

6th VITSOL Moot Court Competition, 2026

on
Intellectual Property Laws

Hybrid Mode

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About VIT

VIT was founded in the year 1984 by the visionary Dr. G Viswanathan. In a short span, VIT has witnessed a meteoric rise and set an ambitious growth target, its towering presence in the technical, management and legal education, infrastructure that meets global standards, digitalization and the scholastic faculty who are a cynosure in the academic realm manifests itself.

A central library with a plethora of books, national and international journals, magazines and digitized facility to access millions of articles online makes VIT a citadel of learning. The ingenuity of the learners makes it a recruiting haven for national and multinational companies.



VIT is also ranked by QS World University Ranking, Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking, US News Ranking, Round University Ranking, Russia and others.

VIT is the first institute of India to receive QS 4-Star rating in overall category and QS 5-Star rating in teaching, employability, facilities, innovation and inclusiveness

About VIT School of Law

VIT School of Law (Approved by BCI No. D 331/2014(LE)), the progeny of VIT University, has entered the legal arena in 2014, aiming at high goals to be achieved. The Law School aims to impart quality legal education to nourish the young minds with knowledge of law, teach them the nuances of the legal profession, and equip them to the nitty-gritty of the profession.

Our motto is “***Sui Generis Sine Dubio***” which connotes “*unique, without a doubt*”. The course has been structured in such a way that the students can opt to have a specialized knowledge and insight in the particular branch they are interested in along with general knowledge in all other subjects. This gives them an edge over other undergraduates, which is imperative in this competitive world.

The course is designed to encourage the mooting abilities, oratorical skills, interpreting and analyzing skills of the budding lawyers by conducting weekly seminars, frequent moot court trainings, court visits, etc. The syllabus has been framed to give importance to theory and practical aspects to meet the rigorous demands set by the legal profession.

The evaluation system in VIT also signifies a shift from the contemporary pattern wherein testing of the memory skills is predominant in various law schools. Problem Based Learning has been embedded in the course and the evaluation of the student will also be on the above said lines. This induces them to analyze the various provisions of the law, interpret the case laws, and apply them to solve the question of law, thereby preparing them for the different facets of the profession.

About The Competition

6th VITSOL Moot Court Competition, 2026

The Moot Court Society, VITSOL, is set to host its prestigious 6th VITSOL Moot Court Competition in 2026, focusing on the overlap between various forms of Intellectual Property (IP).

The 6th Edition will be conducted in a hybrid format with a total prize pool of ₹1,00,000. The competition seeks to reward excellence in legal research, written submissions, and oral advocacy, while providing a competitive and professionally enriching environment for all participating teams.

This highly anticipated event aims to bring together aspiring legal minds from across the country to engage in rigorous advocacy and deliberation. Participants will tackle complex issues within the realms of intellectual property rights, showcasing their legal acumen and proficiency in argumentation.

With a commitment to fostering a deeper understanding of these critical legal domains, the competition promises to provide a platform for participants to sharpen their skills, network with peers, and gain insights from esteemed judges and practitioners in the field.



Moot Proposition

BACKGROUND OF THE PARTIES

1. Aurum Outerwear Private Limited (“Aurum”) is a company incorporated in the European Union in the year 2008, also having its registered office at Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Aurum is engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, and selling winter apparel, including insulated jackets, coats, and outerwear accessories.
2. Since its entry into the Indian market, Aurum has positioned itself as a premium, design-focused brand catering to urban professionals, frequent travellers, and consumers residing in colder regions of India.
3. Over the years, Aurum expanded its presence through exclusive brand outlets in metropolitan cities and hill stations, as well as through its official e-commerce platform and third-party online marketplaces. Aurum regularly participates in apparel expos and trade fairs within India and claims to have invested substantial resources in product development, branding, and marketing.
4. NorthPeak Apparels LLP (“NorthPeak”) is a limited liability partnership incorporated in 2021, having its principal place of business at Chennai, Tamil Nadu, a region known for large-scale garment manufacturing. NorthPeak was established by a group of professionals with prior experience in apparel sourcing, production, and supply-chain management.
5. NorthPeak operates in the mass-market apparel segment and focuses on producing functional winter clothing at comparatively affordable price points. Its products are sold primarily through multi-brand retail outlets and popular online marketplaces across India. NorthPeak does not operate exclusive brand stores of its own and relies on volume-driven sales through established retail channels.

