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**13TH PRO BONO ENVIRO INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT
COMPETITION, 2019**

18TH – 20TH OCTOBER, 2019

RULES & REGULATIONS



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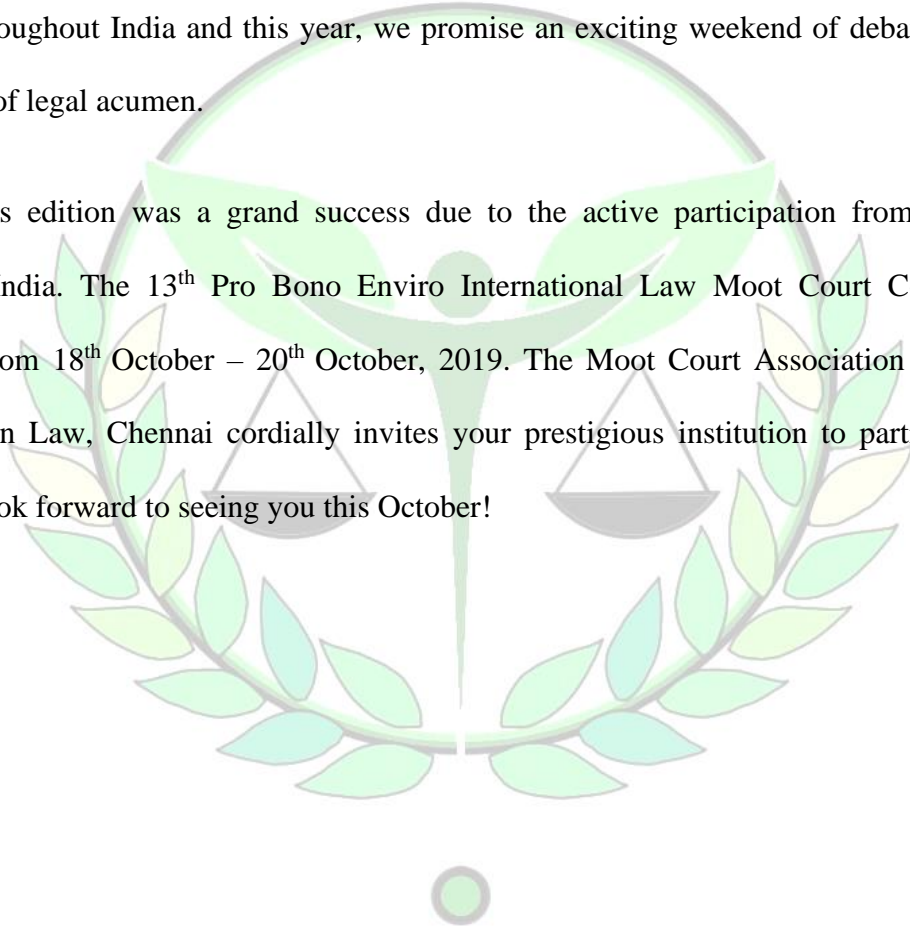
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OFFICIAL INVITE

We warmly welcome you to the 13th Edition of the Pro Bono Enviro International Law Moot Court Competition, 2019. It is the flagship event of our Institution and our only aim is to get better with each year. The Moot is based on International Environmental Law and is intended to create awareness among the student body concerning crucial environmental issues. Year after year the competition has witnessed an overwhelming response from various Universities and Colleges throughout India and this year, we promise an exciting weekend of debate, discussion and display of legal acumen.

The previous edition was a grand success due to the active participation from various law schools in India. The 13th Pro Bono Enviro International Law Moot Court Competition is scheduled from 18th October – 20th October, 2019. The Moot Court Association of School of Excellence in Law, Chennai cordially invites your prestigious institution to participate in the same. We look forward to seeing you this October!



With Regards,
The Moot Court Association,
School of Excellence in Law.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL RULES

1.1 DATE & VENUE OF THE COMPETITION:

The 13th Pro Bono Enviro International Law Moot Court Competition, 2019 will be held from 18th - 20th October, 2019 at the School of Excellence in Law, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai-600096.

1.2 TEAM ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION:

- a. Participation is strictly restricted to *bona fide* law students enrolled in the three years or five-year LL.B. or B.L. degree course in any institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.
- b. Only one team is permitted to participate from each registered institution.
- c. Each team shall comprise of a minimum of two and a maximum of three members. In a team consisting of two members, each of the members shall be designated as 'Speaker'. In a team consisting of three members, two of the members shall be designated as 'Speaker' and the third member shall be designated as 'Researcher'.

