



GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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**NATIONAL ADR COMPETITION
FOR KELSA TROPHY**

**12th, 13th & 28th OCTOBER 2026
HYBRID MODE**



Invitation.

Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, extends an invitation to your esteemed institution to participate in the 12th National ADR Competition for the KELSA Trophy, 2026. The competition will be held in a hybrid format, with the Preliminary Round being held online. Semi-Finals and Final Rounds will be conducted at campus in offline format. This event highlights the significance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms and the power of dialogue and cooperation in building a society grounded in fairness, mutual understanding, and sustainable progress.

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Principal (in charge)

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BUT TO STUDY AND PART
I HAVE A DREAM
INDEPENDENCE
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About the Institution.

The Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, established in 1875, is one of the oldest institutions imparting legal education in India. Affiliated to the Faculty of Law of the University of Kerala, the College is supervised and controlled by the Government of Kerala. The College conducts courses in LLM Degree of 2 years duration in 4 semesters with specialisation in Constitutional Law & Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology, International Law and LLB Degree course of 3-year duration in 6 semesters and LLB Degree course of 5-year duration in 10 semesters. Admission to each course is made through a common entrance examination conducted by the Commissioner for Entrance Examination, Govt. of Kerala. With a well-experienced and eminent team of faculty, the college produces top scorers of the

University every year. The College has a well-maintained Library and reading room to facilitate students. Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, extends an invitation to your esteemed institution to participate in the 12th National ADR Competition for the KELSA Trophy, 2026. The competition will be held in a hybrid format, with the Preliminary Round being held online. Semi-Finals and Final Rounds will be conducted at campus in offline format. This event highlights the significance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms and the power of dialogue and cooperation in building a society grounded in fairness, mutual understanding, and sustainable progress.

More than 150 Years.

Government Law College Thiruvananthapuram

The Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, proudly carries forward more than 150 years of academic excellence in legal education. Established in 1875 under the visionary rule of the Travancore Maharaja, it is the first law college in Kerala and one of the oldest in India. Over the past one and a half centuries, the College has stood at the forefront of shaping the nation's legal, judicial, and academic landscape. Guided by its maxim "Fiat Justitia Ruat Caelum" — let justice be done though the heavens fall — it has produced generations of lawyers, judges, academicians, policymakers, and leaders who have left an indelible mark on society. Its distinguished alumni include Justice Fathima Beevi, the first woman judge of the Supreme Court of India, and Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon, the pioneer of modern legal education and founder of National Law Universities.

Situated at Barton Hill, the College today is a vibrant centre of learning that blends tradition with modernity. With its rich law library, active moot court culture, ADR initiatives, legal aid activities, and research centres, it fosters both academic excellence and practical skills. As it continues its journey of more than 150 years, the institution reaffirms its mission to provide accessible, quality legal education that is intellectually rigorous, ethically grounded, and socially committed. Standing as a custodian of Kerala's legal heritage and a beacon for the future, the Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram continues to inspire generations to uphold justice, fairness, and equity in an evolving globalized world.

Participation and Eligibility.

The competition will be open to all students of Law Colleges and Law Departments recognized by the Bar Council of India. The participation is limited to undergraduate students in law both in the 3-year and 5-year schemes undergoing regular courses. A college/department can send a team comprising three students, who have to deal with the role of the Claimant, the Respondent, and the Counsel.

Registration.

