



# BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH

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## 1<sup>st</sup> BANASTHALI NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2018

Faculty of Law, Jannalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies

Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan, India

7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

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## **ABOUT BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH**

Banasthali Vidyapith is a fully residential women's higher education institute. It was on October 6, 1935 that Smt. Ratan Shastri and Pandit Hiralal Shastri founded Banasthali to fill up the vacuum caused by the sudden death of their highly talented and promising daughter Shantabai. They had high expectations that she would work for women's cause when she would grow up, but destiny had ordained otherwise. Thus, Banasthali owes its existence neither to the zeal of an educationist, nor to that of a social reformer. It is also not the creation of a Philanthropist's purse. It has arisen like the fabled phoenix from the ashes of a blossoming flower Shantabai.

Banasthali is one of the five higher education institutes in India meant exclusively for Women. The rural ambience of Banasthali Vidyapith is very conducive for promoting the ideology of simple living, and for imbibing and internalizing the values of self-reliance and tolerance. The stress on the positive aspects of the Indian heritage has resulted in a climate which has contributed significantly to the task of the upliftment of women to enable them to achieve confidence.

This institute has made full use of the autonomy provided under the deemed university status and has innovatively restructured the courses offered which include subjects ranging from the traditional as well as the emerging areas to the highest level of research (leading to the doctoral degree).

In 2013, Jamna Lal Bajaj School of Legal Studies started imparting education to the students in the field of law. The basic notion of our college has been to embrace the education of women and to nurture young female minds to do wonders and deal with legal nuances, while they are equipped with all what they need.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> 2015, Justice R.M Lodha inaugurated JamnaLal Bajaj School of Legal Studies and laid the foundation of this prestigious institution. JBSLS has been, since then consistent in its effort to help students to encompass within their gamut multifold legal education. The undaunted efforts of the Faculty of Law and avidity seen in this department of Banasthali Vidyapith are unmatched. The students of the law department therefore thrive to live up to the ideals of Banasthali Vidyapith.

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Banasthali National Moot Court Competition is going to be the flagship event of Faculty of Law, Jammalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies under the patronage of Banasthali Vidyapith. This event would lay down the inception for the National Moot Courts to be held by Banasthali Vidyapith in future as well to carry forward its aim of women education. 1<sup>st</sup> Banasthali National Moot Court Competition, 2018 will definitely provide a platform to the young women advocates refining their mooting skills.

**Dates- 7-8<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.**

**Venue- Jammalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies, Banasthali Vidyapith.**

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# **RULES**

## **1. Administration and General Rules:**

The official name of the competition is the 1<sup>st</sup> National Moot Court Competition, Faculty of Law, Jannalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies, Banasthali Vidyapith. Faculty of Law, JannaLal Bajaj School of Legal Studies, Banastali Vidyapith is the official organizer of this National Moot Court Competition in India.

## **2. Eligibility**

All **FEMALE** students enrolled in a 3 year LLB programme or a 5 year integrated LLB programme of recognized Colleges/Institutions/Universities/Deemed Universities shall be eligible to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Banasthali National Moot Court Competition, Faculty of Law, Banasthali Vidyapith. However, only one team per College/Institution/University/Deemed University shall be eligible to participate.

## **3. Team Composition:**

The team composition shall be as follows: 2 Speakers and 1 Researcher (All Girls).

## **4. Registration:**

Teams will be registered on first come, first serve basis. The registration form should bear the University/Institution seal along with the signature of the Head of Institution. The first sixteen (16) Teams to register along with duly filled registration form and prescribed fees shall be eligible to participate in the Competition. The Registration will be closed after the maximum limit is reached.

- a. The teams must complete their registration by sending an email at 2018bvnationalmoot@gmail.com latest by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The email should include a scanned copy of the duly filled registration form and proof of the payment of registration fees (e-receipt or the transaction no.), as mentioned in Rule 6.

## **5. Language:**

The official language of the competition shall be English.

