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*India's oldest national moot court competition dedicated exclusively to
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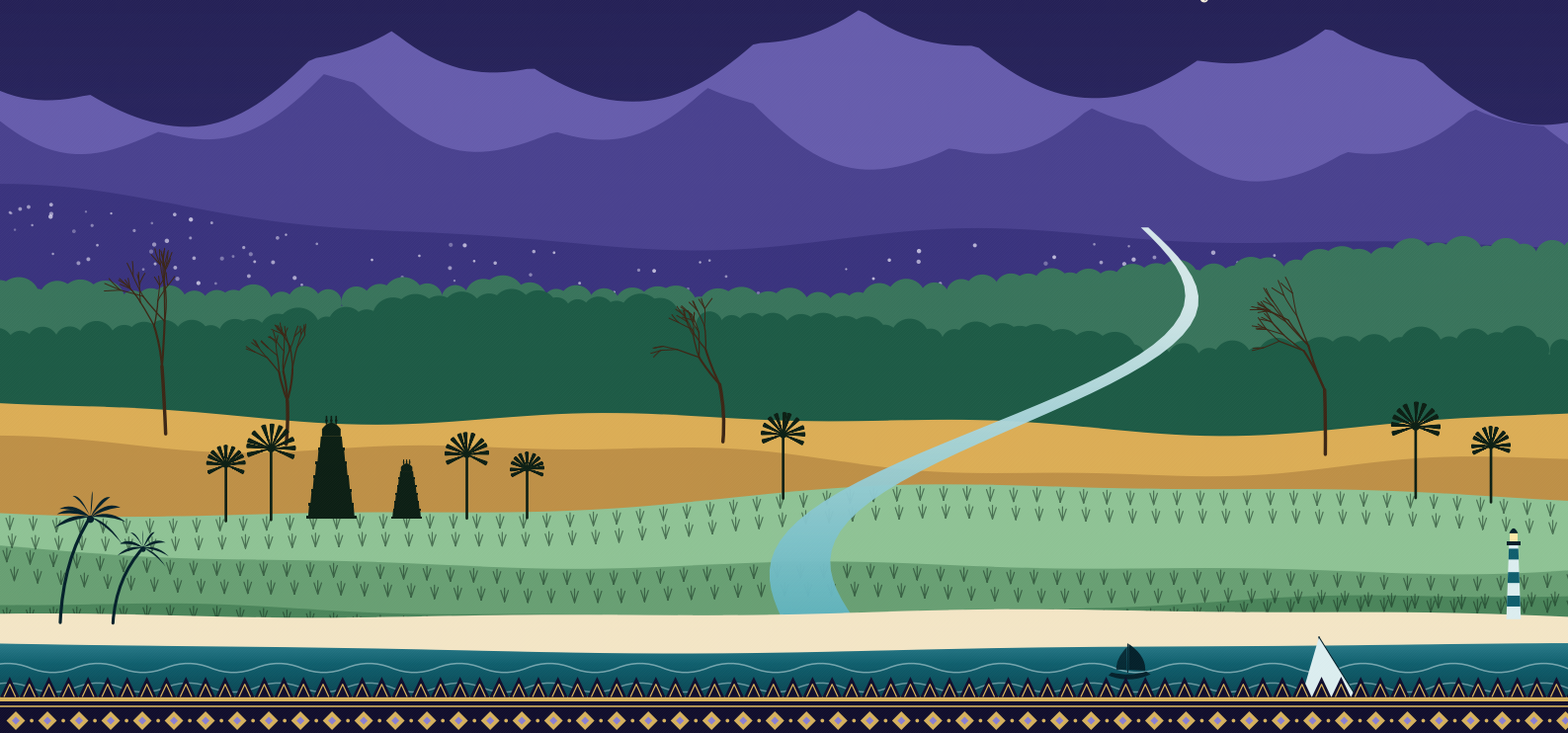
THE MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION

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12 and 13 December 2026 • Online

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

9 January 2027 • Chennai



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THE 20TH EDITION

What's *inside*

Each section takes its colour from one of the five landscapes of classical Tamil poetry: the fields, the dry land, the shore, the forest and the hills.

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வான்இன்று அமையாது ஒழுக்கு.

Neer indru amaiyaathu ulagenin yaaryaarkkum
vaan indru amaiyaathu ozhukku.

If the world cannot go on without water, then for no one can life go rightly without rain.

THIRUKKURAL 20 · THIRUVALLUVAR

FROM THE CONVENOR COMMITTEE

An *invitation*

On behalf of the Convenor Committee of The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, we have the honour of inviting your institution to the 20th Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition, 2026-27.