DEVELOPMENT OF AURUM'S WINTER JACKET

5. On 15th January 2018, Aurum commenced internal development of a new winter jacket intended to balance thermal insulation, ease of movement, and contemporary aesthetics suitable for everyday wear. The development process involved collaboration between Aurum's design, production, and sourcing teams and included multiple internal prototypes and revisions.

6. During this period, Aurum conducted internal testing of materials, insulation patterns, and stitching arrangements to achieve a balance between warmth and flexibility. None of the prototypes or design drafts were displayed publicly or offered for sale during this phase. Upon finalisation of the design, Aurum branded the jacket as "Aurum Shield Pro."

The jacket, as finalised, features inter alia:

- a panelled quilting pattern across the front and back portions,
- asymmetrical diagonal stitching across the torso,
- a high-collar hood with an integrated overlapping flap,
- contrasting fabric panels on the shoulders and sleeves, and
- a specific arrangement of seams across the body of the jacket.

7. The "Aurum Shield Pro" jacket was designed to provide improved warmth and comfort during use in cold conditions. According to Aurum, the manner in which the panels are arranged and stitched assists in distributing insulation evenly across the body, while the placement of seams and the overlapping flap in the collar area help reduce exposure to cold air. Aurum has stated that these aspects were considered during the development of the jacket in order to improve its performance during regular use.

DESIGN REGISTRATION

8. On 21st May 2018 Aurum applied for registration of the design of the "Aurum Shield Pro" jacket under the Designs Act, 2000. The representations submitted along with the application depicted the jacket from multiple angles, including front, rear, and side views, and overall silhouette of the jacket.



The design was granted registration on 11/11/2018. The design registration remains valid and subsisting as on the date of the present dispute.

9. Aurum commenced commercial manufacture and sale of the “Aurum Shield Pro” jacket on 15th January 2019. The jacket was launched through Aurum’s retail outlets and online platforms and was promoted as a flagship winter product. Between January 2019 and December 2022, Aurum sold the jacket across multiple regions in India. The product featured prominently in Aurum’s seasonal catalogues, online advertisements, and promotional campaigns and was positioned as a premium winter jacket offering.

COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION

10. In 7th August 2020, Aurum applied for and obtained copyright registration under the Copyright Act, 1957 in respect of: “An artistic work consisting of a photographic image of a winter jacket marketed as ‘Aurum Shield Pro.’”

BELOW IS THE COPYRIGHTED WORK OF AURUM OUTERWEAR PRIVATE LIMITED



The image depicts the complete jacket shown from the front profile against a white background. The photograph was used in Aurum’s catalogues, online listings, and promotional material.

11. In April 2021, NorthPeak commenced development of a winter jacket intended for mass-market retail. NorthPeak undertook market surveys of consumer preferences in colder regions and reviewed prevailing winter wear designs available through multi-brand retail stores and online platforms. Based on this assessment, NorthPeak introduced a winter jacket marketed under the brand name “NP Arctic Guard.” The jacket was positioned as an affordable winter wear option intended for daily use, with emphasis on insulation, durability, and ease of manufacture at scale

BELOW IS A PICTURE OF “NP ARCTIC GUARD” JACKET



12. The “NP Arctic Guard” jacket was promoted through online marketplaces and multi-brand retail outlets and was manufactured using standard production techniques commonly employed in the winter apparel industry.

NORTHPEAK’S SHAPE TRADEMARK REGISTRATION

13. In 18th July 2022, NorthPeak filed an application under the Trade Marks Act, 1999, seeking registration of a three-dimensional shape trademark in Class 25. In support of the application, NorthPeak relied on its commercial use of the jacket and its presence in the market through retail and online platforms. The application proceeded through examination and was granted registration in 2023. Following registration, NorthPeak began asserting rights in respect of the registered shape in connection with its winter jackets.

EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE PARTIES

14. Upon learning of NorthPeak's product and the grant of its shape trademark registration, Aurum issued a cease and desist notice to NorthPeak on 2nd November 2023 alleging the "NP Arctic Guard" is similar to that of Aurum's "Aurum Shield Pro" jacket. NorthPeak responded to the notice on 18th November 2023 disputing the allegations and maintaining that its jacket was independently developed and lawfully marketed. The correspondence exchanged between the parties did not result in an amicable resolution.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

15. On 12th February 2024, Aurum instituted a commercial suit before the Commercial Division of the Madras High Court against NorthPeak. In the suit, Aurum alleged that the winter jacket marketed by NorthPeak under the name "NP Arctic Guard" embodies features which, according to Aurum, is similar to that of the registered design of "Aurum Shield Pro" jacket, and that the manufacture and sale of the said jacket by NorthPeak amounts to passing off of the Registered design and copyrighted product of Aurum.

