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## The 8<sup>th</sup> Thiru. Isari Velan Memorial Moot Court Competition

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

MOOT PROPOSITION

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# Moot Proposition

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA

Original Jurisdiction

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 313 of 2025

(Public Interest Litigation under Article 32 of the Constitution of Indiana)

IN THE MATTER OF

Ashima Bibi & 148 Others

Petitioners

Versus

Respondents

1. Union of Indiana (Ministry of Home Affairs)
2. Union of Indiana (Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change)
3. Union of Indiana (Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways)
4. State of West Bangel
5. State of Odina
6. National Biodiversity Authority
7. Sagar Port Authority (a statutory body under the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021)

The Greater Soundarbans, straddling the Indiana–Bangeldesh border, is the world’s largest contiguous mangrove ecosystem, covering approximately 10,280 sq km, of which 4,266 sq km lie within Indiana. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1989, a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, and a critical tiger reserve under Project Tiger, it is the last habitat of the Royal Bangel Tiger and the critically endangered River Terrapin. It is also the ancestral homeland of the indigenous “Soundarbani” community, a Scheduled Tribe notified in West Bangel and Odina, whose members have lived on the delta’s low-lying islands for over four centuries. Their distinct culture, language with Soundarbani dialect of Bangeli, and religion with the syncretic Bon-bibi–Dakshin Rai faith are inseparable from the mangrove ecosystem. Their traditional ecological knowledge, developed over centuries of co-existence with one of the most hostile environments on earth, includes salt-tolerant paddy varieties capable of growing in 18–22 ppt salinity, crab-fattening in earthen ponds without artificial feed, honey collection using precise smoke rituals that never disturb bee colonies, and navigation techniques through ever-shifting creeks that modern GPS still cannot match.

Between 2019 and December 2025, the Soundarbans delta has undergone catastrophic, irreversible transformation. Sea-level rise in the northern Bay of Bangel has averaged 1.8–2.2 cm per year, four times the global mean, compounded by land subsidence of 8–12 mm annually and drastic reduction in freshwater flow due to upstream barrages and climate-induced changes in Himalayan glacier melt. Two Category-5 equivalent super-cyclones, Verdu in October 2023



and Omphan in May 2025, breached natural and man-made embankments on a scale never previously recorded. By November 2025, 526 inhabited islands have either been completely submerged or reduced to slivers that can no longer support human life. Official Indianan records confirm that 212 sq km of land in the Indianan Soundarbans alone has vanished since 2019. Islands such as Lohachara-II, Suparibhanga-III, New Ghoramara, Jambudwip Extension, and Dalhousie South, once home to thousands, now exist only on old maps and in the memory of the petitioners.

The 149 petitioners belong to three distinct categories that make their legal status uniquely complex:

- Sixty-two petitioners are adult Indianan citizens whose Aadhaar cards, Voter IDs, and passports were issued or renewed as late as 2022–2023, who voted in the 2024 Jana Sabha elections, paid GST and income tax, and held bank accounts and Kisan Credit Cards.
- Fifty-one petitioners are children born between 2015 and 2022 on islands that were then part of Indianan territory, registered under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 with official Indianan birth certificates.
- Thirty-six petitioners are elderly persons who had been seasonally migrating between the Indianan and Bangaldesh parts of the Soundarbans for generations and were granted Aadhaar and Scheduled Tribe certificates under the Government of West Bangel's "Greater Jalpaiguri Soundarbani Rehabilitation Scheme, 2016".

In February 2023, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change granted, in a controversial single-window clearance, Environmental Clearance (EC No. 217/2023) and CRZ Clearance under the CRZ Notification, 2019 for the "Sagar Mega Deep-Sea Port & Industrial Corridor Project" on the western edge of the Indianan Soundarbans. The project involves reclamation of 14,200 hectares of intertidal mudflats and mangrove forests, classified as CRZ-IA, the most ecologically sensitive category, dredging of 180 million cubic metres of seabed, construction of a 52-km approach channel, and establishment of petrochemical, aquaculture, and logistics hubs. Peer-reviewed studies published in Nature Climate Change in July 2025 and Science Advances in October 2025 conclude that the project will increase salinity by 5-8 ppt across the remaining biosphere, accelerate erosion of at least 110 more islands by 2035, and release approximately 180 million tonnes of stored blue carbon, equivalent to the annual emissions of a medium-sized industrialised nation. The Union of Indiana, through the Shipping Corporation of Indiana, holds a 26 % equity stake in the project SPV.

