



Moot Court Society
Rayat College Of Law, Railmajra
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PRESENTS

**ANNUAL INTRA COLLEGE
MOOT COURT
COMPETITION**

2026

DATE: 23rd FEBRUARY
2026

For All Students of
BA/ B.COM LLB
& LLB. !!!



MOOT IT. ARGUE IT. WIN IT.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY RCL

Moot court is an extracurricular activity at many law schools in which participants take part in simulated court proceedings, usually involving drafting memorials or memoranda and participating in oral argument. In most countries, the phrase moot court may be shortened to simply moot mooting. Participants are referred to as mooters. Moot court is one of the key extracurricular activities in many law schools (the others being law review and clinical work). In most moot competitions, each side is represented by two speakers (though the entire team composition may be larger) and a third member, sometimes known as Researcher, may be seated with the speakers. Each speaker usually speaks between 10 and 25 minutes, covering one to three main issues. After the main submissions are completed, there will usually be a short round of rebuttal and even surrebuttal. Depending on the format of the moot, there may be one or two rounds of rebuttal and surrebuttal. Throughout the course of the submissions, judges may ask questions.

OBJECTIVES

- To impart the practical skills of research,
- Case analyses and strategy, witness handling, and presentation of arguments at the trial and appellate stages of a case.
- To provide atmosphere for enhancing lawyering skills.
- To build confidence to speak in court.
- To create the opportunity to meet and mingle with students from all over India and compete.
- To learn to work in a team.
- To inculcate leadership qualities.

MOOT COURT INFRASTRUCTURE

In order to provide the best environment for mootling a dedicated Moot Court room (i.e. a replica of Court room) has been built in the college, where moot court competitions are being organized by the Moot Club regularly.

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COMPETITION RULEBOOK 2026

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. ADMINISTRATION

The Annual RCL Intra Moot Court Competition, 2026, will be organized and hosted by MCS RCL. This offline competition will take place on **23rd FEBRUARY 2026**.

2. LANGUAGE

The official language for all oral and written submissions throughout the competition will be **ENGLISH**. All participants must adhere strictly to this rule.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The competition teams will be selected on first come first served basis. The said teams will participate in the oral rounds, which will include:

Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds i.e. - Semifinals, and the Finals.

4. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The Organizing Committee will have the sole authority to interpret the rules of the competition in the event of any ambiguity, conflict, or dispute. Any interpretation will prioritize fairness and equity, and the decisions of the Committee regarding the application of these rules will be final and binding on all participants.

ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year).

TEAM COMPOSITION

- A team is required to have three members, consisting of two speakers and one researcher.
- After the registration deadline, any substitution of team members will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances and with prior approval from the organizers.

REGISTRATION

Teams must register by completing the designated registration form. The registration link

is

here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1V_GDYuvxfZFpP3lQKBAfkgzEzV6UPyRPIJcODbuLumY/viewform

Registration will only be considered complete once the registration form has been submitted .

All registration formalities must be completed by **16.02.2026**.

Teams will be assigned a unique Team Code, which must be used for identification throughout the competition.

CLARIFICATIONS

CLARIFICATION PROCESS & DEADLINES

- Teams may submit queries related to the moot proposition via the provided Contact Information .
- A team may submit a maximum of 3 queries.
- The deadline for submitting queries is 11:59 PM IST on 15.02.2026.
- The clarifications will be released on 17.02.2026.

MEMORIAL EVALUATION ROUND

MEMORIAL SUBMISSIONS

- a. All registered teams must prepare two memorials: one for the Petitioner(s) and one for the Respondent(s).
- b. **Memorials must be submitted in hand to MCS on 19.2.26(Thursday)**

MEMORIAL FORMAT

- a. Memorials must be submitted as **Hardcopies**.
- b. The file name for each memorial must follow this format: “Team Code + P (Petitioner)” or “Team Code + R (Respondent).” Therefore, if a team is given Team Code 17, then their submissions for petitioner and respondent should be titled TC 17P and TC 17R respectively

Formatting requirements:

- A4-sized pages, 1-inch margins on all sides.
- Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5-line spacing for text and size 10 with single-line spacing for footnotes.
- Footnotes must be in 20th Edition of the Bluebook throughout the memorial
- Plagiarism

Plagiarism may lead to disqualification of the team.

MEMORIAL CONTENT

- a. Each memorial must include the following sections:
 1. Cover Page (Blue for petitioners and Red for respondents)
 2. Table of Contents
 3. Table of Abbreviations
 4. Index of Authorities
 5. Statement of Jurisdiction
 6. Statement of Facts
 7. Issues Raised
 8. Summary of Arguments
 9. Arguments Advanced
 10. Prayer
- b. The Arguments Advanced section should not exceed 20 pages, and the memorial must not exceed 30 pages, including the cover page. Non-compliance will attract penalty of 1 point per page for every page exceeding the limit of 30 pages.
- c. Citations must adhere to the 20th Edition of the Bluebook..

