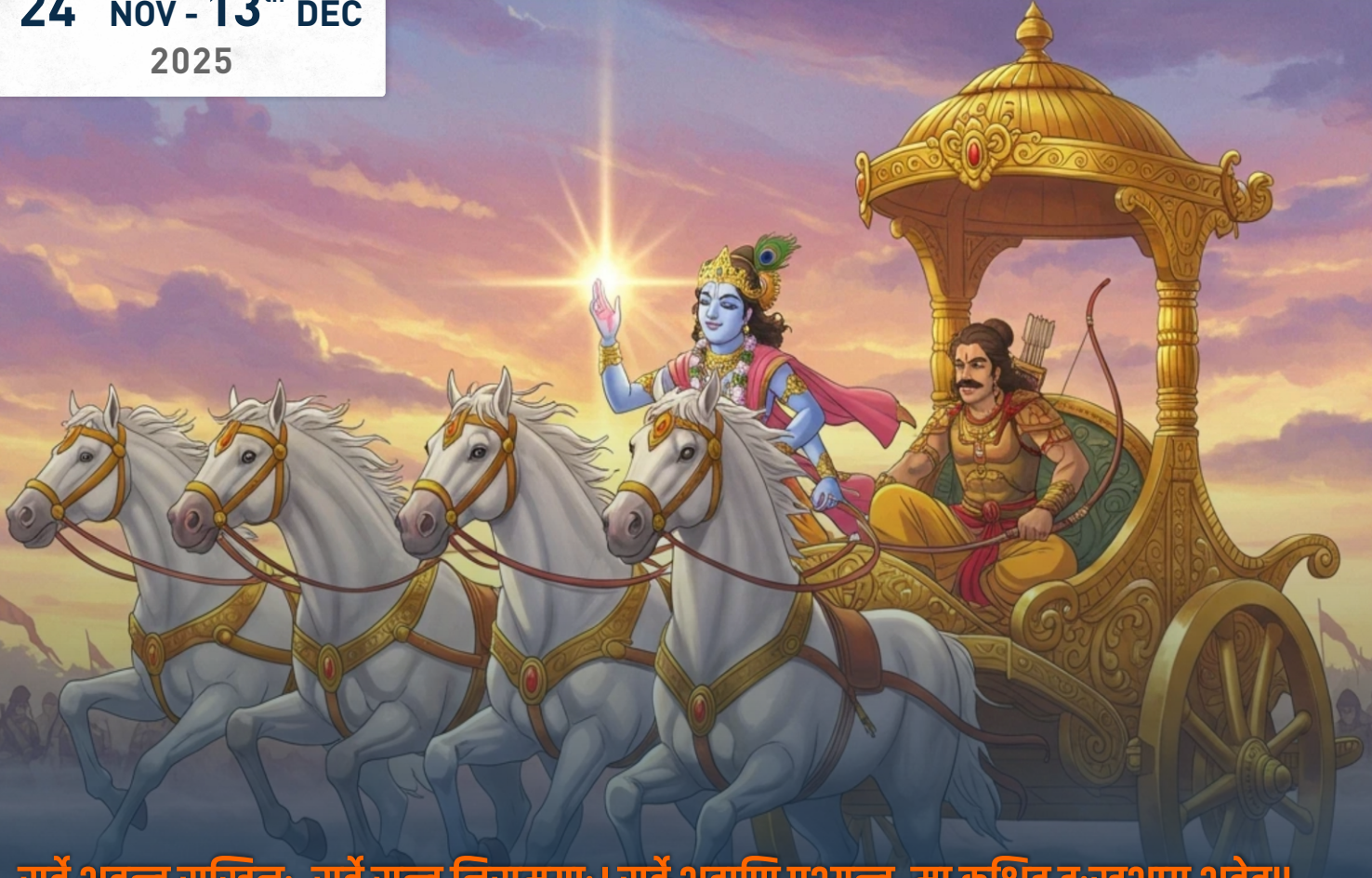




1ST GEETA INTERNATIONAL
MOOT COURT
COMPETITION 2025



**24th NOV - 13th DEC
2025**



सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः, सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः। सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु, मा कश्चिद् दुःखभाग् भवेत्॥

May all be happy, may all be healthy, may all see what is good, may none suffer any sorrow

INVITATION

1ST GEETA INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025

Geeta Institute of Law, as part of its continuous endeavor to promote legal excellence and provide a platform for budding legal minds, is pleased to announce the 1st Geeta International Moot Court Competition, 2025. The competition is scheduled to be held from 24th November to 5th December 2025.