1.3 REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

The Registration Formalities shall be done in two steps:

- a. Provisional Registration of the participating institutions shall be sent to soelprobono13@gmail.com from the official Email ID of the Institution/Moot Court Association on or before **10th September 2019, 11:59 PM IST**.
- b. Upon receipt of an e-mail confirming provisional registration from the Organizing Committee, participants shall duly fill the Registration form available as Annexure 1 in this information booklet. The Participants are also requested to pay the registration fee of **INR 4,000/-** by way of a Demand Draft drawn in favour of "**The Registrar, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai**", payable at Chennai.
The registration fee is waived for the participants from Government Law Colleges of Tamil Nadu affiliated to the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
- c. A scanned copy of the Registration Form and Demand Draft must be sent to soelprobono13@gmail.com on or before **16th September, 2019, 11.59 PM IST**.

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- d. Upon receipt of the Soft Copy of the Registration form and the Demand Draft, an online Travel form will be sent to the teams which must be duly filled in by the participating teams. The Demand Draft shall reach the Organizing Committee on or before **19th September 2019**, 06.00 PM via Speed Post or Courier. The address for correspondence is as specified in Rule 9.1.
- e. Teams that have completed Registration in accordance with the above shall be assigned a Team Code. All correspondence to the Organizing Committee shall specify only the Team Code.
- f. No alteration in the Team Composition shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.

1.4 DRESS CODE:

- a. Participants shall be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. Robes and collar bands are not permitted.
- b. The Dress Code for the **Inauguration, Researcher's Test, Oral Rounds, Valedictory & Prize Distribution** shall strictly be:
 - i. For **Gentlemen** - Western Formals (Formal shirt with formal pants and a blazer); and
 - ii. For **Ladies** - Western Formals (Formal shirt with formal pants/ formal skirt and a blazer).
- c. The attire of the participants must not be suggestive of any Institutional affiliation.

1.5 LANGUAGE:

The competition shall be conducted solely in English

2. CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an e-mail to soelprobono13@gmail.com on or before **22nd September 2019, 11.59 PM IST**. A set of Final Clarifications will be released on **24th September 2019**.

3. MEMORANDUM/WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

3.1 SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM:

- a. Participants are required to submit Memorandum or Written Submissions for both the Applicant and the Respondent.
- b. Teams shall e-mail Soft Copies of the Memorandums, in PDF and Microsoft Word formats, i.e. four (4) separate file attachments, on or before **9th October, 2019, 11:59 PM IST** to soelprobono13@gmail.com.

For example, if the assigned team code is 52, the team shall title the Applicant and Respondent Memorandums as “52A” and “52R” respectively. The Soft Copy should be compatible with at least Microsoft Word 2007. Late submission shall attract penalties in accordance with Rule 3.3. No submission will be accepted after **11th October, 2019, 11:59 PM IST**.

- c. Only the Team Code shall be specified on the Memorandum. Any reference to the participating institution/college/university shall result in immediate disqualification.
- d. Teams shall carry with themselves two (2) Hard Copies each of the Applicant and Respondent Memorandums and hand it over at the time of Desk Registration on **18th October 2019**.
- e. No amendment to the memorandum shall be permitted after submission of the soft copies. Variation found in the Hard Copy shall be penalized in accordance with Rule 3.3.
- f. Participants are advised to carry additional copies of their Memorandum for their own use. Copies submitted to the Organizing Committee shall be used for the Exchange of Memorandum in each of the Oral Rounds.
- g. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to use the memorandum submitted by the participating teams, as it deems appropriate. The memorandum submitted shall not be returned to the participants.

3.2 CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM:

- a. Each Memorandum shall contain the following sections:
 - i. Cover Page (with the Team Code on the top right corner - e.g. 52A or 52R)
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. Index of Authorities

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- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
- v. Summary/Statement of Facts
- vi. Issues Raised/Questions Presented
- vii. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings
- viii. Arguments Advanced/Written Pleadings (Strictly restrict to 7500 words)
- ix. Prayer

b. The following content specifications shall be strictly adhered to:

Language: English

Body Font & Size: Times New Roman, 12; Line Spacing: 1.5

[The spacing need not be followed for the Cover Page, any Tabular Column, Header or Footer]

Footnotes Font & Size: Times New Roman, 10; Line Spacing: 1.0; Paragraph Spacing: None; No additional space between footnotes
Substantive Footnoting is strictly prohibited.

