



Faculty of Law

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Shri I.M. Nanavati Memorial Moot Court Competition 2024 - 25

January 17 – 19, 2025



Host:

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Shri I. M. Nanavati

This stalwart of law was born in the city of Jambusar 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 in the footsteps 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 the 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 educated educationalist, a leading lawyer and the then Hon'ble Secretary of Gujarat Law Society. He left for heaven on January 15, 1981 in the city of Nairobi in 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 the Secretary and the institutions where of which I developed, I have loved like my children”.

To commemorate the late Shri I. M. Nanavati who made his mark as an advocate and as an educationalist, **Shri I.M. Nanavati Memorial 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, Footprints 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 a single law college it had burgeoned into 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 University:

GLS University has been established with the objective of providing an ideal and creative learning environment and continuing the tradition of excellence in education of the sponsoring body of the University, viz., Gujarat Law Society (GLS).

About Faculty of Law:

Faculty of Law 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 the 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.

It is worthy to note that the Faculty of Law has ventured in all possible educational arenas by organizing International Conferences, Moot Court Competitions, National Sports Fest, and various seminars at National and International level. It has now become the epicenter where knowledge liberates; ideas are conceptualized and shaped into existence.

The untiring contribution made by the Faculty of Law has enabled the college to secure a position in Forbes Legal Power list 2020 as one of the most promising and top law schools. The consistent steadfast resolution of GLS to always aim high and move for 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 four programs - B.A. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B.(H), LL.B.(H) and LL.M.

SCHEDULE

Key Dates	Key Events
11th October, 2024	Release of Moot Problem
25th November, 2024	Last date of Registration and payment of fees. https://forms.gle/8kRxJFprkYYZt4L26
8th December, 2024	Last date for seeking Clarifications
5th January, 2025	Last Date for submission of Soft copy of the Memorial. https://forms.gle/4vLzUe1CCtBmHsNy9
10th January 2025	Last date for submission of Hard Copy of the memorials via postal services. (4 Copies from each side)
17th January 2025	Registration, Draw of Lots, Submission of Memorials (8 copies from eachside), Researchers' Test
18th January, 2025	Inauguration Preliminary Round - Quarter Final Round - Semi - Final Round
19th January, 2025	Final Round & Valedictory Ceremony

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Short Title:** These Rules shall be called the Shri I. M. Nanavati Memorial Moot Court 2024-25 Competition Rules.

1.2 **Definitions:** Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein under

as–

- a) “**Administrator**” shall mean the Faculty of Law Moot Court Committee.
- b) “**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.
- c) “**Competition**” means Shri I. M. Nanavati Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2024-25.
- d) “**Institution**” means any recognized law school/college or university.
- e) “**Memorial**” means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team.
- f) “**MEC**” means Memorial Evaluation Committee.
- g) “**Organizer**” means the Faculty of Law, GLS University, Ahmedabad
- h) “**Organizing Committee**” means the Moot Court Committee (MCC) hereinafter referred to as MOC or MCC or OC.
- i) “**Participating Team**” means the team which has registered itself for the

competition as per the rules for registration.

- j) **“Participating Institution”** shall be presumed to be the parent educational institution of the participating teams.
- k) **“Rebuttals”** refer to these for arguments /questions that the Petitioner may raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Oralists/Speakers. This shall be replied to in an appropriate manner by the Respondent.

II. GENERAL RULES

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

- a) **Female(s):** White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes;
- b) **Male(s):** White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Explanation: The participating teams shall also adhere to the above mentioned dress code while attending the Inaugural and Valedictory ceremonies of the Competition, as well as during all the rounds of the competition.

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

2.3 **Scouting:** Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team, unless they have been officially knocked-out of the competition. Scouting is strictly prohibited.

III. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

3.1 **Eligibility:** The Competition shall be open to students who are pursuing any integrated 5-year LL.B. programme in India; Only **32 teams** on a **first-come, first-serve basis** shall be allowed to register.

3.1 Team Composition:

- a) Each team shall consist of 3 members, two 'Oralists' or 'Speakers' or 'Mooter'(s) and one 'Researcher'.
- b) The team should consist of students from the same institution.
- c) An institution shall only be represented by one team. More than one team from the same institution is not permissible.
- d) Only the team member(s) designated as Oralists/Speaker/Mooter shall be allowed to put forth oral submissions.
- e) Under no condition shall a team consisting more than 3 members be allowed to participate.
- f) Any additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team will not be entitled to a certificate from the OC. Such persons shall not be provided accommodation facilities by the host institution.

