



9TH JAMIA NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022

[ONLINE]

(3rd to 5th June, 2022)

organized by

**MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION,
Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia**

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ABOUT JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA

Jamia Millia Islamia, an institution originally established at Aligarh in United Provinces, India in 1920 became a Central University by an act of the Indian Parliament in 1988. In Urdu language, Jamia means 'University', and Millia means 'National'.

The story of its growth from a small institution in the pre-independence India to a central university located in New Delhi—offering integrated education from nursery to research in specialized areas—is a saga of dedication, conviction and vision of a people who worked against all odds and saw it growing step by step. They “built up the Jamia Millia stone by stone and sacrifice by sacrifice,” said Sarojini Naidu, the nightingale of India.

In the list of the Faculties in the University, Faculty of Law was added in 1989 along with eight other faculties, with more than 40 departments within them. Many new courses and programmes at UG and PG levels have since been added. Besides its Nine faculties, the Jamia has a number of centres of learning and research, like AJK-Mass Communication Research Centre (MCRC), Academy of International Studies etc. The Jamia is also marching ahead in the field of Information Technology (IT). It offers various undergraduate and postgraduate IT courses. Apart from this, the Jamia has a campus wide network which connects a large number of its departments and offices.

In 2020, Jamia Millia Islamia was **ranked 1st** among all central universities in the country in rankings released by Ministry of Education of India. In December 2021, the university received an '**A++**' ranking by National Assessment and Accreditation Council.

ABOUT FACULTY OF LAW, JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA

The Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia was established in 1989. At the outset, a three-year LL.B. programme was introduced. Over the past two decades, the Faculty has made significant progress in terms of restructuring Courses and Syllabi, experimenting with innovative techniques of imparting legal education and strengthening its clinical programme in order to give due emphasis to the expanding horizons of the legal profession.

In its continuous endeavours the Faculty has since introduced a five year integrated B.A.LL.B (Hons.) Programme from the academic session 2002-2003 thereby replacing the three year Course; a two year Post-graduate Programme (LL.M.) in three specialized streams of Personal Laws, Corporate Laws and Criminal Laws and a Ph.D. programme, both having commenced from the academic session 2000- 2001.

The Faculty of Law has established a Legal Services Clinic with a whole range of legal aid programmes in the agenda. In fact, the students of our faculty have undergone training for Para-Legal Volunteers under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority. The students have also been participating in Moot Courts, Client Counseling and other literary and debating activities and have won several laurels. The Faculty of Law organizes Moot Courts within the class rooms, Intra Class Moot Court Competitions and National Moot Court Competitions.

The students of the Faculty have been regularly associating with Lawyers, Law Firms, Corporate and NGOs. Besides, the curriculum of the Five Year Law Course includes four intensive practical training modules. The Faculty of Law has been ranked **7th** in the 'Law' category of **NIRF** 2021.

ABOUT THE MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION

The 9th Jamia National Moot Court Competition, 2022, is being organized by the Moot Court Association of the Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia. The Association is a student-run body that administers and promotes excellence in Mooting and Legal Research activities at Jamia. It comprises of two committees namely the **Moot Court Committee and the Research Committee**. The Moot Court Committee has **Md. Maaz Alam** and **Syeda Mehar Ejaz** as its two Conveners and **Nabira Farman** as the Co-Convenor. The Research Committee is also headed by two Conveners- **Arisha Nusrat** and **Mohit Kumar Tanwar** and Co-Convenor **Huzaiifa Salim**.

Both the Committees have been consistent in organizing events related to National and International Moot Court Competitions, Legal Research and Publication, Avenues in Higher Education and many more that play key role in honing the skills of a law student.

TIMELINE FOR THE COMPETITION

Release of Moot Proposition & Rules	1st May 2022
Last date for Request for Clarification	9th May 2022
Last Date of Provisional Registration	10th May 2022
Release of Clarification Results	12th May 2022
Last Date of Final Registration and Payment	15th May 2022
Allotment of Team Codes	17th May 2022
Last Date for Submission of Soft Copies of Memorials	25th May 2022
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials	2nd June 2022
Inaugural, Preliminary 1 and Researcher's Test	3rd June 2022
Preliminary Round 2 & Quater Finals	4th June 2022
Semi-Finals, Final Round & E-Valedictory Function	5th June 2022

RULES & REGULATIONS

I. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION [VIRTUAL PLATFORM DESCRIPTION]

The Oral Rounds shall be conducted through Google Meet. The participants shall receive a link for their respective courtrooms. Each Virtual Courtroom shall only consist of the team members, Judges, ushers and Bailiff. However, the Organisers may on several instances join in any of the Court Rooms for the inspection. Each person in the Virtual Court Room shall keep their video turned on and the mics turned off and only such person shall keep their mics turned on whenever they are required to speak.

