

JUSTICE T RAMACHANDRAN MEMORIAL EVERROLLING TROPHY

XII ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023

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GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE THRISSUR- A PROLOGUE

“The inn that shelters for the night is not the journey's end. The law, like the traveller, must be ready for the morrow.”

- Justice Benjamin Cardozo

Law has an overwhelming influence in all walks of life. Legal education has undergone a paradigm shift over the years. Apart from the traditional view of equipping a person to acquire the skills of advocacy, it now is intended to enable one to be proficient in all activities where law has a role. In such a backdrop, the role of the law schools has undergone substantial change. Law schools in a third world country like India have the struggle to balance preparing the law student to become a legal professional par excellence without compromising social justice. It is in this context that Law Schools in the public sector continue to be relevant. Youngest of the four Law Colleges in the government sector, the Government Law College, Thrissur, Kerala, started in 1992 has been playing a pivotal role in imparting legal education, carrying out legal research and in extending help to the members of society. The first batch of Law Graduates came out in 1993-94 academic year.

Started with moderate facilities, it now offers excellent infrastructural facilities. College is affiliated to University of Calicut. The institution offers integrated BBA.LLB(Hons), Three years Unitary LL. B, and LLM. The institution is also recognised as research centre of University of Calicut. Its library is one of the best in the State with over 37000 titles and over 20 journals including e-journal resources. The four centres functioning in the College – Legal Services Clinic and ADR Centre, AT Markose Chair on Advanced Legal Studies, Centre for Business Laws and the Centre for Economy Development and Law play a crucial role in bridging the demands of the law students to learn practical lessons with the needs of the society. The College has the credit of having started a Law Journal – Elenchus Law Review – the first ever Law Review from among the Government Law Colleges in the State. The College has a vibrant unit of the National Service Scheme.

Within the short span, the College has been the alma mater of many eminent dignitaries including MLAs, Judicial officers, Advocates, Police officers, top brass Administrative Officers, Law Officers and successful entrepreneur.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY

Moot Court training holds immense significance within the realm of legal education. The academic establishment maintains a dynamic Moot Court Society, which serves as a focal point for these endeavours. Annually, the institution proudly organizes the All India National Moot Court Competition for the prestigious Justice Ramachandran Memorial Ever-rolling Trophy. This event stands as a testament to the institution's commitment to nurturing advocacy skills and practical legal training.

Central to these pursuits is the Moot Court Society, which undertakes the orchestration of Moot Court Competitions, Trial Advocacy Competitions, and Client Counselling Programs at various tiers, encompassing intra-college, state and national levels. These engagements attract participation from legal professionals, scholars, experts, and specialists, thus enriching the scope and calibre of the society's activities.

A noteworthy facet of the Moot Court Society lies in its provision of financial support and training opportunities for the college's mooters, thereby bolstering their capabilities and fostering their growth within the legal domain.

All India Moot Court Competition for Justice T Ramachandran Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy

The 12th All India Moot Court Competition for Justice T Ramachandran Ever Rolling Trophy, meticulously orchestrated by Government Law College, Thrissur, is set to take place from September 29th to October 1st, 2023. This distinguished competition stands as an eminent forum, designed to offer burgeoning legal intellects hailing from various corners of the nation a coveted opportunity to engage in an intensive exercise of advocacy marked by its exacting standards, delve into multifaceted realms of critical analysis, and participate in exhaustive and scholarly legal discourse.



JUSTICE T RAMACHANDRAN

Justice T Ramachandran was born in Ottappaalam in 1938 to Shri. N.B. Rama Poduwal and Smt. Sreedevi Pothuvalasiar. After completing his education at Kerala Varma College in Thrissur, he graduated in law from Government Law College, Madras. Having begun his judicial career as a Munsiff in 1969, he later served as a Sub Judge and was later appointed as the District Judge. He also had a stint as a member of the Forest Tribunal. Regarded as an exemplar of fairness and earned respect, in 1996 he was elevated as the judge, High Court of Kerala. He passed away on December 16, 1997, while serving as the judge.



Justice T Ramachandran

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Sir/Madam,

Warm Greetings from the Government Law College, Thrissur

Government Law College, Thrissur has a tradition of imparting legal education since 1992. It is the alma mater of legal luminaries who adorn high offices under the national and state governments, members of the subordinate judiciary, senior advocates, and business magnates. Ever since its inception, it has been playing an enduring role in the advancement of research and development in law. It includes conducting Lok Adalats in association with the State Legal Services Authority, organizing seminars and workshops for faculty and students of law, and helping law students to prone their legal acumen and skills through moot courts.

