

**SIXTEENTH ALL INDIA MOOT COURT
COMPETITION, 2016**

FOR

**T. S. VENKATESWARA IYER MEMORIAL
EVER ROLLING TROPHY**

From 11th to 13th March, 2016

HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA'S GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE

Park Avenue Road, Ernakulam, Kerala- 682011

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1 The Sixteenth All India Moot Court Competition for

Justice T. S.Venkateswara Iyer Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy

under the auspices of **His Highness Maharaja's Government Law College Ernakulam Moot Club** will be held from **11th to 13th March, 2016** at the **His Highness Maharaja's Government Law College Ernakulam campus.**

2. TEAM COMPOSITION

2.1 The competition will be open to the Law colleges, Law schools and Law Departments recognized by the Bar Council of India who have specifically received the invitation. **The participation is limited to under graduate students in law, both in the 3-year and 5 year schemes undergoing regular courses.**

2.2 The **invitee** can send a team comprising three students, which include two speakers and a researcher and **their traveling expenses, shall be borne by the respective institutions.**

3. REGISTRATION

3.1 The last date for **confirmation of participation** is **18th February 2016** and the entry is **limited to 20 teams.**

3.2 The **Registration forms** shall be filled with the photos of team members and signature of the Head of the Institution and a scanned copy of the same should be mailed to **mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com.**

3.3 Each team shall remit a sum of **Five Thousand Rupees (Rs. 5000/-)** towards registration. The remittance of the same shall be done by DD/ Cheque drawn in favour of **Treasurer, Moot Club, Government Law College, Ernakulam.**

3.4 The scanned copy of DD/ Cheque along with the soft copy of the registration forms should be sent by email to **mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com** on or before **18th February 2016.**

3.5 The hardcopy of the same should be sent by post/ courier to **The Convenor, Moot Club, Government Law College, Ernakulam, Pin: 682011**

And it should reach latest by **20th February 2016**.

3.6 The teams shall report at the venue **before 2 p.m. on 11th March, 2016**.

4. **DRESS CODE**

4.1 The **dress code** for the participants during the court sessions shall be as follows:

Female participants	: White Salwar Kameez and Black Coat OR White Shirt, Black Pants and Black Coat.
Male participants	: White Shirt and Black Pant with Black Coat and Black Tie.

Gowns and Bands are **NOT** permitted to be worn by the Participants in the Competition

5. **MEMORIALS**

5.1 The memorials must be typed in English and must be in Times New Roman font having font size 12 and 1.5 space (this size restriction does not apply to foot notes, which shall be in size 10 and line space 'single') with 1 inch margin on all sides printed on one side of **A4** size paper. Memorials dealing with *jurisdiction, issues involved, summary of arguments, pleadings, conclusion and prayer* shall be prepared by each team for both the sides. **Issues or pleadings not discussed within the body of the memorial shall neither be included in any other part of the same or be raised before the court.**

5.2 The body of the memorial **shall not exceed 25 pages** and the same would include *jurisdiction, questions presented, summary of pleadings, pleadings, conclusion and prayer, annexure, appendices and footnotes*. The *cover page, table of contents, bibliography, index of authorities, statement of facts, title page and back cover* are not included in these 25 pages.

5.3 The memorials shall not contain any information that will reveal the identity of the participating team and violation of the same if any shall attract penalties including disqualification from the competition.

5.4 The memorial for the Petitioner should be in **Blue cover** and that of Respondent in **White cover**. The memorials should be paper bound/ staple bound. Comb/ spiral or any other form of binding will be considered as improper binding. Please avoid plastic front sheets/ separators.

5.5 Cover page of the memorial must state the following

The cause title

Identity of the brief as Petitioner OR Respondent.

5.6 The soft copy of the Memorials should be sent to **mootclubglc.ekm@gmail.com** on or before **29th February 2016**. Five hard copies of the memorials shall be submitted to **The Convenor, Moot Club,**

Government Law College, Ernakulam on or before **4th March 2016** by post or courier. **Late submission would result in deduction of marks.**

5.7 There should not be any disparity between the soft copy and the hard copy. Any violations would attract penalty. All Hard copies and soft copies of the memorials in the competition shall become the property of the Government Law College Ernakulam Moot Club.

5.8 There will **NOT** be any exchange of memorials.

6. ORAL ROUNDS

6.1 The participants shall only be identified by their respective **Code Numbers** given at the time of their registration and shall refrain from any act which reveals the identity of themselves or their institutions. The participants shall wear the badge provided by the organizers throughout the days of the competition.

6.2 The format of the competition will be as follows :

COMPETITION ROUNDS	BASIS	CRITERIA
Preliminary rounds	League	Maximum Wins
Quarter Final (subject to number of participants)	Knock out	
Semi Final	Knock out	
Final		

6.3 Fixture of the competition will be shaped through draw of lots well before the commencement of the sessions. The Moot Club reserves the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams in case it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/ teams at the far end or if the competing teams have had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem. In the matter of disputes or complaints, the decision of the Appeal Committee chaired by the Principal, Government Law College, Ernakulam will be final.

6.4 Preliminary Round/ Quarter Finals

6.4.1 Each side will have a maximum of 35 minutes to present their case. This would include the time reserved for rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal. The duration of each session will not exceed **one hour ten minutes**. The team should allocate equitably the time available to the two individual speakers.

