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ABOUT UPSIFS



Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Science (UPSIFS), Lucknow, is a premier government institution committed to excellence in legal, forensic, and interdisciplinary education. Affiliated with the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar and functioning under the aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, UPSIFS is dedicated to developing competent legal and forensic professionals equipped to address contemporary challenges in justice administration.

The Institute follows a unique “Law-with-Labs” approach, integrating legal education with practical forensic training. This interdisciplinary model enables students to acquire analytical, investigative, evidentiary, and advocacy skills essential for the evolving legal profession.

The Institute is led by Prof. (Dr.) G. K. Goswami, Founding Director whose vision promotes academic excellence, innovation, practical training, and interdisciplinary research.

ABOUT SCHOOL



The School of Law, Forensic Justice & Policy Studies at Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Science (UPSIFS), Lucknow is dedicated to advancing legal education through the integration of law, forensic science, technology, and public policy. With a multidisciplinary approach, the School prepares future legal professionals to address contemporary challenges in criminal justice, cybercrime, forensic investigation, and governance.

The School offers innovative programmes, including B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Administration, and LL.M. in Cyber Law and Cyber Crime Investigation. Through moot courts, internships, legal aid, research projects, and practical forensic exposure, students develop strong analytical, advocacy, and problem-solving skills. Committed to academic excellence, ethical values, and innovation, the School strives to nurture techno-legal professionals capable of strengthening the rule of law and contributing meaningfully to India's evolving legal and forensic landscape.

ABOUT G.GIRI & PARTNERS LLP



G.Giri & Partners LLP is a Counsel-Led Independent Boutique Law Firm founded in 1987 by Mr. Gajendra Giri, Advocate. The Firm provides comprehensive legal services and strategic solutions to domestic and international clients across a wide range of practice areas, including dispute resolution, corporate and commercial advisory, mediation, arbitration, and technology law. Committed to delivering high-quality legal and commercial advice, the Firm upholds the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and confidentiality. It works closely with clients, fostering long-term partnerships and offering practical, solution-oriented legal counsel tailored to their needs. Headquartered in New Delhi, with partner offices in Hyderabad, Mumbai, Prayagraj, Kolkata, and a network spanning over 38 cities across India, the Firm has established a strong nationwide presence. Through its association with Senior Advocates, independent practitioners, and law firms across the country, G.Giri & Partners LLP effectively represents clients before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, High Courts, Tribunals, and various judicial and quasi-judicial forums, making it a trusted name in the Indian legal landscape.

ABOUT COMMITTEE



The Moot Court Committee, School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies, UPSIFS, is committed to fostering a culture of legal research, advocacy, drafting, and practical learning. It provides students with opportunities to engage with legal issues beyond the classroom, develop structured arguments, and gain a deeper understanding of courtroom advocacy and professional legal practice. Through initiatives such as the 1st Justice J.S. Verma National Blog Competition and the two editions of Intra-Institute Moot Court Competition, the Committee seeks to encourage intellectual engagement, research-oriented learning, and effective communication among students. Continuing this endeavour, the Committee presents the 1st UPSIFS National Moot Court Competition, 2026 an academic platform designed to bring together law students from across India to engage in legal research, memorial drafting, and oral advocacy. The Competition aims to encourage critical thinking, constructive legal discourse, and practical exposure to the art of courtroom argumentation.

IMPORTANT DATES



25.08.2026

REGISTRATION OPENS



15.09.2026

LAST DATE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION ON
MOOT PROBLEM



05.10.2026

LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION



10.10.2026

MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (SOFT COPY)



14.10.2026

DRAW OF LOTS & MEMORIAL EXCHANGE



15.10.2026
16.10.2026

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS



30.10.2026

RESEARCHER'S TEST, QUARTER &
SEMI - FINAL ROUNDS



31.10.2026

FINAL ROUND & VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

COMPETITION RULES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All students enrolled in a three (3) year LL.B. programme or a five (5) year integrated law programme shall be eligible to participate in the Competition. Multiple teams from the same institution are permitted, provided that each team submits a duly filled and signed No Objection Certificate (NOC) in the prescribed format provided by the Organising Committee, printed on the official letterhead of the participating institution and duly issued by the competent authority of the institution. Students enrolled exclusively in postgraduate or diploma programmes are not eligible to participate.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) members. A three-member team shall comprise two (2) Speakers and one (1) Researcher, whereas a two-member team shall comprise two (2) Speakers, one of whom shall also be the Researcher.
- The names and designation of the team members (Speakers and Researcher) shall be specified at the time of registration. The order and designation of the team members shall ordinarily remain unchanged throughout the Competition.

- No substitution of a team member or alteration in the team composition shall be permitted after the closure of registration, except under exceptional circumstances and only with the prior written approval of the Organising Committee.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Competition shall be English. All memorials, oral pleadings, written submissions, and official communications shall be communicated exclusively in English.

DRESS CODE

Participants are required to appear in formal court attire throughout the Competition:

- **Male Participants:** White shirt, black trousers, black tie, black blazer, and black formal shoes.
- **Female Participants:** White shirt with black trousers/skirt or white salwar suit, black blazer, and black formal footwear.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The 1st UPSIFS National Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall be conducted in two phases. The Preliminary Rounds shall be held in online mode on 15th-16th October 2026 via Microsoft Teams, while the Researcher's test, Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds shall be conducted offline on 30th- 31st October 2026 at Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Science (UPSIFS), Lucknow.

