

# NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024

25TH - 27TH APRIL 2024

Organized by : Faculty of Law,  
Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla

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# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Himachal Pradesh University was established by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of Himachal Pradesh on 22 July 1970 as a response to the needs and aspirations of the Union Territory, poised for full statehood in the Union of India on 25 January 1971. It is the multi-faculty residential and affiliating university in the State that provides higher education to urban, rural and tribal areas through formal and distant modes.

The headquarters of the University is located at Summer Hill, the picturesque suburb of Shimla. The University has a total area of 241.11 bighas with stately buildings set among rhododendron, silver oak, pine and deodar trees. It affords a salubrious climate and congenial atmosphere for reflection, study and research. The prime objective of the University is to disseminate knowledge, advance learning and understanding through research, training and extension programmes. It instills in its students and teachers a conscious awareness regarding the social and economic needs, cultural ethos, and future requirements of the state and the country.

Himachal Pradesh University is a multi-faculty and affiliating university. It stands for knowledge, learning, progress, humanity, tolerance, intellect, morality, determination, thought, and discernment. It is a grade 'A' accredited university by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council.

The teachers of the University are rich in intellect, skills and professional expertise. HPU organises conferences, and workshops in collaboration with national and international organisations. Its Human Resource Development Centre is acknowledged as one of the best academic staff colleges in the country. HPU is the first University to offer post-graduation through the distant mode.

Students of the University perform commendably at the national level in sports and cultural activities. Every year ample number of students qualify the NET, SET, JRF, and other competitive examinations. The University has garnered achievements in NSS and Youth Welfare Programmes at the national level. Tuition fee is waived for girl students and disabled students are given free education. Two supernumerary seats are reserved for the single girl child in all courses. Students come to study here not only from the state but also from other parts of the country and abroad. The University is thus playing a seminal role in all spheres for the bright future of the students.

# **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAWS**

**The Department of Laws came into existence in 1970 when the University was established. Initially it was housed in D.A.V. School, Middle Bazar. Later it was shifted to Ava Lodge, Chaura Maidan where it remained functional for some years. The Department was relocated in the University campus in 1984 and finally shifted to its own building in 1993. Since its inception the department has been actively engaged in imparting legal education, training and legal research benefiting students desirous of pursuing their career in law. The Department has a distinction of producing best professionals, statesmen and officers rendering useful service to the nation. Its Alumni include Judges of High Courts, Union Cabinet Ministers, State Cabinet Ministers, Senior Bureaucrats, Police Officers, officers of subordinate judiciary, law officers, civil servants and members of the legal profession. Law graduates from this department are serving all over the country in the lower courts, High Courts and Supreme Court.**

## **RULES REGULATING THE COMPETITION**

- 1. ELIGIBILITY - Students enrolled in a full-time or part-time Bachelors' law programme at the time of the competition are eligible to compete in the Competition. Each College/Law School or University may enter one team ONLY.**
- 2. TEAM COMPOSITION - A team consisting of three members that satisfies the eligibility Criteria can participate. Each team shall comprise of two speakers and one Researcher. A team of two speakers may also be allowed from the same institute.**
- 3. ROUNDS - The competition shall be FOUR rounds, namely- Preliminary, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Final round. There shall be no researcher's test. Following shall be the rules for Oral Presentation in each round.**
  - 3.1. PRELIMINARY ROUND- There shall be only one Preliminary round and each team shall argue for ONE SIDE ONLY. Matching of each team shall be done by the Draw of Lots. Each team will be allotted 20 minutes for the arguments. Each speaker shall speak for at least 5 minutes and in total 15 minutes for both the speakers and 5 minutes are to be reserved for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members. The division of time must be communicated to the court clerks before commencing arguments.**

- **If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of the allocated time, the additional time which he or she speak for will be deducted from the time allocated to his or her co-speaker, as the case may be. Time may be extended at the discretion of judges.**
- **Each speaker must introduce himself or herself to the court using only his team code given to him/ her at the time of memorial submission. Non-adherence to the rule shall cause an immediate inquiry that might lead to disqualification.**
- **Top eight teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the quarter final round based on the score of the Preliminary Round.**

**3.2 QUARTERFINAL ROUND-** Total of eight teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the quarter final round based on the score of the Preliminary Round. Matching of each team shall be done by the Draw of Lots. Each team will be allotted 25 minutes for the arguments. Each speaker shall speak for at least 7 minutes and in total 20 minutes for both the speakers and 5 minutes are to be reserved for Rebuttal and Sur- rebuttal. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members. The division of time must be communicated to the court clerks before commencing arguments.

