



The Raj Anand  
Moot Court Competition

## **17th RAJ ANAND MOOT COURT**

### **1st Indian Science Inventions and Innovations Convention**

**Date: August 26, 2023**

**Place: India Habitat Centre**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **I. SUBJECT MATTER AND DATE**

1. The 17th Raj Anand Moot Court Competition is based on Indian Science including inventions and innovations uniquely originating in India.
2. The Competition will be held on August 26, 2023.
3. This is not a traditional moot court and no moot problem or compromise will be released.

#### **II. LANGUAGE**

1. The language of the competition shall be English.

#### **III. ELIGIBILITY**

1. The competition is open for students who belong to teams that have been invited by the organizers, in accordance with these rules.
2. The participants should be pursuing their Bachelors' degree in law i.e. 3 years LL.B. Program or the 5-year B.A., LL.B./ B.B.A., LL.B/ BSc. L.L.B Programme, as on the date of the competition, i.e. August 26, 2023.

#### **IV. TEAM COMPOSITION**

1. The teams should consist of precisely two oralists and one researcher. Only the two oralists are permitted to make the presentation.
2. The researchers are not allowed to speak unless a question is specifically posed to him/her by the Judges.

#### **V. THEME OF THE COMPETITION**

1. The theme of the competition encompasses inventions and innovations uniquely originating in India in any period, including but not limited to the British, the Mughal or even the pre-historic period.
2. By way of illustration only, the participating teams may choose either of the following topics for their presentation under the aforesaid theme:
  - i. Food.
  - ii. Lifting, moving, pulling – appliances, machines, methods, or concepts.
  - iii. Transporting, communicating, navigating, packing – appliances, machines, methods, or concepts.
  - iv. Keeping the environment clean, purifying, etc.
  - v. Health and Medicine
  - vi. Agriculture
  - vii. Building
  - viii. Music and Musical Instruments



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- ix. Amplification means or means to improve visibility or circulation of anything.
3. Please note that the aforesaid topics are only illustrative and the participating teams may choose any other topic under the theme mentioned hereinabove.

#### VI. REGISTRATION / INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE

1. Teams may register for the competition by filling the registration form, as shared on email with the present rules.
2. There is no limitation of the number of teams participating from each college.
3. The last date to register/ indicate your intention to participate is ~~April 1~~ April 10, 2023, 11:59pm IST.

#### VII. SUBMISSION OF SHORT PROPOSAL

1. The interested teams are required to share a proposal of not more than 300 words describing the invention.
2. The said proposals will be shared over email on the moot court ID, i.e. [mootcourt@anandandanand.com](mailto:mootcourt@anandandanand.com).
3. The last date to submit the aforesaid proposals is ~~April 30~~ May 14, 2023, 11:59pm IST.

#### VIII. SELECTION OF TEAMS

1. On the basis of the short proposals submitted by the teams, ten teams will be selected.
2. The decision regarding the selections will be communicated to the respective teams over email by ~~mid~~End-May, 2023.
3. The aforesaid email will also indicate the team code allotted to the selected team.

#### IX. SUBMISSION OF DETAILED PROPOSAL

1. The ~~top ten~~ **top 21** shortlisted teams will then be required to submit a detailed proposal.
2. The following requirements for proposals must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized:
  - i. The teams must e-mail the final proposals to the organizers to [mootcourt@anandandanand.com](mailto:mootcourt@anandandanand.com) by 11.59 P.M. IST on ~~July 1~~ **July 15, 2023** in MS WORD format only.
  - ii. 3 hard copies of the proposals must also reach the organizers by the ~~July 15~~, **July 24, 2023**, latest by 5.00 P.M.
  - iii. Once the proposal is submitted, the teams will not be allowed to make any amendments to the same.
  - iv. The proposal must be
    - On A4 Size Paper
    - Printed on both sides
    - Bookman Old Style, Size 14
    - 2 line spacing
    - A margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
    - Page numbering should be at the bottom centre of each page.
  - v. The proposal must be spiral bound. (**Teams are requested to minimize the use of plastic. Innovative methods will be awarded an extra point.**)



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- vi. The memorial must necessarily contain the following sections and must be restricted as stated below:

SECTION	PAGE LIMIT
Cover Page (containing the name of the invention and the name of the participating college)	Not exceeding 1 page
Table of contents	Not exceeding 1 page
Index of authorities	Not exceeding 2 pages
Preamble/ brief description of the category of the invention	Not exceeding 1 page
Brief background of the time period/ era of the invention	Not exceeding 2 pages
Problems to be solved and/ or objectives of the Invention	Not exceeding 1 page
Description of the invention (including drawings, if any)	Not exceeding 5 pages
The Invention, as it exists today	Not exceeding 3 pages
Any additional information about the invention, not covered above.	Not exceeding 2 pages