Draw of lots: The side to be represented (Petitioner/Respondent) shall be decided by draw of lots at different stages during the competition.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

- The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted online via Microsoft Teams on 15th-16th October 2026.
- Each team shall argue twice, once as the Petitioner and once as the Respondent. Each round shall have a total duration of 30 minutes.
- The qualification of teams for the Quarter-Final Rounds shall be determined based on their overall performance. The aggregate score of the Speakers and the Memorial Score shall be considered for determining the outcome and ranking of teams.
- The Top Eight (8) Teams shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds.

RESEARCHER'S TEST:

- The Researcher's Test shall be conducted offline at the Competition venue on 30th October 2026, for the Researcher of each team qualifying for the Quarter-Final Rounds.
- The Test shall consist of 50 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), to be completed within thirty (30) minutes.
- The Researcher securing the highest marks shall be awarded the Best Researcher Award.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND:

- The Top Eight (8) Teams shall compete in the Quarter-Final Rounds, to be conducted offline at UPSIFS, Lucknow on 30th October 2026.
- The Quarter-Finals shall be conducted on a Knockout Basis. Each team shall argue from one side only, as determined through the Draw of Lots. Each round shall have a total duration of 60 minutes.
- The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate Speaker Score. No Memorial Score shall be added in the Quarter-Final Round. The team securing the higher aggregate Speaker Score shall win the round and qualify for the Semi-Final Round.

SEMI-FINALS:

- The Top Four (4) Teams shall compete in the Semi-Final Rounds on 30th October 2026.
- The Semi-Finals shall be conducted on a Knockout Basis, with each team arguing from one side only, as determined through the Draw of Lots. Each round shall have a total duration of 90 minutes.
- The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate Speaker Score. No Memorial Score shall be added in the Semi-Final Round. The team securing the higher aggregate Speaker Score shall win the round and qualify for the Final Round.

FINAL ROUND:

- The Top Two (2) Teams shall compete in the Final Round on 31st October 2026.
- The Final Round shall be conducted on a Knockout Basis, with the side to be represented determined through the Draw of Lots. The round shall have a total duration of 120 minutes.
- The winner shall be determined solely on the basis of the aggregate Speaker Score. No Memorial Score shall be added in the Final Round. The team securing the higher aggregate Speaker Score shall be declared the Winner, while the other team shall be declared the Runner-Up.

REGISTRATION

The Competition shall be conducted in two phases:

Phase I: Online Preliminary Rounds

Phase II: Offline Researcher's Test, Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Rounds at UPSIFS, Lucknow

REGISTRATION FEE:

₹3,000/- per Team, the Registration Fee shall cover participation in the Online Preliminary Rounds.

The Top Eight (8) Teams qualifying for the Quarter-Final Rounds shall advance to the Offline Phase of the Competition. Each qualifying participant **shall pay an Accommodation & Hospitality Fee of ₹1,000/- per person**, inclusive of accommodation and meals during the Offline Phase.

MODE OF PAYMENT:

The Registration Fee shall be paid through bank transfer:

- Account Name: UPSIFS
- Bank Name: HDFC
- Account Number: 50100713046350
- IFSC Code: HDFC0005440

Note: *The Registration Fee, once paid, shall be non-refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances*



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After successful registration and verification of the payment, the Primary Contact Person shall receive a confirmation e-mail containing the allotted Team Code and other important details. The Team Code shall be used for all official communications with the Organising Committee throughout the Competition.

MISCELLANEOUS

This brochure sets out general information regarding the First Edition UPSIFS National Moot Court Competition, 2026, including eligibility, team composition, important dates, and registration details.

All detailed rules and procedures governing the Competition, including Memorial Guidelines and Formatting, Evaluation and Scoring Criteria, Oral Round Procedures, the Researcher's Test, Code of Conduct, Scouting, and Penalties are set out separately in the Official Rulebook of the Competition.

Participants are required to read the Official Rulebook carefully before registering, and shall be deemed to have accepted all rules contained therein upon successful registration.

The Moot Proposition, Official Rulebook, and other official documents can be accessed through the following Google Drive Link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1it2_LTln6x6XEUUhadoli7_JXHLfwaauu

In case of any conflict or inconsistency between this brochure and the Official Rulebook, the provisions of the Official Rulebook shall prevail.

AWARDS

WINNER

A Cash Prize of **INR 30,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate + Medal**

Paid Internship with Mr. Aditya Giri (*Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India*)

Three (3) one-year complimentary (Academic) **subscription to SCC Online Web Edition worth INR 96,000/-**

RUNNER-UP

A cash prize of **INR 20,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate + Medal**

Paid Internship with Mr. Aditya Giri (*Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India*)

BEST RESEARCHER

A cash prize of **INR 7,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate + Medal**

Paid Internship with Mr. Aditya Giri (*Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India*)

BEST SPEAKER

A cash prize of **INR 7,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate + Medal**

Paid Internship with Mr. Aditya Giri (*Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India*)

BEST MEMORIAL

A cash prize of **INR 7,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate + Medal**

Paid Internship with Mr. Aditya Giri (*Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India*)

Note: *E-Certificates of Participation will be provided to all registered participants.*

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



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CHIEF PATRON

A distinguished 1997-batch IPS officer, academician, and Fulbright Fellow, he is a four-time recipient of the Police Medal for Gallantry. He has served with distinction in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). A prolific writer and accomplished legal scholar, he has made significant contributions to law, forensic science, academia, and public service.

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