Alignment (Body & Footnotes): Justified

Margin: 1 inch on all 4 sides

Citation Method: *Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA) & OSCOLA 2006, 4th Edition: citing international law section.*

c. The following printing specifications shall be strictly adhered to:

i. The Cover Page shall be:

Blue for Applicant Memorandum

Red for Respondent Memorandum

- ii. Only white A4 sized paper shall be used for all other pages. Use of recycled papers is strongly encouraged.
- iii. The Memorandums shall be **printed on both sides**. Each side shall be counted as one page.
- iv. The Memorandums shall be staple bound and no other form of binding shall be accepted. **The use of plastic/cellophane sheets or films shall attract strict penalties.**
- v. The Memorandums shall not contain any Annexure/Appendices, Photographs, Sketches, Exhibits, Affidavits, etc.

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3.3 EVALUATION OF THE MEMORANDUM:

a. The following shall be the judging criteria:

Knowledge of law & depth of research	20
Use of authority/precedents	20
Incorporation of facts into the arguments	10
Interpretation of applicable law	10
Clarity of thought and organization of arguments	15
Style of Presentation	10
Originality	10
Relief sought	5

b. Penalties shall be attracted in the following manner:

VIOLATION	PENALTY
Late Submission - Soft Copy	2 point per day per Memo
Any violation under Rule 3.2 (a.)	1 point for each violation under the Rule
Any violation under Rule 3.2 (b.)	1 point for each violation under the Rule
Any violation under Rule 3.2 (c.)	2 point for each violation under the Rule
Variation in content between Soft Copy and Hard Copy	0.5 point for each variation
Violation of Anonymity	Disqualification

4. ORAL ROUNDS

4.1 GENERAL PROCEDURE:

a. Teams are requested to bring their respective institution ID cards.

b. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- i. Preliminary Rounds; and
- ii. Advanced Rounds:
 - (i) Quarter-finals,
 - (ii) Semi-finals,
 - (iii) Finals.

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- c. During each of the above-mentioned rounds, the order in which the teams shall present their arguments is as follows:
- i. Applicant Speaker 1
 - ii. Applicant Speaker 2
 - iii. Respondent Speaker 1
 - iv. Respondent Speaker 2
 - v. Rebuttal: Applicant - Any one of the Two Speakers
 - vi. Sur-rebuttal: Respondent - Any one of the Two Speakers
- Sur-rebuttal shall be permitted only at the discretion of the Judges.
- d. The Best Speaker Award shall be determined on the basis of the individual aggregate score of the Speaker taken from the Preliminary Rounds only.
- e. The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at the discretion of the Judges.
- f. Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Memorandum.
- g. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds.
- h. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final.
- i. To ensure uniformity in the marking system, all Judges will be provided with a scoring guideline.
- j. Participants shall ensure that anonymity is not violated while passing on any material to the Judges. If any mark, name, seal, symbol or logo of the institution/college/university is present, participants must ensure that the same is rendered unrecognizable. Violation of anonymity shall result in immediate disqualification. All such materials shall be printed on both sides.

4.2 SPLITTING OF TIME BETWEEN SPEAKERS:

- a. Teams shall notify the Bench Clerks of the division of time between the 2 Speakers (including time reserved for Rebuttal & Sur-rebuttal) 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the Rounds.

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- b. If Speaker 1 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved by Speaker 2. Similarly, if Speaker 2 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals/Sur-Rebuttals as the case may be. However, this rule may not be followed if the additional time is awarded at the discretion of the Judges.

4.4 EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDUM:

- a. The exchange of memorandums will take place on the day of Orientation **i.e. 18th October 2019**, post the inauguration ceremony.
- b. Teams are prohibited from making any marks on the memorandums thus exchanged. Teams are also prohibited from taking photocopies of such memorandums.
- c. The opponent's memorandum shall be returned to the Bench Clerks after the completion of each Round.

4.5 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

- a. Every team shall argue twice in the Preliminary Rounds, once for the Applicant and once for the Respondent.
- b. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- c. Each side shall get a maximum time of **30 minutes** to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 18 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 2 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 1 minute.
- d. The top eight (8) teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall advance to the Quarter-finals.
- e. The Total Score of the Preliminary Rounds of a team shall be based on the cumulative of Oral Rounds Score calculated as per the scoring pattern provided in Rule 4.5.1 & the Memorial Score.