## **6. Payment of registration fee:**

The registration fee is INR 3000/-. Teams must make payment by RTGS/NEFT to the following account details:

- Account no: 32132800012
- Account Holder- Banasthali Vidyapith
- Bank - State Bank of India
- Branch- Banasthali, Tonk  
V&P Banasthali,

Tehsil- Niwai, Tonk, Rajasthan, 304022

- IFS Code: SBIN0015363

Registration fee shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

### **7. Anonymity:**

All teams have to maintain anonymity. There should be no indication of the institution's name which the team represents, or the name of the members of the team in the memorials. The team must also not disclose such information during the oral rounds. The teams should also not attempt to disclose such information to the Judges, or any other person as decided by the Competition Administrator, for the entire duration of the Moot Court Competition.

The violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification by the Competition Administrator.

### **8. Assistance to a team from other team(s) or third parties:**

Teams are not permitted to receive any assistance towards preparation of memorials or arguments from any third parties, including teachers, students etc. Any team found getting assistance from third parties shall be immediately disqualified.

Further, in the event of collusion between two or more teams, all concerned teams will be subject to immediate disqualification.

### **9. Rights over the memorials:**

The Competition Administrator reserves the right to disseminate and reproduce the memorials for the purpose of the Competition. Submission of memorials in this Moot Court Competition will constitute the consent of the teams to such dissemination and reproduction. The Competition Administrator will not be responsible for any mistakes that are a part of the memorial.

### **10. Memorial Rules:**

#### **A. Format**

- a) Each participating team is required to prepare a memorial for each party to the dispute with the following mandatory heads:
  - i. Cover Page
  - ii. Table of Contents
  - iii. Index of Authorities
  - iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
  - v. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
  - vi. Statement of Issues (not exceeding 1 page)

- vii. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
  - viii. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 12 pages)
  - ix. Final Submission/Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
- b) Teams shall cite authorities in the memorial using footnotes following the 20<sup>th</sup> Edition of BLUEBOOK.
- c) The Cover Page of each memorial must contain only the following information:
- i. The Team Code in the upper right corner of each memorial
  - ii. The name and place of the court.
  - iii. The name of the Competition.
  - iv. The Cause Title.
  - v. The party for which the memorial is prepared.
- d) Participating teams have to submit (6) sets of hard copies for each side of the memorials. In addition, the participating teams are advised to carry hard copies of memorials for their personal use, which are excluded from the 6 sets already submitted in accordance with this rule.
- e) All teams shall also send one copy of the memorials in .docx format (Microsoft Office 2013 or Microsoft Office 2010 or Microsoft office 2007) with the subject line as ‘Memorials for <Team Code>’. Both files (.docx) should be submitted through a single mail.
- f) A memorial once submitted will be considered final, and cannot be revised.
- g) There will be penalty for late submission, which will be imposed on both the memorials.
- h) It is the responsibility of each participating team to ensure that the electronic copies of the memorials:
- Can be opened with Microsoft Office 2013 or Microsoft Office 2010 or Microsoft Office 2007 (.docx format).
  - Are named according to the team code and the party for which the memorial is proposed. (For instance, Team 01 will name its attachment as 01\_P and 01\_R where P is petitioner/plaintiff/applicant/appellant/claimant and R is respondent/defendant respectively.)
- i) All parts of the memorial shall be typed on A4 sized paper/format, with the following mandatory Formatting Specifications:
- Font Type: Times New Roman
  - Font Size: 12
  - Line Spacing: 1.5

- Margins: 1 inch on each side

j) For footnotes, the Formatting Specifications are:

- Font Type: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 10
- Single Spacing between lines
- Margins: 1 inch on each side
- Speaking footnotes or endnotes are not allowed.

k) The memorials shall be spiral bound. The following colour schemes should be followed for the cover page of the memorial:

- Petitioner/Plaintiff/Applicant/Appellant/Claimant – BLUE
- Respondent/Defendant – RED

l) More than 20% plagiarism shall be punishable by immediate disqualification.

## B. Scoring criteria

The marks distribution for the memorial shall be as follows:

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| i. Application of Facts:               | 25 marks. |
| ii. Reasoning:                         | 25 marks. |
| iii. Use of Authorities and Precedent: | 20 marks. |
| iv. Understanding Law and Procedure:   | 20 marks. |
| v. Presentation:                       | 10 marks. |

### **11. Format of the Competition:**

The Moot shall consist of a Preliminary rounds and Progressive rounds. Each team will argue in two (2) Preliminary rounds. The Advanced rounds shall consist of Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and the Final round.

