



2ND PRAVIN GANDHI COLLEGE OF LAW SAARC INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022

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THEME :

HUMANITARIAN REFUGEE CRISIS



MZM LEGAL LLP

ABOUT US

ABOUT SHRI VILE PARLE KELVANI MANDAL

Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal (**SVKM**) is a Public Charitable Trust. From its humble beginnings in 1934, when it took over the Rashtriya Shala, a school established in 1921 in the wake of the National Movement, the Mandal today has grown by leaps and bounds into mega educational complex imparting higher education to more than 35,000 students.

After the beginning of its journey in the early 1930s, SVKM flourished into an educational colossus that gained national recognition in multiple streams. The Mandal today stands as a robust pillar for imparting education that promotes global thinking with a sense of national interests and fosters values of, professionalism, social dynamic entrepreneurship amongst others. Still more unique, is the fact that each of these institutions has carved for itself a very special niche in the field of education in Mumbai, as well as through the length and breadth of India. We are proud to state that SVKM, with its educational institutions, stands tall as a light house in the area of Education and Social change since 75 years.

ABOUT PRAVIN GANDHI COLLEGE OF LAW

The SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law (**PGCL**) (5 - Year Course) was established in the year 2004 and is affiliated to the University of Mumbai. At this institution, we aim at giving students exposure to experiential learning in the varied fields of law along with the essence of justice being imparted in its truest sense.

PGCL is an institution that reckons in creating and curating a generation of lawyers that pioneer groundbreaking changes in the legal labyrinth. We don't believe in molding students into a defined structure but rather let them explore the multifarious magnitudes of their minds and expand their potentials beyond the horizons. We relentlessly work towards manifesting an idiosyncratic and holistic ambience that champions innovative and ingenious teaching methods to the ever curious and critical legal minds.

ABOUT THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The Moot Court Society (**MCS**) of the PGCL believes in its motto which is *Improvidus, Apto, Quod Victum* meaning Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome.

The MCS raison d'être the values of effective oral advocacy and legal drafting skills to sharpen the student's acumen for the legal profession.

MCS was founded on the very foundation of stimulating the spirit of mooting among the students of the institution by rendering various opportunities to proliferate participation while catering to the legal exigencies. The society launches an array of events on a National as well as Intra collegiate levels to promote legal awareness and nurtures the proficient lawyer.

With the panoramic vision of greatness and a longer way ahead, MCS is all set to explore the seas with its voyage to promote justice which shall bring the SAARC nations together once again for a cause of righteousness and sense of responsibility for posterity.

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

SVKMs Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai's, premier moot is the PGCL SAARC International Moot Court Competition. The moot witnesses participation from several prominent international and national universities and provides a significant deal of exposure to the participants by allowing them to demonstrate their knowledge and expert mooted skills at a truly global scale. The moot is one of the largest moots organised across the country, owing to the fierce competition and wealth of knowledge it provides to the participants

The Competition envisions to address the growing concerns that have crucified the development of SAARC nations individually and as a global symbolism of unity with strength. Thus, it endeavors to uphold the welfare-based objectives and mutual cooperative principles of SAARC and aim to architect neoteric solutions which can be fulfilled in reality at the ground level. We welcome our enthusiastic professional international brothers and sisters across boundaries to come forth and witness the fostering of our cause.

ABOUT 1st PGCL SAARC IMCC 2021

In the times of a pandemic, while we were combating the crisis which has precariously driven us to the edge of our existence, we at the Moot Court Society are committed to a show of cooperative and collective resilience. Hence, we organised *1st PGCL SAARC International Moot Court Competition, 2021*.

The first edition of the PGCL SAARC IMCC took place over four days. Due to the stringent lockdown limitations and the state of the pandemic at the time, the tournament had to be held virtually.

The Moot Proposition was drafted by *MZM Legal LLP* and theme for the competition was *International Drug Cartel*.

A total of 18 teams competed in the competition, including 7 international teams from Pakistan, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan, among other SAARC nations. The rest were National teams from various National law schools and other prestigious institutions around the country.

1st PGCL SAARC IMCC, 2021



FINAL ROUNDS OF 1ST PGCL SAARC IMCC 2021

The rounds witnessed an esteemed line-up of judges. ranging from luminaries from the legal fraternity, including judges of the High Court, Solicitor Generals, Senior Counsels, practitioners, and academicians.

In spite of the unprecedented talent and grit showcased by the participants, *Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar* and *School of Excellence in Law, Chennai* could make it to the finals.

The Maldives National University, Maldives won the **Best Spirit of the Competition.**

ABOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE PARTNER

MZM Legal (**'MZM'**) is a full-service law firm providing a wide range of focused solutions in multiple practice areas. With offices in Mumbai and Delhi, the firm was established in 2005 and is now widely regarded as a national leader in the fields of white-collar Criminal Defence and Dispute Resolution.

