



## REPORT ON EVENT

Date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2026 to 4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026
Venue:	Vydehi Institute of Law, Bengaluru
Time:	10:00AM to 04:00PM
Objective:	To provide students with a practical platform to hone their legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills and to bridge the gap between theoretical legal knowledge and real-world court proceedings, encouraging participants to analyze complex legal issues, craft persuasive arguments, and respond effectively to judicial scrutiny.
Topic:	1 <sup>st</sup> Intra Moot Court Competition
Attended by (Batch & Class):	Students of 5 Year integrated B.A. LL.B, BCOM LL.B., BBA LL.B, and 3 Year LL.B.
No. of Participants:	64
Faculty-in-charge:	Mr. Darryl K. Quadros
Outcome:	The event brought improvement in legal reasoning, argumentation, and courtroom presentation, with several students showcasing exceptional advocacy potential. The event fostered a healthy spirit of legal debate and collaboration among peers, while the final round—judged by experienced legal professionals—provided invaluable real-world feedback.

Vydehi Institute of Law successfully commenced its 1st Intra Moot Court Competition on 2nd April 2026. The three-day event, running from 2nd to 4th April 2026, was open to students of all batches and courses, providing a unified platform for honing advocacy skills.

Throughout the competition, all teams were identified and called solely by their team codes, ensuring anonymity and impartial evaluation. The proceedings were conducted in multiple courtrooms simultaneously, with each round strictly timed and moderated by designated court officers, who were students who volunteered for the same. Participants demonstrated commendable preparation, navigating the nuances of criminal law, including the fine distinction between murder and culpable homicide, as well as the legal boundaries of self-defence that justifies causing death.

### **DAY 1: THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:**

The moot proposition presented a complex criminal case involving elements of murder, culpable homicide, and the right of self-defence extending to causing death. To ensure fairness and comprehensive skill assessment, each team was required to argue twice in their preliminary rounds. Teams alternated sides: a team arguing for the prosecution in Round 1 was mandated

to argue for the defence in Round 2, thereby testing their ability to persuasively advocate for opposing legal positions.

The preliminary rounds were adjudicated by a distinguished panel of faculty members from Vydehi Institute of Law:

- Adjunct Professor Dr. Raghunath K.S.
- Assistant Professor Mr. Darryl Quadros
- Assistant Professor Mr. Prince
- Assistant Professor Mr. Manoj Mohan
- Assistant Professor Mr. Ajey Reji



The judges evaluated each team on parameters including legal knowledge, application of facts, clarity of arguments, court etiquette, and rebuttal skills. Their rigorous marking and observation ensured a fair selection process.

## **DAY 2: QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS:**

After the conclusion of both preliminary rounds, the judges' scores were compiled and analyzed. Based on cumulative marks and overall performance, eight teams were selected to advance to the quarterfinal rounds, scheduled for Day 2 (3rd April 2026). The announcement of the qualified teams was met with a mix of excitement and healthy competitive spirit.

The allocation of sides was determined by a draw of lots conducted prior to the rounds, ensuring transparency and random assignment. Based on the outcome of the draw, a cause list was prepared, specifying the court hall allocation, the presiding judges and the side each team would represent. Participants then proceeded to their respective designated court halls.



### Marking Criteria

To ensure a comprehensive and fair evaluation, the judges assessed each team on the following five parameters:

1. **Knowledge of facts and law** – Understanding of the moot proposition, relevant statutes, and case law.
2. **Application of law to facts** – Ability to connect legal principles with the specific factual matrix of the case.
3. **Clarity and articulation** – Lucidity of expression, structure of arguments, and use of legal language.
4. **Persuasiveness & advocacy** – Effectiveness in convincing the bench, rebuttals, and overall advocacy skills.
5. **Court etiquette & demeanor** – Professional conduct, respect for the bench, time management, and composure under judicial questioning.

Each parameter carried equal weightage, and marks were awarded by a panel of judges for each quarterfinal match.



After the conclusion of all quarterfinal matches, the judges' score sheets were compiled and verified. Based on the cumulative marks awarded under the prescribed criteria, four

teams emerged as winners of their respective quarterfinal bouts. These four teams were selected to proceed to the semifinal rounds, scheduled for Day 3 (4th April 2026). The team codes of the semi-finalists were announced at the end of the day, drawing applause and appreciation from the participating students and faculty.