6.5 Semi Finals / Finals

6.5.1 Each side will have a maximum of 45 minutes to present their case. This would include the time reserved for rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal. The

duration of the **Semi Final Round(s) and Final shall be of One hour 30 minutes which shall include argumentation, rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.**

6.6 The Organizers reserve the right to bring alterations in the duration of the Semi Final and the Final Round. The participants can apportion the time between themselves, but each participant has to argue for a minimum of ten minutes in the preliminary and quarter final rounds and for a minimum of 15 minutes in the semi final and final rounds.

6.7 **Rebuttal/Sur-Rebuttal:** The maximum time provided would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal. At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court Officer as to the apportioning of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal). In case any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional time that was used, will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allocated for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, as the case may be. The teams can reserve maximum of 5 minutes for the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal shall vest with the Judges.

6.8 The language of the court shall be English. Each team shall be ready with their written briefs and oral arguments for both sides. During the oral rounds, the team shall not be allowed to use any type of electronic devices such as laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc.

7. EVALUATION

7.1 A bench comprising of Three Judges selected from a panel of judges drawn from an array of judicial officers, advocates, law persons and academia will preside over each of the court session. The Finals will be presided over by Three judges of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

7.2 Each court will assign marks to both individual participant and the team.

7.3 An individual participant will be evaluated to a maximum of 100 marks by each judge. Division of marks will be as follows:

1	Written Submissions (Memorials)	20 marks
2	Oral arguments	80 Marks

7.4 Marks for oral arguments will be awarded on the following criteria.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Max Marks
1	Substance in arguments, articulation of factual issues, factual analysis and use of evidence	20 marks
2	Knowledge of law, interpretation, articulation of legal issues and legal analysis	15 marks

3	Use of authorities and citations	10 marks
4	Skills of advocacy, persuasiveness and response to questions	15 marks
5	Clarity, brevity, ingenuity, language and style	10 marks
6	Court manners and general impression	10 marks

7.5 To bring rationalization in the matter of awarding marks and for judicious evaluation, performances are catalogued into **Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average** and the range of marks to be awarded in each category will be forwarded to the judges.

8. RESEARCHER INTERVIEW

8.1 There will be an interview to select the best and second best researcher of the moot court competition.

8.2 For the Best and Second Best Researcher, the judging criteria shall be inclusive of the marks secured for the memorials added to the average of marks they secure during the interview.

9. PRIZES AND AWARDS

9.1 Every participant and researcher will be awarded certificate of participation.

9.2 Honours in this competition include

- i. Best Team
- ii. Second Best Team
- iii. Best Student Advocate of India
- iv. Best Female Student Advocate of India
- v. Best Male Student Advocate of India
- vi. Best Memorial
- vii. Second Best Memorial
- viii. Best Researcher
- ix. Second Best Researcher

9.3 About 27 trophies and Rs. 50,000/- as prize money are slated to be awarded in the competition.

10. RECEPTION:

10.1 **The travel plans of the teams** (A scanned copy by email and hard copy by post) **shall be sent to the Convenor, not later than 29th February 2016.** The teams will be received from the Railway/Bus stations **from 11th March, 2016.** However the teams will be free to reach on their own and report at the Government Law College campus at **Park Avenue Road, Ernakulam.**

10.2 The nearest International Airport is Cochin International Airport at Nedumbassery which is approximately 35 km from the College. The Ernakulam Town and Junction Railway Stations are less than 3 km and less than 2 km respectively. The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bus Station is approximately 3 km away from the college.

11. BOARDING AND LODGING

11.1 The boarding and lodging for the teams will be provided from **11th evening to the morning of 14th March, 2016**. Lodging for female and male students will be separate. **Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES the Moot Club would provide lodging and boarding for any other person other than the three team members.** The facilities in the library and the Cyber Station of the Government Law College, Ernakulam can be availed, but only for reference.

12. CONTACT

12.1 The participants may feel free to contact us over phone, fax or email. Please refer below for the necessary contact. For quick and timely access please use the mobile numbers.

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SCHEDULE OF THE PROGRAMME

Reporting at the Venue	:	9:00 am – 2:00 p.m. on 11.03.2016 (Friday)
Inauguration	:	4.30 p.m. on 11.03.2016 (Friday)
Preliminary Rounds	:	8.30 a.m. on 12.03.2016 (Saturday)
Quarter final rounds	:	4.30 p.m. on 12.03.2016 (Saturday)

Semi final Rounds	:	8.30 a.m. on	13.03.2016	(Sunday)
Finals	:	2 p.m. on	13.03.2016	(Sunday)
Valedictory Function and Prize Distribution	:	4 p.m. on	13.03.2016	(Sunday)

DATES TO BE RECKONED

Last date for Provisional Registration & Soft Copy of Registration forms and DD/ Cheque	18th February 2016
Last Date for submitting the Hard Copy of Registration Forms and DD/ Cheque	20th February 2016
Submission of Soft copy of Memorials	29th February 2016
Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials	4th March 2016
Last Date for sending Travel Plans (Both Soft copy and Hard Copy)	29th February 2016.
Reporting at the venue	11th March 2016, before 2.00 PM

BEST WISHES

Sd/-
Convenor

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TRAVEL PLAN

(Please fill in Capital Letters)

Details of Arrival

Mode of Transportation :
(Air/ Rail/ Road)

Flight/ Train/ Bus Name :
and No.

Date and Time of :
Arrival at Ernakulam

Details Of Departure

Mode of Transportation :
(Air/ Rail/ Road)

Flight/ Train/ Bus Name :
and No.

Date and Time of :
Departure from Ernakulam

*(Please make sure that the **Travel Plan** is sent to the organizers before 29th February 2016.
In case of ANY CHANGE in the travel details, kindly notify us through phone immediately)*

Place :

Date :

Seal & Signature of the Head of Institution