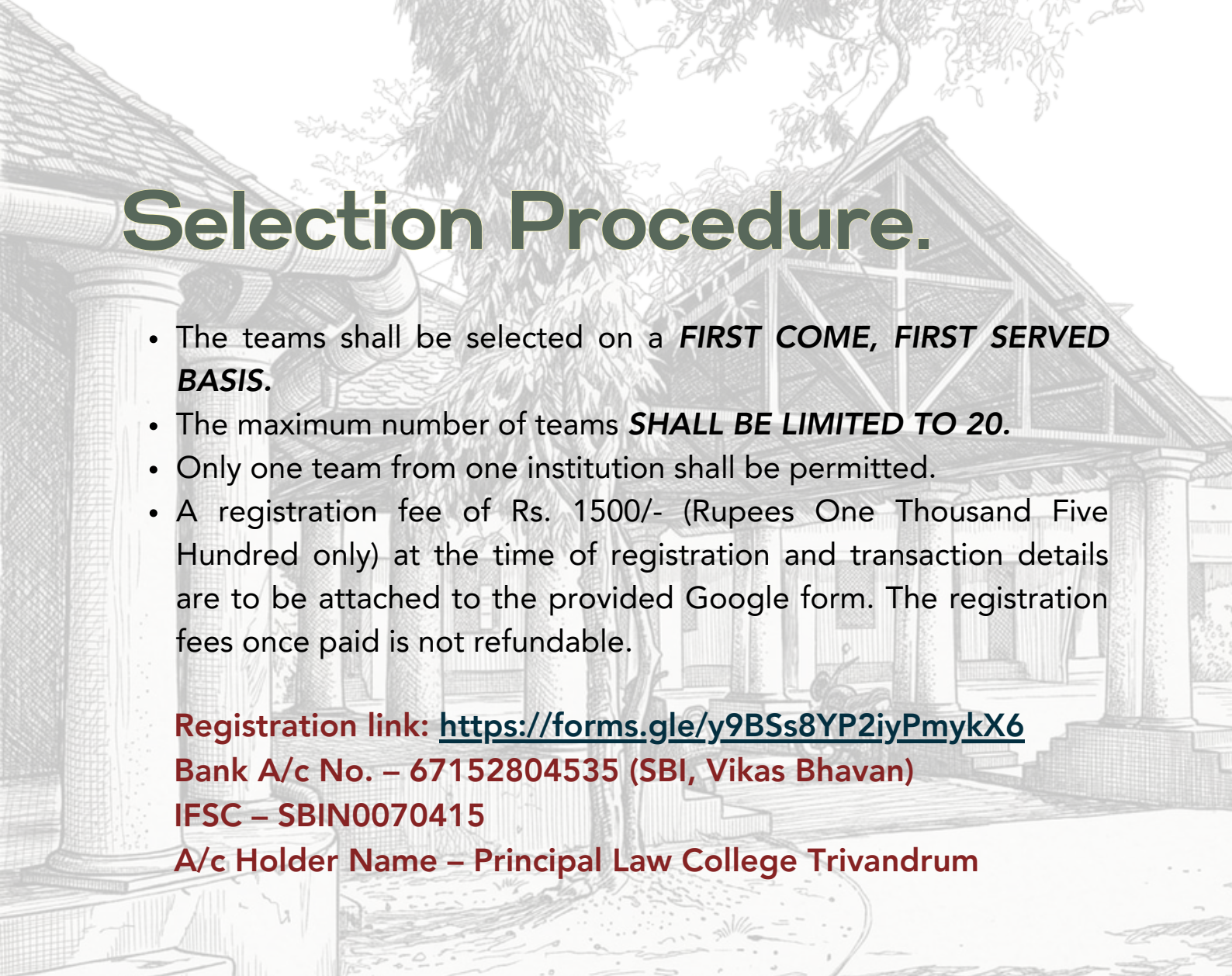
Registration shall be effected by registering on the Google form: <https://forms.gle/y9BSs8YP2iyPmykX6> by 12th September 2026.

The selected teams shall report for verification at 7.30 p.m. on 10th October 2026 through Google Meet. The preliminary rounds will be held online, and the semi-finals and finals respectively will be held offline.

The teams selected for the semi-finals must send their travel plans by 23rd October 2026. Their travelling expenses shall be borne by the respective institutions.

The teams shall report to the venue at 8.00 a.m. on 28th October 2026.

Accommodation shall be provided to the selected participants from 27th October 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for 24 hours. Accommodation details will be intimated accordingly.



Selection Procedure.

- The teams shall be selected on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.**
- The maximum number of teams **SHALL BE LIMITED TO 20.**
- Only one team from one institution shall be permitted.
- A registration fee of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred only) at the time of registration and transaction details are to be attached to the provided Google form. The registration fees once paid is not refundable.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/y9BSs8YP2iyPmykX6>

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A/c Holder Name – Principal Law College Trivandrum

Dress Code.