Please note, that the organisers may also switch to a different platform if any technical issue arises, and the same shall be notified to all the teams in advance.

1.1. Administration

The 9th Jamia National Moot Court Competition is organized by the Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia through its virtual platform. The Competition is to be held from 3rd to 5th June, 2022 through the Virtual Platform of Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi - 110025.

1.2. Language

The Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

1.3. Structure of the Competition

The Competition will have 32 teams as participants. These teams will be selected on a first-come-first-serve basis i.e. the first 32 teams to complete the registration and payment process will be selected for the competition.

1.4. Interpretation of the Rules

The Faculty Coordinator shall serve as the final authority for the implementation and interpretation of these Rules.

II. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Eligibility

Each Institution offering an undergraduate LL.B. Degree Course (3 and 5 Year course) is eligible to participate in the competition. Each Institution can send only one team. The Competition is only open to students in LL.B. Undergraduate Degree Courses.

2.2. Team Composition

- a. Each team shall consist of three members. The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed except with the permission of the organizers.
- b. Every team shall consist of two speakers and one researcher.
- c. A researcher shall be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Court.
- d. Each team shall be provided with a team code by the organising committee which shall be mandatorily mentioned on the top right corner of the front page of the memorials.

III. REGISTRATION

- a. Teams must provisionally register themselves by 10th May, 2022 through the following online Google Form: <https://forms.gle/E7F5R9KJwSevt5Cv7> (Kindly read all the instructions before registering). Consent form/ Bona fide certificate from the respective institution shall be required as a part of registration process. (Please refer Annexure-A for the format of the Consent form/ Bona fide certificate.
- b. The first 32 teams who have successfully registered in accordance with clause (a) above shall be allowed to make the payment, details of which shall be sent via email.
- c. The Registration Fee for this competition is Rupees Two thousand Five Hundred only (2500/-). The final date for payment of fees is 15th May, 2022.

- d. The Registration Fee must be paid by all the teams and the copy of such transaction must be sent to jmimootcourtcommittee@gmail.com by 15th May, 2022 (11:59 PM IST).
- e. All the teams which successfully register for the competition and participate in the Oral Rounds after submitting the soft copy of their memorials shall be awarded Certificate of Participation.
- f. Kindly provide an Email Id for the convenience. Each Participant must provide their Name, Year of Study, Mobile number (WhatsApp preferably), and Email Id.
- g. All such communication shall essentially take place through E-mails and WhatsApp. Only the contact person from each team shall be added to a whatsapp group, one day prior to the commencement of the competition, for general queries as well as quick information.
- h. The Google Form must be filled once by each team and College Identity Card of each participant must be also be uploaded with the Google Forms. The section for the same has been created in the forms.
- i. In case the participant(s) of the team is not in possession of their college identity card and is unable to send the copy of such Identity card, then in such a case, the entire team must request their concerned faculty's Moot Court Society/Moot Court Committee/Dean/HOD to send an email for registration of such team through their official email declaring that the student(s)/team which intends to participate in this moot is a bona fide student of such college. The email must be sent jmimootcourtcommittee@gmail.com
- j. Team Codes shall be allotted to all the registered teams by 17th May, 2022.

IV. MEMORIALS

4.1. Memorial Submission

- a. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of the Petitioner and one on behalf of the Respondent.

b. The teams must send the soft copy of their memorials from both sides by 25th May 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST) for evaluation at :

jmimootcourtcommittee@gmail.com

c. The memorial scores shall be announced to all the registered teams after the completion of the Competition.

d. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall not be evaluated. No extensions will be granted with respect to this deadline.

4.2 Memorial Format

a. All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx).

b. All pages of the Memorial must be of A4 size with an equal margin on each side.

c. The font style and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page and page numbers, must be in Times New Roman 12-mark. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman 10-mark.

d. The text of all parts of the Memorial must be in 1.5 line spacing, except for the Cover Page and footnotes. The footnotes can be separated with single line spacing.

e. Harvard Bluebook (20th edition) style of citation should be followed in the Memorials.