This prestigious event aims to bring together law students from around the globe to engage in compelling legal debate and critical legal analysis, tested through innovative and intellectually stimulating moot problems.

Building on the legacy of our previous national-level editions, which have been widely praised for their rigorous standards of judging, transparent administration, and challenging propositions, the 2025 edition marks a significant milestone as we expand our platform to the international stage. In addition to National level Moot Court Competition, we are beginning in our new International Moot Court Competition series as 2025 edition.

We cordially invite your esteemed institution to participate in this prestigious event.

Kindly confirm your provisional registration By 20th September 2025

For queries regarding the competition, feel free to contact us at:

Email: mcs@geetalawcollege.in

Warm Regards,

Moot Court Society,

Geeta Institute of Law

ABOUT GEETA INSTITUTE OF LAW

Geeta Institute of Law holds the unique distinction of being one of the most prestigious law institutes in the country. It is strategically located on NH-44, G.T. Road, Panipat, just a 50-minute drive from Delhi. The Institute has been affiliated with Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra since 2007 and is duly approved by the Bar Council of India.

Geeta Institute of Law is part of the renowned Geeta Group of Institutions—a leading force in Haryana's educational landscape and a catalyst for literacy-driven transformation in the region.

Geeta Institute of Law is set to achieve greater heights, driven by a vision of global academic excellence and rooted in the timeless philosophy of Karma. The Institute represents the realization of aspirations and ambitions, offering a world-class professional curriculum within a vibrant and intellectually stimulating campus environment.



GEETA GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL, GEETA UNIVERSITY

Geeta University comes from the Lineage of Geeta Group of Institutions, A giant educational hub with presence since 1985.

Geeta Group of Institutions have laid the runway for thousands of dreams taking off to the destination of careers with the journey marked with expertise, experience and excellence. Today Geeta University is the culmination of aspiration, ambitions and an honest attempt at creating a world class professional curriculum spread over an invigorating campus environment.

With the idea of bringing radical changes into the Legal Education in India to make it more modern, socially relevant economically viable, professionally job oriented best efforts are being made to revise the Syllabus and the new Course Curriculum as and when required we have included in our syllabus i.e., Competition Law, Cyber Law, Banking and Law, Mines Law, Maintenance Law, Banking and Insurance Law, International Trade Law, etc. keeping in view the modern needs of the society.





S.P. BANSAL

CHAIRMAN (GGI)

CHANCELLOR

(GEETA UNIVERSITY)

Dear Participants,

As the Chancellor of this esteemed University & Chairman Geeta Group of Institutions, Panipat, it is with great pleasure that I introduce our Moot Court Competition Brochure for the academic year 2025-2026. On the behalf of Geeta Institute of law, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all the participants of the 1st Geeta International Moot Court Competition, 2025. It is an honor to host such a prestigious event that brings together talented legal minds from across the country.

This competition serves as a platform for you to showcase your legal acumen, critical thinking and persuasive advocacy skills. It is testament to your hard work, dedication, and passion for the law. I have no doubt that this event will be a remarkable display of talent and intellectual rigor. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the organizing committee, faculty members and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this event a reality. Their dedication is truly commendable. Once again, welcome 1st Geeta International Moot Court Competition, 2025. May this event be a memorable and enriching experience for all.



NISHANT BANSAL

**Vice Chairman (GGI) &
Pro-Chancellor (Geeta University)**

As the Vice Chairman of Geeta Group of Institutions & Pro Chancellor Geeta University, Panipat, I wanted to reach out and extend a warm welcome to the participants of upcoming 1st Geeta International Moot Court Competition 2025. I want to express my admiration for the hard work and dedication you have put into preparing for this competition.

I wish you the best of luck in the competition. May your arguments be compelling, your rebuttals be sharp, and your presence be commanding. Remember, it's not just about winning, but about the knowledge and experience you gain along the way. Thank you for being a part of this exciting event, I look forward to witnessing your incredible performance.

ANKUSH BANSAL

**Vice Chairman (GGI) &
Pro-Chancellor (Geeta University)**

I am extremely happy and pleased to know that, being one of the prominent institutes of Panipat, Geeta Institute of Law, is organizing 1st Geeta International Moot Court Competition, 2025. Over the years, the institute is providing the platform to students and teachers for sharing their views on diverse issues of contemporary relevance through several activities. With this competition, I hope the students hone their skills to become better professionals in the near future. I convey my best wishes to all the participants and the entire fraternity of Geeta Institute of Law, Panipat.



