

SARASWATI INSTITUTE OF LAW



3rd LPM NATIONAL MOOT-COURT COMPETITION

DATE

25 TO 28 MARCH, 2026 (HYBRID)

Final round shall be in offline mode

VENUE

SARASWATI INSTITUTE OF LAW (SIL)

Nuh road, Palwal-1211

(Accommodation & TA will be provided for final round)



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MOOT PROPOSITION

Title: *State of INDICA v. Riya Sharma & Others*

Statement of Facts

- Aarav Mehta, aged 29 years, was a Non-Resident Indian (NRI) citizen of India, permanently residing and working in Toronto, Canada. He belonged to a reputed business family originally from Bhadshapur District, State of Indica. Aarav frequently visited India and maintained strong family and cultural ties. He was employed as a software consultant and was socially active within the Indian diaspora community in Canada.
- Riya Sharma, aged 25 years, was an Indian citizen residing in Gangapur, Indica. She was well-educated and belonged to a middle-class family. Through family negotiations and community involvement, Aarav and Riya were formally engaged on 10 January 2024 in Gangapur. The engagement ceremony was attended by both families and was widely publicized.
- The marriage was scheduled for 15 February 2024 at Palwal. For wedding preparations, Aarav arrived in Indica on 1 February 2024, accompanied by his close friend and roommate from Canada, Daniel Thomas, aged 30 years, a Canadian citizen of Indian origin.
- Daniel Thomas and Aarav Mehta had been living together in Toronto for over three years. According to statements later recorded during investigation, Daniel and Aarav were allegedly involved in a consensual same-sex relationship. The prosecution alleges that Aarav had not disclosed this relationship to his family or to Riya Sharma due to fear of social stigma and familial pressure.
- It is alleged that Daniel Thomas had repeatedly insisted that Aarav disclose their relationship and reconsider the impending marriage. Several text messages retrieved from Aarav's phone indicate emotional conflict between the two, particularly in the weeks leading up to the wedding.
- Separately, Riya Sharma was allegedly involved in an intimate relationship with one Kunal Verma, aged 27 years, a resident of Faridpur, Indica, prior to and even after her engagement to Aarav. The prosecution alleges that Riya and Kunal opposed the marriage but failed to disclose their relationship due to societal pressure.
- On 14 February 2024, a sangeet ceremony was held at Aarav's ancestral house in Bhadshapur, which was attended by both families and friends, including Daniel Thomas. After the ceremony concluded at around 9:30 PM, Aarav and Daniel reportedly left the venue together in a car for a long drive.
- CCTV footage from a highway toll plaza shows their vehicle moving towards the outskirts of Bhadshapur at approximately 10:15 PM. At around 10:45 PM, the vehicle was allegedly stopped near a roadside liquor shop.
- According to the prosecution, a dispute arose between Aarav and the shopkeeper, Ravi Kumar, over the price of liquor. During the altercation, the shopkeeper allegedly struck Aarav on the head with an empty glass bottle. Aarav sustained a bleeding injury and collapsed on the roadside.
- It is alleged that Daniel Thomas, instead of providing immediate medical assistance or informing the authorities, left the injured Aarav at the spot and returned alone. Daniel later claimed that he panicked and believed the injury to be minor.
- Moreover On the day of sangeet function, Riya Sharma messaged to Kunal Verma to meet one last time before her departure to Canada. They both meet after sangeet function.
- While returning from their meeting, Kunal heard a help sound from roadside. He went there and Aarav being lying there hold his feet tightly and requested for help. There Kunal picked a huge stone and stabbed his head.
- Medical evidence later revealed that Aarav suffered severe head injury leading to excessive bleeding. The post-mortem report confirmed that death occurred due to cranio-cerebral injury caused by blunt force, with the estimated time of death between 11:00 PM and 1:00 AM.
- On the morning of 15 February 2024, Aarav's body was discovered near the roadside by local residents, leading to registration of an FIR for murder. The shopkeeper Ravi Kumar was detained, and the liquor shop was sealed.

