



# 2nd National IP Law Moot Court Competition, 2026

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY RIGHTS  
RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW



# ABOUT RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, was established by the State Legislature of Punjab by passing the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006). The Act incorporated a University of Law of national stature in Punjab, to fulfil the need for a Centre of Excellence in legal education in the modern era of globalization and liberalization. Recently, the University has earned the coveted status of being one of the top-ranking law teaching institutions in the Country. Over 1000 students acquire state of art legal education in a well furnished and fully developed residential campus which boasts of all necessary infrastructural and manpower facilities for the all-around growth of the students. RGNUL is currently emphasizing research, training, and consultancy in various areas of contemporary interest. It is envisaged to be a research intensive university in the times to come. It has as many as 20+ centre's focusing on various areas of social-legal inquiries which includes the Centre for Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights. RGNUL publishes 05 journals covering a vast range of subjects of topical interest.



# ABOUT CIIPR

The Centre for Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights (CIIPR) serves as a hub for advanced research, awareness, and capacity-building in the dynamic field of Intellectual Property Law. It is committed to bridging the gap between academia and practice by organizing national and international seminars, conferences, workshops, and moot court competitions focused on emerging trends and challenges in IP law. The Centre collaborates with legal professionals, industry leaders, and academic institutions to promote innovation and address contemporary issues in intellectual property. Through its initiatives, CIIPR equips students with critical analytical skills and practical knowledge, empowering them to navigate and contribute effectively to the evolving landscape of IP law. By integrating academic rigor with professional engagement, RGNUL and CIIPR strives to inspire a generation of legal minds to lead the discourse in Intellectual Property and Innovation.



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SpicyIP is one of India's leading blogs/repositories on intellectual property (IP) and innovation law/policy. Through its independent reporting/analysis, SpicyIP is committed to fostering transparency within the Indian IP ecosystem.

Founded in 2005 by Prof. Shamnad Basheer, an IP academic and consultant, the SpicyIP team comprises a group of passionate analysts and fellows, well versed in different aspects of Indian IP law and policy.

Importantly, SpicyIP is committed to enriching the public domain by providing free access to IP decisions, laws and regulations, parliamentary reports and other information that is not otherwise accessible.



# 2ND EDITION

The 2nd National IP Law Moot Court Competition, set to take place in 2026, is building upon the remarkable success of its inaugural edition. This highly anticipated event is dedicated to providing an enriching experience by simulating contemporary intellectual property litigation.

This moot court competition is meticulously designed with a dual purpose: to bridge the often-noted gap between academic learning and the practicalities of courtroom practice. It aims to test participants not only on their grasp of substantive law but also on their strategic acumen with respect to procedural intricacies. By doing so, the competition ensures that participants are well-prepared for the nuanced and dynamic nature of real-world legal battles in the field of intellectual property. Through this comprehensive approach, the moot seeks to cultivate a generation of legal professionals who are adept at navigating both the theoretical and practical aspects of intellectual property law.



# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**RELEASE OF PROPOSITION+ GUIDELINES**  
23 JANUARY, 2026

**LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION**  
5 FEBRUARY, 2026

**MEMORIAL SUBMISSION**  
20 FEBRUARY, 2026

**RESULTS OF MEMORIAL QUALIFIER ROUNDS**  
25 FEBRUARY, 2026

**ORAL ROUNDS (OFFLINE)**  
9-10 MARCH, 2026

**VALEDICTORY**  
10 MARCH, 2026

# FORMAT OF COMPETITION

## MEMORIAL QUALIFIER ROUNDS

- Each participating team shall comprise of *two members* only.
- All UG students are eligible to participate.
- Each participating team shall prepare and submit written memorials for both sides to the dispute, in accordance with the moot proposition and the rules prescribed by the Organising Committee.
- The memorials must strictly comply with the formatting, citation, and submission guidelines provided in the official rulebook. Any deviation from the prescribed rules may attract penalties, and plagiarism beyond the permissible limit may lead to disqualification.
- Based on the memorial scores, top 16 ranked teams shall qualify for the oral rounds, and memorial scores may also be used for seeding purposes in subsequent rounds.
- The written submissions will be assessed by subject-matter experts and academicians with experience in intellectual property law. Memorials will be evaluated on the basis of both legal substance and presentation.

### Memorial Evaluation Criteria

1. Knowledge and correct application of law
2. Depth and quality of legal research and use of authorities
3. Clarity, structure, and logical coherence of arguments
4. Originality, analytical ability, and issue framing
5. Adherence to formatting rules, citation style, and language proficiency



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## ORAL ROUNDS

### Preliminary Rounds

- Teams qualifying through the memorial stage shall participate in the Preliminary rounds.
- There will be two preliminary rounds. Each team will get a chance to argue once from both sides.
- On the basis of the prelims score, top 4 teams will qualify for the semi finals.
- The oral rounds aim to test participants' advocacy skills, legal reasoning, and ability to respond to judicial questioning.



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## ORAL ROUNDS

### Semi-finals & Final

- Based on the cumulative scores, teams shall advance to the Semi-finals, and Final rounds, which shall be conducted on a knock-out basis.
- Teams shall argue on the basis of the memorials already submitted, and no new issues may be introduced at this stage.

### Oral Evaluation Criteria:

1. Knowledge of facts and applicable law
2. Application of legal principles to the facts
3. Advocacy skills, clarity of speech, and court etiquette
4. Responsiveness to judicial questions and presence of mind
5. Time management



# IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Registration Fee: The registration fee for the competition is ₹1500 early bird till 27 January, 2026 thereafter ₹2000 per team.
- It is to be noted that the registration fee is exclusive of GST.
- Rulebook Link: [Click Here](#)
- Moot Proposition Link: [Click Here](#)
- Clarification Link: [Click Here](#)
- Payment Link: [Click Here](#)
- Registration Form Link: [Click Here](#)
- Registration Deadline - 5 February 2026
- If a team qualifies memorial qualifier rounds, and fees for advanced Rounds will be duly communicated.
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- The top 16 ranked teams, based on memorial scores, will qualify for the oral rounds. Memorial scores may also be used for seeding in subsequent rounds.
- Written submissions will be assessed by subject-matter experts and academicians experienced in intellectual property law. Evaluations will focus on both legal substance and presentation.



# AWARDS AND PRIZES

**Winners:** ₹12,000 + Internship opportunity at S.S. Rana & Co.

One-year complimentary subscriptions to SCC Online Web Edition, each worth ₹32,000, to the winning team.

**Runner up:** ₹8,000 + Internship opportunity at SpicyIP

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