The College has been hosting the All India Moot Court Competition for the prestigious Justice T. Ramachandran Ever Rolling Trophy since 2000. It was in honour of the fond memory of the late Mr. Justice T. Ramachandran, Judge, High Court of Kerala that the College resolved to institute an ever rolling trophy to the winning team in the All India Moot Court Competition. It is with a deep sense of honour and utmost privilege that the Principal, Members of the faculty, and Students invite your college to the XII All India Moot Court Competition scheduled from 29th September, 2023 to 1st October, 2023

The event emphasizes excellence in law, fostering exceptional legal minds through healthy competition and rigorous discourse. The gathering of aspiring legal experts and an intellectual symposium enriches participants' legal perspectives and contributes to our nation's legal landscape.

Active engagement and participation of your institution would indeed be a testament to your institution's unwavering dedication to the advancement of legal education. The harmonious convergence of ideas, perspectives, and legal sagacity promises to create an intellectual aura that will leave an indelible mark on the landscape of legal discourse.

With Warm and Respected Regards,

V R Jayadevan

Principal

Government Law College, Thrissur

INVITATION

Warm Greetings from Government Law College, Thrissur.

It is with immense pleasure and honour that we extend our heartfelt regards to your esteemed institution. As a paragon of legal education, your institution's dedication to fostering legal acumen and promoting intellectual rigor has not gone unnoticed.

We are thrilled to announce the hosting of the 12th All India Moot Court Competition at Government Law College, Thrissur. This prestigious event is scheduled to take place from September 29th to October 1st, 2023. It is an occasion that brings together the best legal minds from across the nation to engage in rigorous legal discourse and demonstrate their exceptional advocacy skills.

We cordially invite your institution to participate in this esteemed event. Your active involvement would contribute significantly to the success of the competition and enhance the overall quality of the discourse.

For more details about the competition, including registration procedures, deadlines, and other pertinent information, please refer further in brochure. Should you have any queries or require further assistance, our organizing committee stands ready to provide the necessary support.

We eagerly anticipate your institution's esteemed presence at the 12th All India Moot Court Competition.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to welcoming your institution to Government Law College, Thrissur, in September.

RULES & REGULATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

The 12th All India National Moot Court Competition for Justice T. Ramachandran Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy under the auspices of Government Law College, Thrissur will be held from 29th September to 1st October 2023 at the college premises.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- The competition will be open to all the Law colleges, Law schools and Law Departments recognized by the Bar Council of India. The participation is limited to under graduate students in law both in the 3 year and 5 year schemes undergoing regular courses.
- Only one team can register from a particular Law College/ Law School/Law Department for participation in the competition. In the event of multiple registrations from the same College/Law School/Law department, the Team which submits a letter from the Head / Dean of the Institution / Moot Court Committee, authorizing them to participate on behalf of the College/Law School/Law department shall be eligible to register.
- No additional member or Team mentor or faculty member shall be allowed to accompany the Team.
- An Institution shall be entitled to send only one (1) Team to the Competition.
- Travel expenses shall be borne by the team.

III. REGISTRATION

- The provisional registration for the 12th All India National Moot Court Competition for Justice T. Ramachandran Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy can be done through this link
<https://glctmoot.wordpress.com/>
- During the provisional registration the participants are expected to pay the full fee.
- After the provisional registration, there will be a memorial evaluation after which **18 teams** will be selected for the competition.
- Those teams which do not make it to the competition will be notified and the refund of the full amount will be issued. The participants are to note

that, if there are any withdrawals from the competition at any stage, rather than getting eliminated after the memorial evaluation, they will not be issued any kind of refund.

- The last date for the provisional registration along with the fee payment is 4th September 2023.
- The registration fee of the competition is ₹5000.

IV GENERAL

4.1 TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each participating team can comprise of either two (2) or three (3) members.
- In case of two (2) members, both the members shall be designated as speakers. In case of three (3) members, two (2) members shall be designated as speakers and one (1) member shall be designated as the researcher.
- If the team comprises of only speakers, the team will be ineligible to attend the researcher interview.

4.2 LANGUAGE

- The official language of the Competition shall be English.
- All competition rounds, memoranda and compendiums must be in English.