Female participant

White saree with black blouse, white salwar kameez, or white shirt and black pants for the speaker. The Counsel shall additionally wear a black coat.

Male participant

White or black pants and white shirt for the speaker. The Counsel additionally shall wear a black coat and tie.

Competition Rules and Regulations.

Anonymity of Participants

The Team shall not reveal their identity anywhere in the script or at the time of presentation. At the time of registration, a team code will be allotted to the teams. Throughout the competition, the Team will be identified by their respective codes.

Anonymity of Participants

The competition shall consist of 3 rounds.

1. Prelims

For this round the team will have to do a role play based on the problem given, two of the team members acting as the parties and the third member as the Counsel (mediator/conciliator/arbitrator based on the problem given).

2. Semi-Finals

Teams based on their aggregate score in the prelims will be selected to this round. In this round, scripts will be exchanged along with the Counsel i.e., the Counsel of your team will be exchanged with the Counsel of the opposing team and vice versa.

3. Finals

Teams on the basis of their performance in the semi-final round will be selected (aggregate marks of the claimant, respondent and Counsel) to this round. Format of the final round will be the same as the semi-finals.

Duration for Performance

Round	Duration
Preliminary Round	30 minutes
Semi-Finals	45 minutes
Finals	45 minutes

Memorandum

The script memorandum shall consist of a general explanation of ADR and the rationale for the method/technique selected by the team along with adequate references in 20 pages (A4 size paper). Written scripts for either side shall consist of a general introduction, briefing on ADR, explanation of the given method, facts in issue, depositions, and the claims/demand/prayer along with exhibits or evidence, , extracts, etc. at a maximum of 20 pages. 20 marks will be awarded for it. Scripts for each role play shall be prepared and submitted by each selected team as intimated after the confirmation of the registration, by not later than 11:59 PM 27th September 2026.

Each team shall prepare scripts for all the three given problems. Only teams qualified to the next levels are required to do the role play of the respective problems.

Further, three hard copies of the script for each of the three problems shall reach the institution on or before 05th October 2026.

There shall be an interface of teams from the semi-finals onwards i.e the participant playing the role of the Counsel in the team shall act as the Counsel during the presentation of the other team. There will be an exchange of scripts of respective teams in advance.

Fixture of Competition and Evaluation

The fixture of the competition will be shaped through a draw of lots well before the commencement of the various sessions. The college reserves the right to make any necessary alterations.

Competition round	Basis	Criteria
Preliminary round	League	Aggregate Total
Semi final	Knockout	Aggregate Total
Finals	Knockout	Aggregate Total

A bench comprising judges selected from a panel of judges drawn from an array of judges/jurists, advocates/legal consultants, teachers and social workers will preside over each session. For presentations, the time allotted for each team is 30 minutes in the preliminary round and 45 minutes in the semi-finals and finals respectively.

Accolade for Teams

Ever-rolling trophies, cash prizes, and individual trophies for winners, and every participant will be awarded an e-certificate of participation. Honours in this competition include:

Best Team

Second Best Team

Best Counsel

Best Script

Second Best Script

Scoring

- 20 marks for Script (common distribution for all rounds)
- 180 marks (60 for each participant in a team)

The 60 marks per participant will be distributed as follows:

- Role identification
- Script development
- Stage performance and communication skills
- Individual skill and capability
- Overall conceptualization and presentation of the theme

Individual prizes will be awarded based on total marks secured by each participant for all rounds and their performance shall be adjudged separately. Team prizes will be awarded based on the performance of the team and the aggregate marks secured across the respective rounds. If the same person participates in more than one round, his/her average marks shall be counted for adjudging their position. Marks will be awarded by the Chairperson of the judging panel on each round and their decision shall be final. In the matter of disputes or complaints, the decision of the Appellate Committee chaired by the Principal, Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram will be final.



Important Dates.

12/09/2026

Last date for registration

14/09/2026

Last date for clarifications

17/09/2026

Confirmation mail & team
code assignment

27/09/2026

Last date for submission
(soft copy)

05/10/2026

Last date for submission
(hard copy)

12/10/2026

Inauguration

13/10/2026

Preliminary Round

28/10/2026

Semi-Finals & Final Round

Organizing Team.

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