In July 2024 and January 2025, BioHarvesting GmbH, a German multinational listed as a technology partner in the Sagar Port aquaculture zone, obtained Indianan Patent No. 478321 and European Patent EP-478321-B1 for a "Novel Accelerated Crustacean Growth Method in High-Salinity Conditions". The patent specification reproduces, almost verbatim, the traditional Soundarbani crab-fattening technique that has been orally transmitted for over 300 years. No disclosure of source, origin, or prior informed consent of the Soundarbani community



was made, and no application was filed with the National Biodiversity Authority as required under Section 6 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

On 15 March 2025, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued a classified circular which was made public through an RTI reply in August 2025, directing all Border Security Force units and State police to treat any person “claiming origin from the submerged islands of the Soundarbans” as an illegal migrant irrespective of documentation, and to initiate immediate push-back across the Ichamati River or detention pending deportation. By 1 December 2025, 2,841 Soundarbani persons, including the 149 petitioners, have been detained in three detention centres in North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, and Bhadrak (Odina) in conditions that the National Human Rights Commission Special Rapporteur described as “inhuman and degrading, worse than many regular jails”. Satellite imagery released by ISRO on 20 November 2025 shows that the petitioners natal islands no longer appear on the most recent Cartosat-3 images.

Most shockingly, the same Union of India that now brands these Scheduled Tribe citizens as “illegal Bangaldeshi infiltrators” has, under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 and the Rules of 2024, fast-tracked Indian citizenship for thousands of non-Muslim migrants who entered India from Bangladesh before 31 December 2014, many of whom hail from districts geographically proximate to the Soundarbans. This blatant differential treatment, granting accelerated citizenship on the basis of religion while simultaneously denationalising an indigenous Scheduled Tribe whose homeland has been destroyed by climate change and State-sponsored projects, constitutes patent discrimination on grounds of religion, descent, and place of birth.

The petitioners have placed on record a 400-year-old copper-plate sanad from the Mughal period, 1919 settlement records under the Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act, and continuous revenue records up to 2022 to prove their centuries-old occupation of the now-submerged territory. They have also annexed a letter dated 18 November 2025 from the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples stating that the threatened mass deportation constitutes forced eviction and cultural genocide in violation of Articles 8 and 10 of UNDRIP.

Having been rendered stateless by the irreversible submergence of their homeland, a catastrophe substantially contributed to by the Respondents own developmental projects, and facing imminent deportation to non-existent territory, the Petitioners have no alternative remedy except to invoke the extraordinary original jurisdiction of this Hon’ble Court under Article 32 for the enforcement of their fundamental rights and the protection of the last remnants of the Soundarbans ecosystem held in public trust for present and future generations. Thus, in the case the petitioners, members of a Scheduled Tribe whose homeland has been erased by climate change, whose citizenship is being retrospectively extinguished by the same State that is actively accelerating their displacement through a mega-project in which it has a direct financial stake, and whose ancestral knowledge is being patented and monetised without consent by a foreign corporation partnering with that very project, approaches the honourable court, seeking protection of their fundamental rights and the expanding environmental



jurisprudence of this Hon'ble Court, and pray that climate displacement be recognised as an existential threat engaging the most fundamental guarantees of the Constitution and to consider other related prayers.