Twenty years ago, students of this School began a moot on a simple conviction: that the air, the water and the land deserve advocates as able as any party before a court. That moot has grown into the oldest national competition in the country devoted wholly to environmental law, and for its twentieth edition the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board stands beside us as Title Sponsor.

We hope your students will find here what so many have found before them: a problem that matters, Benches that listen closely and question hard, and a contest run with care, in which every penalty may be contested and every score is announced in the courtroom.

We have asked something of ourselves too. A moot argued for the environment should spare it, and so this edition will use no paper in its rounds and no plastic at its venue.

Some two thousand years ago the poet Kaniyan Pungundranar wrote *yaadhum oore, yaavarum kelir*: every town is our town, and everyone our kin. It is in that spirit that we open our doors to teams from every part of the country, online in December and in Chennai on 9 January 2027. We look forward, with real warmth, to welcoming you.

WITH WARM REGARDS, FOR THE CONVENOR COMMITTEE

Justice V Bharathidasan

Retd. Judge, Madras High Court
Convenor, Convenor Committee

Mr Om Prakash E

Senior Advocate, Madras High Court
Member, Convenor Committee

Tmt P Sumathi

Law Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu
Member, Convenor Committee



THE HOST

The University

A university built for law alone, a school that carries the Madras tradition forward, and the students who run this Competition.

THE TAMIL NADU DR. AMBEDKAR LAW UNIVERSITY

Created by the State under Act No. 43 of 1997 and named for Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution. The State's law colleges were brought under it, the Madras Law College of 1891 among them, and with them more than a century of legal education in the Presidency.

It describes itself as the first full-fledged *sui generis* law university in the country, and the first of its kind in South Asia. Its motto is plain: the law is supreme.

THE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE IN LAW

The University's own school, and its flagship. It opened in 2002 on the model of the national law schools, and admits on merit alone, with cut-offs among the highest for law in the State.

Since 2016 it has worked from the Perungudi Campus in Chennai, beside the Pallikaranai marsh, a Ramsar wetland. A law school with a wetland for a neighbour has made a moot on the environment its own.

THE MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION

The oldest moot court association in Tamil Nadu, run by students for two decades. It held the first Pro Bono Enviro in 2006 and has brought it to its twentieth edition.

Its former Presidents and General Secretaries now practise before the Supreme Court of India, at the Madras Bar and at the State Bar of California.

TWO DECADES

The Competition

India's oldest national moot court competition dedicated exclusively to environmental law.

Pro Bono Enviro was first argued in 2006, when environmental law was still finding its place in the classroom. Nineteen editions later its questions sit at the centre of public life: clean air and water, forests and coasts, the climate, and who must answer for the harm.

Pro bono means for the public good. The name is a reminder of whom environmental law is for.

Each edition sets a demanding proposition and places teams before Benches drawn from the higher judiciary, the senior Bar and the academy. Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India and of the High Court of Madras have presided over its rounds.

THE TWENTIETH, A COMMEMORATIVE EDITION

This edition is a hybrid. The Qualifier Round, the Preliminary Rounds and the Quarter-finals are held online, so that a team from any law school in the country can enter without leaving its campus.

Four teams then travel to Chennai, at the Competition's cost, for the Semi-finals and Finals on **9 January 2027**.

It is also the first edition to be argued without paper or plastic, and the first to carry five ever-rolling trophies named for luminaries of the Bench and the Bar.

WHAT IT ASKS OF A TEAM

Write

Memorials for both sides, marked by an academic and a practitioner who know you only by a Team Code.

Know

One hour online in the Research and Procedure Assessment, sat by your Researcher under remote proctoring.

Speak

Oral rounds before Benches that have read the papers and will test every submission you make.



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The State's environmental regulator stands behind the commemorative edition.

KNOWLEDGE PARTNER



A month of SCC Online for teams that register before 14 November, and a year for each member of the winning team.

MEDIA PARTNER



Carrying the Competition to the legal community.

BEVERAGES PARTNER



Keeping the Bench and the Bar awake.

CUT IN STONE

WHAT SETS IT APART

க FIVE EVER-ROLLING TROPHIES

Named for luminaries of the Bench and the Bar, each passes from champion to champion.

அ MEMORIALS GRADED RELATIVELY

Scored by where it stands in its evaluator's pool. A strict marker costs you nothing.

உ A CASH POOL OF ₹2,30,000

With ₹1,00,000 for the winning team.

கூ PENALTIES HEARD FIRST

You see every penalty, and may contest it, before a single memorial is marked.

ஐ A HYBRID EDITION

Argue from your own campus in December. Four teams come to Chennai in January.

ய FIXTURES DRAWN BY LOT

Pairings and sides are drawn by software at the live Inauguration. There is no seeding.

சு NO PAPER, NO PLASTIC

The rounds are argued from tablets and laptops. The venue keeps plastic out.