- During investigation, the police also examined threatening messages received by Aarav prior to his death, which were later traced to Kunal Verma. This led to the arrest of Kunal Verma and Riya Sharma on allegations of criminal conspiracy to murder Aarav to prevent the marriage.
- The prosecution alleges that multiple parties had motives to cause Aarav's death:
 - Riya Sharma and Kunal Verma, due to their opposition to the marriage;
 - Daniel Thomas, due to emotional conflict and fear of exposure of the same-sex relationship;
 - Ravi Kumar, due to the alleged violent altercation.
- The accused persons—Riya Sharma, Kunal Verma, Daniel Thomas, and Ravi Kumar—have denied all charges. Daniel Thomas claims he had no intention to harm Aarav and left only out of fear. Ravi Kumar claims the injury was accidental and not intended to cause death. Riya Sharma and Kunal Verma claim they are being falsely implicated on the basis of circumstantial and electronic evidence.
- The investigation is ongoing, and the trial court has framed charges under Sections 302 (Murder), 304 (Culpable Homicide not amounting to Murder), 120B (Criminal Conspiracy), and other relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (or IPC, as applicable).

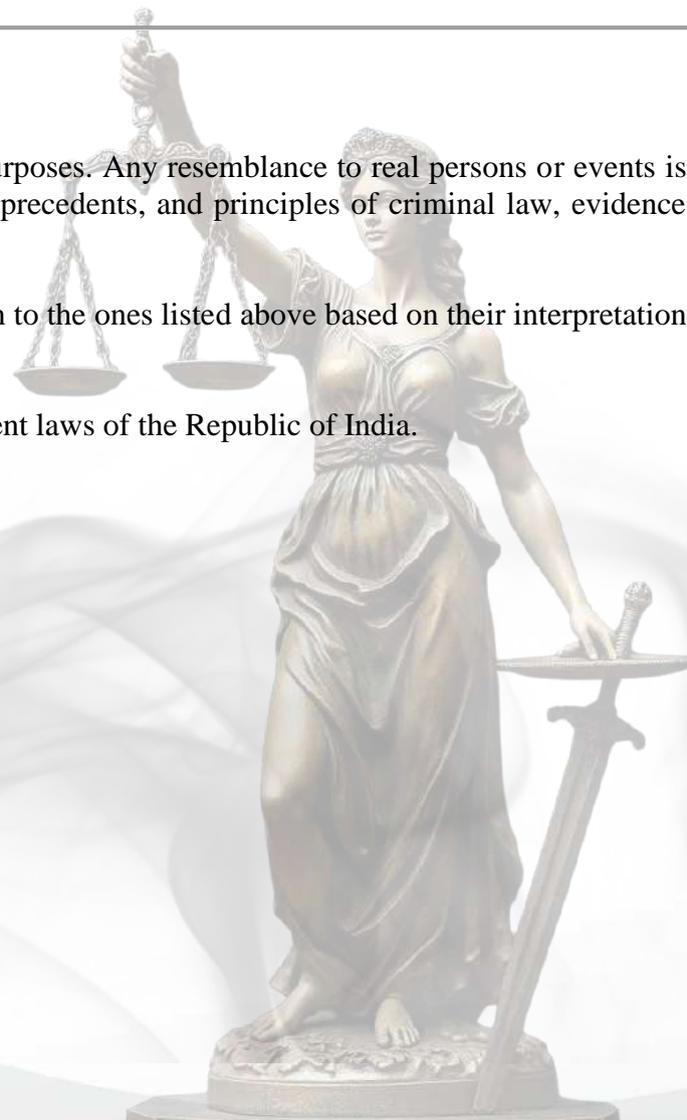
Issues for Consideration

1. Whether Kunal is liable for the death of Aarav or not?
2. Whether the shop keeper is liable for death of Aarav or not?
3. Whether Daniel Thomas can be held criminally liable for abandonment and omission to act.
4. Whether Riya Sharma and Kunal Verma can be convicted for criminal conspiracy based on motive and electronic evidence.

Note to Participants

This problem is purely fictional and intended solely for academic purposes. Any resemblance to real persons or events is coincidental. Participants may rely on statutory provisions, judicial precedents, and principles of criminal law, evidence law, and constitutional morality.

