

# Jurist Quest

## 2025

15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025 to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025



India's  
First-Ever  
Moot Court  
Marathon

# ABOUT

JuristQuest is India's premier moot court competition, offering law students a platform to sharpen their advocacy, legal research and courtroom skills. It bridges academic learning with real-world legal practice through high-level competitions, workshops and interactions with global legal experts.

JuristQuest not only nurtures national talent but also provides international

exposure, connecting students with judges, legal professionals and global legal issues.

The JuristQuest 2025 edition marks a special milestone, celebrating the completion of **75 years of the Constitution of India**. The grand finale will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, commemorating National Law Day.

# WHY PARTICIPATE IN JURISTQUEST 2025?

- **Regional Inclusivity:** For the first time, JuristQuest allows teams to present their arguments in their native languages (Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu) up to the quarterfinals, making the competition more inclusive for law students across South India.
- **National and International Exposure:** The semifinals and finals will be held in English, ensuring that participants are prepared to engage in legal discourse at a global level.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Interaction with esteemed Judges, legal professionals and academicians at every stage of the competition.

# MOOT COURT RULES AND GUIDELINES

## PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to all law students (3 years LL. B or 5 years LL. B integrated course) from any law college/department/university recognized by the Bar Council of India; AND

All participants must be currently enrolled in a recognized law school or institution in Southern states of India (Tamil Nadu & Puducherry, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana); AND

Participants may represent their teams in regional languages (Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, or Telugu) up to the quarterfinals. From the semifinals onward, however, the competition will be conducted in English.

**Team Registration:** More than one team per institution may register for the competition.

**Team Dynamics:** Each team can have up to three members: two speakers and one researcher. The researcher is not allowed to present arguments during the Oral Rounds under any circumstances.

Once registration is completed, no changes to the composition of a team shall be permitted. Any modification may be allowed only with the express approval of the Organizing Committee, at its sole discretion.

**Disclosure of Identity:** Teams shall not disclose the identity of their institution. Such disclosure shall invite penalties, including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. The Teams will be given Team codes after completion of the registration process.

## REGISTRATION

### Registration Details:

- **Start Date:** 15th July 2025
- **Deadline:** Teams must complete online registration through the official JuristQuest portal by **15<sup>th</sup> August 2025**.

**Registration Fee:** ₹3,000 per team (**₹2500 for all govt institutions**), which includes access to the moot court materials, participation in the event and the official JuristQuest 2025 guidelines. **Once the Registration is complete, no Refunds would be initiated.**

## MODE OF THE COMPETITION

The Preliminary and Quarterfinal Rounds of the Competition shall be conducted **virtually** via the **JuristQuest platform**, scheduled from **15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to alter the mode of the Competition, subject to prevailing circumstances. In the event of any such modification, participants shall be duly informed in advance.

The **Semifinal Rounds** of the Competition shall be conducted between **25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025**, while the Final Round is scheduled to be held on **26<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

## MOOT CLARIFICATION

Participants may submit their queries or seek clarifications regarding the moot proposition through the JuristQuest portal on or before **15th August 2025**.

**Link:** [[JuristQuest](#)]

**Note:** Clarifications through any medium other than JuristQuest Portal will not be entertained and taken into account.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## **Soft Copy Submission:**

The soft copies of the Petitioner's and Respondent's Memorial (of all rounds) must be uploaded on the JurisQuest Portal in PDF format on or before **31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**.

## **Additional Hard Copy Submission** (for Semifinals and Finals):

Teams qualifying for the Semifinal and Final Rounds are required to submit hard copies of their memorials on the day of the draw of lots.

Each team must submit:

- 2 hard copies of the Petitioner's Memorial, and
- 2 hard copies of the Respondent's Memorial.



# MEMORIAL GUIDELINES

The memorial is required to contain the following sections:

1. Cover Page
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. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
10. Prayer

# MEMORIAL FORMATTING

## Page Limits:

- The sections on Summary of Arguments Advanced and Prayer shall not exceed **30 pages. Penalty: 1 point** will be deducted for each additional page.
- The total length of the memorial, including the cover page, shall not exceed **40 pages. Penalty: 2 points** will be deducted for each additional page.

## Citation Format:

- All citations must conform to the **21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Bluebook**.
- Speaking footnotes and endnotes are strictly prohibited. **Penalty: 1 point** will be deducted for each instance of non-compliance.

## Cover Page Requirements:

- The cover page of each memorial must display the team registration code in the upper right-hand corner.
- The code must be followed by the letter **'P' for the Petitioner's Memorial and 'R' for the Respondent's Memorial. Penalty: 1 point** will be deducted for failure to comply.

# EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR MEMORIAL

S.No.	Criteria	Marks Allotted
1	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2	Evidence of Original Thought	20
3	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
4	Clarity and Organization	10
5	Extent and Use of Research	10
6	Correct Format and Citation	10
7	Grammar and Style	10
		<b>100</b>

# EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS

S.No.	Criterion	Marks Allotted
1	Knowledge of Law	25
2	Application of Law to Facts	20
3	Ingenuity and Ability to answer Questions	15
4	Persuasiveness	10
5	Time Management and Organization	10
6	Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor	10
7	Language and Presentation	10
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>

The scoring of rounds shall be based solely on the oral presentations made by the teams. However, in the event of a tie between two teams, the team with the higher memorial score shall be ranked higher.

# SUBMISSION RULES

1. All soft copies of the memorial submitted must be in **PDF Format**.
2. Each memorial should be contained in a single file with the name of the file being the allocated team code followed by the letter **P** for the Petitioner (Cover page in blue colour) and **R** for the Respondent (Cover page in red colour) shall be the file name of the soft copy of the Memorials. For Example, for College with Team Code 01 the file names shall be **01P.pdf** for Petitioner Side, and **01R.pdf** for Respondent Side.
3. All pages of the memorial must be of **A4 size**, with a 1-inch margin on each side. The font style and size of the text of all parts of the memorial, excluding the **Cover Page**, shall be **Times New Roman, font size 12**, with 1.5-line spacing. The **Footnotes** shall be in **Times New Roman, font size 10**, single line spacing. The memorials must be **spiral bound**.
4. All the memorials need to be **printed on one side** in A4 size sheets.
5. Participating teams must comply with the clause of anonymity as is mandated. The memorial must at no stage reveal the name of the participants, institution, or any personal details of the teams.
6. All memorials will go through a strict plagiarism and AI check and upon the detection of plagiarism, either by manual review or software analysis, the committee shall issue a notice to the participating team, requiring them to show cause as to why sanctions should not be imposed. If found guilty, the organizing committee reserves the right to impose appropriate penalties, which may include, but are not limited to, point deductions or disqualification from the competition.

## **Penalties** for non-compliance with memorial format:

- A penalty of 1 point per hour shall be imposed for any submission made past the deadline specified.
  - Non-compliance with rules (1) and (2) shall result in a penalty of 5 points.
  - Non-compliance with rule (3) shall result in a penalty of 1 point per error. •
- Non-Compliance with rule (4) shall lead to immediate disqualification.



## RESEARCHER'S TEST

- The Researcher's Test shall be conducted only for teams that **qualify for the Semifinal Rounds.**
- Team members who have registered as a Researcher, shall have a Researcher's test.
- The test will be for a duration of 45 minutes.
- Researchers are individually assessed, based on their performance in the Researcher's test. The Award for Best Researcher shall be decided by this rank list.
- **In case of a tie** for the Best Researcher Award, the Researchers' scores will be calculated as follows: **Memorial Score + Marks Obtained in Researcher's Test = Final Score**
- The Researcher's Test will consist of 27 questions, with 25 questions carrying 2 marks each and 2 "star- marked" questions carrying 5 marks each. The star-marked questions will be written and will only be considered in the event of a tie.
- The Researcher's test scores will be used as a tiebreaker for other rounds.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

The entire competition shall be in **hybrid mode** (virtual/onsite) as defined below:

**Preliminary Round** (Virtual - JuristQuest portal)

**Quarter-Final Round** (Virtual - JuristQuest portal)

**Semi-Final Round** (Onsite - Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Cochin)

**Final Round** (Onsite- Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai) (Winners of each state would qualify for the Final round)

## TIME LIMIT

### **Preliminary & Quarterfinal Rounds:**

Each Team will have a maximum of **15 minutes** to present their arguments, including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. This includes time for speaking in **regional languages.**

### **Semifinals:**

Each Team will have a maximum of **25 minutes** to present their arguments in **English,** including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

### **Finals:**

Each Team will have a maximum of **40 minutes** to present their arguments in **English,** including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.



## DISPUTES

Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the Organizing Committee **before commencement of next round** of the competition. Any dispute regarding Final Round shall be raised **within fifteen minutes** after the conclusion of the round. In all matters of objections and complaints, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.