4.3 Memorial Content

a. The Memorials should contain the following sections:

- Cover Page coloured differently for Petitioner and Respondent.
 - i) Blue Cover – Petitioner
 - ii) Red Cover – Respondent
- Table of Contents
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Facts
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced; and
- Prayer

- b. The Arguments Advanced should not exceed 20 pages. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per additional page.
- c. Harvard Bluebook (20th edition) style of citation should be followed. Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page detected.

4.4 Memorial Evaluation

The Memorials of Each Team shall be evaluated by a panel of three judges. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Understanding of Law and extent of research- 25 Marks
- Originality, Articulation and Clarity in Analysis-20 Marks
- Knowledge and Integration of Facts- 20 Marks
- Logical progression of Ideas and Use of Authorities- 15 Marks
- Presentation and correctness of citations- 10 Marks
- Grammar- 10 Marks

TOTAL- 100 Marks

DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Failure to include all sections of the Memorial or the inclusion of an un-enumerated section.	Two (2) marks for each such section.
Failure to include necessary information on the cover page of the Memorial, or the use of a colour on the cover page contrary to the scheme provided.	Two (2) marks for each such information and each violation of the colour-code for the cover page.
Use of incorrect font, font size or line spacing	One (1) mark per violation, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of ten (10) marks.
Substantive legal arguments (explanatory footnotes) outside of the approved sections of the Memorial.	One (1) mark, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of six (6) marks. Further, such arguments will not be evaluated.

Incorrect Margins.	One (1) mark, being a one-time penalty only.
Excessive length of any section of the Memorial.	Five (5) marks for every 1 page exceeded.
Improperly prepared Index of Authorities.	Two (2) marks, being a one-time penalty only.

V. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- a. There shall be a Researcher's Test of the researchers from 32 shortlisted teams, which will be conducted by the members of the Research Committee, headed by the convenors- Arisha Nusrat and Mohit Kumar Tanwar and co-convenor- Huzaifa Salim. The participant who is registered as Researcher shall only be allowed to participate in the Researcher's Test.
- b. The test shall be conducted over google forms which shall be time-bound. The participants must ensure a good internet connection before beginning with the researcher's test.
- c. A google form link shall be generated and will be shared to the participants (via email) right before the researcher's test.
- d. No grievance regarding internet connectivity or other technical fault shall be entertained by the organizers. It is advisable to use a laptop or a PC for the researcher's test.
- e. The questions shall be objective and subjective type.
- f. All the participants of the Researchers Tests must keep microphones and camera on and log in into Google Meet, the link for which shall be provided before the test commences.

VI. ORAL ROUNDS

7.1. Basic Rules

- a. Dress Code for the Oral Rounds shall be professional business attire and strictly black and white.
- b. The participants must ensure a high speed 4G/wifi internet connection with good audio and video facilities. It is advisable to use laptops or PC.
- c. The background of the participants on the video shall be plain and shall not contain any symbols or any representations.
- d. The participants (speakers) must ensure that any noise or audio other than the voice of the participant should not occur during the online oral rounds. It is advisable to plan and prepare in advance accordingly.
- e. In case other noises are audible and the judges find it to be disturbing, judges may stop the pleadings and the participant may be disqualified after a few warnings.
- f. The teams must ensure that they do not disclose the identity of their college at any stage during the competition. Any kind of canvassing shall lead to the disqualification of the teams.
- g. At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she or his/her entire team may be disqualified.
- h. Only the participants shall be allowed to join the court rooms and no observer or any other person (on behalf of the teams) shall be given permission to join.

7.2 General Procedure

- a. There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter-final, a semi-final and a final.
- b. Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals shall be allowed.
- c. The memorials shall be exchanged through emails. Exchange of memorials shall be done based on the ranks of each memorial.
- d. The Participating teams shall argue for both Petitioner/Appellant and Respondent in one session of the Preliminary Round itself, according to the Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials.

e. In case of poor internet connection, the Court will wait for 10 minutes, exceeding this time will lead to disqualification. The organizing committee shall not be responsible for any technical issues on the part of participants.

The same is also to be followed in case the participant does not report on stipulated time for any reason whatsoever.