1. Teams may frame any other issue(s) and/or sub issue(s) in addition to the ones listed above based on their interpretation and understanding of the proposition.
2. The laws of the Republic of India are in pari materia with the current laws of the Republic of India.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Date and Venue:

27th & 28th March, 2026 at Saraswati Institute of law, Palwal, Haryana-121101
And it also done in hybrid mode. Meet link will share to you on same day.

II. Dress Code:

The official Dress Code for the Competition is as follows:

Ladies: Black trousers, White shirt, Black blazer and Black formal shoes. **Men:** Black trousers, White shirt, Black tie with Black blazer and formal Black shoes.

III. Language:

The entire proceedings in the competition, written as well as oral, shall be in English.

IV. Eligibility:

The competition is open for law students currently pursuing their Bachelor's Degree in Law i.e.3 Year LL.B. or 5 Year LL.B. Programme.

V. Team Composition:

Each team shall consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. Each team shall include two orators (speakers), who will be accompanied by one researcher, all of whom shall have to be accordingly designated during the registration process. Each team will be allotted a team code. The team code shall be sent to the teams through mail after the registration is complete. Teams shall not disclose their identity or of their institution during any time of the competition, even if asked by the Judges. such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the organizers.

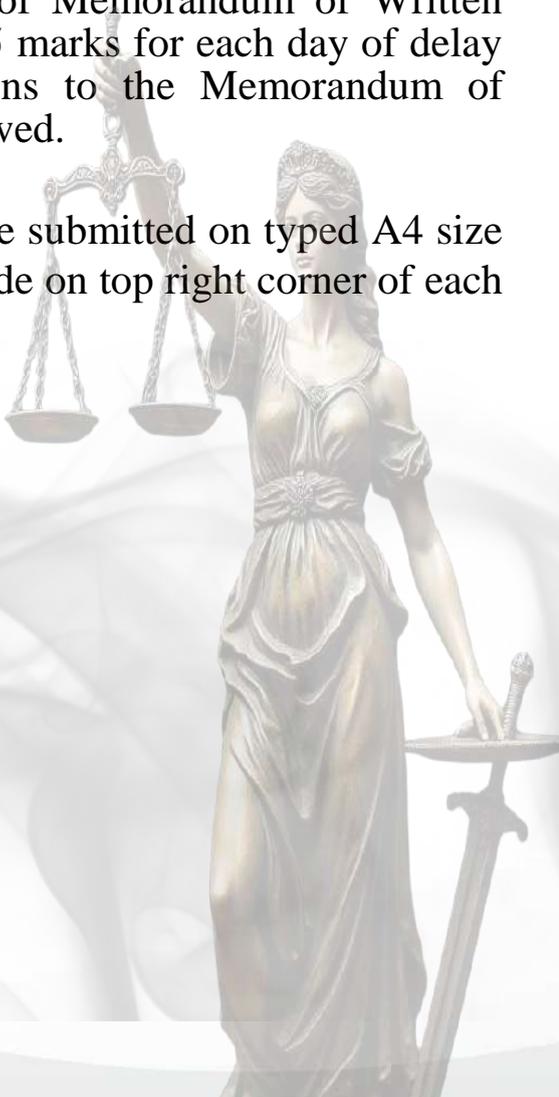
Registration:

1. The registration fee for the national moot court competition is Rs.2000/- Per Team (Two Thousand only). All the teams are required to make the payment in the form of a UPI (PhonePe, Google Pay etc.) paid in the name of Saraswati Institute Of Law at the UPI ID given in the Brochure. Soft copies of registration form and payment transfer details shall be sent to saraswatilawmootcourt@gmail.com latest by 20th February 2026.

2. The registration form shall contain the details of the participants, signature and seal of the Head of the Institution/Faculty in charge of MCC. The Registration form is enclosed at the end of the brochure.