IV. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

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

4.2 The memorials shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name etc. of the University that the students belong to and represent.

- 4.3 Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team.
- 4.4 Any violation of the above rules shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the O.C. The decision of the O.C. in this regard shall be final, binding to the participating team and not subject to challenge.

V. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 In order to confirm participation, teams of the interested Institution should register themselves by filling the final Registration forms duly signed by the heads of the institution along with the **fees of Rs. 3500/-per team, excluding accommodation. Any team requiring accommodation will have to pay registration fees of Rs. 5000/-**. Any form received after the last day of registration will not be allowed.
- 5.2 The Participation fees as mentioned in Clause 5.2 shall be paid via NEFT or RTGS. The teams shall be solely responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of Registration Form.
- 5.3 The payment of registration fees will be through NEFT and the details are:

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- 5.4 Any registration form received without the receipt of the payment shall not be considered for the final registration.
- 5.5 Any form received after the last day of registration will not be allowed.

- 5.6 The teams shall be solely responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of the Registration Form.
- 5.7 The amount once paid shall not be refunded.
- 5.8 **Change in Team Composition:** Any change in team composition will not be entertained once the registration is done.

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, any change in the composition shall be done at the discretion of the MCC.

VI. RESEARCHERS' TEST

- 6.1 The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on Day 1 i.e., January 17th, 2025, i.e., the first day of the Competition.
- 6.2 The test shall be for a duration of 60 minutes (1 hour) only.
- 6.3 The test shall consist of objective questions based on General Principles of Law, the Statement of Facts and Citations. 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.
- 6.4 No notes, bare acts, books or any other material or electronic aid shall be permitted during the Researchers' Test.
- 6.5 In every team comprising three members, only one member who has registered as the Researcher is eligible to take the test.

VII. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION AND ORAL ARGUMENTS

The Competition is divided into 4 rounds:

- 1) Preliminary Round
 - 2) Quarter-finals
 - 3) Semifinals
 - 4) Final Round
- 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 whatsoever, 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.
 - Teams can pass on a compendium of the sources they cite in their memorials if so permitted by the judges.
 - 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.
 - In case of absence of any team or failure of any team to reach in any of the oral submissions round will render disqualification of the team for that round. In such a case, their opponent shall make their oral submissions ex parte.
 - The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. Huge discrepancy shall not be permitted.
 - The researcher may sit with the speakers during the oral submissions. However, No Researcher of any Team shall be permitted to address the Panel.

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

Particulars:	Marks:
Articulation of Issues	20
Presentation Abilities	20
Court Mannerism	10
Citation of Authorities	10
Application of Legal Principles	20
Response to queries of Court	20

- Any Team that 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.

VII - i) Preliminary Rounds:

- **Draw of Lots:** The allotment of sides of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.
- Each team will get 20 minutes to present their case and 5 minutes will be given for Rebuttal, subject to the discretion of Judges.
- The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 12 minutes and minimum of 08 minutes per speaker.

- Each team shall argue from both the sides in the Preliminary Rounds.
- No team shall argue the same side twice in the Preliminary Rounds. No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- Advancement to the next round shall be determined on the basis of the aggregate score of pleadings.
- Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- In the preliminary rounds, the team with the higher aggregate speaker scores shall be the winner of that round.
- If there is a tie in the aggregate speaker scores in case of a division bench, then the team with the higher memorial scores shall be the winner of that round.
- If there is a tie in the aggregate speaker and written submission scores, then the team with the higher score in the Researcher's Test shall be the winner of that round.
- The top 8 teams based on their Total Preliminary Score in the Preliminary Rounds, shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. Total Preliminary Score is the total score obtained by both the speakers (including the rebuttal score) in both the Preliminary Rounds. Total Preliminary score does not include the memorial scores. Following shall be the system for determining the teams that advance to the Quarter Final Rounds:
 - a) The top 8 teams based on their Total Preliminary Score, shall qualify for the Quarter Finals
 - b) In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial scores shall qualify to the Quarter Final Rounds.