7.3 Preliminary rounds

a. Each team shall argue from both sides (Petitioner and Respondent).

b. Fixtures for the Preliminary rounds shall be based on the Exchange of Memorials and Draw of Lots, details regarding which shall be communicated to each team via e-mail.

c. The speaker shall be marked out of 100 marks.

d. Marks are allotted as follows:

- Knowledge of facts and Interpretation of law 20 Marks.
- Application of law to the facts of the case -20 Marks
- Ability to answer questions -20 Marks
- Style, poise, courtesy, body language -20 Marks
- Time management/teamwork coordination.- 20 Marks

e. In case of a tie, the highest memorial marks will be taken into consideration to decide the winner.

f. Each side shall plead for maximum 30 minutes in this round. It is the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur- rebuttals which shall not be more than 4 minutes in any case.

g. A speaker shall reserve no less than 12 minutes for the pleadings. Pleading time can be extended only at the discretion of the judges.

h. Scouting is strictly prohibited.

7.4 Quarter-Final Rounds

- a. The top eight teams with the highest scores in the preliminary rounds will be qualified for the Quarter Final Rounds
- b. Fixtures for the Quarterfinals shall be based on the Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials after the Preliminary Rounds.
- c. Each side shall plead for 30 minutes in this round. It is totally the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur- rebuttals which shall not be more than 4 minutes in any case.
- d. A speaker shall reserve not less than 12 minutes for the pleadings. Pleading time can be extended only on the discretion of the judges.
- e. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- f. This round shall be a knock-out round and the winner from each court room shall proceed to Semi-Final Round.

7.5 Semi-final Round/ Final Round

- a. Each side shall plead for 45 minutes in this round. It is totally the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur- rebuttals which shall not be more than 4 minutes in any case.
- b. A speaker shall reserve not less than 18 minutes for the pleadings. Pleading time can be extended only on the discretion of the judges.
- c. The same pattern of fixtures as followed in the Quarter final rounds shall also be followed in semi-final and final.
- d. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- e. This round shall be a knock-out round and the winner from each court room shall proceed to Final Round.

VII. AWARDS

8.1 Certificate of Merit:

Certificate of Merit shall be given to the Winners, Runners-up, Best Speakers, Best Memorial and Best Researcher.

8.2 Prizes are as follows:

1. Best Team: **Rs. 25,000/-** + Trophy + Certificate of Merit + Three (3) one-year complimentary (Academic) subscription to SCC Online Web Edition.
2. Runner-up Team: **Rs. 15,000/-** + Trophy + Certificate of Merit + Three (3) one-year complimentary subscription to EBC Learning.
3. Best Memorial: **Rs. 10,000/-** + Trophy + Certificate of Merit
4. Best Speaker (Final Round): **Rs. 8,000/-** + Trophy + Certificate of Merit
5. Best Speaker (Preliminary Rounds): **Rs. 6,000/-** + Trophy + Certificate of Merit
6. Best Researcher: **Rs. 8,000/-** + Trophy + Certificate of Merit

8.3 Participation Certificate

All the teams which successfully register for the competition and participate in the Oral Rounds after submitting the soft copy of their memorials shall be awarded Certificate of Participation.

VIII. FROM THE MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

Any query regarding the competition can be sent to:
jmimootcourtcommittee@gmail.com

1. Core Body:

- **Dr. Eqbal Hussain, (Dean)**, Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia
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2. Student Body:

- **Md. Maaz Alam (Convenor)**, Moot Court Committee
- **Syeda Mehar Ejaz (Convenor)**, Moot Court Committee
- **Nabira Farman (Co-Convenor)**, Moot Court Committee

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NOTE: All the doubts regarding the Moot Proposition should be sent by 9th May, 2022.

KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS



ANNEXURE-A

Consent Form/Approval letter

(Please fill in Capital Letters)

DECLARATION

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
2. The participants named herein below are *bona fide* students of our Institution and the information provided under is true to the knowledge of our records.
3. We certify that the materials submitted/to be submitted are prepared by us and agree to indemnify the organizers, i.e., Jamia Millia Islamia , Delhi for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

Name & Address of the participating Institution:

Official Email:

Regd. Mobile

Name of the participant	Course	Year/Semester	Signature
1.			
2.			
3.			

Seal & signature of the Head of the Department