MEMORIAL EVALUATION

Memorials will be scored out of 100 marks. Detailed evaluation criteria and points allocation shall be as follows:

- Knowledge of Facts and Law: 20
- Depth, extent and use of research: 20
- Interpretation of Law & Application of Facts: 20
- Clarity and Organization of Arguments: 20
- Grammar, Style of legal writing and Formatting: 20

ORAL ROUND PROCEDURE

GENERAL PROCEDURE

- Preliminary Round
- Semi-final Round
- Final Round
- In each round, the team representing the Petitioner(s) will present their arguments first, followed by the Respondent(s).
- After the arguments are completed, rebuttals by the Petitioner(s) and sur-rebuttals by the Respondent(s) may be permitted at the discretion of the judges.
- Participants must refer to themselves using their designated Team Code during all proceedings
- Draw of Lots and Memorials will be exchanged between competing teams after the inaugural ceremony for the preliminary rounds.
- For subsequent rounds, memorial exchanges will occur well in advance as determined by the Organizing Committee.

***The Conduct of said rounds will be based on time availability and are totally the say of the organising Committee**

PROCEDURES FOR ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- Teams may divide their allotted time among their speakers at their discretion
- Teams must inform the judges about their time division, including the allocation for rebuttals (Petitioner) or sur-rebuttals (Respondent), before the commencement of the round.
- Arguments presented must strictly adhere to the issues outlined in the submitted memorials.
- Researchers must be present during oral rounds. Participants are required to wear formal courtroom attire.
- Each speaker will be evaluated on a scale of 100 marks by each judge. The evaluation criteria will be as follows:-
 1. Knowledge of Facts :20
 2. Knowledge of law :20
 3. Application of law to the facts : 20
 4. Interpretation of Law and Application of facts: 20
 5. Courtroom Etiquettes, Style, Poise & Time Management: 20

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

TIME ALLOTMENTS

- Preliminary Rounds: 20 Mins (per team)
- SemiFinals: 25 Mins
- Finals: 30 Mins

RESEARCHER'S TEST

GUIDELINES FOR THE RESEARCHER'S TEST

a. The researcher's test will evaluate participants based on their knowledge of the moot proposition, legal principles, and research skills.

It will Held on 19.02.26 (Thursday)

b. The participant with the highest score in the researcher's test will receive the Best Researcher award.

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

- The winning team will receive the Trophies and Certificates
- The runners-up team will receive Certificates of Achievement
- The Best Speaker will receive a Trophy and Certificate
- The Best Researcher will receive a Trophy and Certificate
- All participating teams will be provided with a certificate of participation

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

a. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend or modify the rules at any stage of the competition

For any Queries Contact:

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MOOT PROPOSITION

Facts of the case-

The accused, Raghav Malhotra, is a 32-year-old shop owner in the city of Indore. His shop shares a common wall with a warehouse owned by the complainant, Suresh Mehta. There had been a long-standing property dispute between Raghav Malhotra and Suresh Mehta regarding a small strip of land situated behind their respective premises. Several heated altercations had taken place between the parties in the past in respect of the said property; however, no case was pending before any court. On the night of 15 July 2025, at around 10:30 PM, Raghav Malhotra heard noises near the back door of his shop. He claims that when he went to check, he saw Suresh Mehta and two unknown persons allegedly trying to break open the back door and threatening him. According to Raghav Malhotra, one of the persons was holding an iron rod, and Suresh Mehta shouted, *“Finish him today, this shop will be ours.”* Fearing for his life and property, Raghav Malhotra picked up a licensed revolver kept inside his shop and fired one shot, which hit Suresh Mehta in the chest. Suresh Mehta was taken to the hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries. The two other persons fled from the spot. During investigation, no iron rod was recovered from the scene. However, the back door of the shop was found to be partially damaged.

The prosecution alleges that:

1. There was no imminent threat to the life of Raghav Malhotra;
2. The use of a firearm was grossly disproportionate; and
3. The accused acted with premeditation due to previous enmity.

The defence contends that:

1. The accused was faced with an immediate and unlawful threat to his life and property;
2. He had no time to seek help from the authorities; and
3. The act was done in the lawful exercise of the right to private defence under Sections 34–44 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

Raghav Malhotra has been charged under Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 for the offence of murder.

Issues for consideration:

1. Whether the accused was entitled to the right of private defence under Sections 34–44 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023?
2. Whether the accused had a reasonable apprehension of death or grievous hurt at the time of the incident?
3. Whether the force used by the accused was proportionate and necessary, or whether he exceeded the right of private defence?
4. Whether the accused is liable for murder under Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, or is entitled to an exception under the BNS?