



**6th DAMODARAM SANJIVAYYA
NATIONAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION
&
2nd DAMODARAM SANJIVAYYA
NATIONAL JUDGEMENT WRITING
COMPETITION**

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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Competition means the 6th Damodaram Sanjivayya National Moot Court Competition, 2020.
- 1.2 Compendium means the compilation of research work prepared by the participating teams for the reference of the Bench.
- 1.3 DSNLU Moot Court Committee refers to the organizing committee responsible for the competition.
- 1.4 Informant means the side representing the informing party.
- 1.5 Itinerary Form means a document to be filled by the participating university with their arrival and departure details to and from the place of accommodation provided by the host university.
- 1.6 Member means the individual member of the participating teams.
- 1.7 Official Website refers to www.dsnlu.ac.in/moot.
- 1.8 Opposite Party means the side representing the defending party.
- 1.9 Participating Team means the teams which have completed their registration formalities.
- 1.10 Rebuttals refer to the challenges presented by the Claimant in response to the Respondent's submissions.
- 1.11 Registered Team means the teams which have been allotted a slot and have completed the payment formalities.
- 1.12 Rules of the Competition refer to the official rules as published on the official website.
- 1.13 Schedule of the Competition refers to the official schedule as published on the official website.
- 1.14 Sur-Rebuttals refer to the defence presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals as defined in Clause 1.10.
- 1.15 Team Code refers to the code allocated to a participating university by DSNMC Committee.
- 1.16 Written Submission refers to the memorials that are to be submitted, consisting of the arguments of the participating teams.
- 1.17 IST means Indian Standard Time (+0530 GMT).
- 1.18 INR means Indian National Rupee(s).

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- 21 Participation in the competition shall be open to all students enrolled bona fide in a regular undergraduate programme, i.e., 5-Year B.A. L.L.B. or 3-Year L.L.B., offered by a recognized Institution/ College/ University. Students pursuing postgraduate courses shall not be eligible for participation in the competition.



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- 22 Only one team from any recognized Institute/ College/ University may register for the competition.
- 23 Participating teams shall comprise of a maximum of three students, wherein TWO students shall represent as SPEAKERS and ONE student shall represent as a RESEARCHER.
- 24 Participating teams shall not comprise of students hailing from more than one Institute/ College/ University.
- 25 Any request for change in designation of the registered members shall not be entertained. However, in case of extenuating circumstances, permission may be granted on a written request from the Moot Court Committee/Association of the participating Institution/ College/ University.
- 26 Any request for an additional participating or accompanying member shall not be entertained under any circumstances.
- 27 Accommodation and any other facilities reserved for participants shall be provided only to the registered members of the team.

3. LANGUAGE

- 31 The official language of the competition shall be English.

4. SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

Sr. No.	Event	Date
1.	Release of Notification	6 th December, 2019
2.	Commencement of Registration	6 th December, 2019
3.	Last date for Softcopy Submission of Registration Form and Payment of Registration Fees	10 th January, 2020
4.	Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	8 th January, 2020
5.	Response to Clarifications	15 th January, 2020
6.	Last Date for Submission of Judgement for Judgement Writing Competition	25 th January, 2020
7.	Last date for Softcopy Submission of Memorials	30 th January, 2020
8.	Commencement of the Competition and Inaugural	14 th February, 2020



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	Ceremony	
9.	Preliminary Rounds, Panel Discussion and Quarter Finals	15 th February, 2020
10.	Semi Finals, Finals, Valedictory Ceremony and Prize Distribution	16 th February, 2020

5. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND PAYMENT OF FEES

- 51 Registration fee for the competition is **3500 INR**.
- 52 Registration process shall commence from 6th December, 2019 and shall continue till 10th January, 2020.
- 53 There is a team cap of 32 (thirty-two) teams in the Competition.
- 54 Registration process comprises of online registration and payment. Online registration should be made by sending an email, addressed to dsnmcc@dsnl.ac.in with the subject stated as “Registration for 6th DSNMCC | [Name of participating Institute]”.
- 55 Payment should be made through NEFT/RTGS Transfer, the details of which are mentioned hereunder:

Bank : **ANDHRA BANK**

Branch : **SABBAVARAM**

Address : **Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam- 531035**

Branch Code : **02837**

Account Holder : **Registrar, DSNLU**

Account No. : **283710100024089**

IFSC Code : **ANDB0002837**

- 56 Online Registration shall be considered only if a participating team submits the registration form and payment receipt within the stipulated time.
- 57 Registered teams shall receive a confirmation of the same and shall be provided with a team code. All the teams shall represent themselves only through their respective team codes in any



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further communications.

