



**Shri I.M. Nanavati Memorial Virtual National Moot Court Competition  
(2020-21)**



**January 8- 10, 2021**

**Rulebook for the online National Moot Court Competition**

**Host**

**GLS Law College, GLS Campus, Opp. Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad - 380006. Gujarat.**

## MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

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*Shri I. M. Nanavati*

This stalwart of law was born in the city of Jambusur near Bharuch in 1920 and bore the name Shri I. M. Nanavati. He came to Ahmedabad for law studies and at a very young age joined the bar on the footstep of his father. In the initial years of his practice he joined Maneklal Harilal Mills to look into Labour and Company Matters. With his foresight and hard work he became famous and in a short time span he became one of the renowned advocates of India. He always took a keen interest in overall development of the people and in development of Educational Institutions. He was deeply interested in the promotion of education and did tremendous work in that field. His busy practice however was no bar to his love for social and educational activities, in which he took leading and prominent part. The inspiring zeal and managerial ability of Late Shri I. M. Nanavati had gone a very long way in establishing Gujarat Law Society. He contributed greatly to the stability and for the steady growth of the society during the period of his association with the Gujarat Law society. He was a teacher at the Law Faculty and is even today remembered for his outstanding quality and contribution as a teacher of Law, a very able administrator, and a noble human being who made his mark not only in the courts in Gujarat but also in the Supreme Court of India. He was an aware educationalist, a leading lawyer and the then Hon'ble Secretary of Gujarat Law Society. He left for the heaven on January 15, 1981 in the city of Nairobi at South Africa.

In the Will of Shri I. M. Nanavati he express his wish that “In the end, I desire that when I pass away, my mortal remains be drawn through the Ellisbridge Campus of the Gujarat Law Society of which I was a student and which I have served for more than 20 years as Hon. Secretary and the institutions where of which I developed, I have loved like my children”

To commemorate late Shri I. M. Nanavati who made his mark as an advocate and as an educationalist, **Shri I. M. Nanavati Memorial National Moot Court Competition** is organized.

After his death Shri Nani Palkhiwala had said “India has lost an exceptionally able lawyer and the cause of public education has lost one of its great benefactors and ended with the beautiful lines:

*“Lives of great men all remind us, We can make our lives sublime, And departing leave behind us, Foot prints on the sands of time...!”*



## **ABOUT GUJARAT LAW SOCIETY**

Gujarat Law Society has been in the field of education for more than eight decades and is considered to be one of the largest and most renowned destinations for education in Gujarat. The Society stands as a synonym for contemporary education in the region with its state-of-the-art infrastructure. Visionaries and luminaries such as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Shri Ganesh Mavlankar and Sheth Shri Kasturbhai Lalbhai were the first to set lofty standards of excellence in education at the society.

Beginning from a single law college in 1927, which was nurtured, among others, by Shri I.M. Nanavati, today Gujarat Law Society has burgeoned into a mammoth Trust that manages 33 institutions offering courses in multiple disciplines imparting quality education across two campuses in Ahmedabad. Being from single law college it had burgeoned in to a private University in 2015. There are over 24,000 students at the campus who are assisted in meticulously crafting their careers and leading them to the path of success. Gujarat Law Society has a particularly extensive alumni group which echoes the values that it imparts right since its inception. Being a part of some of the most distinguished Judges, Lawyers and corporate across the globe, these members of the Society's alumni have carved out an identity for themselves, that of being responsible, pragmatic and proactive.

### **About GLS Law College:**

GLS Law College is a new venture of the Gujarat Law Society fostering excellence in Legal Education by catering to the Five Year Integrated Law Programme approved by Bar Council of India. Launched in the academic year 2015-16 in a short span of time, the Institute has emerged as a premier institute for imparting legal education in India. In first four years of its inception it has made its mark all over India.