- **If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of the allocated time, the additional time which he or she speak for will be deducted from the time allocated to his or her co-speaker, as the case may be. Time may be exceeded at the discretion of judges.**
- **The quarter final round will be a Knock-out round where the winner of each quarter-Final Round pairings will advance to the Semi-Final Round. In case of a tie, total scores allotted in Understanding of Law and Procedure will be considered to decide the winner.**
- **Other rules governing preliminary round shall apply here.**

**3.3. SEMI-FINAL - Total of four teams from the quarter final round will qualify for the Semi-Final round. Pairing of each team shall be done by the Draw of Lots. Each team will be allotted 30 minutes for the arguments (each speaker to speak for not less than 10 minutes) and in total 25 minutes and 5 minutes for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal. The Semi-Final Round will be a “Knock-out” Round where the winner of each Semi-Final Round pairings will advance to the Final Round.**

- **In case of a tie, total scores allotted in Understanding of Law and Procedure will be considered to decide the winner.**
- **Other rules governing preliminary round shall apply here.**

**3.4.FINAL - Winners of each Semi-Final round will qualify for the final round. Each team will be allotted 45 minutes for the arguments (each speaker to speak for not less than 15 minutes) and in total 35 minutes and 10 minutes for Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal. The time may be extended at the discretion of judges.**

**3.5. EX-PARTE PROCEEDING - At the outset, if a team fails to appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled time (in any of the four rounds) or in case of odd number of teams, then the oral round of the attending party may proceed Ex parte.**

#### **4 MEMORIALS**

- **Each participating team shall prepare both memorials in English.**
- **All teams are to submit their copies to organizers in hard copy before the deadline specified by the organizing committee. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the competition.**
- **Memorials from each side should not contain more than 30 pages (which constitute summary of facts & arguments, arguments advanced and prayer) and there is no limit for minimum pages.**
- **The memorial shall consist of following: i. Cover Page ii. Table of Contents iii. Index of Authorities iv. Statement of Jurisdiction v. Summary of Issues raised/questions presented vi. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings vii. Arguments Advanced/Pleadings viii. Prayer for Relief ix. Annexure (optional)**

- All citations must adhere to Blue Book 20th Edition and fulfil the following requirements: - Font type Times New Roman Font size 12 Footnotes Font type Times New Roman Footnotes Font 10 Font Spacing 1.5 Footnote spacing 0. Memorials that do not follow the above mentioned specifications will be subject to marks deduction.
- Memorial cover page shall follow the following Colour Scheme:  
Petitioner- Red and Respondent- Blue
- All participants must submit FOUR (4) copies of the Memorial for both sides.
- The soft copy of the memorial shall also be sent through e-mail given below latest by April 12, 2024 before 5:00 pm. The memorial should be sent as an email attachment in Word format and PDF-file.
- Subject of the email shall “Memorial for “team code”. Please name the memorial using your team’s Code and “P” for Petitioner or “R” for Respondent. For example, if you are assigned team number 555 the file name should be 555P.doc or 555R.doc.
- The submission of hard copies should be done latest by March 23, 2024 to the Organizers and it should be spiral binded mandatorily.

**4.1 ANONYMITY** - Each team will be awarded a code number after registration and that number alone shall be marked on the memorials. Identity of the team or the names of the participants must not be revealed in the Memorial in any manner whatsoever. Name of the school/University shall not be mentioned on any compendium or material to be presented the bench. Failure to compliance will lead to disqualification of such compendium or material from presentation.