Dr. SUBHASH MITTAL

Professor & Principal

Geeta Institute of Law



The Moot Court Society (MCS) of Geeta Institute of Law is a student-led body guided by committed faculty coordinators, aimed at promoting a vibrant moot court culture within the institute. It plays a key role in developing students' skills in legal research, drafting, and oral advocacy through regular workshops, training sessions, and competitions. Each academic year begins with an orientation for first-year students, followed by the GIL Intra Moot Court Competition, providing them a strong foundation in courtroom practice.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The Society actively encourages students to participate in prestigious national moot court competitions, where GIL teams have consistently showcased their talent and secured notable achievements. These opportunities help in enhancing students' legal acumen and courtroom confidence, while also reflecting the institute's emphasis on experiential and practice-based legal education.

One of the Society's most remarkable accomplishments is the successful organization of 15 editions of the Geeta Institute of Law National Moot Court Competition. This flagship event has witnessed the participation of eminent judges from the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, and renowned academicians from across the country. Their presence has greatly enriched the academic and professional value of the competition, making it one of the most respected moot events in the Indian legal education landscape.



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WORD FROM DIGINITARIES

It's always pleasure to meet any educational institution and interact with young minds who are future of our nation. In fact it is a learning process for us as well. We come to know in which direction the youth of the country is thinking and moving, this is my visit in the institution after 15 years. A lot of new developments and achievements which are result of hard work.

Justice Rajesh Bindal, Judge Supreme Court of India



Feeling Privileged to be a part of the moot court competition held today in this esteemed institution. May this institution may grow and grow more. With best wishes.

Hon'ble Justice Manisha Batra Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana

"This is my first visit to Geeta Institute of Law. I am extremely happy to see such a good institution. I Congratulate to all students that they have such a good faculties and wish them best of luck in their life."

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh



"The students are well trained and have a hunger for learning. The college has made sure that the students have best available Faculty and abundance of study material at their disposal. I wish them all the best."

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Paramjeet Singh, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

"I find Geeta Institute of Law an excellent institution for imparting Legal Studies. Students here are used to latest Gazettes and have an excellent faculty for their benefit."

Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.K. Garg, Judge (Retd.), High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh



"It was wonderful to be today at the esteemed Geeta Institute of Law. Attending the International Seminar about cyberspace was really a golden chance to share Knowledge and experiences."

***Mr. Osman Mohammed Elbashir Mohammed
Minister, Plenipotentiary (Deputy Head of Mission), Embassy of the Republic of Sudan***

"Good Legal Institute. Hardworking Students with dedicated faculty - All the Best."

Prof. (Dr.) S.C. Raina, Vice Chancellor, (Former), HP National Law University, Shimla.



"I visited Geeta Institute of law to deliver a lecture about legal education in Poland. I am really pleased and grateful for your hospitality club and students were interested in Knowing more about Poland."

***Dr. Judyta Latymowicz
Partner & Head of India Desk at Smart Lawyers Group Poland Co-Chair, Polish Divison, INALP***

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Malawi High Commissioner to India

GLIMPSES OF GIL



Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.K. Maheshwari,
Judge, Supreme Court of India

Chief Guest @15th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2025



15th GIL National Moot court competition, 2025



Hon'ble Justice C.T. Ravi Kumar,
Judge Supreme Court of India

Chief Guest @14th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2024



14th GIL National Moot court competition, 2024



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari Judge,
Supreme Court of India

Chief Guest @13th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2023



GIL Internship Fair was organised
under the Theme "PRASHIKSHAN 5.0"



International Seminar 2024

MOOT COURT @ GIL

Guests For 15th National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.K. Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India.
- Hon'ble Ms. Justice Manisha Batra, Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana.
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Mehta, Judge, Supreme Court of India.
- Sh. Ashok Parija, Senior Advocate & Chairman, Bar Council of India (Former).
Advocate General, State of Orissa (Former).
- Sh. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate, Member, Bar Council of India, Chairman, Bar Council of Pb. & Hr. (Former).
- Sh. Sunil Kumar Gupta, Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Former Advisor, Government of Delhi.



Guests For 14th GIL National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble. Justice C.T. Ravi Kumar, Judge, Supreme Court of India.
- Hon'ble. Justice Jasgurpreet Singh, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- Hon'ble Justice Chandra Dhari Singh, Judge, High Court of Delhi.
- Hon'ble. Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General of India at the Supreme Court.
- Mr. PK Malhotra, former Secretary at the Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India.