யக SCORES ANNOUNCED IN COURT

Sheets are signed and tabulated on the spot. You hear your score before you leave.

ந RECYCLED PAPER ONLY

The few hard copies are printed on recycled paper and stitched with thread. We pay for the paper.

யஉ A TEST FOR THE RESEARCHER

The Research and Procedure Assessment carries 40% of the Qualifier Score.

கா TRAVEL FARE RETURNED

For every member of the four teams that reach Chennai. Their stay is arranged.

யந ONE PORTAL: ENVIROPORT

Registration, clarifications, memorials, objections, the Assessment and Compendia, in one place.

எ AN AWARD FOR THE GREENEST TEAM

The Iyarkai Kaappor Award goes to the semi-finalist that treads most lightly.

யச SCC ONLINE FOR A MONTH

Free access for teams that register before 14 November 2026, for memorials and oral preparation.

FROM THE SOURCE TO THE SEA

How it *runs*

Like the Kaveri at the ancient stone dam of Kallanai: five weirs, and fewer pass each one.

MEMORIALS · 60

ASSESSMENT · 40

The Qualifier Round

Every registered team · online · 23 and 25 November 2026

Memorials for both sides carry 60 of the Qualifier Score. The Researcher's one-hour Assessment carries the other 40. Nobody argues yet.

24

TEAMS QUALIFY

The Preliminary Rounds

24 teams · online · 12 and 13 December 2026 · Benches of two

Two rounds, one for each side, drawn by lot. Every team is ranked against every other, on marks adjusted for the judges it drew.

8

GO THROUGH

The Quarter-finals

8 teams · online · 12 and 13 December 2026 · Benches of three

Still no knock-out: the top four on average Round Score go through, whether or not they won their courtroom.

4

TRAVEL TO
CHENNAI

The Semi-finals

4 teams · in person · 9 January 2027 · Benches of three

One Bench hears both Semi-finals, so all four teams face the same judges. Forty-five minutes a side.

2

REACH THE
FINALS

The Finals

2 teams · in person · 9 January 2027

Head to head, on oral argument alone, decided on Ballot Points. Then the Valedictory and the trophies.

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CHAMPION

THREE STEPS

How to *register*

Everything happens on EnviroPort, the Competition's own portal:

pbenmcc.mcasoel.in/enviroport



SCAN TO REGISTER

1

Hold your place

Optional. Your institution receives its **Enviro Pass** at once, which carries its particulars into the final form.

2

Register and pay

Complete the final form and pay the fee by NEFT or bank transfer.

3

Get your Team Code

Allotted the moment you submit, with an e-mail to every member and an invitation to the participants' group.

THE FEE, PER TEAM	GOVT. LAW COLLEGES OF TNDALU	OTHER INSTITUTIONS
Early until 31 October 2026	₹1,500	₹2,000
Regular until 20 November 2026	₹2,000	₹2,500
Semi-finalists stay included	₹5,000	₹6,000

WHO MAY ENTER

Students of a three-year or five-year LL.B. course at an institution recognised by the Bar Council of India. One team from an institution, of two or three members.

FOR THE FOUR TEAMS IN CHENNAI

Stay, meals and local transport are arranged, and travel fare is returned up to ₹1,500 a person each way. The rounds are held at the Perungudi Campus.

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IMPORTANT DATES

The *calendar*

OCTOBER 2026

12 Oct	Rulebook and Moot Proposition released; EnviroPort opens	Online
31 Oct	Early registration closes	23:59

NOVEMBER 2026

15 Nov	Last day to seek clarifications	23:59
16 Nov	SCC Online access opens*	Until 16 Dec
17 Nov	Clarifications released to all teams	Online
20 Nov	Regular registration closes	23:59
21 and 22 Nov	Practice paper in the RP Assessment Hall	Online
23 Nov	Research and Procedure Assessment	19:00 to 20:00
25 Nov	Last date to submit memorials, to the Memorial Vault	23:59
28 to 30 Nov	Penalty Sheets, objections and the review hearing	Online

DECEMBER 2026

6 Dec	Results of the Qualifier Round	By e-mail
10 Dec	Compendium for the virtual rounds	23:59
12 Dec	Inauguration, technical check and live fixture draw	Online
12 and 13 Dec	Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-finals	Online
20 Dec	Semi-finalists confirm and send travel details	23:59

JANUARY 2027

9 Jan	Semi-finals, Finals and Valedictory	In person, Chennai
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* One month of SCC Online is available only to teams that register before 14 November 2026.

All times are Indian Standard Time. Requests to extend any of these dates will not be entertained. Where a change is necessary, every team is told together.

NO PAPER, NO PLASTIC

The Green Code

A moot on the environment should spare it. Three rules, one scoreboard, and an award for the team that treads most lightly.