Registration Link:

Memorandum of Written Submissions:

3. The following requirements must be strictly followed with respect to submission of Memorandum of Written Submissions. Non-conformities will be liable to penalties while awarding marks thereon.
- A. Each team must prepare Memorandum of Written Submissions for both sides to the dispute (Petitioner and Respondent).
- B. Once the Memorandum of Written Submissions have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed, however, teams may carry annexure along with and can submit them in the beginning of each round.
- C. Teams shall send a soft-copy of the Memorandum of Written Submissions in Adobe PDF format only, via Email saraswatilawmootcourt@gmail.com on or before 10th March 2026.
- D. All participating teams shall submit 6 sets of written memorials (Six sets i.e., 6 for Petitioner and 6 for Respondent - totally 12 copies) must reach the organizers latest by 12th March 2026. Participants are advised to carry copies of Memorandum of Written Submissions during the competition for their own perusal.
- E. Non-adherence to the rules and late submission of Memorandum of Written Submissions would lead to deduction of 3 marks and 5 marks for each day of delay respectively. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the Memorandum of Written Submissions after submission shall not be allowed.
- F. The Memorandum of Written Submissions have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain: Team code on top right corner of each page.
- Table of Contents
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Issues
 - Summary of Arguments (3 Pages Only)
 - Arguments Advanced (25 pages) Max.
 - Prayer (1 Page Only)
 - Appendix(Optional)
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G. Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorials using footnote following the *Harvard Bluebook 21st Edition*. Explanatory or Illustrative footnotes are not allowed.

H. The Memorial must not have more than 10% Plagiarism, and any use of AI in the memorial is strictly prohibited. Non-adherence to the above would lead to deduction of marks.

4. Format Requirements:

a. The written Memorials shall conform to the below mentioned standards:

- Font Type: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Margins: 1 inch on each side

b. Memorandum of Written Submissions should be spiral bound and not stapled.

c. Cover page must be placed on written Memorials as follows:

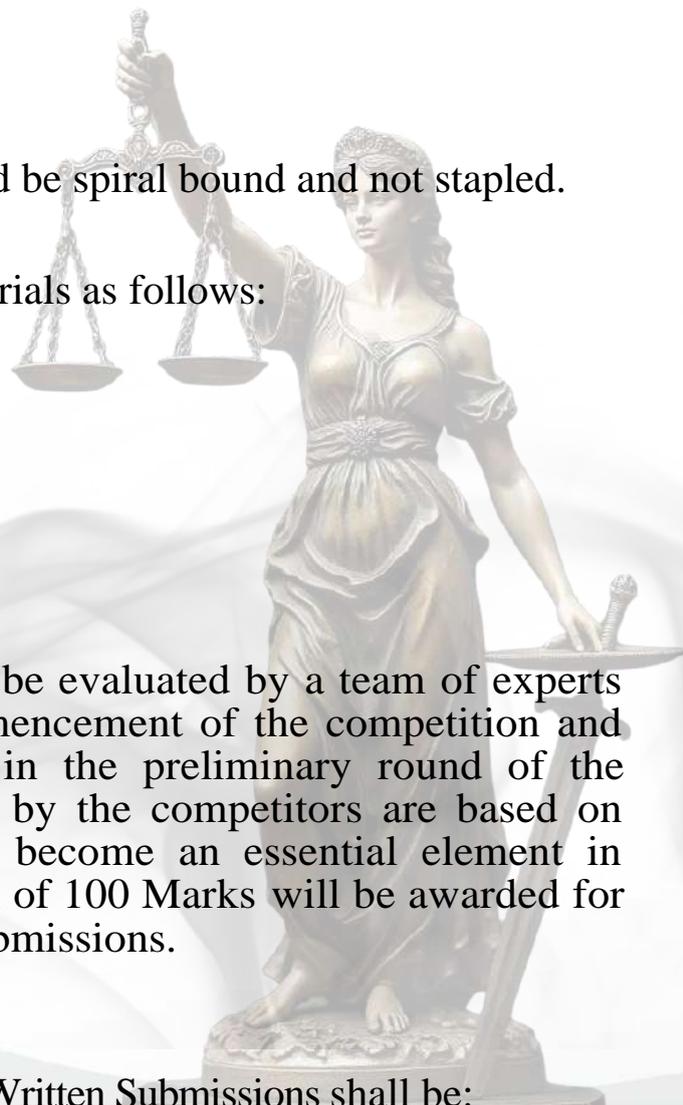
Petitioner-Blue Colour

Respondent-Red Colour

5. Evaluation of Written Submissions:

The Memorials submitted by the teams will be evaluated by a team of experts and marks will be notified before the commencement of the competition and memorial marks will be considered only in the preliminary round of the competition. Since the arguments put forth by the competitors are based on memorials submitted, the memorial marks become an essential element in preliminary round of the competition. A total of 100 Marks will be awarded for each side of the Memorandum of Written Submissions.