16. On the basis of the aforesaid allegations, Aurum sought, inter alia, the following reliefs in the suit:

- a. a decree of permanent injunction restraining NorthPeak, its partners, distributors, agents, stockists, and all others acting on its behalf from manufacturing, marketing, advertising, selling, or otherwise dealing in the winter jacket marketed under the name "NP Arctic Guard", or any other jacket having a deceptively similar shape, configuration, or overall visual appearance, so as to pass off its goods as those of Aurum;
- b. an order directing NorthPeak to pay damages quantified at Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) to Aurum for loss of goodwill, reputation, and business allegedly suffered on account of the acts complained of;

- c. a decree directing rendition of accounts of profits earned by NorthPeak from the manufacture and sale of the “NP Arctic Guard” jacket and payment of such profits to Aurum;
- d. an order directing delivery up of all infringing materials, including jackets, packaging, labels, promotional material, and advertisements bearing the impugned trade dress, for destruction;
- e. an order of interim injunction pending disposal of the suit in terms of prayers (a) and (b) above; and
- f. such other and further reliefs as the Hon’ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

17. Simultaneously, Aurum instituted rectification proceedings before the Madras High Court seeking cancellation of NorthPeak’s registered three dimensional shape trademark, contending that the registration is liable to be removed from the register. The said rectification proceedings are presently pending.

18. During the pendency of the suit, NorthPeak initiated proceedings before the IP Division of the Hon’ble Madras High Court seeking cancellation of Aurum’s copyright registration in respect of the “Aurum Shield Pro” jacket. In the said proceedings, NorthPeak contended that Aurum had sought dual protection over the same subject matter by obtaining both design registration and copyright registration in relation to the “Aurum Shield Pro” jacket, and that such copyright registration is liable to be cancelled on the ground that copyright does not subsist independently where protection has been claimed and secured under design law for the same product.

19. All proceedings are presently pending. As per the IPD Rules of Madras High Court, both proceedings must be combined together and conducted.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Whether the manufacture and sale of the winter jacket marketed by NorthPeak under the name “NP Arctic Guard” amounts to passing off as alleged by Aurum?
2. Whether copyright subsists in relation to the “Aurum Shield Pro” jacket in light of Aurum having obtained design registration for the same product, and whether the copyright registration obtained by Aurum is liable to be cancelled on the grounds urged by NorthPeak?
3. Whether the design registration obtained by Aurum in respect of the “Aurum Shield Pro” jacket is valid and enforceable in light of the technical and functional features claimed to be embodied in the product?
4. Whether NorthPeak’s registered three-dimensional shape trademark is liable to be cancelled or rectified in the facts and circumstances of the case?

Participants may rely upon the following statutes:

1. The Trade Marks Act, 1999
2. The Copyright Act, 1957
3. The Designs Act, 2000
4. The Commercial Courts Act, 2015

Rules of The Competition

01. ABOUT

The 6th VITSOL Moot Court Competition on Intellectual Property Rights shall be held on 3rd March and 13th - 14th March, 2026. The preliminary round will be conducted in **Online mode on 3rd March, 2026** and the Quarter Final, Semi Final and Final rounds will be conducted in **Offline mode on 13th & 14th March, 2026**.

02. LANGUAGE

The Language of the competition shall be English.

03. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open for students pursuing a three or five-year LL.B Degree Course from any recognized College/University/Law School subject to the fulfilment of registration formalities.

04. TEAM COMPOSITION

4.1. Each Team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members.

4.2. Every Team shall consist of a maximum of two speakers and a maximum of one researcher.

05. REGISTRATION

5.1. Teams from each Participating Institution are requested to fill the Registration Form at <https://forms.gle/B3yMcaBN9V7Wj1AK8> in order to confirm their participation.



SCAN THE QR CODE

5.2. The registration fees of **Rs. 4,500** shall be paid through the QR Code link, under the Event Name '**6th VITSOL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026**'

Link: <https://eventhubcc.vit.ac.in/EventHub/>

5.3. Teams will be registered upon receipt of online payment of Rs. 4500. The registration fee is non refundable under any circumstances.

