



❖ 5TH Edition ❖

PROF. V. S. MALLAR MEMORIAL
LEGAL AID LAWYERING COMPETITION
2026-2027

THEME FOR THE COMPETITION

BAL ADALAT:
"FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE"
From Legal Protection To Effective Remedy

A Joint Initiative By

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Last Date of Registration:
20th October 2026





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ABOUT THE COMPETITION & THEME



The Prof. V. S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Lawyering Competition is a platform that takes legal education beyond the classroom and into the live realities of individuals and communities.

The Fifth Edition focuses on the rights and protection of children, particularly violence against children and the gap between legal protection and effective access to justice.

The competition is structured around a central legal-aid proposition, requiring participating teams to examine the problem from factual, legal, institutional, social and remedial perspectives.

Unlike a conventional moot court, the competition goes beyond merely identifying a legal violation and requires participants to examine the entire journey from recognition of a right to the availability of an effective remedy.

The six components collectively form the team's legal-aid case record and culminate in a simulated Bal Adalat, where teams present, defend and critically examine the case before the adjudicating panel.

THEME:- VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN: FROM LEGAL PROTECTION TO EFFECTIVE REMEDY

- The competition examines physical, emotional, sexual, institutional, domestic, educational and technology-facilitated violence against children.
- Participants will examine children's rights, existing laws, statutory protections, institutional mechanisms and the duties of responsible authorities.
- Participants will analyse reporting and complaint mechanisms, access to legal aid, investigation and adjudication, confidentiality, identity protection and the child's right to participate and be heard.
- The competition will address rehabilitation and reintegration, gaps in implementation, institutional coordination and the accessibility and effectiveness of available remedies.
- Participants must critically assess whether existing protection mechanisms effectively translate legal rights into accessible, timely and meaningful remedies for children.

REGISTRATION

1. The Registration fee for each participating team shall be INR **6000/-** (Rupees Six Thousand Only), inclusive of GST
2. Institutions interested in participating in the competition are required to complete their registration by filling out the Google Form available at the following link: **CLICK HERE**
3. Registration shall be deemed complete only upon successful payment of the registration fee and submission of the duly filled registration form. The Last date for registration is **20th October 2026, 10:00 PM**
4. A confirmation email shall be sent by the organizing committee at the earliest upon verification of the registration and payment, and the email shall serve as official confirmation of the team's registration.

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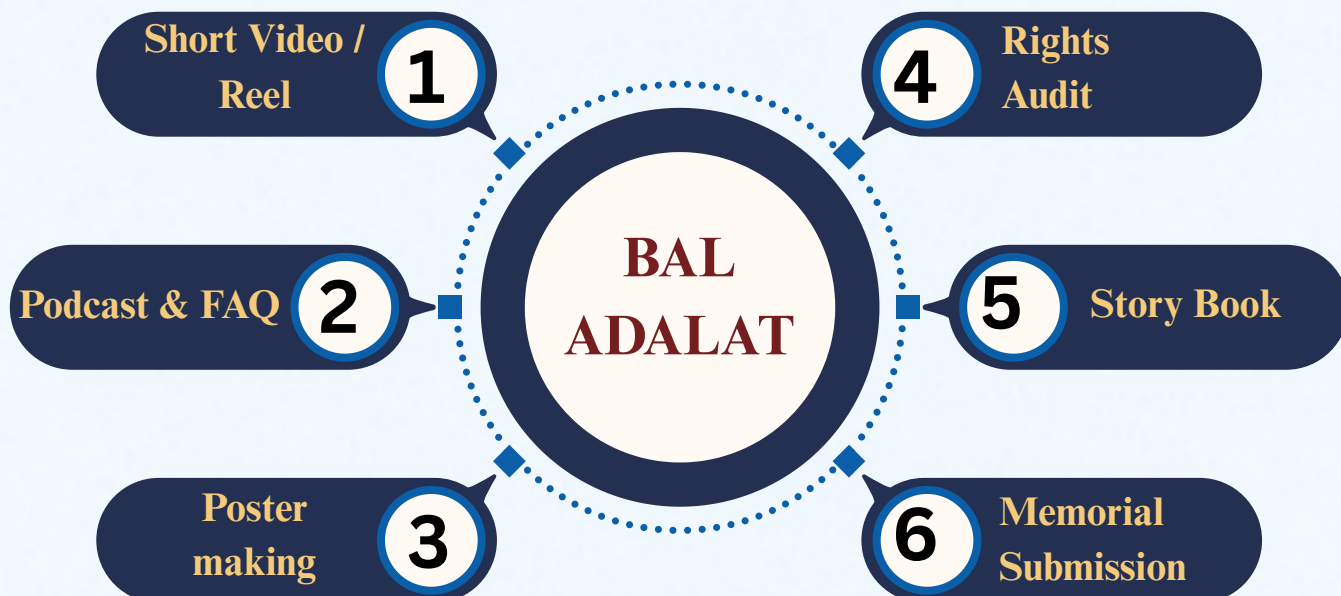


