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"The law is a pattern. Once you see the pattern, you can predict the outcome."

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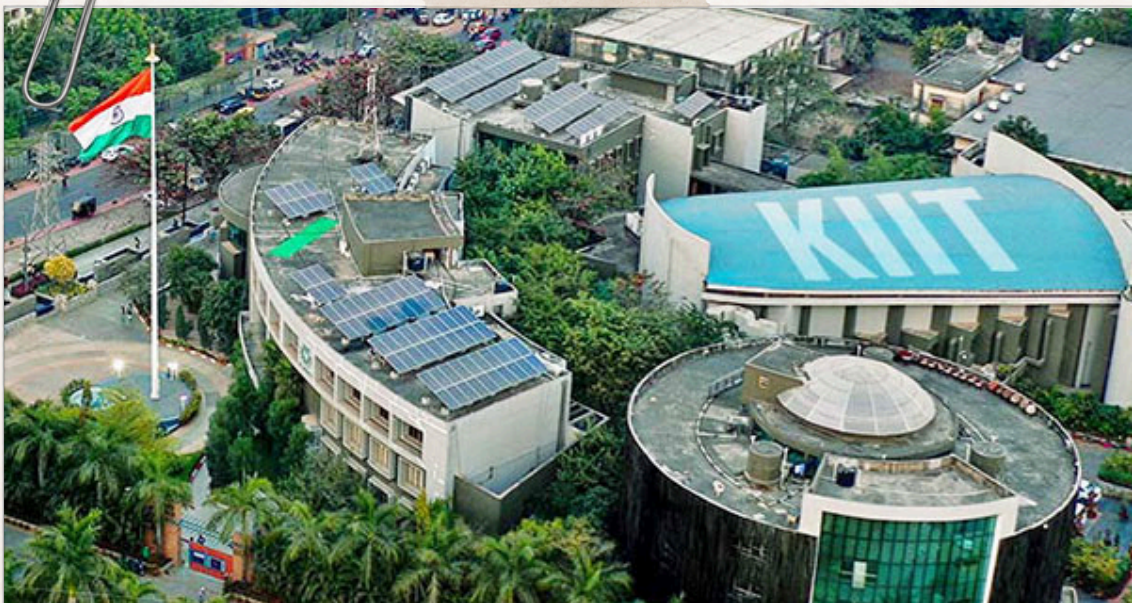
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FILE 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 ABOUT KIIT DEEMED-TO-BE-UNIVERSITY

KIIT Deemed-to-be-University, ("KIIT-DU") is one of India's leading multidisciplinary institutions, renowned for its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, research and global engagement. Over the years, KIIT has evolved into a world-class centre of higher education, fostering an inclusive learning environment that empowers students to become responsible leaders and professionals. Guided by its vision of creating a globally competitive ecosystem through quality education and interdisciplinary learning, KIIT continues to set benchmarks in higher education.

The University's academic excellence is reflected in its prestigious recognitions, including being ranked No. 1 Private University in Odisha and among the Top 10 Private Universities in India in the QS World University Rankings 2026, placement in the 501-600 band of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026, and securing the 17th position among Indian universities in the NIRF 2025 Rankings.



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1.2 OUR PATRONS



DR. ACHYUTA SAMANTA
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MR. ASHOK PARIJA
CHANCELLOR, KIIT-DU



PROF. (DR.) SARANJIT SINGH
VICE CHANCELLOR, KIIT-DU



PROF. (DR.) N.L. MITRA
PROFESSOR EMERITUS, KIIT-DU



PROF. (DR.) RAJU K.D.
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KIIT SCHOOL OF LAW



PROF. (DR.) JNYANA RANJAN MOHANTY
PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR (ADMIN)-CUM-
REGISTRAR, KIIT-DU

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1.3 ABOUT KIIT SCHOOL OF LAW

Established in 2007, KIIT School of Law (KSOL) has emerged as one of India's leading law schools, committed to nurturing ethical and socially responsible legal professionals. Combining rigorous academics with experiential learning through moot courts, legal aid, ADR training, internships and international collaborations, KSOL equips students with the knowledge and skills required to excel in the evolving legal profession.

Recognised with the prestigious SILF-MILAT Legal Education Innovation Award, KSOL has consistently distinguished itself through excellence in advocacy, legal education and student achievements. Its legacy of hosting renowned national and international moot court competitions, coupled with the success of its students on prestigious platforms, reflects the institution's unwavering commitment to advancing legal education and professional excellence.