5.4. Teams which are registered according to Rule 5.3 will be provided with a Team Code, which will be intimated to the official E-mail ID.

5.5. Registration will close on **15th February, 2026**. No further extension will be provided.

5.6. The details provided in the registration form shall be final for the purposes of certificates and awards.

5.7. Teams shall not be allowed to change the speakers and/or the researcher after registration.

5.8. The teams shall not swap the speakers inside the Court Hall; it must be as per the registration.

5.9. Multiple teams from the same institution are permitted to register.

06. MEMORIAL EVALUATION & QUALIFICATION

6.1. The Team must send a Soft Copy of their memorial for evaluation to chennai.vitsolmcs@vit.ac.in on or before **25th February, 2026**.

6.2. Late submission shall attract a penalty of one point per side (Applicant & Respondent) for every 12-hour delay subject to a maximum delay of 24 hours. No further extension shall be given. If the memorials are not submitted within time, it shall be deemed as the participation is withdrawn by the team.

6.3. Memorials submitted as per Rules 6.1 and 6.2 will be considered for evaluation.

07. ORAL ROUNDS

7.1. The student counsels shall not state their names during Oral rounds, and must use their Team Code assigned to the Team.

7.2. There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter-final round, a semi-final round and a final round. If the number of Teams participating is less than 12, there shall be no quarter-final round.

7.3 The participants shall be in formal attire with blazers.

7.4. During the Oral Rounds:

7.4.1. The Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds will take place for a total of sixty (60) minutes. Applicant/s and Respondent/s are each allotted thirty (30) minutes, including rebuttal or surrebuttal.

7.4.2. The Semi-Final and Final Rounds will take place for a total of ninety (90) minutes. Applicant/s and Respondent/s are each allotted forty-five (45) minutes, including rebuttal or surrebuttal.

7.4.3. Time allocated but not used by one Oralist may not be used by another Oralist, or in rebuttal or surrebuttal.

7.4.4. Judges may, at their discretion, extend total Team argument beyond the allocated time.

7.4.5. Each Team may reserve up to ten (10) minutes for rebuttal or surrebuttal.

7.4.6. The arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.

7.4.7. The Researcher needs to be present with the Speakers during the oral arguments.

7.4.8. The Researcher is not allowed to pass notes to the Speaker during the Rounds. Maximum scores for the Oral Rounds shall be 100 points per speaker.

7.4.9. The Oral Rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

- i) Knowledge of Law: 20 points
- ii) Application of Law to Facts: 20 points
- iii) Ingenuity and ability to answer questions: 20 points
- iv) Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor: 20 points
- v) Time Management: 10 points
- vi) Organization: 10 points

7.5. Only the Oral Communications described in Rule 7.4 are permitted. In particular, no written communication or exhibits may be presented or delivered by any Team member to any Judge or Court Officer during the oral rounds.

7.6. Oral Courtroom Communication and Activity at the Counsel Table – Communication at the Counsel Table between Team Members may only be in writing to prevent disruption. Team and Team-affiliated spectators shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behaviour which may distract the Court from the arguments in progress. Any such incident, if reported by the presiding Judges, shall lead to disqualification.

7.7. Written Courtroom Communication – Written Communication during the Oral Rounds shall be limited to the Team members sitting at the counsel table. No other written communication may take place between any combination of the following parties: judges, the oralist, Team Members sitting at the counsel table, or spectators (including Team Members sitting in the audience). Violation of the Rule will lead to disqualification.

08. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS

8.1. Lots will be drawn prior to the Preliminary Rounds.

8.2. There will be two preliminary oral rounds per Team.

8.3. No two Teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

8.4. All efforts will be made to ensure that no Team faces the same Bench more than once.

8.5. The Quarter Final Rounds shall be based on ranks obtained in the Preliminary Round. The Top 8 Teams which have the highest aggregate Memorial Scores and Preliminary Oral Rounds scores shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds.

8.6. In case of a tie, in the Preliminary Oral Round the highest Oral Round score will be the determinant factor to resolve the tie.

8.7. The Quater-Finals shall be knock-out rounds. Memorial Scores will not be added to the scores of Quater-Final rounds.

09. SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL

9.1. The Semi-Final shall be knock-out rounds.

9.2. Memorial Scores will not be added to the scores of Semi-Final and Final Rounds.

10. SCORING AND RESULTS

10.1. Each Judge will score the Memorial on a scale of hundred (100) points.

10.2. Each Judge will score each Oralist on a scale of hundred (100) points.

10.3. The Results will be announced after each Round.

10.4. The Result of the Final Round shall be announced at the Valedictory ceremony.

11. MEMORIALS

The following guidelines must be strictly followed for the memorials. Non-compliance will entail penalties as provided below:

11.1. Teams have to prepare Memorial for both sides.

11.2. All soft copies must be entailed in PDF (Portable Document Format) only. Any other file extension will entail a penalty of 2 points. Attachments should be titled as <Team Code><P> for Petitioner side and as <Team Code><R> for Respondent side. E.g., 30P and 30R. Each Team must ensure that the subject of the e-mail reads “Memorial Submission by Team Code”.

11.3. The Teams are required to submit soft copies of the memorial for each side on or before the deadline. Delay would entail a penalty as per Rule 6.

11.4. Teams must not disclose the identity of their College/University anywhere in the Memorial. Team Code assigned to each Team shall be mentioned at the top right corner of the cover page of the memorial.

11.5. The Team shall not disclose or mention their identity including the name of their institution other than in the Registration Form. Non-compliance with this Rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.

11.6. The content of the Hard Copies must be the same as that of soft copies. Non-compliance with this Rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.

11.7. The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper, printed on only one side, and must contain the following sections:

- i. Cover Page;
- ii. Table of Contents;
- iii. Index of Authorities;
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction;
- v. Statement of Facts;
- vi. Statement of Issues;
- vii. Summary of Arguments;
- viii. Arguments Advanced; and
- ix. Prayer

Non-compliance with this Rule with respect to sections (i) to (vii) and (ix) will result in a penalty of 1 point per missing section. Non-compliance of the Rule with respect to section (viii) will result in the Memorial not being considered for evaluation at all.

11.8. The Memorials must be printed in Times New Roman font, font size 12 with 1.5-line spacing. All paragraphs must be justified aligned. The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font, font size 10 with single line spacing. The arguments advanced should not exceed 15 pages.

The memorial as a whole should not exceed 30 pages including the cover page. The memorials should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. The numbering should be on the bottom and center of each page. The Applicant memorial cover page shall be printed on blue color A4 size paper, and the Respondent memorial on red color A4 size paper.

A uniform style of citation according to Bluebook 21st Edition should be followed throughout the memorial. Non-compliance would result in a penalty of maximum of 10 points.

11.9. The maximum scores for the memorial shall be 100 points. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- i. Knowledge of Law and Facts; 25 points
- ii. Proper and Articulate Analysis: 25 points
- iii. Extent and use of Research: 20 points
- iv. Clarity and Organization: 20 points
- v. Grammar and Style: 10 points

11.10. Memorial Scores shall be added to the Oral Score only in the Preliminary Rounds. In case of a tie, the Oral Scores will be considered to determine the higher placed team.

12. JUDGES AND ELIGIBILITY TO JUDGE

12.1. The Chairperson will determine the eligibility of persons to serve as Judges.

12.2. Unless expressly permitted or approved by the Chairperson, Team Advisors, or others directly affiliated with a Team, may not act as Judges in any Round until the Team they advise has been eliminated from the Competition.

12.3. Affiliations which Do Not Constitute Conflict of Interest – The difference between a mere Affiliation and a Conflict of Interest is the reasonable inference of partiality. (In the absence of additional facts).

13. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

13.1. Judges should not attempt to ascertain the school of any Team during a competition. However, in circumstances where the judge believes his or her evaluation of a particular Memorial would be affected by knowledge of whether or not the primary language used by the Team Members in their legal studies is English, the judge may request VITSOL MCS Convener to reveal this information.

14. ORAL ROUND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

14.1. For the purpose of this Rule, the following definitions shall apply:

14.1.1. With respect to a given Oral Round, an “Affiliation” means a personal or professional relationship between a judge and a school, coach, or Team member that is participating in the competition in which the judge is participating.

14.1.2. With respect to a given Oral Round, a “Conflict of Interest” means an Affiliation which would, in the eyes of a reasonable observer, create an inference that the affiliated judge would be unable to be impartial as to the conduct or result of the Oral Round.