#### PRAYERS

In light of the facts and the grave constitutional, human-rights, environmental, international-law and traditional-knowledge violations pleaded above, the Petitioners most humbly pray that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to issue the following writs, orders, and directions in the interest of justice:

- a) Declare that the right to life with dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution of India includes the right not to be deported or displaced to a territory where physical survival is impossible owing to permanent climate-induced submergence, and that such existential climate threats engage the principle of constitutional non-refoulement.
- b) Declare that the mass, retrospective, blanket cancellation of citizenship documents issued to the Petitioners and other members of the Soundarbari Scheduled Tribe community without individual notice, hearing, or reasoned order is unconstitutional, being violative of Fundamental rights and the basic features of natural justice, rule of law, and substantive due process.
- c) Declare that treating the ethnically and culturally Indian Soundarbari Scheduled Tribe as "illegal immigrants" while simultaneously granting accelerated citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 to persons of certain religions from the same region is discriminatory.
- d) Quash the Environmental Clearance No. 217/2023 and CRZ Clearance dated February 2023 granted for the Sagar Mega Deep-Sea Port & Industrial Corridor Project insofar as it permits reclamation and destruction of CRZ-IA mangrove forests in the Sundarbans, being violative of the public trust doctrine, intergenerational equity, precautionary principle, CRZ Notification 2019, EIA Notification 2006, Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, and Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.
- e) Direct the immediate release of all 149 Petitioners and the 2,841 similarly placed Soundarbari persons presently detained in various detention centres, and restrain the Respondents from deporting or pushing back any Soundarbari climate-displaced person pending final adjudication of their citizenship and rehabilitation rights.
- f) Constitute, under Article 142, an independent "Sundarbans Climate Displacement and Mangrove Restoration Commission" headed by a retired Judge of this Court, with eminent climate scientists, indigenous representatives, and environmental lawyers as members, to:
  - i) Determine the citizenship and rehabilitation entitlements of all climate-displaced Soundarbari persons on a case-by-case basis within a time-bound period,



- ii) Oversee scientific mangrove restoration,
  - iii) Assess and recover ecological and climate damages on the polluter-pays and beneficiary-pays principles from the Sagar Port project proponents.
- g) Direct the creation of a “Sundarbans Intergenerational Climate Justice and Rehabilitation Fund” into which 15 % of the annual gross revenue of the Sagar Mega Port project shall be deposited till full ecological restoration is achieved.
- h) Direct the National Biodiversity Authority to immediately initiate proceedings for revocation of Indian Patent No. 478321 and to ensure monetary and non-monetary benefit-sharing with the Soundarbani community under the Biological Diversity Act 2002 and the Nagoya Protocol.
- i) Frame, in exercise of powers under Articles 32, 141 and 142, interim “Climate Displacement (Protection and Rehabilitation) Guidelines” on the lines of Vishaka and DK Basu Guidelines, to remain in force until Parliament enacts comprehensive legislation on climate-induced displacement.
- j) Refer the following questions of constitutional importance to a Constitution Bench of not less than nine Judges:
- (i) Whether Article 21 guarantees protection against deportation to existential climate threats and imposes a positive duty on the State to rehabilitate its own citizens rendered homeless by climate change.
  - (ii) Whether the evolving content of Articles 14, 15, 21, 29(1), 39(b)–(c), 48A and the basic structure of the Constitution in the Anthropocene era require recognition of climate-displaced indigenous persons as a new protected category.
  - (iii) Whether the public trust doctrine and intergenerational equity prohibit the State from commercially exploiting ecologically critical zones when it is itself a direct financial beneficiary.
- k) Grant costs of this petition and exemplary costs against the Respondents for gross violation of fundamental rights and international obligations.
- l) Pass any other order(s), direction(s), or relief(s) as this Hon’ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice, equity, and good conscience.



## **Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies (VISTAS)**

Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies (VISTAS), the multidisciplinary, research-oriented institute under the canopy of the Vels Educational Trust, has been relentlessly working for the last 31 years to achieve higher standards of education. Backed by unwavering commitment and dedication, Vels Group began its journey with one Pharmacy College in 1992 offering a graduation course to 36 students. By 2008, the Group grew from strength-to-strength with over 12,500 students pursuing various courses in 15 different schools including engineering, medicine, law, dentistry, nursing, allied health sciences, arts, commerce, science, hotel management, maritime studies, ancient Indian studies, aviation and management studies.