### **DAY 3: SEMI FINALS AND THE FINAL ROUND:**

The third and final day of the 1st Intra Moot Court Competition at Vydehi Institute of Law took place on 4th April 2026. This day witnessed the semifinal and final rounds, held at the Moot Court Hall of the institute. After two days of intense competition, the remaining four teams battled for a place in the finals, culminating in the crowning of the inaugural champions.

#### **Semifinal Rounds (Forenoon Session):**

The semifinal rounds were conducted before a division-bench comprising two distinguished practicing advocates:

- **Mr. Utsav Gowda**, Practicing Advocate, High Court of Karnataka
- **Ms. Chelsea**, Practicing Advocate, Bangalore

Their extensive courtroom experience brought a high level of realism and professional scrutiny to the proceedings.

Each team argued on a single side (prosecution or defence) determined by a draw of lots. The arguments were sharply contested, with participants demonstrating deep engagement with the criminal moot proposition involving murder, culpable homicide, and self-defence. The division-bench posed probing questions, testing the participants' ability to think on their feet and defend their legal positions under pressure.



After rigorous evaluation, the judges selected **two teams** – the winners of each semifinal – to advance to the final round. The announcement was met with applause, and the two finalists were given a brief break to prepare for the championship round.

## **Final Round (Post-Lunch Session)**

The final round commenced after the lunch break in the same Moot Court Hall. The atmosphere was electric, with students, faculty, and invited guests gathering to witness the climax of the competition. The final was presided over by an eminent judicial personality:

**Sri. D.R. Venkatasudarshan** – Principal District and Sessions Judge (Retired), Former President of the District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, and a resource person at the Karnataka Judicial Academy.

His presence lent immense gravitas to the proceedings, and his decades of judicial experience ensured the highest standard of adjudication.

The two finalist teams argued before the learned judge with exceptional preparation and passion. The competition went robustly, with each team presenting well-structured arguments, deliberations and citing of case laws to establish legal precedents, including references to relevant Supreme Court and High Court judgments.



Both teams displayed superior advocacy skills, composure under judicial questioning, and impeccable court etiquette. The final round was closely contested, with the bench listening intently and occasionally interjecting with incisive queries to test the logical consistency of the arguments.

**Address by Hon’ble Justice Sri. DR Venkatasudarshan:**

Following the conclusion of the final round, the retired judge addressed the gathering. In an inspiring and insightful speech, he emphasized the importance of regular mooting as a tool to hone legal skills. His key messages included:

- Mooting bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical advocacy.
- Students should participate in as many moot court competitions as possible to develop confidence, research abilities, and oratory.
- He provided constructive feedback to all participants on how to improve – including better organization of arguments, more effective use of precedents, and maintaining calm during judicial interruptions.
- He encouraged students to always uphold the ethics of the legal profession.

His speech was widely appreciated by students and faculty alike, leaving a lasting impression on the young legal minds.

**CONCLUSION OF THE 1ST INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION:**

The inaugural Intra Moot Court Competition at Vydehi Institute of Law, held from 2nd to 4th April 2026, concluded as a resounding success. Organised for students of all batches and courses, the three-day event achieved its objective of providing a practical, high-pressure platform for developing legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills.



The constructive feedback provided by Hon’ble Justice Sri. DR Venkatasudarshan and other judges will serve as a valuable guide for participants to refine their advocacy skills. The competition has set a benchmark for excellence, and the institute plans to make it an annual feature.

On the criteria of the marks, Judge's commentaries and remarks and careful scrutiny of the performances, the final results of the 1<sup>st</sup> INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026 are as follows:

<b>OVER ALL CHAMPIONS</b>	
<b>TEAM CODE - 13</b>	<b>TEAM MEMBERS</b>
	P. PARTHASUTHAN
	RAMYA NH
	RAMYASHREE M
	PRIYANKA PATIL

<b>RUNNER UP</b>	
<b>TEAM CODE - 18</b>	<b>TEAM MEMBERS</b>
	SHABAZ AHMED
	ATREYEE BISWAS
	CHARISMA

<b>BEST SPEAKER (MALE)</b>
SHABAZ AHMED <b>(TEAM CODE – 18)</b>

<b>BEST SPEAKER (FEMALE)</b>
NAGELLA ESTHER <b>(TEAM CODE – 16)</b>

<b>BEST RESEARCHER</b>
ABOOBAKAR SIDDIQ <b>(TEAM CODE – 11)</b>

<b>PROMISING YOUNG ADVOCATE</b>
SADANANDA PRABHU <b>(TEAM CODE – 17)</b>

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to the judges, faculty coordinators, student organizers, and all participants for making the competition a memorable and impactful learning experience.

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