58 Registration fee is *non-refundable*.

59 Registered teams shall send a softcopy of their duly filled registration form and itinerary form on or before 10th January, 2020 at dsnmcc@dsnlu.ac.in.

6. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRAVEL

61 Participating teams shall be provided with accommodation along with lunch and dinner during the days of the competition.

62 Any team arriving prior to 12:00 P.M. on 13th February, 2020 or leaving after 12:00 P.M. on 17th February, 2020 shall have to pay an extra amount of Rs. 2500 per day.

63 Transportation to and from the accommodation to the venue of the competition shall be provided to the participants.

7. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

71 The Competition shall be conducted over a period of three days commencing on 14th February, 2020 and concluding on 16th February, 2020.

72 The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- (a) Preliminary Rounds
- (b) Quarter Final Rounds
- (c) Semi Final Rounds
- (d) Final Round

8. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

81 Each team is required to prepare written submissions representing both the sides i.e., for Informant and Opposite Party.

82 Softcopy Submission

8.2.1 Participating teams shall send a softcopy of the written submission from both the sides in Adobe PDF format and Microsoft .doc/.docx format as attachments in a single e-mail, latest by **11:59 P.M. IST on 30th January, 2020** to dsnmcc@dsnlu.ac.in. The subject of the e-mail should be '[Team Code] | Memorial Submission for 6th DSNMCC, 2020'.



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8.2.2 Once the DSNLU Moot Court Committee receives the submission, it shall be considered final and no subsequent e-mails with attachments for submissions shall be entertained.

8.2.3 A delay in the soft copy submissions beyond the stipulated time shall attract a penalty of 1 mark for each day of delay. Submissions made after **11:59 P.M. IST on 1st February, 2020** shall be subject to immediate disqualification.

8.2.4 It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that the submitted softcopies:

- (a) Are compatible with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and Microsoft Word 97-2003 or a higher version and do not contain any virus;
- (b) Are submitted as four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Written Submission for the Informant (one each in Adobe Acrobat Reader and Microsoft Word) and two (2) as Written Submission for the Opposite Party (one each in Adobe Acrobat Reader and Microsoft Word);
- (c) Do not, in any manner, compromise the anonymity of the team and only consist of the required information as provided under the Rules Document.

83 Hardcopy Submission

8.3.1 Participating teams shall bring six (6) hardcopies of memorials for each side (6 copies for Informant and 6 copies for Opposite Party) and submit it at the Reception Desk upon their arrival at the venue of the Competition on **14th February, 2020**.

8.3.2 Teams are to carry their own copies of memorials for their personal reference.

8.3.3 Teams shall not use plastic in any manner for the purpose of memorial compilation. Use of spiral binding in memorials is strictly prohibited.

84 Written submissions should be made in the following format:

(a) Main body Specifications:

- Printed on: A4 sized paper
- Font Style: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Alignment: Justified

(b) Footnote specifications:

- Citation method: The Bluebook, a Uniform System of Citation, published by the Harvard Law Review (20th Edition).



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- Font Style: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 10
- Line Spacing: 1.0
- Alignment: Justified

(c) Speaking footnotes and endnotes should not be used anywhere in the written submissions.

(d) Margin: 1 inch margin on all sides.

(e) Print should be taken on **both sides and in black ink only**.

85 The memorial should consist of the following content:

- (a) Cover Page
- (b) Table of Contents
- (c) Index of Authorities
- (d) Statement of Jurisdiction
- (e) Statement of Facts
- (f) Statement of Issues
- (g) Summary of Arguments
- (h) Arguments Advanced
- (i) Prayer

86 The Cover Page of the memorials shall have the following details:

- (a) Colour: **Blue** for Informant & **Red** for Opposite Party
- (b) Team Code in the upper right hand corner
- (c) The name and year of the Competition
- (d) The name of the Case
- (e) The Party on behalf of which the written submission has been prepared
- (f) The name of the forum resolving the dispute

87 There is an overall limit of 30 pages on the memorial, wherein the arguments advanced should be limited to a total of 18 pages.