4.3 REGISTRATION

- Interested institutions shall intimate participation through email mcs.glct@gmail.com on or before 31st August 2023.
- The participating teams will have to register by paying a fee of ₹5000/- by way of bank transfer/NEFT. The transfer of registration amount should be complete at the time of registration so that details of the same are to be mentioned in the registration form.



SCAN QR TO REGISTER

- Account Details

Moot Court Society

Savings Bank Account No: 57014233198

IFSC Code- SBIN0070164

**Bank/Branch- State Bank Of India, Civil Station Branch, Thrissur,
Kerala**

- A code number will be assigned to each team and that number alone shall be marked on the memorial and no indication shall be made for identifying the institution of the participants.
- The participants shall wear the badge provided by the society throughout the days of the competition.

4.4 DRESS CODE

The dress code to be adhered during the Competition is –

- **Ladies:** White Shirt/Kurta, Black Blazer, Black Trousers/Salwar and Black Shoes.
- **Gentlemen:** White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black Trousers, Black Tie and Black Shoes.

4.5 COMPETITION FORMAT

The format of the competition will be four tier which is as follows

Preliminary Rounds
Quarter Finals
Semi Finals
Finals

4.5.1. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The preliminary rounds shall be conducted in two stages.

- Each stage will be one preliminary round where each team will represent either the petitioner or respondent for that round. Sides will be determined by way of draw of lots. Each team will face a separate team in both the preliminary rounds.
- Each preliminary round shall be for 60 minutes in total.
- Each team will be given a total time of 25 minutes for oral pleadings.
- Five minutes will be allotted for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- Only one (1) Speaker from each Team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- Time should be equally apportioned among the speakers.

4.5.2 QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

- The top eight (8) teams shall qualify for the quarter-final round.
- The qualification to the Quarter-Finals will be based on double wins. In case of shortage of teams with double wins, then highest aggregate score in the preliminaries with atleast one win will be considered.
- Each Quarter-Final round shall be for 70 minutes in total.
- Each team will be given a total time of 30 minutes for oral pleadings.
- Five minutes will be allotted for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- Only one (1) Speaker from each Team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- Time should be equally apportioned among the speakers.
- The Quarter-Finals will be knock-out round.

4.5.3 SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- The winning teams from each quarter final round shall qualify for semi-final round.
- Each Semi-Final round shall be for 90 minutes in total.
- Each team will be given a total time of 40 minutes for oral pleadings.
- Five minutes will be allotted for rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal.
- Only one (1) Speaker from each Team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- Time should be equally apportioned among the speakers.
- The Semi-Finals will be knock-out round.

4.5.4 FINAL ROUND

- The winning teams from each semi-final round shall qualify for final round.
- The Final round shall be for 90 minutes in total.
- Each team will be given a total time of 40 minutes for oral pleadings.
- Only one (1) Speaker from each Team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.
- Five minutes will be allotted for rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal.
- Time should be equally apportioned among the speakers.

4.6 MEMORIALS

Each Team shall prepare Memorials from the side of Petitioner and Respondent.

4.6.1 FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS

- All memoranda must be typed and printed on A4 sized white paper with font size 12, font type Times New Roman, line spacing 1.5 and justified alignment.
- Citations for the memoranda are to be in the form of footnotes only, endnotes are not permitted. Footnotes must not contain substantive pleadings and should not be communicative.
- 20th Edition Blue Book citation format shall be followed.
- For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:
 - Font type: Times New Roman
 - Font Size: 10
 - Single Line Spacing

4.6.2 CONTENTS OF THE MEMORIAL

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Table of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Summary of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

The cover page must only include the following in justified alignment except mentioned otherwise,

- Team Code on the right-hand top corner
- Name of the forum being approached
- Case type and number
- Case name
- Memorandum on behalf of petitioner/applicant or respondent.
 - The body of the Memorandum shall not exceed 25 typed pages. The cover page, table of contents, index of authorities, jurisdiction and statement of facts, annexure, appendices, if any and back cover are not included in these 25 pages.
 - Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the Memorandum shall not be permitted to be raised in the Court.
 - Memorials should be mailed in PDF format.
 - The teams shall submit soft copies of their memorials through the link that will be provided or via email to mcs.glct@gmail.com on or before 21st September 2023.
 - Five sets of memorials shall be submitted. Out of this, two copies may be despatched so as to reach the organizers on or before 26th September 2023. Other three copies shall be presented at the time of registration on 29th September 2023.
 - Teams are required to send the soft copies and hard copies of the memorials well in time, taking all contingencies into account.
 - The hard copies must be identical to the soft copy. Violation of this Rule would entail disqualification from the Competition.