THE CODE



No paper in the rounds

Notes, scripts and memorials stay on a screen. Bare Acts and books are exempt, and recycled chits are supplied for passing notes.



No plastic at the venue

No plastic bottles or containers. Drinking water is provided, and you are welcome to bring a tumbler of your own.



Recycled paper only

Three back-up copies of each memorial, on both sides of recycled paper, stitched with thread. We pay for the paper.

GREEN POINTS, KEPT FOR THE FOUR SEMI-FINALISTS

- +50** Public transport from your point of arrival in Chennai to your stay, with the tickets
- +20** A reusable tumbler of your own
- +10** Each round argued without paper
- +10** The leanest pair of memorials among the four teams
- 5** Other plastic on the person or at the table, for each day
- 10** Each round in which paper is used
- 15** Each departure from the Code in a hard copy
- 20** Each plastic bottle or container

THE GREEN TEAM OF THE MOOT

இயற்கை காப்போர் விருது

The Iyarkai Kaappor Award

Iyarkai kaappor: those who protect nature.

₹5,000 medals · a Certificate of Commendation

It goes to the semi-finalist with the most Green Points. It is given in spirit and stands apart from the contest: Green Points never touch a mark, a ballot or a result.

At the edge of a Tamil village stands the kovil kaadu, the sacred grove, where no branch is cut. Terracotta horses wait there for Ayyanar, who rides the boundary by night.



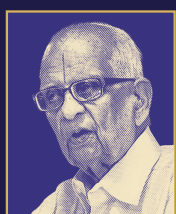
FIVE EVER-ROLLING TROPHIES

The *awards*

₹2,30,000

IN CASH PRIZES

For the first time, five ever-rolling trophies, named for luminaries of the Bench and the Bar. Presented at the Valedictory; each winner takes home a keepsake trophy.



WINNERS

The Padma Vibhushan K. Parasaran*Ever-Rolling Trophy for Excellence in Mooting Advocacy*

Former Attorney-General and Solicitor General of India and Advocate-General of Tamil Nadu. A Padma Vibhushan awardee, revered as the Pitamaha of the Bar.

INSTITUTED BY Mr Sathish Parasaran, Senior Advocate, his son

₹1,00,000

the Champions' Citation, and a year of SCC Online for each member



BEST WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

The Senior Advocate V. P. Raman Memorial*Ever-Rolling Trophy for Excellence in Drafting Written Submissions*

Gold medallist of the Madras Law College and Advocate-General of Tamil Nadu from 1977 to 1979, remembered for his legal scholarship and intellectual rigour.

INSTITUTED BY Mr Gautam S. Raman, Advocate, his grandson

₹35,000

a Citation of Distinction



BEST STUDENT ADVOCATE (MALE)

The Justice N. V. Balasubramanian Memorial*Ever-Rolling Trophy for Distinction in Oral Advocacy (Male)*

A former Judge of the Madras High Court, revered for his integrity, intellectual rigour, humility and commitment to justice.

INSTITUTED BY Mr Sury Balasubramanian and Ms Soundarya Balasubramanian, his children

₹20,000

a Citation of Distinction



BEST SPEAKER (FEMALE)

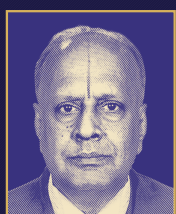
The Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Memorial*Ever-Rolling Trophy for Distinction in Oral Advocacy (Female)*

A Judge of the Madras High Court from 1950 who, with his wife, founded the college for women in Chennai that bears his name.

INSTITUTED BY Mrs Badar Sayeed, Advocate, his niece

₹20,000

a Citation of Distinction



BEST RESEARCHER

The Senior Advocate T. V. Ramanujun*Ever-Rolling Trophy for Excellence in Legal Research*

A Senior Advocate of great eminence and formidable advocacy, he still appears before the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court in his nineties.

INSTITUTED BY Mr Arvind Srevatsa, Advocate, his grandson

₹20,000

a Citation of Distinction

RUNNERS-UP

₹30,000

The Runners-up Trophy and the Finalists' Citation.

SECOND RUNNER-UP

Medals

And Certificates of Accomplishment.

IVARKAI KAAPPOR AWARD

₹5,000

Medals and a Certificate of Commendation.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Three

Second Best Student Advocate (Male), Second Best Speaker (Female) and Second Best Written Submissions. An e-certificate for every participant.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The people *behind it*

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துப்பாய தூஉம் மழை.

Thuppaarkku thuppaaya thuppaakki thuppaarkku
thuppaaya thoovum mazhai.

Rain grows the food of all who eat, and is itself their drink.

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SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Chennai, 9 January 2027

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