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5 Year Integrated B. Com LL. B (Hons.)

SCHOOL OF LAW, GUJARAT UNIVERSITY



Presents

NYAYA MANTHAN 1.0

National Trial Advocacy Competition

Where Arguments shape Justice

On

24th and 25th of June, 2025

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Where intellect meets pursuance and justice meets conviction

ABOUT GUJARAT UNIVERSITY

Gujarat University, a premier institution of higher education in India, has a legacy dating back to the early twentieth century. The idea of its establishment was conceived in the 1920s by visionary leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Acharya Anandshankar B. Dhruva, Dada Saheb Mavlankar, and Kasturbhai Lalbhai. However, it was only after India gained independence that the university was formally established in 1949 under the Gujarat University Act as a teaching and affiliating University. Its aim was to decentralize and reorganize higher education in the then Bombay Province.

The university's motto is "યોગઃ કર્મસુ કૌશલમ્" (Yogah Karmasu Kaushalam) which has been taken from the Bhagavad Gita. It signifies that diligent and intelligent work leads to efficiency and progress. This principle drives the university's commitment to academic excellence and continuous growth.

Gujarat University focuses on empowering students through modernized syllabi, fostering innovation in teaching methodologies, and promoting research, consultancy, and extension activities for societal benefit. By integrating contemporary advancements, the university ensures that its students remain globally competitive. Additionally, it prioritizes quality improvement initiatives to enhance academic standards.

With a vision to become a center of excellence, Gujarat University is committed to value-based education, financial sustainability, and efficiency. It strives to contribute to socio-economic welfare by enriching human capital. Through a blend of tradition and innovation, the university continues to shape the future of thousands of students, making a significant impact on the intellectual and economic growth of the nation.

ABOUT CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, SCHOOL OF LAW

The Centre of Excellence (5 Years Integrated B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.)) at the University School of Law, Gujarat University, is committed to providing an inclusive, multicultural, and intellectually stimulating environment for legal education. With a vision to nurture ethical leaders, foster innovation, and promote global perspectives, we prepare students to excel in an ever-evolving legal landscape. Our dynamic teaching approach, academic research initiatives, and commitment to community service shape professionals dedicated to justice and societal betterment.

Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities such as moot court halls, an extensive law library, and research centers, we offer a holistic learning experience. Students engage in moots, debates, conferences, and interactive sessions with legal luminaries, enhancing their practical skills. Our focus on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) ensures expertise in protecting and managing intellectual assets. Guided by our motto, "*Empowering Minds, Protecting Innovation, Shaping Futures,*" we strive to produce competent legal professionals ready to make a meaningful impact globally.

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Centre of Excellence, School of Law, Gujarat University, proudly presents **Nyaya Manthan 1.0 – Where Arguments Shape Justice**, a national-level trial advocacy competition. Participants have the option to choose either in **English or in Gujarati** language. The event is scheduled for **June 24-25, 2025**. It will be held at the **Moot Court Hall, Centre of Excellence, University School of Law, Gujarat University**, from **9 AM to 5 PM** on both days.

Nyaya Manthan 1.0 is open to students enrolled in 5-year Integrated Law and 3-year LL.B. programs across India. The competition is designed to enhance courtroom advocacy skills through immersive trial simulations. Aligned with the objectives of the New Education Policy, it emphasizes both skill development and the promotion of regional languages in judicial practice. Participants will engage in case analysis, witness examination, persuasive argumentation, and the presentation of forensic evidence, equipping them for real-world litigation.

A key highlight is the integration of **forensic science in criminal trial advocacy**, bridging the gap between legal practice and investigative techniques. Students will engage with forensic experts, enhancing their understanding of **evidence appreciation and legal reasoning**. Esteemed legal professionals and forensic scientists will mentor and evaluate participants, providing invaluable insights.

Nyaya Manthan 1.0 is more than just a competition—it is a platform for future lawyers to **hone critical thinking, courtroom etiquette, and advocacy skills in legal proceedings**. By fostering **intellectual growth, cultural pride, and legal excellence**, the Centre of Excellence continues its mission of shaping the future of legal advocacy in India.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Rules and Procedures contained in this document shall be applicable to all participating teams. With reference to the application and interpretation of the Competition procedures, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each Team shall consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. In a team of 3 members, two members shall be designated as Speakers, and the third member of the Team shall be designated as a Researcher.

DATE AND VENUE

The competition shall be held in offline mode on 24th and 25th of June 2025 at the Centre of Excellence, University School of Law, 2nd and 3rd floor of Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sankul, Gujarat University Campus, Near SBI, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad- 380009 (Gujarat-India).

DRESS CODE

All participants must wear Advocate's Attire, which includes a black blazer and a black tie/ Neck Band.