6. Parameters for Evaluation of Memorandum of Written Submissions shall be:



- Logical progression of ideas.(10marks)
- Originality in analysis and arguments.(10marks)
- Understanding essential legal issues presented.(10marks)
- Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style.(10marks)
- Forceful and persuasive presentation.(10marks)
- Integration of facts into legal arguments.(10marks)
- Understanding and analysis of authority.(10marks)
- Proper use of citations and citation form.(10marks)
- Effective use of authority to support arguments.(10marks)
- Neatness, legibility, no typo graphical or format errors.(10marks)



VI. Structure of Oral Rounds:

The oral round shall comprise of two Preliminary Rounds, Semi-finals and a Final round.

1. Preliminary Rounds:

- There shall be two preliminary rounds. Every team shall be given the opportunity to argue each side in the preliminary round which shall be determined by way of draw of lots.
- There shall be two preliminary rounds for 60 minutes each. Every team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members subject to a maximum of fifteen minutes for any one speaker and allocation of time must be communicated to the Court-clerk. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel Members.
- No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 15 minutes, including the time reserved for rebuttals.
- No team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.
- No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.
- Top four teams on their cumulative marks scored in oral presentation as well as in the written submission shall be qualified for the Semi-Final Round. In case of a tie, the teams shall advance to the next round on the basis of highest memorial score. If the tie is still not broken, then the highest speaker score will determine which team advances to the Semi-finals.



2. Semi-Final Round:

Qualifying teams shall argue only on one side in the Semi- Finals and the side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots. Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members subject to the maximum of Fifteen minutes for any one speaker. Each qualifying team shall communicate to the court-clerk about their allocation of 30 minutes. The winners of the Semi-final round will be determined on the basis of knockout method. In case of a tie, memorial scores will be considered to determine the finalists. Two teams shall advance to the final round.



3. Final Round:

Final round is done in offline mode. Accommodation & TA will be provided for final round. Each team shall get a time of 45 minutes to present their case. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members subject to the maximum of twenty five minutes for any one speaker. Each qualifying team shall communicate to the court-clerk about their allocation of 45 minutes.

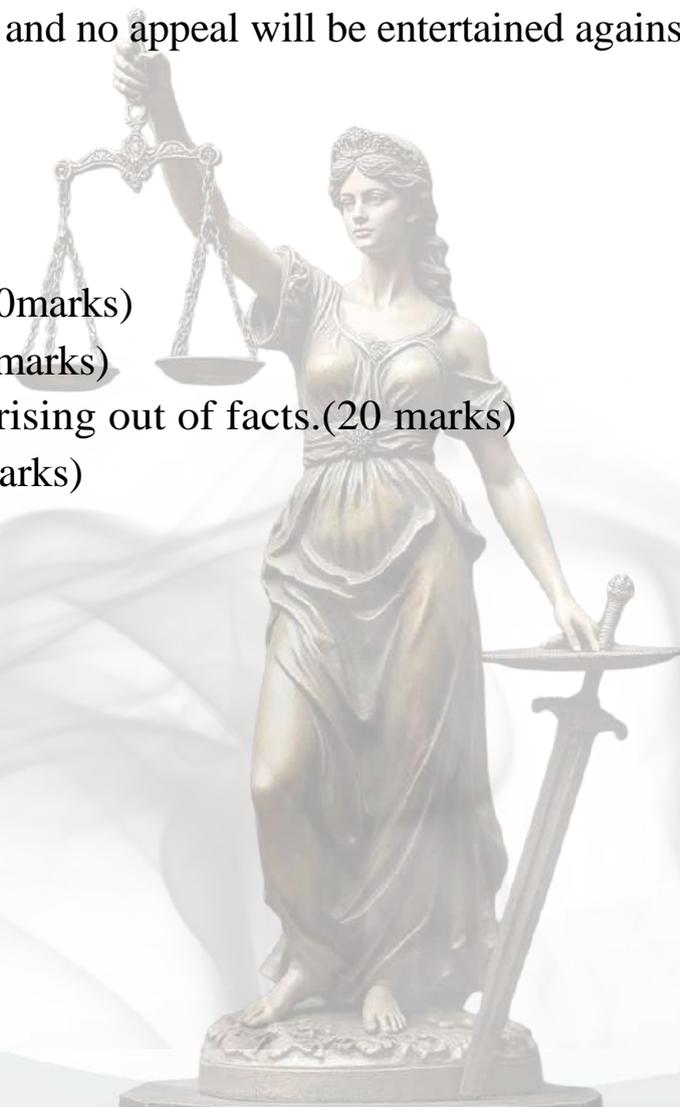
- a) No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 25 minutes, including the time reserved for Rebuttals.
- b) No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.
- c) No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.
- d) In determining the winners in the Final round of the competition, the team which has secured highest marks in the oral presentation, shall be considered.