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88 Marks shall be deducted for inability to comply with any of the requirements mentioned under Rule 8 in the following manner:

Sr. No.	Criteria	Marks Deducted
1.	Failure in submission of softcopy beyond the stipulated time	1 mark for each day of delay till 1 st February, 2020
2.	Failure in ensuring compatibility of softcopy as per Rule 8.2.4	0.5 marks for each violation
3.	Failure in submission of requisite number of hardcopies	1 mark for each copy not submitted
4.	Failure in complying with formatting specifications	0.5 marks per violation for each page
5.	Failure in complying with the specified citation method	0.25 marks per violation for each page
6.	Failure in complying with content specifications	1 mark for each violation
7.	Failure to comply with the page limit for arguments advanced	1 mark for each exceeding page
8.	Failure to comply with page limits for Memorial	2 marks for each exceeding page
9.	Disparity in softcopy and hardcopy submissions	1 mark for each page containing such violation

8.8.1 Evaluation Criteria: Each memorial shall be evaluated on a scale of 100 based on the following criteria:

Sr. No.	Criteria for Evaluation	Maximum Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	15
2.	Grammar and Style of Presentation	15
3.	Application of Law to Facts	15
4.	Use of Authorities	15
5.	Analysis and Organization	10



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6.	Proper Citation and Correct Format	10
7.	Originality in Presentation	10
8.	General Impression and Clarity of Thought	10
Total		100

89 The decision of the DSNLU Moot Court Committee shall be final in all matters relating to evaluation of memorials.

9. ORAL ROUNDS

9.1 Preliminary Rounds

- 9.1.1 Three sets of Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted wherein each team shall compete in two among the three sets, arguing from both the sides.
- 9.1.2 Sides for the Preliminary Rounds shall be allotted on the basis of Draw of Lots on **14th February, 2020** after which the Memorial Exchange shall take place.
- 9.1.3 Each team shall be allotted with a total of **30 minutes** for oral arguments, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Teams have the discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a maximum of *20 minutes* for one speaker. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- 9.1.4 Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer prior to the commencement of the oral arguments.
- 9.1.5 Teams may provide the Bench with a compendium, provided the same is permitted by the Bench.
- 9.1.6 A team shall be credited with a win if the total marks secured in the respective sessions are higher than the marks secured by the opponent team. For the purpose of calculation of total marks, the marks awarded for the written submissions shall be added to the oral round scores and each team shall be evaluated for **300 Marks** in each of the Preliminary Rounds.
- 9.1.7 There shall be a total of 8 (eight) Court Halls with 4 (four) teams allotted to each Court Hall. At the end of the Preliminary Rounds, the **highest scoring team from each court hall** shall qualify for the **Quarter Final Rounds**. If the number of teams participating is less than twelve, there shall be no Quarter Final Rounds.
- 9.1.8 In case of a tie, the total oral marks of the teams from both sessions shall be considered. The team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Final Rounds.
- 9.1.9 If the situation of the tie still persists, then it would be resolved by the flip of a coin.



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92 Quarter Final Rounds

- 9.2.1 The Quarter Final Rounds shall be held after the completion of the Preliminary Rounds on the same day i.e., **15th February, 2020**.
- 9.2.2 The Quarter Final Rounds shall be a knock-out round on the basis of power match-up. A team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Final Rounds if their total marks are higher than the marks secured by the opponent team.
- 9.2.3 The allotment of sides shall be done on the basis of Draw of Lots held immediately after the announcement of the results for Preliminary Rounds, followed by the exchange of memorials.
- 9.2.4 Each team shall be allotted with a total of **30 minutes** for oral arguments, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals, which shall not exceed *two minutes*. Teams have the discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a maximum of *20 minutes* for one speaker. An extension in time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- 9.2.5 Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer prior to the commencement of the oral arguments.
- 9.2.6 **ONLY** the marks obtained in the oral arguments shall be considered for calculating the total score of the teams. The memorial marks shall not be considered after Preliminary Rounds for computation purposes.