Registration Link

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THE SIX COMPONENTS & MARKS MATRIX

The Entire Competition shall have 6 components and carry a cumulative score of 1000 marks. The bifurcation is listed below:



SL. NO	Deliverables	Marks
1.	Short Video/ Reel	100
2.	Podcast & FAQ	100
3.	Poster Making	100
4.	Rights Audit	100
5.	Story Book	100
6.	Memorial Submission	200
TOTAL: 700		
The Final Proceedings		
7.	Bal Adalat	300
TOTAL SCORE: 1000		

****Note:**

The Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Finals and Final shall be conducted online.

THE SIX COMPONENTS & THE BAL ADALAT

I. SHORT VIDEO / REEL

Marks:100

SHOW US THE GRIEVANCE

Each team shall create 4 short video/reel of 3 minutes each, addressing an issue arising from the central proposition and communicating the relevant rights, legal position, protection mechanism or remedy.

The submission should move beyond depicting suffering and demonstrate an understanding of the underlying legal and social issue, the rights affected, the responsible institutions and the need for meaningful protection or remedy.

NOTE: Where a regional language is used, English subtitles shall be provided for accessibility, and the final submission shall comply with the prescribed format and file-size limit.

II. POSTER MAKING

Marks:100

FROM GRIEVANCE TO REMEDY

Each team shall make 4 posters, each of these posters shall communicate the pathway from a child's grievance to an available legal remedy.

The poster shall communicate a clear legal message connected to the central proposition, with emphasis on rights, protection mechanisms, legal procedures or remedies.

The emphasis shall be on clarity, accessibility and practical legal information.

III. PODCAST & FAQ

Marks:100

TELL US WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Each team shall create 2 Podcasts of 15 to 20 minutes, each podcast shall address one or more legal issues arising from the central proposition and shall provide accurate, practical and accessible legal remedy.

The objective is to translate legal knowledge into information that can actually be understood and used by a child, parent, caregiver or community member.

IV. RIGHTS AUDIT

Marks:100

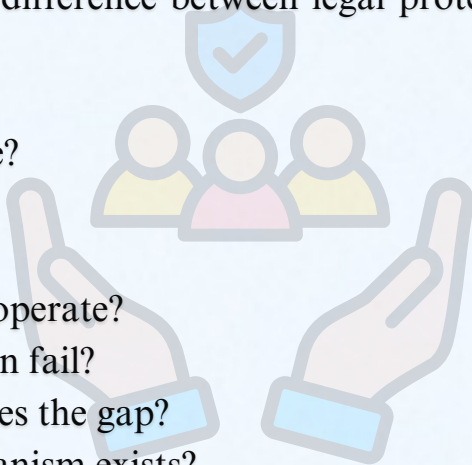
IS THE RIGHT REAL?

The Rights Audit requires participants to conduct field survey with the different stakeholders and examine the difference between legal protection on paper and protection in practice.

Participants shall identify:

- What does the law promise?
- Who is responsible?
- What mechanism exists?
- How does the mechanism operate?
- Where does implementation fail?
- What evidence demonstrates the gap?
- What accountability mechanism exists?
- What remedy can address the gap?

The Rights Audit is intended to test whether a legally recognised right is actually accessible and exercisable by the child.



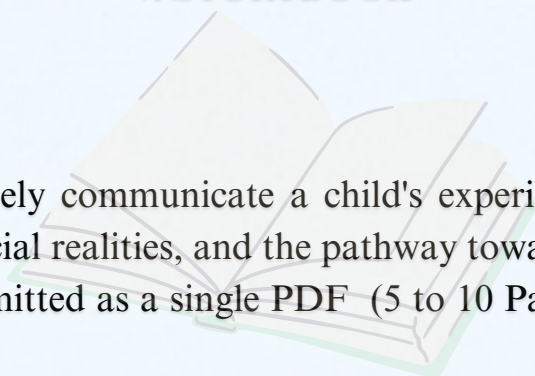
V. STORYBOOK

Marks:100

LET THE CHILD SPEAK

The Storybook shall creatively communicate a child's experience or grievance, the rights affected, the surrounding social realities, and the pathway towards protection or remedy.

The Storybook shall be submitted as a single PDF (5 to 10 Pages) containing the complete work.



VI. MEMORIAL

Marks: 200

BUILD THE ISSUE

The Memorial shall be a written submission for the Bal Adalat. It shall present the team's legal issue arising from the central proposition and shall serve as the written foundation for the arguments advanced during the final proceedings.

The Memorial shall be prepared for both sides, of Petitioner and Respondent.