Guests For 13th GIL National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya, Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bhardwaj, Judge, High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh
- Mr. Partap Singh, Senior Advocate and Member, Bar Council of India
- Mr. Raj Kumar Chauhaan, Senior Advocate and Co-Chairman, Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana
- Mr. Pradeep Rai, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Vice-President, Supreme Court Bar Association
- Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh, Chairperson, Department of Laws, Panjab University

Guests For The 10th Justice Dipak Misra National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee, Judge(Retd.), Supreme Court of India
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surinder Gupta, Judge(Retd.), Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh
- Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor (Former), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala
- Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla



Guests for the 9th National Moot Court Competition

- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Monga, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High court, Chandigarh
- Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.B Chaudhari, Judge(Retd.), Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh
- Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, (Former) Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala
- Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla
- Mr. Suvir Sidhu, Secretary, Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh
- Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate, Former Chairman, Member, Bar Council of Punjab & (HR), Chandigarh

GLIMPES OF PREVIOUS MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS AT GIL



Winner of 15th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2025



Runners up of 15th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2025



Winner of 14th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2024



Runners up of 14th GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2024



Winner of 13 GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2023



Runners up of 13 GIL National Moot Court Competition, 2023



Winner of Justice Dipak Mishra National Moot Court Competition 1 (10), 2020



Runners Up of Justice Dipak Mishra National Moot Court Competition 1 (10), 2020

GIL MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

GIL Moot Court Society very actively organizes workshops for students to train them for National Moot Court Competitions. As a result, Geeta Institute of Law has won Five National Moot Court Competitions at various Colleges and Universities.



Our Students Winner at Baba Mastnath University, Rohtak (2024)



Our student Runner-Up at Avantika Nyayshastra National Moot Court Competition, Ujjain 2024



Our Student Semi-Finalist at St. Soldier's Law College, Jalandhar



Our Student Semi-Finalists at Career Point University, Hamirpur



Our Students Winners at Amity University, Gurugram (2019)



Our Students Winners at University of Kashmir (2018)



Our Students Winners at SGT University, Gurugram (2019) Receiving Trophy from Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra Former CJI



Our Students Winners at Amity University, Noida (2018)

SCHEDULE

1ST GEETA INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025

Sr. No	Date	Deadline
1	20 th September 2025	Deadline for Provisional Registration Note:- For provisional registration, an email stating the institution's name, email id & concerned person's phone number shall be sent to mcs@geetalawcollege.in
2	30 th September 2025	Deadline for Registration (Soft Copy)
3	7 th to 13 th October 2025	Deadline for seeking clarification to moot problem
4	18 th October 2025	Release of clarification (If Any)
5	31 st October 2025	Deadline for Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)
6	20 th November 2025	Release of Preliminary Round Schedule
7	24 th Nov - 5 th Dec 2025	Preliminary Round I & Preliminary Round II
8	8 th December 2025	Quarter Final Round
9	10 th December 2025	Semi Final Round
10	13 th December 2025	Final Round



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Date and Venue:

1st Geeta International Moot Court Competition, 2025 shall be held on 13th December, 2025.
(Virtual)

Email: mcs@geetalawcollege.in

1.2. Eligibility:

The Competition is open for bonafide students pursuing law undergraduate program.

1.3. Language:

The language for the Competition shall be English only.

1.4. Team Composition:

Each participating team shall comprise of two members only. The two-member team composition is mandatory. In the team, both the members will be designated as the Speaker-1 and Speaker-2. In each of the oral rounds, both members of the team will be the Oralists Only those participants registered as Oralists in the registration form, shall be allowed to speak. Once registered, a team will not be permitted to vary the composition of the team in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the Organizing Committee. Any changes with respect to the contact details shall be notified to the Organizing Committee with immediate effect.

1.5. Clarifications

Clarifications to the Moot Proposition may be sought by sending an e-mail to mcs@geetalawcollege.in, on or before 13th October 2025.

Clarifications send after this date shall not be entertained.

1.6. The Oral rounds shall comprise of:

- (I) Preliminary Round (Two)
- (ii) Quarter – Final Round (One)
- (iii) Semi – Final Round (One)
- (iv) Final Round (One)

1.7 Dress Code:

The participants shall be in Formals inside the Court Room (Virtual).

2. REGISTRATION PROCESS:

2.1 Registration:

- (I) The teams should provisionally register through e-mail by sending a mail to mcs@geetalawcollege.in, with the subject line "Provisional Registration for 1st GIL International Moot Court Competition, 2025 By 20th September 2025 (Please mention your name, college name, city, country, contact details in provisional registration.)"
- (II) No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted unless the same has been approved by the Organizers of the Moot Court a week prior to the event.
- (III) No e-certificates shall be provided until the completion of the Competition. The same shall be provided only after the final round on 13th December 2025.