4.5.1 SCORING CRITERIA:

- a) The following shall be the judging criteria for **all the oral rounds**:

Knowledge of Facts	10
Interpretation of Facts	10
Knowledge of Law	20

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Application and Interpretation of the Law	20
Ability to Answer Questions	20
Courtroom Conduct	10
Style, Poise and Demeanor	10
Total	100

b) Each Judge will score each Speaker for 100 Marks.

4.6 ADVANCED ROUNDS:

- a. Every team shall argue for one side which will be determined by drawing of lots in the Advanced Rounds.
- b. The Teams will be selected on a knock-out basis in all the Advanced Rounds.
- c. The Memorandum Score shall not be considered for any of the Advanced Rounds.

4.6.1 QUARTER-FINALS

- i. Power lots: The top 4 teams in the Preliminary Round will draw the lots to choose their opponent from the teams that were ranked 5 to 8.
- ii. The team ranked 5 to 8 would get to pick the lots to determine the sides that the teams would be arguing in that round.
- iii. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the **same as in the Preliminary Rounds**.
- iv. Four (4) teams from the Quarter-finals shall advance to the Semi-finals.

4.6.2 SEMI-FINALS

- i. Power lots: The top 2 teams in the Quarter-final Round will draw the lots to choose their opponent from the teams that were ranked 3 and 4.
- ii. The team ranked 3 and 4 would get to pick the lots to determine the sides that the teams would be arguing in that round.
- iii. Each side shall get a maximum time of **45 minutes** to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 25 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal

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respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 5 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 2 minutes.

- iv. Two (2) teams from the Semi-finals shall advance to the Finals.

4.6.3 FINALS

- i. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the **same as in the Semi-finals.**
- ii. The winner of the Final Round shall be declared the Winner of the Competition.

4.7 SCOUTING:

- a. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- b. Any person may submit a complaint regarding Scouting to the Organizing Committee.
- c. Teams found scouting shall be disqualified immediately.

5. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- a. The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on **18th October, 2019**, as per the Schedule.
- b. In a team consisting of three members, the member designated as Researcher shall take part in the test. In a team consisting of two members, one of the two Speakers shall take part in the test.
- c. Participants are requested to write only the Team Code on the answer sheet.
- d. The Researcher's Test shall be in the format of Multiple Choice Questions with the questions based on the subject matter of the Moot Proposition.
- e. No additional material such as the bare text of Acts, Memorandum, etc. apart from stationery may be brought by the participant to the test and no such material shall be provided by the Organizing Committee.
- f. There will be No Negative Marking.

6. AWARDS

The trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the Winners of the Competition, Runner-up of the Competition, Best Memorandum, Best Speaker and Best Researcher.

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- a. Certificates for the Quarter-finalists and Semi-finalists will also be given.
- b. All participants of the Competition will be given Participation Certificates.
- c. All teams shall be present during the Valedictory & Prize Distribution in formals. Certificates will only be given to the teams present during the Valedictory & Prize Distribution.

7. ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT & FOOD:

- a. Accommodation and Food shall be provided to the participating teams from the **evening of 18th October, 2019**, till the **morning of 20th October, 2019**.
- b. Transportation between the accommodation and the venue of the competition shall be provided during the days of the competition.
- c. All facilities shall be provided only to the registered members of a team and no additional members, parents, observers, coaches or faculty advisors shall be accommodated at any cost.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

- a. Participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Organizing Committee, the Judges of the Competition or any of the other participants.
- b. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.
- c. Intoxication is strictly prohibited during the entire time of the competition.

8.2 INTERPRETATION OF RULES & REGULATIONS:

- a. All interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents or other decisions in the administration of the Competition are at the complete discretion of the Host Institution and the Organizing Committee.
- b. Any decision made by the Host Institution or the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

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9. CORRESPONDENCE/CONTACT DETAILS

9.1 REGISTRATION FORMALITIES & MEMORANDUM SUBMISSIONS:

The physical address for correspondence for all Registration Formalities and Memorandum Submissions is:

Organizing Committee

“13th Pro Bono Enviro International Law Moot Court Competition, 2019”

Moot Court Association, School of Excellence in Law

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University

M.G.R Main Road, Perungudi, (Near Taramani Railway Station)

Chennai – 600096

Tamil Nadu, India.