### **12. Oral Rounds:**

#### A. Format

There will be two preliminary rounds and draw of lots will be done to determine the party to be represented by each team. In the Quarter-final and Semi-final rounds, the draw of lots shall be used to determine the match-ups as well as the party to be represented by each team.

#### B. Scoring criteria

The teams with the highest scores will proceed to the Progressive Rounds from the Preliminary Rounds. The total score in the preliminary round will be the total of both the speakers in oral rounds.

The marks breakup for the Oral Rounds shall be as follows:



- i. Knowledge and Application of Law & Facts: 20 marks
- ii. Ingenuity & Ability to answer Questions: 20 marks
- iii. Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanour: 20 marks
- iv. Organisation and flow of Arguments: 20 marks
- v. Reference to Memorials: 20 marks

In the Progressive Rounds, the total scores on the basis of which teams will qualify will be based on memorial scores and scores in the Oral rounds.

#### C. Communication between members of the Teams

During the Oral Rounds, communication between the members of a team shall be allowed; however, the same must be in a written form and must not disturb the decorum of the Court.

#### D. Electronic devices in the Courtroom

The participating teams are not allowed to carry or use any electronic devices, except wristwatches (no smart-watches), in the Courtroom. In case a member of a team is found using any electronic device during the Oral Rounds, the team shall incur a severe penalty which may include disqualification.

#### E. Scouting

Every form of scouting is strictly prohibited and shall result in disqualification of the team from the Competition. The decision of the Competition Administrator shall be final in this regard.

#### F. Duration

For the preliminary round each team will be allotted a total of 25 minutes. This shall include the submission of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. Each speaker shall reserve a minimum of ten (10) min for her individual submissions.

For the quarter final rounds each team will be allotted a total of 25 minutes. This shall include the submission of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. Each speaker shall reserve a minimum of ten (10) min for her individual submissions.

For the semi final rounds each team will be allotted a total of 30 minutes. This shall include the submission of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. Each speaker shall reserve a minimum of twelve (12) min for her individual submissions.

For the final round each team will be allotted a total of 40 minutes. This shall include the submission of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. Each speaker shall reserve a minimum of fifteen (15) min for her individual submissions.

The teams are requested to arrive to the designated Court room fifteen (15) minutes before the Round is supposed to start. In case the team is unable to report the designated Court room after ten (10) minutes of the starting of the Round, the team will forfeit the Competition and the Round will continue as an ex-parte round.

### **13. Preliminary and Progressive Rounds**

A total no. of Eight (8) teams shall qualify from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter-Finals.

Thereafter, a total no. of Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

Finally, the best Two (2) teams shall compete in the Final Round.

### **14. Researcher Test**

The researcher test shall be of fifty(50) marks and will consist of 40 MCQ(Multiple Choice Question) and 2 Long question carrying 5 marks each.

### **15. Awards and Trophies**

Awards will be distributed in the following categories:

#### A. Best Team

Team which wins the final round will be adjudged as the 'Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> Banasthali National Moot Court Competition' Faculty of Law, Banasthali Vidyapith and will get an amount of Rs. 11000/- along with a trophy as award. The team which secures the second place will get 'Runners-up' title and Rs. 7000/- along with trophy as prize.

#### B. Best Memorial

Team with the highest memorial score (aggregate) will get the 'Best Memorial' prize along with a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- .

#### C. Best Speaker

The speaker who secures the highest score (average) at the conclusion of the Preliminary Round will get award for the 'Best Speaker' with a cash prize of Rs. 5000/-

#### D. Best Researcher

The researcher who will secure highest in 'researcher test' will get the 'Best Researcher' prize along with a cash prize of Rs. 5000/-

### **16. Exemplary Power clause:**

In case of any dispute arising out of the interpretation of the rules, or otherwise, the decision of the Convener in consultation with the Organizing Committee (OC) would be final and binding. The Convener in consultation with the OC will have the exclusive authority to interpret these Rules.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Events	Dates
Release of Moot Problem & Opening of Registration	01 <sup>st</sup> March, 2018
Last date for Registration	15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
Last date for seeking clarifications	20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
Soft Copy Submission of Memorials	30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
Hard-copy Submission of Memorials	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2018
Oral Rounds	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018