



**The Kerala Law Academy Law College**

**Thiruvananthapuram**

in association with Moot Court Society, and IQAC KLA

# **1<sup>st</sup> Kerala Law Academy Pre-Moot Competition 2026**

*First Time in India*

**8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Standard Students Can  
Participate**



KLA Campus ,Peroorkada



**Cash Prize  
Worth 35,000/-**





# ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Kerala Law Academy Law College (KLA), established in 1966 in the capital city of Thiruvananthapuram, stands today as one of Kerala's foremost institutions dedicated to the advancement of legal education. For nearly six decades, the institution has continued its commitment to excellence through rigorous academic training, vibrant research culture, and experiential learning. The college is affiliated to the University of Kerala and approved by the Bar Council of India.

Guided by its motto, “*Legum servi sumus ut liberi esse possimus*” (We are servants of the law so that we may be free), the Academy has consistently fostered a dynamic environment that encourages critical thinking, advocacy skills, and professional ethics.

The institution is home to one of the richest law libraries in Kerala, state-of-the-art learning facilities, and a campus culture that promotes intellectual discourse. It hosts various national and international academic activities- seminars, conferences, legal aid initiatives, ADR events, trial advocacy competitions, and the prestigious All India Moot Court Competition, attracting participation from top law schools across the country.

Over the years, Kerala Law Academy has produced some of India's most influential jurists, judges, advocates, academicians, administrators, and public leaders who continue to contribute significantly to the legal landscape.





# ABOUT THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The Moot Court Society (MCS) of Kerala Law Academy is the heart of the college's advocacy training. With a strong legacy of grooming some of the finest mooters, debaters, and legal scholars, the Society functions as a platform where students learn the art of persuasion, courtroom etiquette, legal research, and structured argumentation. Each year, the Society successfully conducts the renowned All India Moot Court Competition, now one of the longest-standing student-led moot events in the country. It also organizes trial advocacy competitions, client counselling events, and workshops aimed at strengthening advocacy fundamentals.

With the vision of inspiring young minds even before they join law school, the Moot Court Society now proudly introduces the School-Level Pre Moot Competition, specially designed for students of Classes 11 and 12 to experience the world of legal reasoning and courtroom simulation.



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# OBJECTIVES OF THE PRE-MOOT COMPETITION

This Programme aims to provide constitutional literacy and legal awareness to the new generation, with the objective of nurturing them into law-abiding and responsible citizens.

The Pre-Moot Competition seeks to familiarise school students with the basic principles, values, and spirit of the Constitution of India, while enabling them to understand their fundamental rights, duties, and civic responsibilities. By exposing participants to real-life socio-legal issues through simulated courtroom proceedings, the programme endeavours to inculcate respect for the rule of law and democratic institutions. It further aims to nurture critical thinking and legal reasoning by encouraging students to analyse problems, identify key issues, and present structured arguments.

The competition introduces students to advocacy and courtroom culture at an early stage, thereby demystifying the legal profession. Additionally, it focuses on developing communication, articulation, and public speaking skills essential for responsible citizenship and future leadership, while instilling ethical values, discipline, and professional decorum that reinforce integrity and fairness in legal and social conduct.

The programme aspires to inspire interest in legal education and civic engagement, motivating students to become informed, conscious, and socially responsible members of society.



# ABOUT THE COMPETITION – PRE MOOT

The School-Level Pre-Moot Competition is a foundational courtroom simulation programme exclusively designed for School students of Classes 8 to 12.

## What makes Pre-Moot different?

Pre-Mooting is not a conventional debate. It is structured to function in a real courtroom setting, where:

- Two opposing sides argue a Socio-legal problem.
- Each side is given a maximum of 10 minutes to present their case before a judging panel.

Through this format, students are introduced to:

- Legal problem analysis
- Research and memorial writing
- Courtroom communication
- Advocacy and professional decorum

The Pre-Moot is the **first step into the world of law**, allowing school students to experience what real law students do inside a courtroom

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## 1. Eligibility

- The competition is open exclusively to students of Classes 8 to 12 from any recognized school in Kerala.
- Students from any academic stream (Science, Commerce, Humanities, Computer Science, Psychology etc.) may participate.
- Only school-going students are eligible; private candidates or open school candidates are not permitted.

## 2. Team Composition

- Each school may nominate multiple teams.
- A team shall consist of 3 students:
  - Two Speakers, and
  - One Researcher.
- Team composition must be declared at registration. No substitutions will be permitted after confirmation.