In the year 2008, the status of ‘Deemed-to-be-University’ was conferred upon Vels by the MHRD, Government of India and by the University Grants Commission. Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies (VISTAS) has been established under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956. The University was accredited with ‘A’ grade and conferred with status of Mentor University by NAAC in the year 2019, and was conferred with 12B status by the UGC in 2021. In the year 2024, VISTAS was re-accredited by NAAC with A++ grade, and in 2025 VISTAS was conferred with Category-1 Institution status by UGC.



## **The School of Law, VISTAS**

Established in the year 2015, the School of Law, VISTAS is dedicated to providing students with practical legal skills and a spirit of service to the legal profession and the community. The school offers high quality, innovative legal education with a strong commitment to social justice and interdisciplinary research in an international perspective. Our school has designed many assessment tasks to help students develop group problem-solving, communication, and advocacy skills. We also prepare students for employment in a global legal service by offering electives with an international focus. Our diverse student intake also contributes to a rich teaching and learning environment.

At present, we offer the following academic programmes: B.A., LL.B (Hons.), B.Com. LL.B (Hons.), B.B.A., LL.B (Hons.), LL.B, LL.M in five branches namely Constitutional Law and Administrative Law, Corporate and Commercial Law, Labour and Administrative Law, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration, Intellectual Property Law that facilitate aspiring students to choose their course according to the eligibility criteria formulated by the Bar Council of India and UGC. Besides these programmes, we offer Ph.D. in Law. The total student strength of the school stands at 2510 as of 2024 – 2025 academic year.



The School of Law as a part of its co-curricular activities conducts Moot Court competitions, Client Counselling sessions, quiz contests, seminars, group discussions, extension lectures, and legal awareness camps. By including a robust training programme in the curriculum with valuable training and experience, all students are provided with an opportunity to hone both their written and oral advocacy skills in this competitive field. This has helped our students with opportunities to participate in various competitions across India. It also provides networking opportunities with professionals from diverse practice areas.

### Thiru. Isari Velan Memorial Moot Court Competition

Thiru. Isari Velan Memorial Moot Court Competition (IVMNMCC) is an annual moot court competition organized by Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS). The competition is one of the most sought-after mooting events among Law schools in the city of Chennai. It started in the year 2019 and this year is its seventh edition. The past IVMNMC competitions have been graced by eminent Jurists and Judges namely Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kurian Joseph (Retd.), Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble

Mr. Justice R. Subramanian, Judge, High Court of Madras, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.S. Ramesh, Judge, High Court of Madras, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Nirmal Kumar, Judge, High Court of Madras, Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.R. Swaminathan, Judge, High Court of Madras, Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.K. Ilanthiraiyan, Judge, High Court of Madras, Hon'ble Mr. Justice D. Bharatha Chakravarthy, Judge, High Court of Madras, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chokkalingam, Judge, High Court of Madras and Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. Sivagnanam, Judge, High Court of Madras.



## Rules & Regulations

These rules shall be referred to as ‘The 8<sup>th</sup> Thiru. Isari Velan Memorial Moot Court Competition Rules, 2026.’

- 1. Date and Venue:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Thiru. Isari Velan Memorial Moot Court Competition will be held in VISTAS, Pallavaram campus between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- 2. Language:** The official language of the Competition is English and all oral and written submissions must be made only in English.
- 3. Team Eligibility and Composition:**
  - 3.1. The Competition is open only for students pursuing LL.B / integrated Law programme in India in the current academic year.
  - 3.2. The participating institution must be recognized by the Bar Council of India.
  - 3.3. Each team shall consist of a *minimum of two (Speakers 1 & 2) or maximum of three members (Speakers 1 & 2, Researcher)*. No team shall consist of more than three members.
  - 3.4. In a three-member team, two participants shall be designated as speakers and one as the researcher.
  - 3.5. Maximum of two teams per institution will be allowed to participate in the competition.
  - 3.6. The competition is opened to 20 teams who register on first-cum-first-serve basis.

### 4. Registration:

- 4.1. Teams interested in participating in the competition shall register provisionally for the same through the link: <https://forms.gle/N7xYF3cKe3DpDYdW6>
- 4.2. Once the team is registered provisionally, they will receive the registration form along with payment details through email.
- 4.3. The filled in registration form must be scanned and sent to [ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in](mailto:ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in) along with the details of registration fees on or before 11:59 pm on 9.3.2026.
- 4.4. Upon verification of the receipt of the said fees, the team will be notified through an email about their successful registration along with their Team Code.