93 Semi Final Rounds

- 9.3.1 The Semi Final Rounds shall be conducted on **16th February, 2020**.
- 9.3.2 The Semi Final Rounds shall be a knock-out round based on power match-up. A team shall be credited with a win if the total marks secured by them are higher than the marks secured by the opponent team.
- 9.3.3 The allotment of sides shall be done on the basis of draw of lots held immediately after the announcement of the results for the Quarter Final Rounds, followed by the exchange of memorials.
- 9.3.4 Each team shall be allotted with a total of **40 minutes** for oral arguments, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Teams have the discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a maximum of *25 minutes* for one speaker. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- 9.3.5 Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer prior to the commencement of the oral arguments.
- 9.3.6 **ONLY** the marks obtained in the oral arguments shall be considered for calculating the



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total score of the teams.

94 Final Rounds

- 9.4.1 The Final Round shall be held on **16th February, 2020**.
- 9.4.2 The winning team from each of the two Semi Final Rounds shall advance to the Final Rounds. The winner of the Final Rounds shall be declared as the Winner of the Competition.
- 9.4.3 The allotment of sides shall be done on the basis of draw of lots held immediately after the announcement of the results for the Semi Final Rounds, followed by the exchange of memorials.
- 9.4.4 Each team shall be allotted with a total of **45 minutes** for oral arguments, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Teams have the discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a maximum of *25 minutes* for one speaker. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- 9.4.5 Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer prior to the commencement of the oral arguments.
- 9.4.6 ONLY the marks obtained in the oral arguments shall be considered for calculating the total score of the teams.
- 9.4.7 A team shall be credited with a win if its total marks are higher than the marks secured by the opponent team.

95 Evaluation Criteria: Each team shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

Sr. No.	Criteria for Evaluation	Maximum Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2.	Interpretation of Facts & its Application	20
3.	Use of Authorities	15
4.	Style, Poise and Court Mannerism	15
5.	Organization of Arguments	15
6.	Time Management	15
Total		100



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10. PRIZES

- 101 The winning team shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of 35,000 INR.
- 102 The Runner's Up Team shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of 20,000 INR.
- 103 The Best Memorial shall be awarded with a trophy and a cash prize of 15,000 INR.
- 104 The Best Speaker in Preliminary Rounds shall be awarded with a trophy and a cash prize of 10,000 INR.
- 105 The Best Speaker in Final Rounds shall be awarded with a trophy and a cash prize of 10,000 INR.
- 106 The winning team of the judgement writing competition shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of 10,000 INR.
- 107 The Runner's Up team of the judgement writing competition shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of 5,000 INR.
- 108 All the members of the participating teams shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation.
- 109 All the Winners of the above-mentioned category and teams qualifying till the Semi Final Rounds shall be additionally awarded with Certificates of Merit.

11. SCOUTING

- 111 Scouting by any team or an individual member of the team is strictly prohibited and shall be subject to immediate disqualification from the Competition.
- 112 A team shall be deemed to be scouting in case the team or any member of the team is found:
 - (a) Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions in a round, except where the round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; or
 - (b) Reading a Memorial of another team which has not been obtained on account of exchange of memorials; or
 - (c) Eavesdropping outside the accommodation of an opponent team.



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12. DRESS CODE

121 Gentlemen: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie, and Black formal shoes.

122 Ladies: Black Trousers/Skirt, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie and Black formal shoes.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

131 The DSNLU Moot Court Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the Rules of the Competition. Any changes made shall be communicated to the participating teams via e-mail.

132 The Copyright of the written submissions of the teams shall vest with DSNLU. DSNLU shall not be responsible for any liability accrued to any person or for any loss caused to any person because of the content of the written submission.

133 The decision of the DSNLU Moot Court Committee, in case of any dispute or in matters not expressly mentioned in the Rules Document, shall be final and binding.

134 In case of any complaints with regard to any violation of Competition Rules, a complaint should be registered with the Faculty Advisor, within half an hour of completion of the round in which the violation has allegedly occurred. No complaints shall be entertained after expiration of the stipulated time period.

135 No team shall approach the Bench with any complaints under any circumstances.

136 No team shall indulge into audio or video recording of the proceeding of the Competition in any round. DSNLU reserves the right to record and publish the competition proceedings, both in audio and visual formats.



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