While MZM remains highly regarded in its initial core areas of White-Collar Criminal Defence and Corporate Compliance, the firm has diversified its offering in recent years and today ranks among the leading postmillennial full-service law firms in India. MZM is a distinctive firm providing both Advisory and Litigation services and Expert assistance to clients in Governmental and Prosecutorial Investigations.

The firm has built a remarkable reputation in successfully conducting anti-bribery and internal investigations on behalf of various Fortune 500 corporations.



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GENERAL DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION

I. THEME :

The theme for the second edition is Humanitarian Refugee Crisis.

II. TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY :

- The participation is limited to students pursuing their Bachelors Degree in Law (LLB, BCL, JD or equivalent).
- The first 24 teams shall be allowed to participate on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- Each participating team will comprise of 3 members. Two (2) Members shall be designated as speakers and one (1) member shall be designated as the researcher.

III. COLLEGE REPRESENTATION :

Considering the limit in the number of teams, each University /College are permitted to be represented by **TWO TEAMS**.

IV. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION :

The format of the competition shall consist of four rounds of pleadings. First, the preliminary rounds will be held where each team shall submit arguments from both the sides, i.e., Prosecution and Defendants. The top 8 teams shall subsequently advance to the quarter finals followed by the semi finals. The last two teams will compete for the winner's trophy in the grand finale. The teams shall argue from both the sides throughout the competition for all the rounds.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted in two stages. Each stage will be one Preliminary Round where each team will represent either the Prosecution or Defendant for that round. The sides will be determined by the way of Draw of Lots. Each team will face a different team and a different bench in both the Preliminary Rounds.

QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

The top eight (8) teams with the highest cumulative score shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. The Quarter Final Rounds will be conducted in two stages. Each stage will be one Quarter Final round where each team will represent either the Prosecution or Defendant for that round. The sides will be determined by the way of Draw of Lots. Each team will face a different team and a different bench in both the Quarter Final Rounds.

SEMI FINAL ROUNDS

The top four (4) teams with the highest score shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds. The Semi Final Rounds will be conducted in two stages. Each stage will be one Semi Final round where each team will represent either the Prosecution or Defendant for that round. The sides will be determined by the way of Draw of Lots. Each team will face a different team and a different bench in both the Semi Final Rounds.

FINAL ROUNDS

The top two (2) teams with the highest score shall qualify for the Final Rounds. The Final Rounds will be conducted in two stages. Each stage will be one Final round where each team will represent either the Prosecution or Defendant for that round. The sides will be determined by the way of Draw of Lots. Each team will face a different team and a different bench in both the Final Rounds.

V. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE :

The participating Colleges are required to register their institution Provisionally by 3rd December, 2021 and consequently complete the Final Registration process by 20th December, 2021.

Google Form Link for Provisional Registration -

<https://forms.gle/EwdLxmwhHmtnLz8o8>

Only upon the confirmation of the provisional registration by the Administrators, each team shall register for the Competition by filling the online registration form before December 20, 2021. The teams are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form at the earliest possible.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Name of the Country	Amount
India	INR 3500
Afghanistan	4418.23 Afs
Bangladesh	4037.28 BDT
Bhutan	3500.37 Nu
Nepal	5600.61 NPR
Pakistan	8213.01 PKR
Sri Lanka	9505.57 LKR
Maldives	727.17 Rf

* Registration fees per team

VI. AWARDS :

- Winners / Best Team
- Runners-Up
- Best Advocate (Male)
- Best Advocate (Female)
- Best Memorial
- Best Spirit of the Competition

The above mentioned awards shall carry cash prizes up to INR 1 lacs.

The breakup of the same shall be released soon.

VII. TRAINING SESSIONS FOR JUDGES AND PARTICIPANTS:

We shall provide an opportunity for all the participants to develop the craft of mooting and enhancing their skills through sessions conducted by distinguished legal professionals. A session for Judges would be held for the better understanding of a virtual set-up. They shall be briefed about the moot proposition and the judging criteria as well.

VIII. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE :

Date	Provisional Registration Opens	22 nd November, 2021
	Provisional Registration closes	3 rd December, 2021
	Release of Case Record	3 rd Week of December, 2021
	Last Date of Registration	20 th December, 2021
	Last Date to seek Clarifications	28 th December, 2021
	Memorial Submission	1 st February, 2022
	Oral Rounds	10 th - 13 th February, 2022

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DISCLAIMER :

1. The Dates, Schedule and other ancillary details pertaining to the Competition are tentative in nature and are subject to change. In case of any change, the details shall be communicated by the Organizing Committee.
2. All discretionary powers with respect to the conduct and outcome of the Competition vests with the MCS. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.