2nd SURANA & SURANA AND NUSRL
NATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW
MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025-26

On Campus

Mar 13th - Mar 15, 2026

RULES

(Revised Feb 6, 2026 : Change in Competition Mode to On Campus)

Host & Joint Organizer

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. AIM & PURPOSE

The Surana & Surana and NUSRL National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition has been conceived with the aim to-

i Create awareness on Criminal Law in a systematic / scientific manner and train participants for effective practice.

ii Facilitate the evolution of Criminal Law through the jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new laws besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.

II. VENUE AND DATE

The **2nd Surana & Surana and NUSRL National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition** shall be held from **March 13th to Mar 15, 2026 On Campus**.

III. LANGUAGE : The competition shall be in the English language.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open for students who are pursuing LLB three year / five-year course during the current academic year.

V. TEAM COMPOSITION

a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

b. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of the court and National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.

c. Each team will **be provided a team code** prior to the submission of memorials via e-mail. This team code is only for the memorials. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution in their memorials; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.

VI. REGISTRATION

a. Online registrations are open from **10th January 2026**. The teams must register online by **23rd February 2026** ***(revised from 8th February 2026)***. Teams will have to register online at www.moot.in.

Only 24 teams will be allowed to register & participate in the competition on first-come-first server basis.

b. No temporary registration requests will be entertained. Kindly refrain from sending such requests to Surana & Surana or NUSRL, Ranchi.

c. Participants will receive an automated system generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval as acceptance of their request for participation by **23rd February 2026** ***(revised from 8th February 2026)*** or earlier.

d. ***Registration Process***

Option 1 - The Registration form cum Approval letter as provided in the rules duly signed & sealed by your university / college / moot society.

Option 2 - Upload both (i) & (ii) together **as a single PDF**

i. The Registration form cum Approval letter (without seal & signature) as provided in the rules duly filled along with

ii. Scanned copy of authorisation letter with sign and seal from your university / college / moot society

or

An email communication from the official id (to be filled as notification email id during online registration process) of the institution, from your university / college / moot society to complete the registration process.

Note :

1. Signatories on the registration form should be any of the following :- Faculty- in-charge of MCA / MCS / MCC, Registrar, Dean, Principal, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor
2. Registration without the scanned copy of the approval letter / an email communication from the college/institution/university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.

e. Soft copy of the registration and approval letter/ an email communication as a **single PDF** to be sent by email to: nationalmoot@nusrlranchi.ac.in marked as **2nd SURANA & SURANA AND NUSRL NATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION - REGISTRATION** as subject of the mail latest by **23rd February 2026** ***(revised from 8th February 2026)***. The provisional team code shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host University soon after receiving of registration particulars. The Provisional team code is to be used for submission of only the soft copies of your memorials.

f. On receiving the provisional team code from Moot Court Society of NUSRL, Ranchi you may proceed to pay the registration fees.

g. **A registration fee of Rs. 3,500/-** is to be paid online by **23rd February 2026** ***(revised from 8th February 2026)*** at **NEFT : Account Name : NUSRL, Ranchi ; Bank : Bank of India ; Account # 490710110003104 ; IFSC Code : BKID0005900 ; Branch : NUSRL Campus, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India**
Receipt of the online payment to be sent by email to: nationalmoot@nusrlranchi.ac.in

Fee once paid will not be refunded.

The payment reference number and date of payment must be mentioned, and a scanned copy of the payment receipt also have to be attached and sent to nationalmoot@nusrlranchi.ac.in. Only then will the registration be deemed to be complete for On Campus rounds.

h. In the event a team drops out of the competition or is disqualified, then the next team in line as per the registration data (when the registration exceeds beyond the permitted 24 teams) will be offered a chance to participate in the competition at short notice. Such teams will have to submit memorials to be eligible at least 3 days prior to the start of the competition.

VII. CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifications on the moot proposition may be sought before **23rd February 2026** ***(revised from 7th February 2026)*** with an email to nationalmoot@nusrlranchi.ac.in & copy to ai@lawidia.com

VIII. ORIENTATION

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on **13rd March 2026** ***(revised from 14th February 2026)*****.** It will be followed by a draw of lots and exchange of memorials for the Preliminary Rounds. **Competition team codes and side will be allotted during the Orientation only**.

IX. ROUNDS

There will be two Preliminary Rounds of arguments, an Octa Final, a Quarter Final, a Semi-Final and a Final round. The organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule / rounds as per the number of participating teams.

Octa final will be conducted if the participation **exceeds 24 teams**

Quarter final will be conducted if the participation **exceeds 16 teams**

Preliminary Round

a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, one for Prosecution & another for Defence.

b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.

c. Each team will face a different two-judge bench in their second round of arguments.

d. Preliminary rounds I, II will be held **On Campus** on **14th March 2026** ***(revised from 15th February 2026)***.

e. **Top Sixteen / Eight teams** from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Octa Final / Quarter Final rounds. Preliminary rounds will be decided on

   a. Win points
   b. Win points + Aggregate raw points
   c. Win points + Aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

NB: Aggregate raw points = oral scores + memorial score.