The Prayer for Relief shall be specific, actionable, should identify who must act, what must be done, how it is to be implemented, the time within which it is to be carried out and the manner in which implementation may be monitored.

MEMORIAL FORMATTING GUIDELINES

The Memorial shall be submitted in PDF format.

- * Paper Size: A4
- * Font: Times New Roman
- * Font Size: 12 pt for the main text; 10 pt for footnotes
- * Line Spacing: 1.5 for the main text; single spacing for footnotes
- * Alignment: Justified
- * Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- * Page Numbers: Consecutive page numbering shall be used.
- * Citation: For the citations you may use the 21st edition of the Bluebook format.
- * Word count: The word count for the Memorial shall not exceed 4000 words including the Footnotes
- * Border: A simple page border may be used; elaborate designs shall be avoided.

NOTE: E- Memorial shall be required or submitted through the authorized google form provided by the organizing committee.

VII. THE BAL ADALAT

THE FINAL PROCEEDINGS

Marks:300

The Competition culminates in a simulated Bal Adalat, structured in the form of a conventional moot court proceeding. The proceedings shall provide teams with an opportunity to present arguments on the issues arising from the central proposition before the adjudicating panel.

MODE OF PROCEEDINGS: The Preliminary, Semi-Final & Final Rounds shall be conducted online.

PETITIONER

The Petitioner shall present the case challenging the adequacy, implementation and effectiveness of the existing legal and institutional framework concerning the protection of children from violence.

The Petitioner shall:

1. Present the facts and legal issues arising from the proposition
2. Identify the rights and protections involved
3. Analyse the applicable constitutional and statutory framework
4. Establish the legal and institutional failures, if any
5. Support its submissions through relevant authorities and evidence
6. Formulate a specific and legally sustainable Prayer for Relief.

RESPONDENT

The Respondent shall represent and defend the State/ Government and the existing legal and institutional framework.

The Respondent shall:

1. Defend the validity and adequacy of the existing legal framework
2. Demonstrate the protection and remedies already available to children
3. Address the allegations of institutional or implementation failure
4. Distinguish between individual failures and systemic deficiencies
5. Present the State's position on the reliefs sought by the Petitioner
6. Contest the Petitioner's claims through applicable law, precedent and evidence.

BAL ADALAT FORMAT

The Short Video / Reel, Podcast & FAQ, Poster, Rights Audit, Storybook and Memorial prepared by the teams shall form the basis of their submissions during the Bal Adalat. The Petitioner and Respondent shall use these components, as relevant, to support, explain and substantiate their respective submissions.

The Petitioner shall advance their arguments seeking appropriate relief, while the Respondent shall defend the State/ Government against the claims raised.

The side allotted to each team for the final oral proceedings shall be determined through draw of lots.

The proceedings shall involve:

SUBMISSIONS BY THE PETITIONER → SUBMISSIONS BY THE RESPONDENT → QUESTIONS FROM THE BENCH → REBUTTAL / SUR-REBUTTAL, → FINAL PRAYER

Each team shall be allotted 20 minutes for its main presentation/submissions, followed by 10 minutes for rebuttal. The time limits shall be strictly observed.

The adjudicating panel may question teams on the facts of the proposition, applicable law, judicial precedents, evidence, institutional responsibility, implementation of legal protections, constitutional obligations and the feasibility of the reliefs sought.

The Bal Adalat shall therefore function as the final advocacy stage of the Competition, bringing together the research, analysis and legal-aid work undertaken through all six preceding components.

TIMELINE, SUBMISSION OF SIX COMPONENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

SL. NO	Date & Time	Particulars
1.	September 21, 2026	Competition Brochure Release
2.	October 20, 2026	Last Date for Registration
3.	October 23, 2026	Inauguration of the Competition Orientation Session for the Participants (Online)
		Release of Proposition & Detailed Rule Book of the Competition
1 st Submission		
4.	November 19, 2026	1.Short Videos/ Reel 2.Podcast & FAQ 3.Poster Making
2 nd Submission		
5.	December 14, 2026	4.Rights Audit 5.Story Book
3 rd Submission		
6.	December 23, 2026	6.Memorial
BAL ADALAT		
7.	January 05, 2027	Preliminary Rounds (Online)
8.	January 06, 2027	Semi- Finals, Finals & Valedictory (Online)

Please Note:

- 1.All the Time mentioned above is as per the Indian standard time (IST)
- 2.Extension request for any kind shall not be entertained with respect to the submission timelines
- 3.Awards and Prizes will be announced during the Valedictory Ceremony.

AWARDS & PRIZES

Category / Component	Prize
Winners	20,000
Runners	10,000
Best Legal Aid Lawyer- 5 Awards	5,000
Best Rights Audit	5,000
Best Creative Communication	5,000
Best Oral Advocate	5,000

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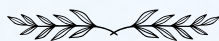
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