2.2 Registration Fee:

\$25 (USD Twenty five only) for each participating team consisting of 2 members.

Mode of Payment

The mode of payment shall be online transaction.

Bank Account Detail:

Name- "Geeta Institute of Law" Bank: HDFC BANK

Branch: SAMALKHA, PANIPAT, HARYANA (132101)

Account Number: 13251450000062 **SWIFT Code:** HDFCINBB

3. RULES REGARDING MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorial must be strictly followed.

3.1 General Rules:

- A. Each team must prepare memorials for both sides.
- B. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed.
- C. One advance soft copy in PDF format must reach the organizers latest by 31th October 2025 on mcs@geetalawcollege.in
- D. Identity of the Institution should not be revealed anywhere in the memorial as well as in any Annexure. Violation of this provision will result in penalty including disqualification. The Organizer's decision shall be final in this regard.

- E. Each team shall submit the soft copy of the memorials. The memorials must be sent as an email attachment in both Word Format and PDF Format at mcs@geetalawcollege.in

3.2 Format of Memorials:

- A. Written submissions shall be typed on white standard A4 size paper.
- B. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman, size 12 & line spacing 1.5. The font of the footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10.
- C. Memorials should have one inch margin on all sides of each page.
- D. Body of Memorial shall include:
- (I) The Cover Page: The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the written submission, Name & Year of competition, and team Code on top right corner;
 - (II) Table of Contents
 - (III) List of Abbreviations
 - (IV) Index of Authorities
 - (V) Statement of Jurisdiction
 - (VI) Statement of Facts
 - (VII) Statement of Issues
 - (VIII) Summary of Arguments
 - (IX) Arguments advanced/detailed arguments.
 - (X) Prayer
 - (XI) Compendium, if any
 - (XII) Exhibits (Optional)
- E. Pages should be numbered at the bottom middle.
- F. The memorial shall not contain any photographs/sketches.

Note: The memorial must not exceed 3000 words(including foot notes, but excluding the summary and tables)

3.3 Criteria for Memorial Evaluation:

The evaluation will be done on the following parameters:

- A. Knowledge of Facts and Law: 25 marks
- B. Extent and Use of research: 25 marks
- C. Proper and Articulate Analysis: 20 marks
- D. Clarity and Organization: 10 marks
- E. Correct Format and Citation: 10 marks

F. Grammar and Language: 10 Marks

Note: All memorials received within time schedule will be evaluated by the Memorial Evaluation Committee (MEC) to be constituted by the Convener of the Moot Court Competition and Principal, Geeta Institute of Law.

4. GENERAL RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS

4.1 General Procedure:

- A. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadget is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds, subject to the discretion of the judges.
- B. Participants may use their own bare acts, printouts and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.
- C. Acts, printouts and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.
- D. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final and binding.
- E. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:
 - a. Preliminary Round (Two);
 - b. Quarter-finals;
 - c. Semi-finals;
 - d. Final.

4.2 Preliminary Round (s):

- A. Registration, Orientation and Draw of Lots will be held on 20th November 2025. and fixtures will be intimated to the teams accordingly.
- B. Preliminary rounds will be between on 24th November to 5th December 2025.
- C. Every team shall argue twice in the Preliminary Rounds, once each for the Petitioner and Respondent
- D. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds. However, such team may face each other in the Quarter Finals/ Semi Finals/ Final Rounds, subject to their qualification.
- E. The time allotted for presenting the oral submission shall be 10+5 minutes for each speaker from the Prosecution side and 10+5 minutes for each speaker from the Defendant side. Time shall be paused when a question has been posed by the bench to the speakers. However, time taken to respond to the questions shall be counted in the time allotted to the speakers.
- F. There shall be time allotted for rebuttal and surrebuttal. Each team shall be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttal and surrebuttal respectively.
- G. The teams shall be required to sincerely adhere to the prescribed time limits.
- H. Speaker 1 and Speaker 2 to remain the same throughout the competition.
- J. The top 8 teams with higher aggregate score in both preliminary rounds will qualify for the quarter final rounds.

- b. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of the Oral Score of Speaker 1 and the Oral Score of Speaker 2 in both Preliminary Rounds.
- (ii) In case of a tie in the score, the team with a greater number of wins in the preliminary rounds will qualify for the quarter finals.
- (iii) Further, in case of a tie in the score as well as in the number of wins, the memorial marks of the two teams will be considered.
- (iv) In the exceptional case of a tie in all of the above, the qualification of team will be based on draw of lots/ by toss of coin.
- B. The Best Speaker (Male) and Best Speaker (Female) Awards shall be conferred upon the participants securing the highest individual scores in the Preliminary Rounds. Individual Aggregate Score shall be determined as the sum of the following:
 - (a) Score of Speaker in Preliminary Round I.
 - (b) Score of Speaker in Preliminary Round II.