14.2. Prohibition and Mitigation of Conflict of Interest - The Convener should avoid placing a judge in an Oral Round in which he or she has a Conflict of Interest. In the event the Convener is unable to avoid a Conflict of Interest, the Convener should take responsible steps to mitigate the effects of the conflict on the Oral Round.

Such steps might include:

14.2.1. Obtaining a waiver from both Teams in the Oral Round.

14.2.2. Informing the other members of the panel of the judge’s affiliation

14.2.3. Adding to the panel a judge with a proportional Affiliation with the opposing Team, and

14.2.4. Assigning a neutral official to observe the Oral Round and the subsequent deliberations to determine whether the Conflict of Interest affected the outcome of the Oral Round.

14.3. Waiver by Consent of Both Teams- Any Conflict of Interest shall be cured by the express oral or written waiver, either before or after the Oral Round, of both Teams. In this event, neither Team may later file an appeal or other complaint on the basis of Conflict of Interest.

In Addition:

14.3.1. If a Team is aware of an Affiliation before the commencement of an Oral Round and fails to report it, before the Oral Round begins, it shall be deemed to have waived the Conflict of Interest.

14.3.2. If a Team becomes aware of an Affiliation after the completion of an Oral Round and fails to report before the completion of the Tournament, it shall be deemed to have waived the Conflict of Interest.

14.4. Prophylactic Avoidance of Conflicts - It is the duty of a judge to report any Affiliations at the time he or she registers to judge or, subsequently, directly to the Convener in advance of the Competition. The Convener shall investigate any alleged Affiliation (whether self-reported by a judge or otherwise) and shall determine whether such Affiliation constitutes a Conflict of Interest.

14.5. Reporting Obligation of Teams - If a Team believes that an Affiliation exists which may form the basis of a Conflict of Interest, it shall promptly inform the Convener. The Convener shall take appropriate steps to investigate and, if he or she determines that a Conflict of Interest exists, to eliminate or mitigate such Conflict of Interest. The Team's failure to timely inform the Convener will constitute waiver under Rule 14.3.

15. SCOUTING

15.1. No member of any Team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any Court Room in which that Team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that Team is still in the Competition. Scouting by any Team in any manner shall result in instant disqualification.

16. AWARDS AND PRIZES

16.1. Winning Team Award: A Trophy, Cash prize and a Certificate

16.2. Runners-up Award: A Trophy, Cash prize and a Certificate

16.3. Best Memorial: A Trophy, Cash prize and a Certificate

16.4. Best Speaker: A Trophy, Cash prize and a Certificate

16.5. Participation Certificates will be provided for all the participants

Total Prize Pool: Rs. 1,00,000/-

17. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

18. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION

18.1. Accommodation will not be provided by the institution and is not included in the registration fee.

18.2. Food and snacks will be provided to the participants on the days of the offline rounds of the competition.

18.3. Transport shall not be provided by the Institution.

18.4. All Teams would be assisted by an Usher, who shall be the single point of contact for the Team with regard the Moot Court Competition. The Usher will also intimate the Team on the accommodation provided to them.

19. CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE MOOT PROPOSITION

19.1. All queries relating to clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition should be sent to chennai.vitsolmcs@vit.ac.in on or before **08.02.2026**.

20. VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPING

20.1. Audio and Videotaping of the Court Room proceedings is strictly prohibited. Violation will entail a penalty of disqualification.

21. COMPUTERS, MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COURTROOMS

21.1. During an Oral Round, Oralists at the podium and participants seated at the counsel table may not operate, for any purpose, mobile phones, laptops, PDAs, or any other electronic devices, particularly those with internet connectivity, or have instant messaging capabilities. All such devices, including mobile phones, must be turned off and removed from sight as Judges enter the room, and must remain switched off and out of sight until the conclusion of the Oral Round. A Team that violates this Rule forfeits up to thirty Oral Round Points.

22. RULES FOR ONLINE PLATFORM

22.1. In the circumstance wherein it is not possible to conduct the Quarter Final, Semi Final and Finals physically, the event will be conducted virtually. The rules and regulations regarding the same will be intimated to the teams' official E-mail id.

22.2. Further rules pertaining to Online Rounds of the competition will be intimated through the Official mail to all registered teams after the registration closes.