The consistent steadfast resolution of GLS to always aim high and motto of Excellence in Education has become stronger over the years. With this in view, Gujarat Law Society (GLS) launched GLS Law College with the aim of "Fostering Excellence in Legal Education"; offering B.A.LL.B programme



## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Runner's Up of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Moot Court Competition, 2020 at Centre for Legal Studies, GIBS, Delhi:**

Students of GLS Law College Kavya Jhavar, Priyank Shah and Rhishika Srivastava participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Moot Court Competition at Center for Legal Studies, GIBS, Delhi and bagged the runner's up trophy with a cash prize of Rs. 15,000. The final round was presided over by two sitting Judges of Hon'ble High Courts.

### **Winner's at State Level Trial Advocacy Moot at Parul University, Varodara,2020:**

Students of GLS Law College Yash Gupta, Mohsin Shaikh and NamrataDalal participated in State Level Trial Advocacy Moot at Parul University, Varodara and bagged the winner's trophy. The final round was judged by Judges of Gujarat High Court.

### **Second Runner's Up at Justice PB Sawant National Moot Court Competition, 2020**

Students of GLS Law College Sambodhi Bhatnagar, Shikhar Khandelwal and Saiesha Dhawan participated in Justice PB Sawant National Moot Court Competition organized by Shankar Rao Chavan Law College, Pune and bagged the Second Runner's Up Trophy.

### **Winners of the LJ School of Law National Fest - National Moot Court Competition, 2019-20:**

Students of GLS Law College, Aaditya Dave, Monarch Pandya and Nathan Gomes participated in the LJ School of Law's National Fest – National Moot Court Competition and bagged the winner's trophy with a cash prize of 1 Lakh Rupees. The final round of the competition was presided over by four judges. A total of 50 teams participated in the competition.



**Winners of the State Level Trial Advocacy Competition, 2019:**

Students of GLS Law College, KishanBrahmbhatt, Varun Bharda and Megha Garg bagged the winning trophy at the State Level Gujarati Trial Advocacy Competition organized by the M. S. University, Baroda.

**Runner's up at LJ School of Law National Moot Court Competition:**

A team comprising of students Arshad Shaikh, Riyah Sindhi and TanmayiPoojari bagged the Runner's up trophy with cash Prize of Rs. 50,000 at LJ School of Law's National Moot Court Competition.

**Runners' up at JagranLakecity University National Moot Court Competition, 2018**

Students of GLS Law College Aaditya Dave, Monarch Pandya&Megha Garg Participated in the National Moot Court Competition organized by JagranLakecity University and bagged the runners up prize in the competition with a cash price of 1 lack rupees. The final round of the competition was presided over by a constitutional bench of 5 judges. A total of 40 teams participated in the competition.

**Semi Finalists in the Late Shree HashuAdvani Memorial Moot Competition,2018**

Students of GLS Law College ShyamNaik, Varun Bharda and KrinaMajithiya, were Semi-Finalist of the Late Shree HashuAdvani Memorial Moot Competition, Mumbai. The team was competing against 28 other teams from India.



### **National Moot at Faculty of Law, M.S. University, Baroda, 2017**

Faculty of Law, M.S. University, Baroda had organized 6<sup>th</sup> National Moot Court Competition wherein the team of GLS Law College was represented by Khushali Oza, Aaditya Dave, and Monarch Pandya, students of Sem IV (Batch 2015). With their dedication and hard work the team qualified for the semi-finals and secured the trophy for 2nd Runners Up, competing against 28 other teams from India.



## SCHEDULE

Key Dates	Key Events
23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2020	Release of Moot Problem and Rule book for Shri I.M.Nanavati Memorial Virtual National Moot Court Competition 2020-21
26 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	Last date for the Provisional Registration of the Institution <u>(By Filling Up Google Form )</u>
14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020	Last date for final Registration <u>(By Filling Up Google Form )</u>
21 <sup>st</sup> December, 2020	Last date of sending Clarifications
28 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020	Last Date for Submission of Memorials (soft copy) PDF Format <u>(By Uploading memorials on Google form)</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021	Researcher's Test , Draw of Lots , Preliminary round recording Latest by 11.59 pm
9 <sup>th</sup> January ,2021	Quarter Final Round and Semi Final Round
10 <sup>th</sup> January,2021	Final Round





# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION

**Short Title:** These Rules shall bear the title Shri I. M. Nanavati Memorial Virtual National Moot Court Competition Rules 2020-21

**Definitions:** Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed as under—

“**Administrator**” shall mean the GLS, Law College Moot Court Committee

“**Clarifications**” shall mean any questions, inquiries or doubts sent by a registered team (after final registration) to the organizers seeking any factual clarification(s) in the Moot Court Problem. The clarifications, if any, provided by the college shall be considered as if it were a part of the Moot Proposition and shall have no individual significance.

“**Competition**” means Shri I. M. Nanavati Memorial National online Moot Court Competition, 2020-21.

“**Institution**” means any recognized law school/college or university.

“**Participating Team**” means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules for registration.

“**Participating Institution**” shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams.

“**Organizer**” means the GLS Law College, Ahmedabad

“**Rebuttals**” refer to those arguments /questions that the Complainant may raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators. This shall be replied to in the appropriate manner by the Respondent. ( Applicable for only Quarter, Semi and Final Rounds)



“**Written Submission**” means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team.

“**Organizing Committee**” means the Moot Court Committee hereinafter referred to as MOC or MCC

“**MEC**” means Memorial Evaluation Committee.

## 1. GENERAL RULES

**Dress Code:** The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any virtual court room during the Competition.

**Female(s):** White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes;

**Male(s):** White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

**Language:** The language of the Competition shall be English.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

**Eligibility:** The Competition shall be open to students who are– Pursuing an integrated 5 year LL.B. programme in India; Pursuing a 3 year LL.B. programme in India. Only **32 teams on first registration basis** shall be allowed to register. Meaning thereby, the first 32 teams to register for the competition shall be considered for the said competition.

Provided in furtherance to the above clause, the first 32 teams shall be reckoned on basis of the final registration and not the provisional one.

**Team Composition:** Each team shall constitute of 3 members, two ‘Oralist’



‘Mooter’(s) and one ‘Researcher’.

Only the team member(s) designated as Oralist/Mooter shall be allowed to put forth oral submissions.

Under no condition shall a team consisting more than 3 members be allowed to participate.

### **3. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS**

Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition.

**The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name etc. of the University represented.**

**Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team. If any such mark/seal exists, it must be rendered unrecognizable.**

Any violation of the above rules shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the MCC. The decision of the MCC in this regard shall be final, binding to the participating team and shall not be subject to challenge by any team.

### **4. REGISTRATION**

The participating institutions must have to register by filling the Google form 26th November, 2020 by 11:59 PM (IST)

The payment of registration fees will be through NEFT in the amount of Rs. 2500 the details of which will be provided once the provisional registration has been confirmed.



In order to confirm participation, teams should register themselves by mailing the duly filled Registration forms along with all the necessary attachments, the details of which shall be provided through email, from the official id of the participating institution. The said email is to be sent only to the organizer's official id. Any form received after the last day of registration will not be allowed.

The teams shall be solely responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of Registration Form.

**Change in Team Composition:** Any change in team composition will not be entertained after the registration.

In case of any unforeseen contingency where it becomes imperative to change the team competition, the participating team shall send a written application regarding the same to the Administrator and MCC, containing the compelling reason for the change. However, the change in the composition shall be done at the discretion of the MCC.

## **5. RESEARCHERS' TEST**

The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on Day 1 of the Competition, i.e., January 8, 2021 *via* Google Forms.

The test shall be for duration of forty five minutes (45) minutes only.

The test shall consist of objective questions based on General Principles of the Statement of Facts, matter(s) of Law involved in the Moot and General Principles of National and International Law. The Researchers' Test shall test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Moot Problem and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Moot Problem.



ONLY the Researcher as mentioned in the Registration Form is eligible to take the online researcher test.

## FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION AND ORAL ARGUMENTS

The Competition is divided into 4 rounds:

- 1) Preliminary Round
  - 2) Quarter Final Round
  - 3) Semi Final Round
  - 4) Final Round
- The rounds shall be conducted on a virtual platform.
  - The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the Court Bailiff/clerk prior to the commencement of each Round. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed.
  - Teams shall not disclose, in any manner what so ever for the entire duration of the Rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent, even if asked by the judges and should therefore, join the session using their team code and speaker code only.
  - Team scores shall not be disclosed after every round. Teams must not make any attempt to gather any such information, until notified by the Organizing Committee.
  - Absence of any team or failure of any team to login to any of the oral submissions round on the required time will render disqualification of the team for that round. In such a case, their opponent shall make their oral submissions *expert* and the calculations shall be made accordingly.
  - The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. Discrepancy shall not be permitted.



- Evaluation shall be done on the basis of the following criteria:

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Articulation of Issues	20
Presentation Abilities and Citation of Authorities	20
Court Mannerism	20
Application of Legal Principles	20
Response to the queries of Court	20

- Any Team which violates any of the Rules with respect to the Oral Pleading Sessions may be penalized. The decision of the Bench shall be final in this regard.

### **Preliminary Round**

- There will be only one round in the Preliminary Round. The round is a Audio-video recording round. The qualification to the quarter-finals shall be based on the Audio-video recording. Each oralist will send the recording of 5 minutes so each team has to send two recordings, one from Oralist 1 and another from Oralist 2. The recording will be from any one side that will be decided on the bases of draw of lots. The video has to be uploaded on Google Drive. Top eight teams with highest aggregate score of both the Oralist shall advance to the quarter-finals. The Teams qualified for the Quarter Final Round will be on different parameters which includes body Language, Command on Language, Factual clarity, Legl Provisions and Authorities cited.



## **Quarter final round**

- The quarter-finals shall be a knock-out round.
- **The team shall argue only once in the quarter-finals. The side on behalf of which the team shall argue for the quarter-finals shall be decided by way of draw of lots prior to the Quarter Final Round.**
- Each team is allotted a total of 20 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- The timing can be divided between both the speakers accordingly, subject to a maximum of 12 minutes and minimum of 08 minutes per speaker.
- The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved per team for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be exclusive of the above time limits.
- The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges

### **Semi-Final and Final Rounds:**

- Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- Semi-Final Round shall be a knock out round.
- The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals. The side of the team shall be decided by way of the draw of lots.
- Each team will be allotted total of 30 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 17 minutes and minimum of 13 minutes per speaker.
- A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved per team for rebuttals and sur-



rebuttals which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be exclusive of the above time limits.

### **Finals:**

- In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided based on the aggregate score. No memorial score will be added in the finals.
- Each team will be allotted a total of 45 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 15 minutes per speaker.
- The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be given at the discretion of the judges which shall be exclusive of the above time limits, in both semi-final and final rounds.

## **6. RULES FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION/MEMORIAL VALUATION**

Teams have to prepare and submit memorial from both the sides.

Late submissions beyond the stipulated time period shall be penalized according to the format mentioned herein in this section.

Format of memorial

Body of the memorial shall include:

The cover page
Table of contents
List of Abbreviations
Index of Authorities
Statement of Jurisdiction





Statement of facts
Statement of issues
Summary of Arguments
Arguments Advanced
Prayer

- The font of the body of the memorial should be in the following format:
  - ✓ Font of the body of the memorial: Times New Roman, size 12,
  - ✓ Line spacing: 1.5
  - ✓ Heading: Font size 14
  - ✓ The font to the foot notes: Times New Roman, size10.
  - ✓ Alignment: Justified

Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes following the Bluebook Method of Citation (19th edition).

Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments

Pages should be numbered at the bottom middle.

- All the Memorials Received within the time schedule will be evaluated by the MEC.
- The Evaluation done by the MEC will be final and binding.
- The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code.
- If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification.