VII - ii) Quarter-Finals:

- Eight teams based on the result of the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the quarter-finals. 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.
- The quarter-finals shall be a knock-out round.
- Each team is allotted a total of 20 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 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 surrebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be exclusive of the above time limits.

VII - iii) Semi-Final Rounds:

- Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- The Semi-Final Round shall be a knockout round.
- The team shall argue from 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 a 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.

- 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 surrebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be exclusive of the above timelimits.

VII - iv) Finals:

- In the final round, the winner shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate score of the team in the final oral round. No written submission scores 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 as per the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 20 minutes perspeaker.
- 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 surrebuttal 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.

VIII RULES FOR MEMORIAL EVALUATION

8.1 Teams have to prepare and submit memorials from both sides.

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

8.3 Format of memorial:

Body of the memorial shall include:

The cover page with the title
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:
 - a) Font of the body of the memorial: Times New Roman, Size 12.

- b) Line spacing: 1.5
 - c) Heading: Font size 14.
 - d) The font to the footnotes: Times New Roman, Size 10.
 - e) Body of text: Justified.
- Teams shall cite all authorities in the memorial using footnotes following the **Bluebook Method of Citation (21st Edition)**.
 - Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments.
 - The memorials should be spiral bound.
 - 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.
 - Eight (8) copies of the memorial of both sides have to be brought along by the teams on 17th January 2025.
 - Any difference in the hardcopy and the softcopy submitted will attract disciplinary action as per the discretion of MCC.
 - 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:
 - 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 the parties and their status
 - e) On whose behalf the memorial is filed

Note: Adding the image of National Emblem or the logo of Hon’ble Supreme Court is strictly prohibited and can lead to disqualifications.

IX. SUBMISSION OF THE MEMORIAL:

- Two (2) soft copies from each side, one from the appellant and other from therespondent (one in PDF / .pdf format and Microsoft Word format) must be submitted onthe given link: <https://forms.gle/4vLzUe1CCtBmHsNy9> latest by January 5, 2025 (23:59hours IST). 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 CodeTM0.1) TM01(A) or TM01(R).
- The content of these additional Memorials should not differ from the content of the soft and hard copies submitted to the Organizers.
- Petitioner Memorials are required to have a **Blue cover** and Respondent Memorials are required to have a **Red cover**.

The Memorials shall be evaluated on following parameters:

Description :	Marks:
Application of facts	20
Application of Legal Principles	20

Understanding of law and extent of research	20
Logical progression of ideas and use of authorities	15
Persuasiveness of Presentation and Correctness of Citation	15

X. PENALTIES

Late Submission	1.5 mark 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

XI. 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) Response to the queries of the court

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

XII. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- Accommodation and food shall be provided by the Organizers only during the days of the competition, i.e. from 17th January, 2025 to 19th January, 2025.
- Scheduled check in and check out times.
- Teams coming either prior to the dates of the competition so mentioned or staying back after the dates of the competition shall bear the expenses of accommodation on their own. The Organizing committee shall not bear any such expenses.
- The interested students are required, to inform the Organizing Committee, through their Travel & Accommodation Form, so as to enable them to make necessary arrangements.
- Under no circumstances the Organizer shall provide accommodation to any other person accompanying the team.

XIII. CATEGORIES OF AWARDS (Total Cash Price of Rs 5 lakh 46 thousand)

1. Trophy to the Winning Team and a cash prize of Rs.2,25,000/-
 2. Trophy to the First Runners Up Team and a cash prize of Rs.1,50,000/-
 3. Trophy to the Best memorial Appellant with a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-
 4. Trophy to the Best memorial Respondent with a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-
 5. Trophy to the Best Researcher with a cash prize of Rs. 21,000/-
 6. Trophy to the Best Student Advocate from Appellant side with a cashprize of Rs. 50,000/-
 7. Trophy to the Best Student Advocate from Respondent Side with a cashprize of Rs. 50,000/-
 8. Certificates will be issued to all the participants.
- Best Speaker shall be determined on the basis of the individual aggregate score of the speaker taken only from the Preliminary Rounds. Individual Aggregate Score shall be determined as the sum of the score of the speaker in both preliminary rounds.
 - In case of any Queries and Clarifications feel free to contact us on mootcourt@glsuniversity.ac.in.

XIV. 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 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.