Participants may keep themselves updated by following:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Moot-Court-Association-School-of-Excellence-in-Law-201136933274208/timeline/>

Website: <https://mcasoel.wordpress.com/>

Instagram: @mootcourt.soel

e-mail ID: soelprobono13@gmail.com

9.2 QUERIES:

Any queries may be directed to the respective heads accordingly,

Registration & General Queries – Ms. Sameena Syed, 7358177585

Accommodation – Mr. Vijayakrishnan, 8807505199

ANNEXURE - I

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please fill in Capital Letters)

INSTITUTION DETAILS

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

ADDRESS OF THE INSTITUTION/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

CONTACT NO.: _____ E-MAIL ID: _____

PARTICIPATING TEAM DETAILS

1. SPEAKER 1:

NAME: _____

GENDER: _____ YEAR & COURSE OF STUDY: _____

CONTACT NO.: _____ E-MAIL ID: _____

2. SPEAKER 2:

NAME: _____

GENDER: _____ YEAR & COURSE OF STUDY: _____

CONTACT NO.: _____ E-MAIL ID: _____

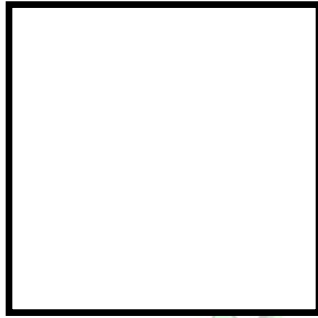
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3. RESEARCHER

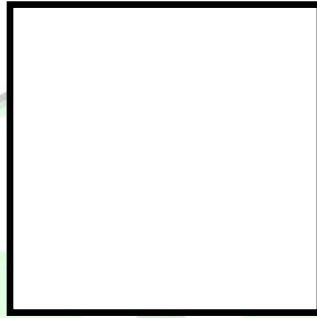
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GENDER: _____ **YEAR & COURSE OF STUDY:** _____

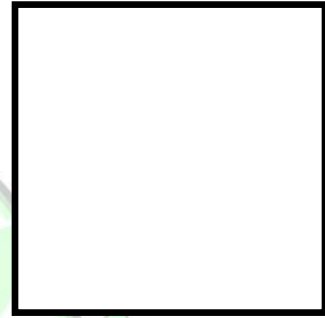
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**PHOTOGRAPH OF
SPEAKER 1**



**PHOTOGRAPH OF
SPEAKER 2**



**PHOTOGRAPH OF
RESEARCHER**

OFFICIAL TEAM CONTACT PERSON:

DEMAND DRAFT DETAILS

BANK: _____

BRANCH: _____

DEMAND DRAFT No.: _____

DRAWN ON: _____

PLACE:

DATE:

SIGNATURE & SEAL OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

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SCHEDULE

DATE & TIME (IST)	EVENT
23:59, 10/09/2019	Deadline for Provisional Registration
23:59, 16/09/2019	Deadline for Soft Copy of Registration Form & Demand Draft
18:00, 19/09/2019	Deadline for submission of Hard Copy of Demand Draft
23:59, 22/09/2019	Deadline to submit Requests for Clarifications
24/09/2019	Release of Clarifications
23:59, 09/10/2019	Memorial Submission Deadline, Soft Copy
23:59, 11/10/2019	Disqualification Deadline [Deadline for Memorial Submission, Soft Copy with Penalty]
15:30, 18/10/2019	Memorial Submission Deadline, Hard Copy Inauguration Ceremony and Team registration Researcher's Test
19/10/2019	Preliminary Rounds & Quarter-Finals
20/10/2019	Semi-Finals, Finals & Valedictory Ceremony

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR ORAL ROUNDS

DATE	TIME (IST)	EVENT
FRIDAY 18.10.2019	15:30	Formal Registration
	17:00 – 18:30	Inauguration of the Competition
	18:30 – 19:30	Researcher’s Test
	18:30 – 19:30	Exchange of Memorials
	19:30	Dinner
SATURDAY 19.10.2019	07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast
	09:30 - 11:00	Preliminary Round I
	11:00 - 12:00	Tea Break
	12:00 - 13:30	Preliminary Round II
	13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
	15:00	Declaration of Preliminary Round Results and Exchange of Memorials for the Quarter – final Rounds
	16:00 - 18:00	Quarter-final Rounds
	17:00	Declaration of Quarter-final Round and Exchange of Memorials for the Semi-final Rounds
19:30	Dinner	
SUNDAY 20.10.2019	7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
	10:00 - 12:30	Semi-final Rounds
	12:45	Declaration of the Semi-final Round Results and Exchange of Memorials for the Finals
	12:45 - 14:00	Lunch
	14:00 - 17:00	Final Round
	17:00 - 19:30	Valedictory & Prize Distribution
	19:30	Dinner

The above schedule is subject to change by the Organizing Committee. Participants will be duly informed if any such changes are made.