- vii. No additional sections may be incorporated or relied upon other than those stated above.
- viii. The teams are advised to use The Harvard Blue Book Style of footnoting as far as practicable. In any case, footnoting styles must be consistent throughout the memorial.
- ix. Footnotes must be restricted to providing bare citations, and must not be accompanied by any form of description or explanation of the authority relied upon.
- x. Footnotes must be:
- Bookman Old Style, Size 10
  - line spacing

**X. SCORING CRITERIA OF DETAILED PROPOSALS**

1. The criteria for scoring of the detailed proposals along with the breakup of the marks is as below:

a) Identification and presentation of issues <i>(Comprising the preamble, background and the objectives of the invention, as referred hereinabove)</i>	25 points
b) Manner and style of description of invention <i>(Comprising the description of the invention and the participants' take on the invention as it exists today, as referred hereinabove. Teams have the liberty to provide their perspective on the usefulness/ patentability of any other views)</i>	30 points



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<i>on the invention. This section will evaluate the team's ability to communicate the nature of the invention, their research and storytelling skills)</i>	
c) Use of authorities and precedents	
d) Logical structuring, Grammar & Style	10 points
e) Consistent footnoting & formatting	15 points
	10 points

#### X. PRESENTATION

1. The selected teams will also be required to prepare a PPT presentation, based on the detailed proposal.
2. The presentation must be emailed to the organizers to mootcourt@anandandanand.com by 11.59 P.M. on ~~August 1~~ **August 6, 2023** in MS Powerpoint and PDF format.
3. Once the presentations are submitted, the teams will not be allowed to make any amendments to the same.
4. The presentation must adhere to the following formatting requirements:
  - Bookman Old Style, Size 28
  - Slide number should be at the bottom right of each page.
5. The presentation must not mention the name of your institution or identify the participating college or student in any manner. Teams are required to only mention the team code provided on the top right-hand corner of the first slide.
6. The presentation must not exceed 15 slides.
7. The presentation must not be beyond the scope of the detailed proposal.
8. Each team will get ~~30 minutes~~ **15 minutes** to present their project on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.
9. The competition would take place at the India Habitat Centre starting at 10:00 AM. Detailed itinerary regarding the event will be released by **August 12, 2023**.
10. The participants need not have a science background, but good research, presentation, and storytelling skills, which is what they will be judged on.

#### XI. SCORING CRITERIA FOR PRESENTATIONS

1. The criteria for scoring of the presentations along with the breakup of the marks is as below:

S.NO	ASSESSMENT AREAS	TOTAL POINTS
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1.	Application of IP to the proposal	20
2.	Storytelling skills	20
3.	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	10
4.	Presentation skills	10
5.	Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour	20
6.	Time Management	10
7.	Organization	10
8.	<i>PENALTY (If time extends beyond 2 mins)</i>	- 2

2. In addition to the above, the scoring criteria will also include equal consideration towards the detailed proposal submitted by the teams.

## XII. PENALTIES

<b>RULE BREACHED</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
<b>Incorrect/Inconsistent Font Size</b>	2 points (one time penalty)
<b>Improper Line Spacing</b>	
<b>Failure to include all Sections in the Proposal as prescribed</b>	
<b>Incorrect Paper Size</b>	
<b>Exceeding Pages</b>	2 points (with 1 point deducted for every additional page thereafter, subject to a maximum of 8 points as penalty)
<b>Failure to include necessary information on the cover of the memorial</b>	2 points
<b>Any form of identification of the institution or members of the participating team other than as prescribed on the PPT presentation</b>	Can incur disqualification or a maximum of 20 points subject to the discretion of the organizers
<b>Delayed submission of soft copy of the proposal and/ or powerpoint presentation</b>	3 points



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<b>Delayed receipt of the hard copies of the proposals</b>	2 points
<b>Delay in arriving for the presentation</b>	3 points
<b>Any attempt to contact the organizers or the Judges prior to the Competition to elicit information or seek help</b>	Can incur disqualification or a maximum of 20 points subject to the discretion of the organizers
<b>Scouting:</b> Other than the rounds in which the team is participating, no member of any team will be allowed to observe the presentations or read the proposals of any other team.	Can incur disqualification or a maximum of 20 points subject to the discretion of the organizers

**XI. AWARDS**

1. The decisions of the judges and organisers will be final and binding.
2. There will be a cash prize of INR 2, 00, 000 for the Winning Team and INR 50, 000 for the Runner-Up Team
3. Each of the remaining & 19 selected teams will receive INR 10,000 for all the efforts put in.

**XII. CLARIFICATIONS**

For any clarifications, please contact:

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- OR
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