- 4.5. The finalized teams will be added to the official group on WhatsApp once the team code is generated.
- 4.6. Each participating team shall pay a **registration fee of Rs. 3,000/-**
- 4.7. The provisional registration opens on **10.1.2026** and closes on **9.3.2026**.
- 4.8. The last date for payment of the registration fee and confirmation of participation is **10.3.2026**.
- 4.9. Any change in the team composition should be intimated to the Organizers before the commencement of the event.
- 4.10. Teams shall note that **registration fee once paid will not be refunded**.

## 5. Accommodation:

Participating teams shall take care of their accommodation as-well-as transportation between the place of accommodation and the University. The organizers, will, however, be able to assist participants with details of accommodation, if required.

## 6. Memorials:

- 6.1. Each team shall have to prepare Memorials for both sides (1 for petitioner and 1 for respondent).
- 6.2. Petitioner's Memorial Submission shall have a **blue** cover page, and Respondent's Memorial Submission shall have a **red** cover page.
- 6.3. The team code allotted to all teams shall have to be indicated at the top right corner of the memorials.
- 6.4. Memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc., which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification of the participating team.
- 6.5. A penalty of 1 mark will be levied in memorial marks for the team that uses the wrong cover for the memorials.
- 6.6. The memorials shall conform to the below standards:
  - 6.6.1. Memorials should be typed in MS Word.
  - 6.6.2. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) must be in Times New Roman, size 12 with 1.5 line spacing.
  - 6.6.3. Footnotes must be in Calibri, size 10, and single spaced.



6.7. The maximum number of pages in each Memorial shall not exceed 40 pages.

6.8. The soft copy of the Memorials must be submitted through email ([ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in](mailto:ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in)) in a pdf format on or before 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026. No extension date will be given. Late submission of memorials will attract a penalty of 1 mark in the memorial mark.

6.9. Teams shall bring hardcopy of the memorials to the competition.

#### 6.10. **Memorial Structure**

6.10.1. **Cover Page:** The cover page of the memorial must contain the following:

- Team Code on upper Right-hand side corner
- The Cause Title
- The Party for which the Memorial has been prepared
- Colour of the cover page must be Blue in case of Petitioner/Appellant and Red in case of Defendant/ Respondent

6.10.2. **The Memorial** should contain

- The Table of Content
- The Index of Authorities
- The Statement of Jurisdiction
- The Statement of Facts
- The Statement of Issues
- The Summary of Arguments
- The Arguments Advanced
- The Prayer

## 7. Structure of Oral Rounds:

The oral rounds shall comprise of:

### 7.1. **Preliminary Round:**

7.1.1. There will be one preliminary round.

7.1.2. Teams will argue on the opted side in the preliminary round which will be determined by way of draw of lots.

7.1.3. Each team will get 30 minutes to present their case which includes the time for 'rebuttal' and 'sur-rebuttal'.

7.1.4. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for one speaker.



- 7.1.5. Before the commencement of each round, each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wish to allocate their 30 minutes.
- 7.1.6. The top 8 teams who will be qualified for Quarter-Final round will be decided based on the total win points in both the preliminary rounds.
- 7.1.7. In case of a tie, the teams having **higher scores** in the oral rounds (**Excluding Memorial Scores**) will proceed to the Quarter-finals. If the tie continues, the team having the highest **speaker score** will be considered as being selected for the quarter-finals.

## 7.2. Quarter-Final Round:

- 7.2.1. The teams will argue for the opted side determined by way of draw of lots.
- 7.2.2. This will be a **Knockout Round**.
- 7.2.3. Each team will get 30 minutes to present their case, which includes the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- 7.2.4. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for one speaker.
- 7.2.5. Each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wish to allocate its 30 minutes.
- 7.2.6. Selection for the next round will be on **Knockout** basis. Four teams will advance to the semi-final round.