- Teams shall carry their own hard copies of their memorials for their personal use. No hard copies of memorials submitted by the Team to the Moot Court Society shall be provided to such Team for their personal use.
- The Memorials shall be spiral bound. The following colour scheme shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorial:
 - o Petitioners : Blue
 - o Respondents: Red
- Identity of the team or names of the participants or the institution name must not be disclosed in any form on the memoranda, violation shall lead to disqualification of the team.

4.7 EVALUATION CRITERIA

4.7.1 EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL

- Every Memorial will be marked evaluated according to the following criteria:

SI No.	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
1	Application and Appreciation of Facts	20
2	Application of Legal Principles, Authorities and Precedents	25
3	Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning	20
4	Extent and Use of Research	20
5	Grammar, Language, Formatting and Presentation	15
	TOTAL	100

4.7.2 ORAL SUBMISSIONS

The oral pleadings of each speaker shall be evaluated on the following criteria

SI No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
1	Knowledge and Marshalling of Facts	20
2	Application of Legal Principles and Usage of Authorities	20
3	Structure, Articulation and Clarity	20
4	Persuasiveness, Ingenuity and Response to Questions	20
5	Court Etiquette, Presentation Style and Time Management	10
6	Memorials	10
	TOTAL	100

In case the Petitioners do not rise for rebuttal, the sur-rebuttal shall be deemed to be cancelled

4.7.3 RESEARCHER INTERVIEW

The researcher shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

SI No	Marking Criteria	Marks allotted
1	Knowledge and Marshalling of Facts	20
2	Articulation and Clarity	20
3	Persuasiveness, Ingenuity and Response to Questions	10
4	Memorials	50
	TOTAL	100

4.8 REWARDS AND HONOURS

Every participant and researcher will be awarded certificate of participation.

Honours in this competition include:

- Best team
- Second best team
- Best female student advocate
- Best male student advocate
- Best student advocate
- Best memorial
- Second best memorial
- Best researcher
- Second best researcher

4.9 MISCELLANEOUS

- Scouting is not allowed. Scouting by the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with the team will lead to immediate disqualification of the respective team. The participant teams are not supposed to disclose their identity to the judges in any manner.
- The organisers reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, immoral conduct and behaviour of the participants at the venues of competition and accommodation.
- If any situation arises which is not contemplated by the Rules, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall remain final and binding.
- The organisers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify and/or repeal any provision of the Rules if so required.

ANNEXURE

I .RECEPTION

The nearest International Airport is Cochin International Airport at Nedumbassery, which is approximately 60 km from the College. Thrissur Railway Station and Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bus Station are less than 4 kms respectively. The teams can report at the Reception committee office, Government Law College Campus, Ayyanthole, Thrissur on 29th September 2023 from 9.00 am onwards. The travel plan shall be emailed on or before 24th September 2023 to mcs.glct@gmail.com .

II.HOSPITALITY

Food and separate accommodation for boys and girls will be provided free of cost by the organisers from 29th September 2023 till 2nd October 2023 morning.

III.CONTACT DETAILS

The participants may feel free to contact us over phone or email. Please refer the following details for the necessary contact.

Email: mcs.glct@gmail.com

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**General Convenor, All India Moot Court Competition,
Govt Law College, Ayyanthole
Thrissur, KERALA - 680003**

SCHEDULE OF THE PROGRAMME

Registration	29-09-2023
Inaugural Function	29-09-2023
Preliminary Rounds	30-09-2023
Quarter Final Rounds	30-09-2023
Semi Final Rounds	01 -10-2023
Finals	01 -10-2023
Valedictory Function and Prize Distribution	01 -10-2023

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Intimation of Participation	31 st August 2023
Last date for registration	4 th September 2023
Submission of soft copy of memorials	21 st September 2023 (Email)
Intimation of selected teams	22 nd September 2023
Submission of travel plan	24 th September 2023 (Email)
Submission of hard copy of memorials (TWO SETS)	26 th September 2023
Submission of hard copy of memorials (THREE SETS)	29 th September 2023

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Ayyanthole, Thrissur (Dt), Kerala
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