Memorial marks will be added to the scores of the preliminary round only.

f. The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the rounds of the competition.

g. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials

Octa Final / Quarter Final / Semi Final / Final Round:

a. Draw of lots / Power match will decide the side of the arguments in Octa Finals, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals. The Octa Final / Quarter Final / Semi Final are knockout rounds.
b. The Octa Final & Quarter Finals will be held **On Campus** on **14th March, 2026**
c. The Semi Finals & Finals will be held **On Campus** on **15th March, 2026**

X. Ex-Parte Rounds (Preliminary Rounds I & II)

a. In case of last-minute withdrawal / internet connectivity issue of any team during the On Campus / Virtual Session, the other opposing team as per the competition fixture will present their case to the bench and will be scored.
b. Refer above **Clause IX e,** Win points will not be applicable for this round; it will be treated as a **non-competitive round**.
c. The Aggregate raw points (Oral scores + Memorial scores) of the team presented will be taken into records as valid.
d. Qualifying teams advancing to Octa Finals (16 teams) / Quarter Finals (8 teams) - the team with at-least 1 Win point + maximum Aggregate raw points will qualify for the Advance round, subject to the **Top teams (16 / 8)** qualify with 2 Win points & 1 Win point with the higher Aggregate raw points.

XI. Results (Announcement)

Results will be announced within 30 minutes after the full completion of the respective Preliminary / Octa / Quarter / Semifinal rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valediction / prize distribution ceremony.

XII. Memorials

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalised:

a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Prosecution and Defence).
b. The soft copy of the Memorials for the Prosecution / and the Defence should be mailed to nationalmoot@nusrlranchi.ac.in with copy to ai@lawindia.com on or before **03rd March 2026** ***(revised from 10th February 2026)*** **latest by 12:00PM.**

c. Late submission will be penalized by four point each per memorial per day.

d. Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted, **no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed**.

e. The teams are requested to carry along **5 copies** from each side of the Memorials with them and submit the same during Registration on **13th March, 2026**. **The participants should mention their Competition code only on the hard copy of the memorials.**

f. The memorials must contain:

- The table of contents
- The index of authorities
- The statement of jurisdiction
- The statement of facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- The statement of issues
- The summary of arguments (not more than 1 page)
- The arguments advanced (not more than 15 pages)
- The prayer

g. The font size should be 12 (one & half space) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single space) & double space between two-foot notes. Footnoting must conform to the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA), 4th Edition.

h. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page

i. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.

j. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

Prosecution : Light Blue Color ; Defence: Light Red Color.

k. The cover page of the memorial must state the following :

i) Team code (on the top right corner)

ii) The cause title

iii) Identify brief as Prosecutions & Defences as is applicable

l. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The National Administrator's decision shall be final.

m. The teams may share a separate paper book (compendium) of not more than 50

pages, which will carry all the annexure and case laws that have been referred to in the memorial. The paper book will have a white cover. The teams may submit through screen sharing with judges or submitted during virtual registration before commencement of the Competition as advised by the organisers. Any identifying marks/seal of the college/university shall attract severe penalties including disqualification.

XIII. ORAL ROUND

Preliminary Rounds, Octa Finals & Quarter Finals

a. Each team will get 30 minutes to present their case that will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes and maximum of 15 minutes per speaker (excluding the rebuttal time) Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.
c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
d. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed subject to the discretion of the Judges.
e. The attendance of the researcher at the time of the oral pleading rounds is compulsory.

Semifinal & Final

a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case that will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time
b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, with a minimum of 20 minutes and maximum of 25 minutes per speaker (excluding the rebuttal time). Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.
c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
d. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed subject to the discretion of the Judges.
e. The Researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of orals.

XIV. Scouting

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification.

XV. Scoring

A. Orals

The parameters for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:

a. Knowledge of facts
b. Logic and reasoning
c. Organisation and clarity
d. Persuasiveness
e. Deference to the court
f. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
g. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
h. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted
i. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of law
j. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

B. Written Submissions (Memorials)

a. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.
b. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the National Administrator.
c. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
    a. Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
    b. Logical progression of ideas
    c. Effective use of headings to outline arguments
    d. Understanding essential legal issues presented
    e. Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
    f. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
    g. Forceful and persuasive presentation
    h. Integration of facts into legal argument
    i. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
    j. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
    k. Understanding and analysis of authority
    l. Proper use of citations and citation form

m. Effective use of authority to support arguments
n. Ability to distinguish adverse cases

XVI. AWARDS

1)	Winning Team	Rs. 24,000
2)	Runner up Team	Rs. 12,000
3)	Best Memorial	Rs. 6,000
4)	Second Best Memorial	Rs. 4,000
5)	Best Student Advocate	Rs. 5,000
6)	Second Best Student Advocate	Rs. 3,000

In addition to the above awards, plaques and certificates will be given to other categories of winners. All participants will be awarded participation certificates.