- The memorial shall be of a maximum of 35 pages including the cover page and Pleadings. No annexure, photographs, exhibits, etc. should be added to the memorial.
- Each Memorial shall have the following and only the following on its cover page:
  - a) The team code on the upper right hand corner of the cover page
  - b) The name and place of the forum
  - c) The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
  - d) Name of parties and their status
  - e) On whose behalf the memorial is filed.

## 7. SUBMISSION OF THE MEMORIALS:

- Participants have to send the soft copy of the Memorials, one from the appellant and other from the respondent (PDF format) must be uploaded on Google form, the link for the same shall send in due course latest by December 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 (23:59 hours IST) with the subject “**Memorials for Team Code**”. The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorials must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g. (for Team Code TM01) TM01(A) or TM01(R).
- **Petitioner memorials are required to have a Bluecover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.**

The Memorial shall be evaluated on following parameters:



<b>Description</b>	<b>Marks</b>
a) Knowledge and Presentation of	20
b) Knowledge of Law	20
c) Extent and Use of Research	20
d) Authorities Cited	15
e) Format	15
f) Overall Draft	10



## 8. PENALTIES [MEMORIALS]

Late Submission	3 marks per memorial every 12 hours after the deadline of submission. Disqualification beyond 48 hours.
Wrong File Name	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one File	1 mark per Memorial
Exceeding page limits	1 mark per exceeding page
Failure to include the sections in the Memorial	3 marks per section
Failure to include the required information on the cover page	1 mark per violation



Failure to use the  
correct colour  
coding

2 marks per Memorial



## **9. TIE BREAKER:**

In the event of tie between the marks of two teams, following criteria shall be considered in order of their mentioning;

### **1. Preliminary Round**

- a. Memorial Marks
- b. Application of legal principles

### **2. Quarter-finals**

- a. Memorial marks.
- b. Response to the queries of the Court.

### **3. Semi-finals**

- a. Memorial marks.
- b. Response to the queries of the Court.

## **9. VIRTUAL PLATFORM RULES:**

- The participants must ensure that they have a strong internet connection with good audio and video facilities. The organizers shall not be held responsible for any glitches arising out of poor network or other technical issues. However, the organizers may provide a reasonable time (about 4 to 5 minutes) to come back to a Virtual Court Room if a participant is logged out because of poor network connectivity. The discretion to wait any longer will be with the judge(s).
- The participants (speakers) must ensure that any noise or audio other than the voice of the participant should not disturb the other participants during the online oral rounds. At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute.
- The Participants are expected to be seated in a quiet room free from any echo and isolated from any form of disturbance by any other person.



- The Participants should make sure that the Background is plain and sober which does not disturb the judges. The participants should prefer a White background.
- During the course of the Oral Submissions no speaker shall reveal his/her identity or the identity of his/her college/university by any means whatsoever. Thus, all participants must join the session using their team code and speaker code. In the event any participant reveals his/ her identity or the identity of his/ her college/ university, the team shall be marked negatively as deemed appropriate by the judges.
- All participants should be online on time which is mentioned in the invitation link mail.



## 10. CATEGORIES OF THE AWARDS

(TOTAL CASH PRIZE OF RS 5 LACS 46THOUSAND)

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Category of awards/Certificate</b>	<b>Proposed Prize money</b>
1.	Winner	2,25,000
2.	Runners-up	1,50,000
3.	Best Advocate: Petitioner: Respondent:	50,000 50,000
4.	Best Memorial Petitioner : Respondent :	25,000 25,000
5.	Best Researcher	21,000

\*\*In case of any Queries and Clarifications feel free to contact us at  
[glsmootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:glsmootcourt@gmail.com).





## **11. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULEBOOK**

- The interpretation of these rules by the organizer shall be conclusive. The decision of the organizers for the above stated rules shall be final and binding to the participating teams.
- Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation from the above stated rules would attract penalties at the discretion of the MCC.
- All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Virtual Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- The Organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding.
- If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizers decision on the same shall be final and binding.
- The Organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate. In case of any grievance, the team shall register a complaint with the Student Coordinator and shall not approach the Bench of judges or any other faculty/office holder for the same.
- All the above stated rules are inclusive for the competition.

