speaker.
- Before the commencement of each round, each team shall indicate to the 'Court officer' as to how they wish to allocate their time.
- At the end of the preliminary rounds, the top 8 teams will qualify for the Quarter Finals. The top 8 teams will be selected on the basis of scores.

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- g. For the purpose of calculation, the marks awarded for the Memorial submissions shall be added to the oral round score, and a team will be evaluated for 100 Marks in the round.
- h. If the situation of a tie still persists, then only the total oral marks of the teams from both sessions will be considered. The team with the higher score in the oral rounds will advance to the Quarter Finals.
- i. If the situation of the tie still persists, then it would be resolved by flip of a coin.

Quarter Finals

- a. The Quarter Finals will be held after the completion of the preliminary rounds i.e. on **9th October, 2026**.
- b. The Quarter Finals shall be knock-out round. A team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Finals if their total marks are higher than its opponent's team.
- c. The side to be presented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots with the teams picking the lots after the completion of the preliminary rounds.
- d. Each team shall get a total time of **30 minutes** to present their case and shall include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Sur-rebuttal'.
- e. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for one speaker. Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'court officer' as to how they wish to allocate their time.

Semi Finals

- a. The Semi-Finals will be held on **9th October, 2026**. The Semi-Finals shall be a knock-out round.

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- b. A team will be credited with a win in the Semi-Finals if their total marks are higher than its opponent's team.
- c. The side to be presented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots, with the teams picking the lots after the completion of quarter-finals rounds.
- d. Each team shall get a total of **40 minutes to present** their case. This time will include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Sur-rebuttal'.
- e. The division of time between the speakers at the discretion of the team members subject to a maximum of **25 minutes** for one speaker.
- f. Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'court officer' as to how they wish to allocate their time.

Finals

- a. The Final will be held on **10th October, 2026**. A team will be credited with a win in the Final if their total marks are higher than its opponent team.
- b. Each team shall get a total of **45 minutes to present** their case. This time will include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Sur-rebuttal'.
- c. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 30 minutes for one speaker.
- d. Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'court officer' as to how they wish to allocate their time.

10. Evaluation Criteria for Oral Pleading Session:

The oral pleadings would be marked on scale of 100 per judge and would be evaluated on the following grounds:

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S.no	Marking Criteria	Max Marks Allocated
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2.	Interpretation of Law & its application to the Facts	25
3.	Use of Authorities	15
4.	Style, Poise and Court Mannerism	10
5.	Organization of Arguments	15
6.	Time Management	15

11. Dress Code:

- a) **Gentlemen:** Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie, and Black formal shoes;
- b) **Ladies:** Black Trousers/Skirt, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie and Black formal shoes (or) White Salwar Kameez, Black Blazer, and Black Formal shoes.

12. Queries/Disputes:

- All queries relating to the Moot Problem may be clarified by sending an email to mcc.schooloflaw@gitam.edu on or before 15th September , 2026
- Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the GMAC Committee before the end of the competition. In all matters of complaints or disputes, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

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13. Miscellaneous:

- All participants shall maintain decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the committee immediately without disturbing the round and the proceedings.
- Any team found scouting will be disqualified, and the final decision shall lie with the committee.
- If any team does not appear after 10 minutes after the commencement of any round as per the scheduled time, the team which did not appear shall be deemed to have given a walkover, and the opponent team shall be declared the winner of the round.
- The Committee reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the Committee shall be final and binding on all the team.
- Audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is NOT PERMITTED.
- If a Team believes that a violation of the Competition Rules has taken place at any stage of the Competition, the Team(s), within half an hour after the completion of the round in which the violation has allegedly occurred, should register a complaint with the committee. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Panel with any complaints.

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14. Accommodation:

Participants from outstation shall be provided accommodation by the university for the duration of the competition. Only the registered three members of the team shall be provided accommodation subject to payment of **Rs. 500 per night for Non-A/C & Rs. 700 per night for A/C** (subject to availability) which includes accommodation and food. The team shall make their own arrangements for any extra members. All teams may avail accommodation from **7th October 2026 to 10th October, 2026.**

Note: Desk Reporting Registration will take place on 7th October 2026 till 3.00 PM at GITAM School of Law, Visakhapatnam. **It is advised to all the participants to reach the venue on 7th October 2026 by 12.00 PM.** Accommodation will be provided on first come first serve basis. Last minute registrations and accommodation will not be entertained.

15. Disciplinary Rules:

Participants are expected to maintain discipline during their stay in the campus. Any incidents of misbehaviour will be dealt with stringently and the teams will be disqualified from further participation in the competition and also for future events. If the participants want to go out of the campus, they have to give prior intimation to the Committee and the University shall not be responsible for their safety outside the campus.

16. Contact:

For all further communications, the Organizing committee can be contacted at mcc.schooloflaw@gitam.edu

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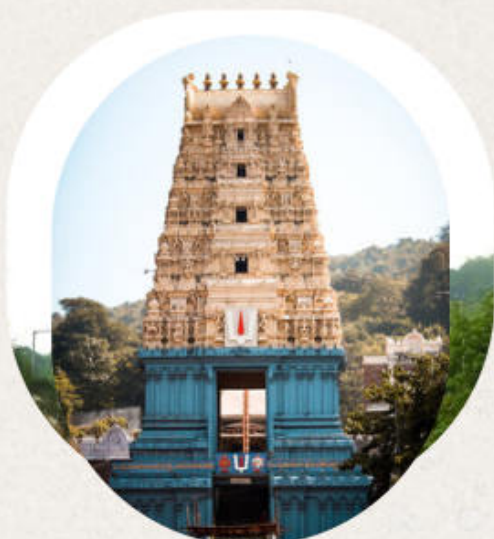
- The **Winning Team** shall be awarded a Cash Prize of **₹50,000/-** and an Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.
- The **Runner-Up Team** shall be awarded a Cash prize of **₹25,000/-** and Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.
- The **Best Memorial** shall be awarded a Cash prize of **₹10,000/-** and an Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.
- The **Best Speaker** shall get a Cash Prize of **₹10,000/-** and Certificate of Appreciation of Merit. Best Speaker shall be evaluated on the basis of performance in preliminary rounds.
- The **Best Researcher** shall get a Cash Prize of **₹10,000/-** and Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.
- All the members of the teams that entered into Quarter Final and Semi Final shall be awarded Certificates of Appreciation of Merit.
- All the members of the other participating teams shall be awarded Certificates of Participation.

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Visakhapatnam, popularly known as Vizag, is a vibrant coastal city where breathtaking beaches, verdant hills, and a thriving urban landscape come together in perfect harmony. Nestled along the Bay of Bengal, it offers a unique blend of natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and modern development, making it one of India's most dynamic and welcoming destinations.

A hub of education, innovation, and industry, Visakhapatnam is home to renowned institutions, a major seaport, and a youthful, energetic community. Its warm hospitality, progressive outlook, and growing global presence create an inspiring environment for learning, collaboration, and meaningful exchange of ideas.



Whether you come for its scenic charm, cultural richness, or academic excellence, Visakhapatnam leaves a lasting impression. From its tranquil shores and iconic landmarks to its vibrant cafés, bustling streets, and welcoming spirit, the city offers an experience that resonates with every visitor. Every journey here is an invitation to discover a destination where tradition meets progress, innovation thrives, and every horizon promises new opportunities.



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