School of Law, KIIT (Deemed-to-be-University) holds a record of being champions in 29th, 33rd and 37th BCI National Moot Court Competitions along with 30+ academic partnerships and international collaborations.



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FILE 2: ORGANISING BODY

2.1 ABOUT TRIAL AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY SOCIETY

The Trial and Appellate Advocacy Society (TAAS) of KIIT School of Law is a vibrant, student-led organization supported by faculty members and committed to nurturing practical legal skills among law students. Guided by the Faculty Convenor, Dr. Swati Mohapatra, and Faculty Co-Convenor, Dr. Sonali Swetapadma, TAAS provides a platform for experiential learning through workshops, mock trials, debates, case presentations, and national-level competitions that simulate authentic courtroom proceedings.

Since its inception, TAAS has conducted six intra mock trial competitions and successfully hosted seven national mock trial competitions, becoming a hallmark of courtroom readiness at KIIT School of Law. The society also organises seminars, workshops, certificate courses, and guest lectures to strengthen students' advocacy, legal research, and trial skills.



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FILE 2: ORGANISING BODY

2.2 EVENTS CONDUCTED

S.No.	EVENT	DATE
1	1st KIIT National Mock Trial Competition	3rd to 5th April 2015
2	All India Seminar on Global Legal Issues	8th & 9th August 2015
3	Certificate Course on Legal Drafting	13th to 20th February 2016
4	2nd KIIT National Mock Trial Competition	1st to 3rd April 2016
5	3rd KIIT National Mock Trial Competition	17th to 19th January 2017
6	4th KIIT National Mock Trial Competition	6th to 8th April 2018
7	5th KIIT National Mock Trial Competition	5th to 7th April 2019
8	Workshop on Heightening the Art of Advocacy - Dr. Aman M. Hingorani	9th October 2021



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2.2 EVENTS CONDUCTED

S.No.	EVENT	DATE
9	Guest Lecture on Practical Challenges of Trial Advocacy - Mr. Manav Gecil Thomas	30th January 2022
10	6th KIIT National Mock Trial Competition	5th May to 7th May 2023
11	7 th KIIT Mock Trial Competition	22 nd November to 24 th November, 2024



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2.3 TAAS ACHIEVEMENTS & MILESTONES

A team comprising Niharika S, Saara Upadhyaya, and Namrata Singh secured the First Runner-Up position and the Best Speaker Award at the 3rd SGTU-RANKA International Trial Advocacy Competition, 2026.



Shreya Mehta, Zaid Akram Khan and Shrutimanjari Singh represented KIIT School of Law in 1st National Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies (MAIMS) Trial Advocacy Competition at The Department of Law), wherein Zaid Khan was awarded the Best Speaker of the competition.



Soumit Nath, Aaradhya Soni, Shraddha Jha, and Swapnajeet Patnaik received the Honourable Mention for Best Team and Honourable Mention for Memorial at the National Trial Competition organised by Thakur Ramnarayan Law College, Mumbai.



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Team comprising Shreya Mehta as leading speaker, Shalini Tiwari as Co-Speaker and Ayushi Dhari Singh as Researcher represented KIIT School of Law in the 2nd MAIMS National Mock Trial Competition, 2023 wherein they were awarded Second Runners-Up in the Competition



Team comprising Trisha Tanaya Patra, Shiksha Singh and Chetan Bajaj represented KIIT School of Law in the 2nd Edition of the National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2026 - NLUAS Kochi and won the competition.

Representing KIIT School of Law, Esha Jain, Harshita Nahar, and Amrit Singh participated in the 1st NYAYANEETI National Trial Advocacy Competition, organised by Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, in 2024, where Esha Jain was awarded Best Counsel and Harshita Nahar was awarded Best Researcher award.



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FILE 3: GENERAL RULES

"Team Composition": Each team shall consist of exactly 3 members (2 speakers and 1 researcher).

"Eligibility": Participation is open to students pursuing three or five-year courses of an LL.B. programme in the current academic year from any institution recognised by Bar Council of India. During the online registration process, teams must upload a scanned copy of a bona fide certificate from their respective institutions.

"Registration Limit": Participation in the competition shall be strictly restricted to the first 30 teams that confirm and complete their participation formalities. Kindly note that only a maximum of two teams per institution shall be permitted to take part in the Competition

"Dress Code": Participants must strictly adhere to the standard advocates' attire (white shirt, black pants, and black coat).