XVII. ANONYMITY

a. Student counsel may introduce her/himself to the court in the usual manner and may also state her/his names. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the Valedictory.
b. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, ties, patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

XVIII. LIVE STREAMING OF THE FINALS

The organisers will arrange for the live streaming of only the finals of the competition thru the YouTube links be provided by Surana & Surana.

XIX. DECISION OF THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL AND BINDING

XX. COPYRIGHT

a. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in, NUSRL, Ranchi and Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

b. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and NUSRL, Ranchi, and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

c. Distribution of these materials in print or on affiliated websites such as www.moot.in and other platforms by Surana & Surana does not constitute consent to any use of this material for commercial redistribution either via the Internet or using some other form of hypertext distribution. Links to the collection or individual pages in it are welcome.

XXI. Accommodation and Transport

a. Accommodation will be arranged at **NUSRL Campus** only during the period of competition i.e., **13th March 2026 (12: 00 PM IST) till 15th March 2026 (12:00 PM IST).**

b. Each Team opting for accommodation shall be required to pay a fee of **₹6,000 (Rupees Six Thousand Hundred Only)**.

c. The accommodation fee is non-refundable.

d. The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transport / accommodation will also be made available after finalization. Teams should fill in their travel plan in the sheet available on **ANNEXURE B** positively to reach the scanned copy by **5.00 PM** on **1st March 2026** ***(revised from 25th February 2026)*** via email to nationalmoot@nusrlranchi.ac.in

e. To facilitate convenient travel, shuttle services will be provided to transport participants between their designated accommodation and the college campus. The specific schedule and pick-up/drop-off locations for the shuttle services will be communicated to registered participants closer to the competition date.

f. Extra members over and above the prescribed number will not be entertained and accommodated under any circumstances.

Misbehavior of any sort by the participants will be dealt very seriously and will lead to disqualification

XXII. ORGANISING TEAM

Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil, Vice Chancellor, NUSRL, Ranchi will be the **Chief Administrator.**

Any clarifications for the competition can be sought from:

Regarding Case / Submission of Memorials / etc.

Faculty Convenor, Moot Court Committee -

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IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Online Registration	**8th January, 2026**
Last date for Online Registration	**23rd February, 2026**
Last date for receiving copies of Reg. Form/Approval letter by NUSRL, Ranchi	**23rd February, 2026**
Payment of Registration & Accommodation Fee	**23rd February, 2026**
Last date for seeking Clarification to the case	**23rd February, 2026**
Release of Clarifications	**25th February, 2026**
Last Date for submission of Travel Plans	**01st March, 2026**
Last Date for Submission of Memorials (both Prosecution and Defence) Soft Copy by eMail with temporary Team code	**03rd March, 2026**
Submission of Memorials 5 (Five) hard copies (both Prosecution and Defence) (No markings, Competition code to be mentioned)	**13th March, 2026**
Inaugural, Orientation, Draw of Lots, Exchange of Memorial for Preliminary Rounds I & II	**13th March, 2026**
Preliminary Rounds I & II, Octa Finals & Quarter Finals	**14th March, 2026**
Semi Finals, Finals, Valedictory & Awards Distribution	**15th March, 2026**

Registration Fee :

NEFT :
Account Name : NUSRL, Ranchi
Account # 490710110003104
IFSC Code : BKID0005900
Branch : NUSRL Campus, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India

Date:

Registration form/ Approval letter
(Please fill in capital letters)

Undertaking

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.

2. We certify that the materials submitted/to be submitted are prepared by us and agree to indemnify the organizers, i.e. the Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and the NUSRL, Ranchi for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All particulars must be given)

Name & Address of the participating Institution:

Name of the Participant	Gender	Date of Birth	Course	Year	Signature
Primary Email id and Contact number					

Seal & signature of the Head of the Institution

Duly filled, sealed & signed soft copy of the Registration form should be sent by eMail : nationalmoot@nusrlranchi.ac.in by **23rd February 2026** ***(revised from 8th February 2026)***.
The subject of the email must be "**2nd SURANA AND SURANA AND NUSRL NATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION - REGISTRATION**"

Travel Plan (Annexure B)

NAME OF INSTITUTION –

TEAM CODE -

ARRIVAL DETAILS

a. **Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus** _____

b. **Train No./Bus No./Flight No.** _____

c. **Estimated Time of Arrival** _____

DEPARTURE DETAILS

a. **Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus** _____

b. **Train No./Bus No./Flight No.** _____

c. **Estimated Time of Departure** _____

ANY OTHER DETAILS:

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NOTE: ***This travel form should be mailed at*** nationalmoot@nusrlranchi.ac.in ***by 05:00 PM IST on / before*** **1st March 2026** ***(revised from 25th February 2026).***