1. **Female Participants:** Required to wear black trousers or a salwar, a white kurta or shirt, and black shoes.
2. **Male Participants:** Required to wear black trousers, a white shirt, and black shoes.
3. This dress code applies to the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies as well.
4. Participants are responsible for arranging their own attire. Failure to comply may result in immediate disqualification, at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The competition is open to students currently enrolled in three-year or five-year law degree programs at any recognized college or university in Gujarat. There is no restriction on the number of teams from a single institution. Participants must provide valid proof of enrolment, and once registered, team compositions cannot be changed without approval. Any false information may lead to disqualification, and the Organizing Committee holds the final authority on all eligibility-related matters.

LANGUAGE

The official language for the competition is **English or Gujarati**, and **all participants are required to communicate strictly in this language chosen by them throughout the event**. This rule applies to all aspects of the competition, including oral presentations, arguments, and the submission of memorials. Participants must ensure that all written and spoken content adheres to this linguistic requirement. Any deviation from this rule may result in penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Note- Excerpts from the cited judgments of Supreme Court and High Courts can be in English.

WITNESSES

The Organizing Committee will assign witnesses to the participating teams, providing them with general instructions. However, each team will have the opportunity to conduct a special briefing with their assigned witnesses before the start of their respective rounds.

1. Assigned witnesses may or may not remain with the same team for subsequent rounds.
2. The **Prosecution and Defence** have the discretion to examine any or all witnesses. However, the order of examination shall be determined by the team conducting the **Examination-in-Chief**.
3. During both **Examination-in-Chief** and **Cross-Examination**, teams must refrain from engaging in arguments with witnesses.
4. Once witnesses have been assigned for a round, no changes will be permitted. Witnesses will remain part of the round until its conclusion.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Compliance with Rules:** All teams must strictly adhere to the competition rules. Any violation of the rules may result in appropriate action against the concerned team at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. Depending on the severity of the violation, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to disqualify the team.
2. **Prohibition on Contacting Case Preparers:** Any team attempting to contact individuals involved in preparing the case materials or related documents will face immediate disqualification.
3. **Courtroom Etiquette:** Participants must conduct themselves with utmost respect for the dignity of the court. They must maintain a professional demeanor appropriate for legal practitioners. Any behaviour that undermines the decorum of the proceedings is strictly prohibited.
4. **Restriction on Gathering Opponent's Information:** Teams are strictly forbidden from collecting information about competing teams. Any team found engaging in such activities will be disqualified.
5. **Restrictions on Observing Other Rounds:** No participant is allowed to observe the rounds in which other teams are competing. However, participants may attend the final round as spectators.
6. **Authority of the Organizing Committee:** In the event of any dispute or misconduct, the Organizing Committee holds full authority to take necessary action against the concerned individuals or teams.

7. **Anonymity and Scouting:** Participants must introduce themselves using their Team Code without mentioning their college name. Team members, coaches, and observers must avoid revealing their institution's identity through attire or materials. Scouting and observing other teams' rounds are strictly prohibited. Any identity disclosure may result in penalties or disqualification at the Organizing Committee's discretion.

MEMORIAL

- While drafting THE MEMORIAL in **Gujarati**, the formatting requirements shall be as follows:-

Font Name :- Shruti

Font Size :- 14 for Content and 16 for Headings

Space Between the Paragraphs :- 1.5

Language:- Gujarati

Size of the file :- Legal

- While drafting THE MEMORIAL in **English**, the formatting requirements shall be as follows:-

Font Name :- Times New Roman

Font Size :- 12 for Content and 14 for Headings

Space Between the Paragraphs :- 1.5

Language:- English

Size of the file :- Legal

ORAL ROUNDS

1. The oral rounds shall be judged by industry professionals having experience in the field of criminal law, and the judges shall be made well aware of the procedure and rules of the competition.
2. The criteria for assessment shall include but are not limited to the following and shall be out of a maximum of 100 marks:

- a) Knowledge of facts
- b) Logic & clarity in reasoning
- c) Persuasiveness and deference to court.
- d) Proper, articulate and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts

e) Understanding of the relevant Laws

f) Ability to successfully conduct chief/cross-examination within the allotted time

g) Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses or deal with unreceptive, argumentative witnesses

3. The Trial Proposition for all the rounds shall be the same.

4. Each speaker must conduct an Examination-in-Chief or Cross Examination of at least one witness in each round. This rule shall apply to all the Rounds. Each speaker shall deliver either the opening statement or the final argument in each round.

5. The oral pleading rounds include the Preliminary Round, Semi-Final Round, and Final Round.

6. Teams must inform the court clerk of the required time allocation for each participant before the round begins.

7. Time extensions will not be granted unless deemed necessary by the judges due to unavoidable circumstances, in which case the total allocated time may be extended.

8. Participants are prohibited from exchanging information with each other during oral arguments.

9. Teams must not disclose their identity or the institution they represent to the judges under any circumstances.

10. Rebuttals will be allowed at the discretion of the judges.

11. If a team fails to appear within 10 minutes of the start of a round, they will be disqualified. The opposing team may proceed with their arguments unopposed.