"Language": The competition shall be conducted in English only; the use of vernacular language during the proceedings is permitted solely at the discretion of the presiding judges.

"Team Anonymity": Teams should not disclose their identity, institution, or city, and a team's affiliation shall not be indicated to the judges at any time; disclosure will lead to immediate disqualification of the offending team.

"Anti-Scouting Policy": Teams are not allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other participating teams, and any form of scouting will result in immediate disqualification of the offending team.

"Lotting": Teams will be assigned their designated roles as either prosecution or defence through a draw-of-lots session conducted before each round.

The 8th KIIT Mock Trial Competition is scheduled to be held at KIIT School of Law, Bhubaneswar, from October 30th to November 1st, 2026. The Competition shall be conducted in an offline format.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE RULE BOOK](#)

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FILE 4: ABOUT THE COMPETITION

4.1 ABOUT THE 8TH KMTC

The KIIT Mock Trial Competition (KMTC), the flagship event of the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Society (TAAS) at KIIT School of Law, is scheduled to be held from October 30th to November 1st, 2026. Since its inception in 2015, the competition has played an important role in promoting trial advocacy by providing students with a practical platform to apply their legal knowledge through simulated courtroom proceedings.

Over the years, KMTC has become an integral part of the advocacy culture at KIIT School of Law. With every edition, the competition has offered students a platform to sharpen their courtroom skills through challenging case propositions.

The 8th edition of KMTC carries this tradition forward with a proposition based on contemporary issues in Indian criminal law. Designed to closely reflect the realities of courtroom practice, the competition encourages participants to think critically, present well-reasoned arguments, and demonstrate professionalism, confidence and advocacy skills in a courtroom environment.

4.2 THE PROPOSITION

The 8th KIIT Mock Trial Competition brings participants into a criminal justice system where evidence is uncertain, witnesses are under scrutiny. Participants will grapple with issues of possession, conscious knowledge and chain of custody, all set against a backdrop of financial trails designed to look clean.

This year's trial is anchored in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 read alongside the wider framework of Indian criminal law. It will challenge participants to navigate the complexities of narcotics offences, evidentiary standards, and procedural safeguards while building and defending their case before the bench.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE PROPOSITION \(Releases on 7th September\)](#)

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FILE 4: ABOUT THE COMPETITION

4.3 TIMELINE AT GLANCE

RELEASE OF PROPOSITION	07.09.2026
LAST DATE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION	30.09.2026
LAST DATE FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE TRIAL PROPOSITION	02.10.2026
RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS	12.10.2026
MEMORIAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE	24.10.2026
RESEARCHER'S TEST, DRAW OF LOTS AND EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS	30.10.2026
PRELIMINARY ROUNDS & QUARTER-FINALS	31.10.2026
SEMI-FINALS, FINALS & VALEDICTORY CEREMONY	01.11.2026

4.4 AWARDS & PRIZES

The following awards shall be conferred upon conclusion of proceedings:

AWARD CATEGORY	PRIZE AMOUNT
Winner	₹1,00,000/-
1st Runner-Up	₹50,000/-
2nd Runner-Up	₹25,000/-
Best Advocate	₹10,000/-
Best Memorial	₹10,000/-
Best Researcher	₹10,000/-
Best Witness	₹10,000/-

TOTAL PRIZE POOL: RS. 2,15,000/-, along with trophies, merit certificates for all participants and other exciting prizes.

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FILE 4: ABOUT THE COMPETITION

4.5 BANK DETAILS

BANK NAME	Indian Bank
ACCOUNT NUMBER	50373043902
IFSC CODE	IDIB000K717
ACCOUNT HOLDER'S NAME	KIIT-UNIVERSITY
BRANCH NAME	KIIT
BRANCH ADDRESS	KIIT CAMPUS- 1, P.O. - KIIT, BHUBANESWAR, 751024

4.6 REGISTRATION PROCESS

- **The registration fee is ₹6,000 per team.** The registration fee includes food and accommodation for participating teams.
- Each team, Comprising of Speaker 1, Speaker 2 and Researcher, is required to pay the Team Registration Fees of Rs. 6000/- cumulatively. Please ensure that you enter the correct account details while making the transfer. We are not responsible for payments made to the wrong account.
- Teams must initiate the registration process by remitting the prescribed registration fee through the payment details provided in this brochure. Teams are advised to verify the applicable fee and ensure that the transaction is successfully completed.
- The Organising Committee is not responsible for payment in the wrong account. Further, The Registration Fees is Non-Refundable.
- Upon successful payment, teams must fill the official Google Registration Form provided in this brochure. All required information must be entered accurately and in accordance with the instructions specified in the form.
- A clear copy of the payment receipt or acknowledgement must be uploaded in the designated section of the Google Registration Form. Registrations submitted without valid proof of payment shall be considered incomplete.