4.3 Quarter Final Round:

- A. Quarter Final Round shall take place on 8th December, 2025.
- B. The teams will be provided the opponent as per draw of lots done for the quarter final round.
- C. Quarter Final Round shall be knock out round.
- D. Both the speakers of the team shall make the oral submissions during each of the Quarter Final rounds.
- E. Each team shall be allotted a total of 30 minutes to present their oral submissions
There shall be an intimation at the end of 12 minutes followed by a final intimation at the end of the allotted 15 minutes for each speaker. Time shall be paused when a question has been posed by the bench to the speakers. However, time taken to respond to the questions shall be counted in the time allotted to the speakers.
- F. There shall be time allotted for rebuttal and surrebuttal. Each team shall be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttal and surrebuttal respectively. The teams shall be required to sincerely adhere to the prescribed time limits.
- G. Any extension of time shall solely rely on the discretion of the bench.
- H. The top 4 teams with higher aggregate score in quarter final rounds will qualify for the semi-final round.

4.4 Semi Final Round

- A. The Semi Final Round shall be held on 10th December, 2025.
- B. Semi Final Round shall be knock out round.
- C. The top 2 teams with higher aggregate score in semi-final round will qualify for the final rounds.
- D. The sides to be argued by the teams shall be determined by the process of Draw of Lots,
- E. Each team shall be allotted a total of 30 minutes to present their oral submissions. There shall be an intimation at the end of 12 minutes followed by a final intimation at the end of the allotted 15 minutes for each speaker. Time shall be paused when a question has been posed by the bench to the speakers. However, time taken to respond to the questions shall be counted in the time allotted to the speakers.
- F. There shall be time allotted for rebuttal and surrebuttal. Each team shall be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttal and surrebuttal respectively.
- G. The teams shall be required to sincerely adhere to the prescribed time limits. Any extension of time shall solely rely on the discretion of the bench.
- H. The written Memorial marks shall not be taken into consideration during the marking of the Semi Final rounds. The marks obtained by the team during their oral submissions will be taken into account only.

4.5 Final Round

- A. The Final Round shall be held on 13th December 2025
- B. Final Round shall be knock out round.
- C. The sides to be argued by the teams shall be determined by the process of Draw of Lots.
- D. Each team shall be permitted to speak for a total of 40 minutes during the final round. There shall be an intimation at the end of 17 minutes for each speaker followed by a final intimation at the end of the allotted 20 minutes for each speaker.
- E. There shall be time allotted for rebuttal and surrebuttal. Each team shall be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttal and surrebuttal respectively.
- F. The teams shall be required to sincerely adhere to the prescribed time limits. Any extension of time shall solely rely on the complete discretion of the bench.
- G. The final round shall not include the written Memorial marks. It shall be determined solely on the basis of the oral submissions.

5 Anonymity

- A. Student Counsel may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the name of the institution shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.
- B. Further, all team members shall refrain from identifying a team's college at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches, or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as books with a college logo or college seal etc.)
- C. Any revelation of college/institution/university name shall be made at team's own risk. No related complaints will be entertained thereafter.

5.1 Marking Criteria for Oral Rounds

Maximum scores for the court rounds will be 100 marks per speaker. The court rounds will be judged on the following parameters:

- (I) Knowledge of Facts and law: 20 marks
- (ii) Application of law to Facts: 15 marks
- (iii) Extent and Use of Research: 15 marks
- (iv) Ingenuity and Ability to Answers questions: 10 marks
- (v) Grammar, Style, Poise, Court Etiquettes and Demeanor: 10 marks
- (VI) Proper and Articulate Analysis: 10 marks
- (VII) Time Management: 10 marks
- (VIII) Clarity and Organization: 10 marks

5.2 Scouting

- (I) Teams will not be allowed to observe/sit the oral Virtual round of any other team till the time the team is declared to have advanced to the next round. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- (II) Any team can file a written complaint on the given mail id of MCS, with the Organizers, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the Organizers will be final.
- (III) The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the oral round and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

6. AWARDS

Winning Team Award:

- (a) Prize - \$300 (Three hundred dollars)

Runner up Team Award

Prize - \$200 (Two hundred dollars)

Best Memorial Award

Prize - \$100 (One hundred dollars)

Best Speaker Award

Prize - \$100 (One hundred dollars)

*All the Participants will get e-participation certificates after the competition through the given email.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 General Etiquette:

- A. The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organizers.
- B. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

8.2 Interpretation of the Rules:

- A. The Organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
- B. If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizer's decision on the same shall be final.
- C. The Organizer's reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate at any time during the competition.
- D. Any dispute arising in the moot court virtual rooms during the rounds would be at the discretion of the presiding officer of the respective courtroom.
- E. In any kind of conflict, the decision of the Principal, Geeta Institute of Law, Panipat, as the final authority, shall be final.

9. QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

In case of any questions / clarification regarding the competition, feel free to Contact with us :

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GEETA INSTITUTE OF LAW, PANIPAT

1st GEETA INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025

Date: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

(To be filled in block letters)

INSTRUCTIONS: All participating teams are requested to fill in the details in capital letters and a scanned copy of the filled form should be mailed to mcs@geetalawcollege.in to expedite allotment of the team code. Please read the Rules and Regulations of the competition before submitting this registration form.

I. PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DETAILS

Name of University/College _____

City: _____ Country: _____

Address: _____

Name of Dean/HOD _____ Telephone No: _____

EMAIL: _____ Website: _____

Contact Person (A member of the team to whom all communication related to the competition shall be made)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

II. TEAM DETAILS

a) Details of Speaker 1

Name: _____

Father's Name _____

Gender: _____

Course: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____ Sign _____

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(b) Details of Speaker 2

Name: _____

Father's Name _____

Gender: _____

Course: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____ Sign _____

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III. PAYMENT DETAILS/BANK TRANSFER :

Name of the Bank: _____

Demand Draft No: _____

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RTGS/NEFT Details (if applicable): _____

Account No: _____ Swift Code: _____

Amount: _____

Date: _____

MOOT PROPOSITION

Facts of the Case:

1. The Republic of Azmeria (to the west) and the Federal Republic of Velisaria (to the east) are two coastal nations situated around the Midorian Sea, a semi-enclosed sea rich in hydrocarbons and marine biodiversity. Both nations gained independence in 1990 from the colonial Trellon Empire. Pre-independence Trellon admiralty charts from the 1950s inconsistently depicted the disputed area, with some maps marking it as 'Azmerian Shallows' and others as part of the 'Velisarian Rise'.

2. The 1992 Midorian Maritime Accord: Following independence, the two states signed the Midorian Maritime Accord. The Accord established a provisional equidistant line for their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) "for the purposes of fisheries management" but stated in Article IV that "final delimitation of the continental shelf shall be effected by mutual agreement in accordance with international law." Article VI called for "a decade of mutual restraint from any unilateral exploitation of non-living resources in areas of overlapping claims," which were identified on an annexed map. The "decade of restraint" formally ended in 2002 without a final delimitation agreement.

3. The Kryos Reef System: The heart of the dispute is the Kryos Reef system, located approximately 160 nautical miles from Azmeria and 180 nautical miles from Velisaria. The system consists of several features. The largest, 'Kryos Major', is a low-tide elevation. However, two smaller features, 'Kryos Minor A' and 'Kryos Minor B', are rocky outcrops that remain approximately 1.5 meters above water at high tide and are capable of sustaining a small amount of native, salt-resistant vegetation. Their total land area is less than 0.1 square kilometers. Since the 1980s, Velisarian fishermen have intermittently used the rocks to shelter and repair nets, a practice Azmeria has occasionally protested via diplomatic notes.

4. Geological Claims and Escalation: In 2010, joint-funded satellite surveys suggested vast hydrocarbon reserves in the seabed beneath the Kryos system. In 2014, Velisaria submitted a claim to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) for an extended continental shelf of up to 350 nautical miles, arguing that the Kryos system is a natural component of its continental margin. The submission included extensive geological data. Azmeria protested this submission, filing its own counter-memorial with the CLCS, asserting that the Midorian Sea basin is geologically distinct and that the Kryos system is a separate feature, not a natural prolongation of either state's landmass. The CLCS has acknowledged the dispute and has deferred consideration of the submissions.

5. Unilateral Actions: In 2015, citing its pending CLCS claim and historical usage, Velisaria began land reclamation activities, constructing an artificial island on the submerged Kryos Major, adjacent to the rocks of Kryos Minor A and B. It then authorized its state-owned company, Velis-Petro, to construct a research platform and begin exploratory drilling. Azmeria condemned this as a violation of the 1992 Accord and UNCLOS, arguing that low-tide elevations and uninhabitable rocks cannot be subject to appropriation or generate maritime zones. In 2016, Azmeria awarded an exploration license for the same bloc to OceanCore Ltd., a private French conglomerate known for its advanced, albeit controversial, deep-sea drilling techniques.