## 3. Registration Process

- Schools must register through the official registration link provided in the brochure.
- There is a registration fee of **Rs 300/-**
- Multiple entries from the same school are allowed
- After registration, teams must submit memorials for screening.

4. Preliminary selection will be done based on memorial evaluation

**For Registration**



# COMPETITION FORMAT

Language: English

Team Codes: Unique code allotted; no school identification permitted.

- A. Preliminary Rounds

Each team argues once as Petitioner and once as Respondent, Time for rebuttal is 5 minutes, but not mandatory

Based on total score, top teams qualify for the Final Round.

- B. Final Round

Qualified teams will compete in a knock-out format.

Final round judged by senior advocates and academicians.

- C. Dress Code

Female Participants:

- White saree with black blouse, or
- White salwar with black vest, or
- Black suit

Male Participants:

- Black or white trousers with white shirt and tie, or
- Black suit

All participants must wear the official Pre Moot badge during all rounds.

**A half day training and demo sessions will be given for all selected and interested students**

# MEMORIAL EVALUATION

Memorials will be evaluated out of 20 marks based on:

Criteria	marks
Clarity of Facts	5
Use of Law, Authorities & Citation	5
Argumentation & Structure	5
Presentation & Originality	5
Total	20

## MEMORIAL GUIDELINES

Each team must prepare memorials for both sides- Petitioner and Respondent.

**Memorial must include:**

- Question(s) involved in the prob
- Narration of Facts in the problem
- Arguments Raised (max 5 pages)
- Prayer/Reliefs requested

**Page Limit:**

- Maximum 5 typed pages for arguments.
- Any issue not included in the memorial cannot be raised during oral rounds.
- A sample of memorial will be given during training.



# MEMORIAL COVER PAGE RULES

- **Petitioner: Blue Cover**
- **Respondent: Red Cover**

## Cover must include:

- Team Code
- Name of the Case
- Forum
- Side represented (Petitioner/Respondent)

Template for the same will be provided by the organisers upon request.

## Format Guidelines

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Alignment: Justified
- Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Border: Mandatory
- Citations: Bluebook (21st Edition), font size 10

## Judging Criteria:

Judges will be granting a score out of 100 for each individual participants.  
Out of which 80 marks for orals and 20 marks for memorial.

Scoring criteria for oral rounds are as follows:

1. Articulation of facts & use of materials substantiating the arguments
2. Identification and analysis of questions raised
3. Knowledge of socio-legal aspects of the problem
4. Advocacy skills & persuasion
5. Response to questions put by the judges
6. Use of authorities
7. Court manners, clarity, decorum
8. Style and overall impression

GENERAL RULES

- “Organisers” refer to the Moot Court Society of Kerala Law Academy.
- Rules must be strictly followed; violation may lead to disqualification.
- Only registered participants may compete.
- Final interpretation of competition rules rests with the Organisers and their decision will be final and binding to the participants.
- Organisers reserve the right to modify rules as and when required.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	Orientation Class
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Date of Registration
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Pre-Moot Training
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2026	Competition Date



# AWARDS



- Best Team / Winner – 20,000/-
- Second Best Team – 10,000/-
- Best Speaker – 2500/-
- Best Researcher – 2500/-