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- Each participating team must obtain a Letter of Authorisation from its respective university/institution. The duly issued letter must be uploaded through the Google Registration Form. Teams failing to submit a valid Letter of Authorisation shall not be eligible for participation.
- Registration shall be considered complete only upon submission of the Google Registration Form, payment acknowledgement, and Letter of Authorisation. A formal confirmation email shall be sent to the registered team within the stipulated period.

Teams may complete their registration by filling out the registration form.

(CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION)

4.7 MEMORIAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The memorials for both the sides shall be submitted in both online and offline mode, within the specified date. (Date for Online Submission: Thursday, 24 October, 2026 by 11:59 PM & Date for Offline Submission: 30 October, 2026)

Late submissions of the memorials shall not be accepted under any circumstance. Any team failing to submit the memorial within the specified time shall stand disqualified.

The memorials must be submitted in the google link provided below in only PDF format and PDF should be named as TC_XXX Prosecution/ TC_XXX Defence where "XXX" should be replaced by the respective team codes.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE SUBMISSION LINK.

(Last Date of Submission: 24th October)

5 sets of both Prosecution & Defence i.e. $5 \times 2 = 10$ memorial copies are required to be submitted in offline mode. If there is any inconsistency between the documents submitted, the team shall be disqualified.

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FILE 5: ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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FACULTY CO-CONVENOR, TAAS

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



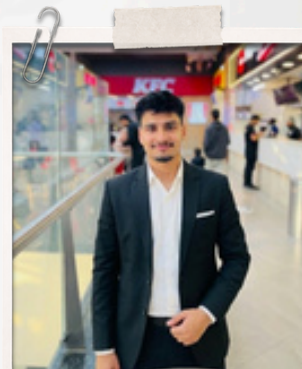
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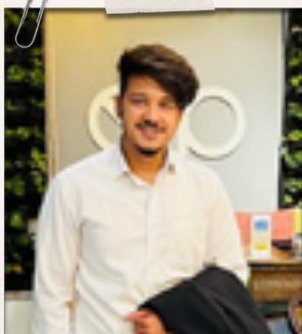
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SAURABH GUPTA



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AARTI MEHTA



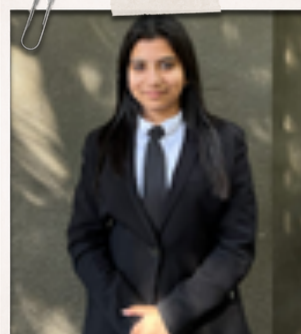
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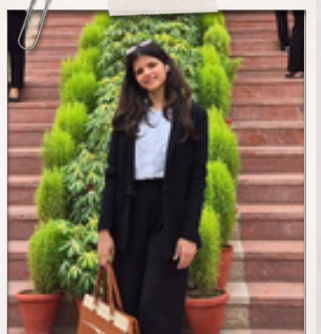
VIJAYA



JYOTSNA RAI



AARADHYA SONI



KAJAL BHARADWAJ

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FILE 5: ORGANISING COMMITTEE



SHATAKSHI



SHRUTI CHOUDHARY



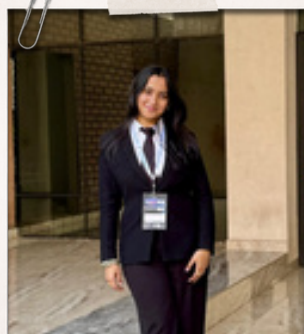
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NAMARATA SINGH



SAARA UPADHYAYA



NIHARIKA



MADHI LOKANATH



MADHULIKA MALLICK

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FILE 6: CONTACT US

CLARIFICATIONS:

All queries regarding the Proposition or Competition Rules must be sent via email to klstaas@kls.ac.in before 11:59 PM, 2nd October 2026, with the subject "Clarifications – 8th KMTC 2026".

For any other queries regarding the competition, teams may contact the Organising Committee (OC) through the designated Contact Person(s).

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