



ANNUAL VIVEK HIGH FIESTA
MOOT COURT 2026

Date and Venue-

THE VHS MOOT COURT 2026 will be held on 28th April 2026 at Vivek High School, Sector 38-B, Chandigarh from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Team Pre-requisites -

- (a) Each team shall consist of three members, 2 speakers and 1 researcher. The researcher is not permitted to speak during the court proceedings; however, he/she may help their team by way of chits.
- (b) The medium of language shall be English.
- (c) Each school may register 1 team to participate.
- (d) No electronic devices are permitted during the court proceedings but mobile phones, tablets, laptops, smartwatches, or any other communication devices, are permitted outside the courtrooms.
- (e) Any team found using electronic devices during the court proceedings will be immediately disqualified from the competition.

Dress Code –

The dress code shall be advocate's attire, i.e. Black and White combination including Blazer and Formal Shoes.

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Rounds –

Preliminary Round:

- There will be one preliminary round of arguments per team.
- Speaker 1 and Speaker 2 to remain the same throughout the competition.

Semi- Finals:

- The best teams would be selected from the preliminary round who would compete against each other in the semi- finals.

Finals:

- Finally, two best teams will be selected from the semi- final round and will compete against each other in the finals.

Time for the Court Proceedings –

Preliminary Round:

- Each team will get a total of 15 minutes to present their case.
- Each speaker should speak for a minimum of 6 minutes.
- Each team would be given 2 minutes for rebuttals after both the teams have presented their arguments.

Semi- Finals:

- Each team will be given a total of 15 minutes to present their case.
- Each speaker should speak for a minimum of 6 minutes.
- Each team would be given 2 minutes for rebuttals after both the teams have presented their arguments.

Finals:

- Each team will be given a total of 20 minutes to present their case.
- Each speaker should speak for a minimum of 9 minutes.
- Each team would be given 3 minutes for rebuttals after both the teams have presented their arguments.

Marking Scheme for the Oral Presentations –

- (a) Knowledge of Law – 30 marks
- (b) Application of Law to Facts - 25 marks
- (c) Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions – 30 marks
- (d) Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor – 10 marks
- (e) Time Management and Organization – 5 marks

Memorials –

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized.

- (a) Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute and submit the soft copy of the same through email- vhs mootcourt2025@gmail.com.
- (b) Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed. The Cover page of the memorials for the Plaintiffs should be in **BLUE** and Defendants should be in **RED**.
- (c) The participating teams are requested to bring in 3 copies each of memorial on both sides (petitioner and defendant) and one copy for self.
- (d) All participating teams shall submit soft copy of one set of written memorials (Plaintiffs and Defendants) to the organizers on or before **25th April 2026 by 18:00 hrs.**
- (e) Late submission of memorial will result in deduction of marks.

Format Of Memorials:

- (a) The memorials shall conform to the standards mentioned above.
- (b) The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman ,12-point and footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10 point.
- (c) The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5-line spacing except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced.
- (d) The memorials must be typed in A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:
 - i. Cover Page
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. Index of Authorities
 - iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - v. Questions presented
 - vi. Synopsis of Facts
 - vii. Summary of Arguments
 - viii. Body of Arguments
 - ix. Prayer or Relief
- (e) The cover page of the memorials must state the following:
 - i. The Case Title
 - ii. Identity of brief as Plaintiff or Defendant.
 - iii. The identity of the members shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial.



Marking Criteria for Memorials:

- Knowledge of facts and law – 20 marks
- Proper and articulate analysis- 20 marks
- Extent and use of research – 20 marks
- Clarity and Organization – 20 marks
- Citation of sources – 10 marks
- Grammar and Style –10 marks

Miscellaneous-

General Etiquette:

- The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organizers. Deference to the judges of the Moot Court Competition is expected to be maintained within and outside the court hall.
- The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

Delays in appearance/ presentation:

- If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.
- The criteria for rebuttals shall not be considered in such cases for evaluation in place of which an average for the same would be given based on the marks scored by such team on other criteria.

Disclaimer:

- The material in the proposition is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living dead. All material in the proposition will be fictitious and any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely coincidental.

Interpretation of the rules:

- The organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules, or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
- If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizer's decision on the same shall be final.
- The organizer's reserve the right to vary, alter, modify or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate at anytime
- Any dispute arising in the Moot Court rooms during the rounds would be at the discretion of the presiding officer of the respective courtroom

MOOT PROPOSITION

VIVEK HIGH SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH

The Case's Facts:

On the outskirts of Patiala, Punjab, Green Glow Industries Pvt. Ltd. ("Green Glow"), a chemical manufacturing company, runs a pesticide plant. The facility has been operating since 2015 and generates agricultural chemicals that are categorized as moderately hazardous.

The plant is around 800 meters away from the residential community "Shanti Vihar," which was built in 2018. Residents have voiced worries about water contamination, mild respiratory problems, and an unpleasant Odor throughout the years.

On June 14, 2025, at around two in the morning, a hazardous gas leak happened in the facility as a result of an apparent technical issue in one of the storage tanks. The gas quickly spread to residential communities in the vicinity.

Consequently: More than 150 residents said they had trouble breathing. 35 people were admitted to the hospital. The petitioner's 12-year-old daughter, Riya Sharma, passed away from respiratory failure. Long-term health issues were reported by a number of people.

According to a Green Glow internal report: A defective valve provided by a third-party contractor, Safe Valves Co., was the cause of the leak. The business has carried out all necessary safety inspections in accordance with government regulations.

Nevertheless, a local NGO's independent examination found:

- (a) The plant's safety audit was eight months past due.
- (b) There were insufficient emergency response systems.
- (c) The factory was running over its authorized capacity.


Green Glow had previously received two warnings about safety violations from the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), but no firm action was taken.

In accordance with Article 226 of the Indian Constitution, the petitioner, Aarav Sharma, the father of the deceased child, submitted a writ petition to the High Court requesting:

- (a) Compensation for his daughter's passing.
- (b) Affected residents' damages
- (c) The factory's closure
- (d) The company's and authorities' criminal and civil culpability

Legal Issues:

1. Does Green Glow Industries Pvt. Ltd. have strict or absolute culpability for the gas leak incident?

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2. Is the third-party fault defence (Safe Valves Co.) applicable in situations involving dangerous industries?
 3. Did Green Glow fail to uphold safety regulations and carry out prompt audits?
 4. Can the Punjab Pollution Control Board be held accountable for neglecting to implement safety and environmental regulations?
 5. Can the petitioner and other residents file a claim for damages under the nuisance law?
 6. Can Green Glow be held accountable for the actions of its contractors under the vicarious responsibility doctrine?
 7. Is it possible to pursue compensation under public law remedies in addition to private tort claims?

Laws Involved: _

- Law of Torts (Negligence, Strict Liability, Absolute Liability, Nuisance)
- Constitution of India (Article 21 & 226)
- Environment Protection Act, 1986
- Factories Act, 1948

Registration Link-

<https://forms.gle/Cfy7Srus7EHen2w5>

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