Preliminary Rounds:

- The preliminary rounds consist of two rounds for each team.
- Each team must argue both from the PROSECUTION side and the DEFENCE side before a District Court.
- Teams will not compete against the same opponent in both rounds.

Advancement to Semi-Finals:

- The top four teams with the highest scores in the preliminary rounds will qualify for the semi-finals.

- In the semi-finals, teams must argue either for the prosecution or the defence side based on a Draw of Lots.

Advancement to Finals:

- The winners of the semi-final rounds will advance to the final round.
- In the final round, teams must argue either for the prosecution or the defence side based on a Draw of Lots.

TIME ALLOCATION

Time Allocation (Preliminary Rounds):

Each team will have a maximum of **43 minutes per round**, and the total time per round will not exceed this limit.

- **Opening Arguments:**
 - Prosecution Lawyer: **3 minutes**
 - Defence Lawyer: **3 minutes**
- **Witness Examination:**
 - Examination of all prosecution witnesses: **12 minutes**
 - Cross-examination of all prosecution witnesses: **20 minutes**
 - Examination of all defence witnesses: **12 minutes**
 - Cross-examination of all defence witnesses: **20 minutes**
- **Final Arguments:**
 - Prosecution Lawyer: **8 minutes**
 - Defence Lawyer: **9 minutes**

Time Allocation (Semi-Finals):

Each team will be allotted a maximum of **62 minutes per round**, with the total time per round not exceeding **124 minutes**.

Time Allocation (Final Round):

Each team will have a maximum of **67 minutes**, with the total final round lasting **134 minutes**.

- **Opening Arguments:**
 - Prosecution Lawyer: **5 minutes**
 - Defence Lawyer: **5 minutes**
- **Witness Examination:**
 - Examination of all prosecution witnesses: **20 minutes**
 - Cross-examination of all prosecution witnesses: **30 minutes**
 - Examination of all defence witnesses: **20 minutes**
 - Cross-examination of all defence witnesses: **30 minutes**
- **Final Arguments:**
 - Prosecution Lawyer: **12 minutes**
 - Defence Lawyer: **12 minutes**

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Sr. No.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1.	Relevance and understanding	20
2.	Clarity of legal arguments	20
3.	Understanding of procedural and evidentiary law	20
4.	Conducting examination and cross-examination	20
5.	Eloquence, courtroom demeanor, and organization	20
TOTAL		100

🏆 PRIZES AND RECOGNITION 🏆

👤 Justice Laureates (Winning Team)

- ◆ Verdict: ₹15,000/-
- ◆ Accolades: Trophy of Triumph 🏆 + Certificate of Merit 📜

👤 Distinguished Litigators (Runner-Up Team)

- ◆ Verdict: ₹10,000/-
- ◆ Accolades: Trophy of Excellence 🏆 + Certificate of Merit 📜

👤 Courtroom Crusaders (2nd Runner-Up Team)

- ◆ Verdict: ₹7,500/-
- ◆ Accolades: Trophy of Honour 🏆 + Certificate of Merit 📜

📖 Voice of the Bar (Best Mooter)

- ◆ Verdict: ₹2,500/-
- ◆ Accolades: Trophy of Eloquence 🏆 + Certificate of Recognition 📜

📖 Script of Justice (Best Memorial)

- ◆ Verdict: ₹2,500/-
- ◆ Accolades: Trophy of Brilliance 🏆 + Certificate of Appreciation 📜

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Last Date for Registration:** June 1, 2025
- **Date of release of the Moot Problem-** May 10, 2025
- **Last Date for Memorial Submission (Soft Copy Only):** June 15, 2025, by 11:59 PM

Mail Id- mootcourtcentreofexcellence@gmail.com

(Note: Any delay in submission beyond the deadline may result in penalty marks, at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.)

- **Hard Copy Submission:** Each team must bring five (5) hard copies of their memorial from each side on the first day of the event, i.e., June 24, 2025.
- **Dates of the Event:** June 24 and 25, 2025

REGISTRATION RULES

Registration Procedure: Each team representing a college/university must complete the registration form provided in the Google Form Link- <https://forms.gle/CPEjzgtT4UxXTGNj6> and submit it fully filled by **11:59 PM on June 1, 2025**.

Registration Fee:

Each team must pay a registration fee of **₹3,000 (three thousand rupees)**. The fee can be paid in **Online Mode Only**. The Bank Account Details are as follows:-

- **Account Holder Name:** Centre of Excellence
- **Bank and Branch Name:** SBI, Gujarat University Branch
- **Account Number:** 35882220115
- **IFSC Code:** SBIN0002651

Please make sure to upload the payment details in the Registration Form (Google Form). Any application form without uploading the payment details shall be deemed incomplete.

NO ACCOMODATION

Please note that no accommodation shall be provided by the centre of excellence. Participants are required to make arrangements for the same on their own.

CONTACT DETAILS

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