Note:

Decision of the Judges shall be final in each round and no appeal will be entertained against the decision.

Parameters for judging orals shall be:

- 1. Knowledge of facts and law.(20marks)
- 2. Logical reasoning, Organization and Clarity.(20marks)
- 3. Persuasiveness and Deference to the Court.(20marks)
- 4. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts.(20 marks)
- 5. Ability to explain legal principles clearly.(20marks)



4. Awards:

- A) Winner
- B) Runners-Up
- C) Best Researcher
- D) Best Speaker

Trophies and cash prizes shall be awarded to the Winner, Runners-Up, Best Researcher, Best Speaker. All participants shall be awarded Certificates of Participation and the Winners shall receive Certificate of Merit. Certificates shall be issued only after the valedictory function and for no reason before to it.

The Prize Money shall be as follows:

 Winner Rs. 21,000/-

 Runners-Up Rs. 10,000/-

 Researcher Rs.5,000/-

 Best Speaker Rs.5,000/-



5. Scouting:

- a. Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other team. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members will result in immediate disqualification. The organizer's decision will be final in this regard.
- b. The researchers shall sit with the orators at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

6. Code of Conduct:

All the participants must behave in a dignified manner and not cause any inconvenience to the organizers. Any participant found misbehaving with other participants or volunteers will be disqualified immediately. Deference to the Judges of the moot court competition must be maintained inside and outside the Court Hall. Participants will be entirely disqualified from the competition on the following Grounds:

- a. If found smoking or consuming/carrying drugs or alcohol in the campus or place of accommodation.
- b. If found misbehaving, or causing nuisance, or making abusive statements, showing disrespect towards judges, co-participants or members of the host institution.



7. Queries regarding the problem:

All queries regarding problem, rules and regulations, shall be mailed to saraswatilawmootcourt@gmail.com and the same will be cleared by the organizers. Any queries after 25th March, 2026 with regard to problem will not be entertained, except at the sole discretion of the organizers.

8. Researcher's Test:

Researcher's test will be conducted on 27th March 2026. The Best Researcher Award shall be awarded on the basis of highest score secured in the researcher's test.

9. Miscellaneous:

The organizer's decision with regard to the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizer's decision on the same will be final and binding. The organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date of Registration
- Last Date for Receipt of Soft Copy of Registration Form along with scanned copy of transactional details
- Last Date for Receipt of Hard Copy of Registration Form along with scanned copy of transactional details
- Last Date for queries regarding the problem
- Last Date of Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)
- Last Date of Memorial Submission (Hard Copy)
- Inaugural Session
- Researcher's test
- Draw of Lots
- Date of Competition
- Valedictory Session

08th March, 2026

10th March, 2026

12th March, 2026

15th March, 2026

18th March, 2026

20th March, 2026

27th March, 2026

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28th March, 2026



CONTACT DETAILS & PAYMENT



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