23. DRESS CODE

23.1. Participants shall be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. Robes and collar bands are not permitted.

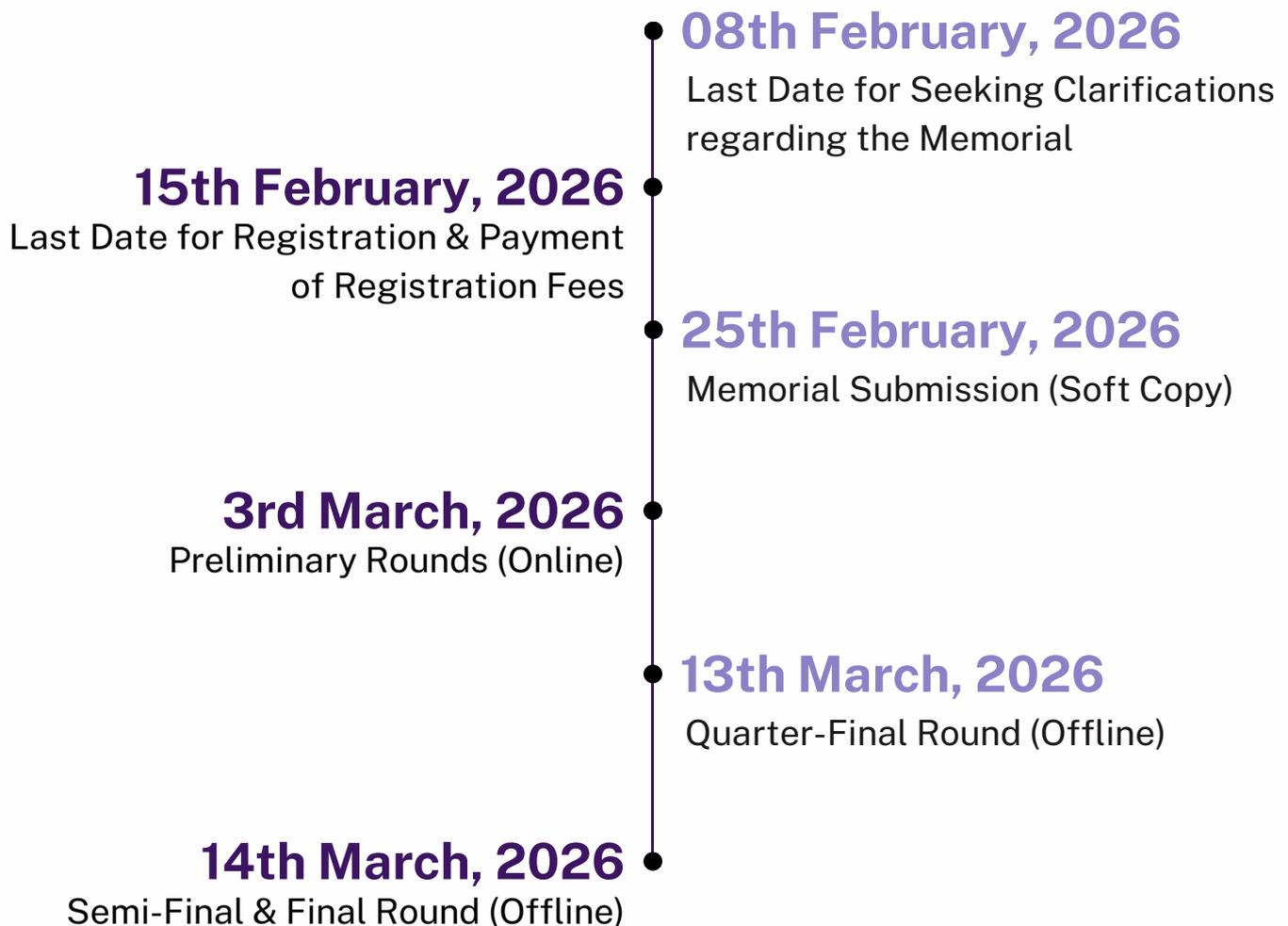
23.2. The official dress code for the competition shall be Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black Tie (optional) and Formal Shoes.

24. COPYRIGHT

24.1. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in, VIT School of Law, VIT University, Chennai. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

24.2. A copy of Originality Declaration form and Copyright Transfer form will be sent to the official mail of all registered teams after the registration closes.

Important Dates



Patrons

CHIEF PATRON

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