**5. SCORING** - Following schematics will be followed in the competition for the scoring of the teams.

**5.1. SCORING OF ORAL ARGUMENTS** - Each speaker shall be marked on total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge. The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each category:

**1.Understanding of Law and Procedure – 20 marks**

**2.Application of Facts– 20 marks**

**3.Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions – 20 marks**

**4.Reference to Memorials - 20 marks**

**5.Advocacy Skills, Court Craft and Demeanour – 20 marks**

**Total 100 Marks and marks allotted by the judges shall be final.**

## **5.2 SCORING OF MEMORIAL**

**1.Knowledge of Law and Extent of Research – 20 marks**

**2.Proper and Articulate Analysis, Clarity and Organization – 20 marks**

**3.Knowledge of Facts –20 marks**

**4.Evidence of Original Thought and grammar– 20 marks**

**5.Correct Format and Citation -20 marks**

**Total 100 Marks and marks allotted by the judges shall be final.**

**6. DRESS CODE shall be strict formal wear.**

**Ladies - Black and white salwar/sari or pant/suit with black tie and black coat.**

**Gentlemen - White shirt with black tie, black trousers, black coat and black shoes.**

**7. MISCELLANEOUS - All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession. The Competition committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Moot Court competition. Upon completion of the competition, the competition committee reserves the exclusive right to use the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate. Participating teams should carry with them required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of competition. Team found attempting to approach and influencing Judges/Administrators/Organizers shall be disqualified. No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court rooms in which that team is one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition. Rules are subject to change by the organizer's.**

## **8 IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Last date for seeking clarification - March 25, 2024**
- **Last date of registration (Soft Copy) - March 30, 2024**
- **Last date of registration (Hard Copy) - April 10, 2024**
- **Last date for submission of memorials (Soft Copy) - April 12, 2024**
- **Last date for submission of memorials (Hard Copy) - April 15, 2024**

**Request for clarification regarding the proposition shall be made on or before March 25, 2024 via email to sashackanwar@outlook.com Clarifications can be requested only for ambiguous or possible errors, but not to inquire about further information, as the proposition is self-contained.**



**9. AWARDS - There shall be a prize trophy, cash prize and certificate for the Winner, runners up, best memorial, and best mooter. Other awards and prizes may be declared during the prize distribution of the Competition. Certificate of Participation shall be given to all the participants.**

**CASH PRIZES:**

**WINNER : RS. 15,000/-**

**RUNNER UP : RS. 10,000/-**

**BEST SPEAKER : RS. 5,000/-**

**BEST MEMORIAL : RS. 5,000/-**

**10. REGISTRATION AND FEES**

**The registration fee is Rs 4500 /-.**

**It must be paid on or before March 25, 2024.**

**The amount shall be transferred to UPI Number**

**NAME: Surjeet Singh**

**PHONE NUMBER: 9418476436**

**The screenshot/scanned receipt of the successful payment page shall be shared as an email attachment with the registration form for the purpose of registration. Similarly, printout of the successful payment shall be shared with the hard copy submission of the registration form.**

**Any Query regarding payment can be made at [sashackanwar@outlook.com](mailto:sashackanwar@outlook.com)**

## **11. ACCOMODATION**

- 1. The accommodation for all the participating teams shall be provided from 12 noon of April 25, 2024 till 12 noon of the April 27, 2024.**
- 2. Travel of the teams from outstation and to/from venue of the Competition must be at team's own expense.**
- 3. The maximum of three members are allowed to participate in the Competition. No team coaches shall be allowed to accompany the teams or to witness their rounds.**
- 4. No internet facility shall be provided to the teams at their respective accommodation.**
- 5. Himachal Pradesh University is a no smoking campus. No participating team shall indulge in smoking, drinking or any other objectionable activities. Indulgence in such activities shall invite disciplinary action and instant disqualification.**
- 6. The participants will be responsible for the care of their own baggage and luggage.**

## **12. CONTACT –**

- Registration form (soft copy) and Soft copy of memorials must be sent to - sashackanwar@outlook.com**
  - Registration form (hard copy) and memorials (hardcopy) must be sent to - The Chairman Department of Laws, Himachal Pradesh University Summer Hill, Shimla- 171005.**
- Please specify “Moot Court Committee” at the side of envelope.**

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