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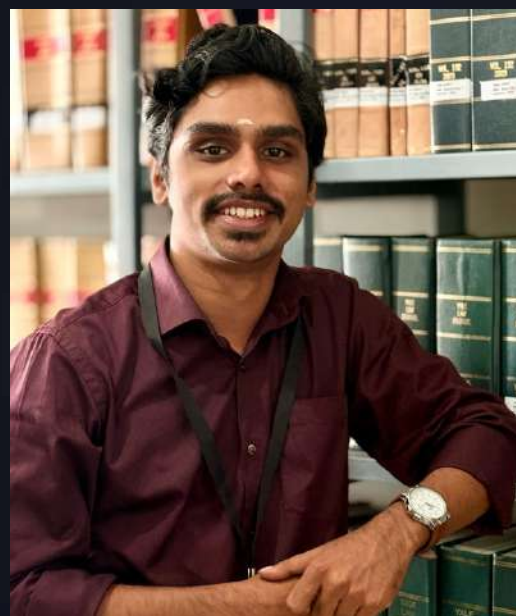
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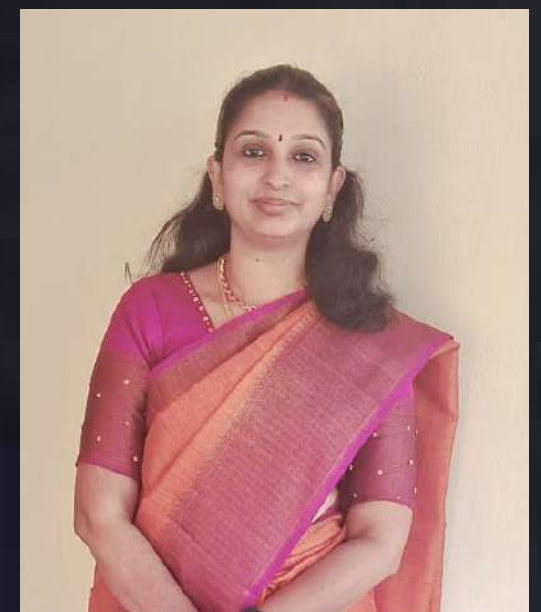
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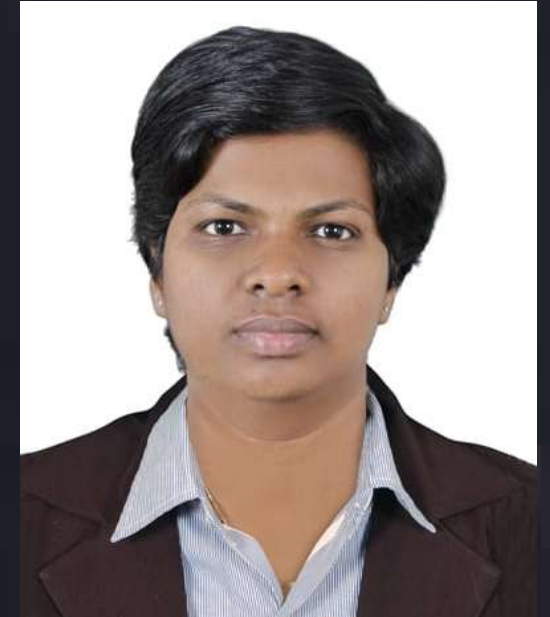
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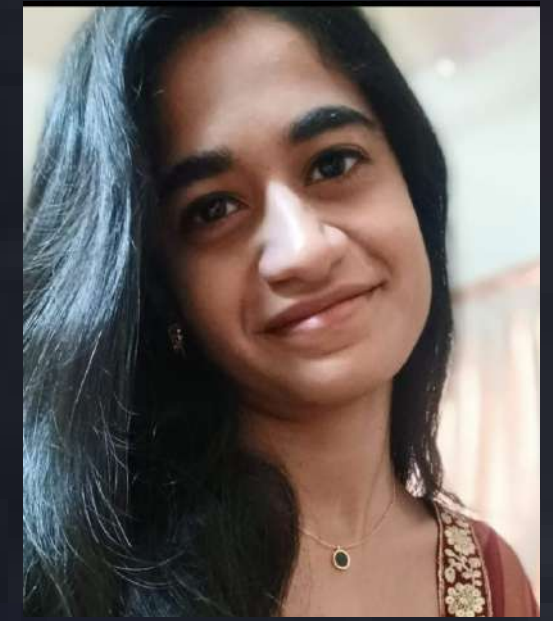
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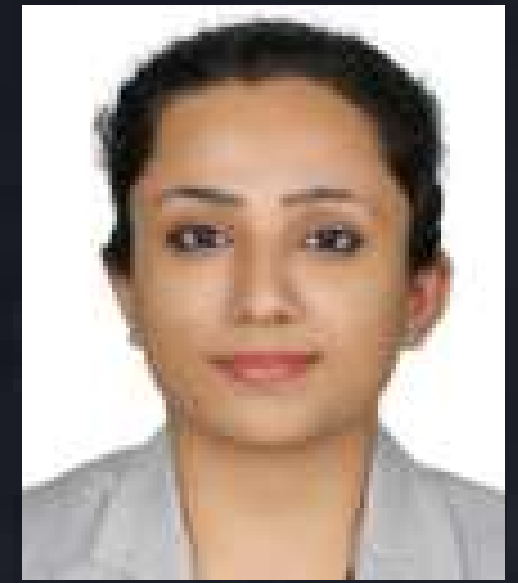
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