## DRESS CODE

The official Dress Code for the Competition is as below:

- Gentlemen: Black Trouser, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black Tie and Black Formal Shoes.
- Ladies: Black Trouser, White Shirt, Black Blazer and Black Formal Shoes

## AWARDS

- **Finals – Title Winner** - Cash Prize of 1,00,000 Rupees + Trophies + Complimentary access to the JuristQuest Exclusive International Legal Immersion Program + Certificate of Merit.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up** - Cash Prize of 50,000 Rupees + Trophies + 50% Concession on the JuristQuest Exclusive International Legal Immersion Program + Certificate of Merit.
- **Finals - 2nd Runner-Up (3rd & 4th Place)** - Cash Prize of 25,000 Rupees + Certificate of Merit.

**Note:** The 2nd Runner-Up category includes state winners from the semi-final rounds who do not place in the top 2 during the finals.

- **Quarterfinal Winners / Semifinal Entrants** – (All teams advancing to the semi-finals will receive) Cash Prize of 3,000 rupees + Certificate of Merit.

# SPECIAL AWARDS



**Best Memorial:** Cash Prize of 5,000 Rupees + Trophies + Certificate of Merit (Open to all teams participating in the competition)

**Best Researcher:** Cash Prize of 5,000 Rupees + Trophies + Certificate of Merit (Among the teams that advance to the semi-finals)

**Best Speaker:** Cash Prize of 5,000 Rupees + Trophies + Certificate of Merit (Among the teams that advance to the semi-finals)

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

All registered JuristQuest participants are eligible for internship opportunities in the corporate sector. These internships are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

## IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS

### Cash Prize Distribution:

- Cash prizes for each stage will be awarded **at the conclusion of the Finals.**
- Teams advancing to subsequent stages will only be eligible for the awards corresponding to their current stage. Previous stage prizes will not be carried forward.
- **(For example:** *If a team qualifies for the semi-finals and ultimately places in the top 4, they will not receive the ₹3,000 prize for advancing to the semifinals/winners of quarterfinals. Instead, they will be awarded ₹25,000 as top semi-finalists/state winners.***)**

### Eligibility for Awards:

- Teams advancing to each subsequent round will be eligible only for the specific prizes designated for that stage.

# JuristQuest Legal Immersion Program



JuristQuest Legal Immersion Program is designed to provide students with an unparalleled opportunity to experience the global legal ecosystem.

- **A one-day visit to the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC):** This immersive experience offers students the chance to witness firsthand the workings of a renowned international arbitration institution. They will gain insights into international dispute resolution, a critical area of global legal practice.
- **A two-day visit to Malaysian courts:** Students will engage in a comprehensive learning experience at Malaysian courts, exploring the legal system, understanding its unique processes, and learning about comparative legal practices between India and Malaysia.

## ACCOMMODATION (ONLY FOR FINALISTS)

Outstation participants will be provided accommodation for the duration of the competition. Only the three (3) registered members of the team shall be provided accommodation. Any extra member shall make his/her own arrangements for the same. Girls and boys will be allotted separate accommodations. They have to maintain strict discipline and desist from causing any annoyance, disturbance or any other inconvenience to other guests staying in the lodging or the management of the lodging. Any violation of this rule by any member of the team will lead to disqualification of the team without refund of registration fees and they will have to arrange for their own accommodation.

# GENERAL RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

- ♦ Scouting shall lead to instant disqualification of the team.
- ♦ Moot problem, being the property of Jurist Quest, shall not be used by any other college, institution, or individual etc., without the written permission of Jurist Quest.
- ♦ The organizers shall not provide any travel allowance or conveyance to the participating teams.
- ♦ The organizers reserve the right to use, publish, or reproduce any memorials submitted, in any manner deemed appropriate, after the conclusion of the competition.
- ♦ All participants are expected to maintain decorum and conduct themselves in a manner befitting members of the legal profession, both within and outside the Court Hall.
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- ♦ Use of mobile phones in any form during the competition is strictly prohibited. Violations may lead to deduction of marks or disqualification, depending on the severity.
- ♦ Consumption of tobacco or any intoxicating products is strictly forbidden in the venue.
- ♦ The organizers reserve the right to alter, modify, amend, add to or change any of the rules mentioned above and also date of competition at any time without any prior notice.

# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Registration Opens</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>
<b>Last date to Register</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>
<b>Submission of Moot memorial</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>
<b>Prelims (Virtual)</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>
<b>Quarter Finals (Virtual)</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>
<b>Semi-Final</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>
<b>Finals</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> – November 2025</b>

## MOOT PROBLEM

Link - <https://www.juristquest.com/>

# Register now!!!



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