## 7.3. Semi-Final Round:

- 7.3.1. The teams will argue for the opted side determined by way of draw of lots.
- 7.3.2. This will be a **Knockout Round**.
- 7.3.3. Each team will get a total of 40 minutes to present their case, which includes the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- 7.3.4. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for one speaker.
- 7.3.5. Each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wishes to allocate its 40 minutes.
- 7.3.6. Selection for the next round will be on **Knockout** basis. Two teams will advance to the final round.

#### 7.4. **Final Round:**

- 7.4.1. The teams will argue for the opted side determined by way of draw of lots.
- 7.4.2. Each team will get a total of 40 minutes to present their case, which includes the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- 7.4.3. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for one speaker.
- 7.4.4. Each team shall indicate to the 'court officer' as to how it wishes to allocate its 40 minutes.
- 7.4.5. The winner will be decided on **Knockout** basis.

### 8. Awards:

The awards will be announced in the Valedictory function on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The following are the awards:

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| ❖ <b>Winners</b>   | - | <b>Prize Money of Rs. 40,000/- (Team Prize),<br/>Trophy, Medal and Certificate</b>      |
| ❖ <b>Runners-Up</b>  | - | <b>Prize Money of Rs. 30,000/- (Team Prize)<br/>Trophy, Medal and Certificate</b>       |
| ❖ <b>Best Memorial</b>   | - | <b>Prize Money of Rs. 15,000/- (Team Prize)<br/>Trophy, Medal and Certificate</b>       |
| ❖ <b>Best Speaker</b><br><i>(Based on top performance in Preliminary round).</i> | - | <b>Prize Money of Rs. 10,000/- (Individual Prize)<br/>Trophy, Medal and Certificate</b> |

Certificate of Merit will be awarded to all the teams qualifying for Quarter-Final rounds and beyond. Certificate of participation will be given to all the participating teams. Certificates will be distributed only in the valedictory function.

### 9. Dress Code:

The official Dress Code for the Competition shall be:

**Ladies:** White Shirt, Black Trousers / Salwar (White and Black), Black Blazer, and Black Formal shoes.

**Gentlemen:** White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Blazer, Black tie, and Black Formal shoes.



## 10. Clarification:

Clarifications on the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an e-mail to [ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in](mailto:ivmmc@velsuniv.ac.in).

## 11. Disputes

All disputes relating to the 8<sup>th</sup> Thiru. Isari Velan Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall be referred to the **Organizing Committee** before the end of the competition. In all matters of complaints or disputes, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final. If case of dispute with respect to any round, the decision of the judges in that round shall be final.

## 12. General Rules

- 12.1. If a team which is scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team present shall be allowed to submit 'ex-parte'. Teams shall maintain the time and be punctual always.
- 12.2. Participants must maintain the decorum in the court hall during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the profession. Scouting, in any form, will lead to the instant disqualification of the team.
- 12.3. All participants must attend the inauguration and valedictory function without fail.
- 12.4. Teams must not disclose their identity to anybody, except in the registration form. Such an act would result in disqualification of the team subject to the discretion of the Organizers.
- 12.5. The copyright over the memorials submitted by the participants, shall vest solely and rightfully with VISTAS, Chennai.



### KEY DATES

<b>Opening of Registration</b>	<b>10.1.2026</b>
<b>Last date for Provisional Registration</b>	<b>9.3.2026 (11:59 PM IST)</b>
<b>Last date for Final Registration including Payment of Registration Fee</b>	<b>10.3.2026 (11:59 PM IST)</b>
<b>Last date for submission of Soft Copy of Memorials</b>	<b>10.3.2026 (11:59 PM IST)</b>
<b>Inauguration &amp; Draw of Lots for Preliminary Round</b>	<b>12.3.2026</b>
<b>Preliminary Round</b>	<b>13.3.2026 (FN)</b>
<b>Quarter-final Round</b>	<b>13.3.2026 (AN)</b>
<b>Semi-final Round</b>	<b>14.3.2026 (FN)</b>
<b>Final Round &amp; Valedictory Function</b>	<b>14.3.2026 (AN)</b>



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