6. The Sinking of the VNS Altheon: In January 2017, during a period of heightened tensions and bad weather, the Velisarian naval surveillance vessel, VNS Altheon, sank near the Kryos system. Velisaria claimed it detected a sonar signature consistent with a torpedo immediately before the explosion and rescued sailors reported seeing a "fast-moving underwater object" on their screens. It accused Azmeria of an unlawful use of force. Azmeria vehemently denied the accusation, claiming the Altheon sank due to a known design flaw that made it vulnerable in severe sea states. An independent analysis of the wreckage by a neutral regional organization was inconclusive, stating that while there was damage "consistent with an external impact," it could not definitively rule out a catastrophic internal structural failure.

7. Military Posturing and "Interdiction Zones": In response to the sinking, Velisaria established a 50-nautical-mile "Maritime Security Zone" around its artificial island, deploying naval forces to inspect and challenge any vessel entering the area. Azmeria declared this a violation of freedom of navigation and established its own "Maritime Interdiction Zone" in the sea lanes leading to the Kryos system, claiming it was necessary to prevent the illegal transport of construction materials and military hardware. This led to several tense stand-offs between the two navies, though no shots were fired. Both states filed complaints with the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) seeking provisional measures, which were denied on jurisdictional grounds.

8. Environmental Concerns: By 2022, Velisaria's construction had caused significant, documented damage to the unique coral ecosystem around the Kryos system, a designated "Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Area" (EBSA) by the CBD Secretariat. Azmeria initiated proceedings under an ancillary environmental treaty, accusing Velisaria of failing to conduct a proper Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Velisaria counter-argued that Azmeria's licensed partner, OceanCore Ltd., had a poor environmental record and that its planned activities posed an even greater risk to the marine environment.

9. The Drone Incident and UN Referral: In April 2023, an unarmed Azmerian military surveillance drone was shot down by Velisarian forces while flying 20 nautical miles from the artificial island (well within Velisaria's claimed EEZ but in the airspace above Azmeria's claimed EEZ). Velisaria claimed it was defending its sovereign airspace, while Azmeria argued it was an unlawful attack on its military asset in international airspace. Following this final escalation, and with both states accusing the other of aggression before the UN Security Council, the parties have consented, via a special agreement (compromis), to refer their entire dispute to the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

LEGAL ISSUES:

1. (a) Do the rocks known as Kryos Minor A and B belong to Azmeria or Velisaria, or were they terra nullius (land belonging to no one) and subject to appropriation?
- (b). What is the legal character of the features within the Kryos Reef system under Article 121 of UNCLOS.
2. (a) What is the legal standing of the provisional equidistant line established in the 1992 Accord?
- b) What is the appropriate method for delimitation, and what effect should the Kryos features have on the boundary line?
3. Has either party breached its obligations to protect and preserve the marine environment?
4. (a) Is Azmeria responsible for the sinking of the Velisarian naval vessel?
- (b) Was Velisaria's action of shooting down the Azmerian drone a lawful act of self-defense or an unlawful use of force?
5. Were the zones established by both nations lawful measures or illegal infringements on the freedom of navigation?

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

YEAR	EVENT
1990	Azmeria and Velisaria gain independence from Trellon Empire
1992	Signing of the Midorian Maritime Accord
2015	Velisaria enacts Sovereign Waters Act and claims Kryos Reef
2016	Azmeria awards exploration contracts to OceanCore Ltd.
2017	Sinking of VNS Altheon; military buildup begins
2018	ITLOS proceedings initiated by both states
2022	Completion of artificial island and militarization by Velisaria
2023	Naval exercises and Azmerian protest before UNSC
2024	Matter referred to ICJ under UN Charter Chapter VI

JURISDICTION CLAUSE

Both Azmeria and Velisaria have ratified the **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)**, the **United Nations Charter**, and the **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**. They have also submitted to the **jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (ICJ)** through declarations under **Article 36(2)** of the ICJ Statute.

NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. The parties may rely on UNCLOS, the CBD, the UN Charter, ICJ Statute, and general principles of international law.
2. Participants are expected to use relevant international case law (e.g., South China Sea Arbitration, Nicaragua v. Colombia, Qatar v. Bahrain) and ITLOS/ICJ precedents.
3. Customary international law, treaties, UN Resolutions, and state practice may be relied upon where applicable.
4. Additional sub-issues may be raised by participants if they fall within the scope of the main legal issues.

GEOGRAPHICAL MAP





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