



6TH RMLNLU – SCC ONLINE[®]

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA LAW MOOT
COURT COMPETITION, 2018

March 9 – 11, 2018

RULES

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. DEFINITIONS	2
2. TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY	3
3. LANGUAGE.....	3
4. REGISTRATION	4
5. REGISTRATION FEE.....	4
6. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION.....	4
7. ANONYMITY	5
8. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION	5
9. MEMORIAL	6
10. EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL	9
11. QUALIFICATION OF MEMORIALS AND SEEDING.....	9
12. EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS.....	10
13. ORAL SUBMISSIONS	10
14. STRUCTURE OF THE ORAL ROUNDS.....	13
15. SCOUTING.....	17
16. AWARDS.....	17
17. MISCELLANEOUS	18
ANNEXURES	20

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **“Competition”** means the 6th RMLNLU International Media Law Moot Court Competition, 2018.
- 1.2 **“Court Bailiff”** refers to the student volunteer who shall be entrusted with duties such as maintenance of order in a courtroom during a round and letting speakers know the time duration for which they’ve spoken.
- 1.3 **“Institution”** means any recognized law school/college or university.
- 1.4 **“Memorial”** means the written arguments submitted, on behalf of both the Applicants and Respondents, according to the official Competition Rules by each Team. Memorials are also referred to as written pleadings.
- 1.5 **“Organizing Committee”** includes the members of the RMLNLU Moot Court Committee.
- 1.6 **“Payment Receipt”** means a written acknowledgment that the payment of the registration fees has been made.
- 1.7 **“Petitioner”** means the party which is presenting a petition to the court alleging the commission of a wrong.
- 1.8 **“Preliminary Screening Chart”** means the chart that has been prepared on the basis of memorial scores wherein the top 50% teams with higher marks are made to face the bottom 50% teams in the preliminary oral rounds.
- 1.9 **“Researcher”** means the team member whose role is confined to preparation of the Memorial and is not allowed to speak in the oral rounds.

- 1.10** “*Respondent*” means the party against whom the petition is filed
- 1.11** “*Rules*” means these official Competition Rules and any applicable supplements to these Rules published by the Organizing Committee.
- 1.12** “*Speaker*” refers to the members of the team who will be pleading before the judges in the oral rounds.
- 1.13** “*Valedictory Ceremony*” refers to the closing ceremony of the 6th RMLNLU International Media Law Moot Court Competition, 2018 wherein the distribution of prizes shall also take place.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1** Students pursuing the three or five year courses of the LL.B. degree or its equivalent in the academic year 2017 - 2018 from any recognized law school/college/university in India/abroad are eligible to participate.
- 2.2** Any recognized law school/college/university shall be entitled to send only 1 (one) team to the Competition.
- 2.3** The participating team shall comprise a minimum of two and a maximum of three members. In a team of two members, both the members shall be designated as Speakers. In a team of three members, two members shall be designated as Speakers and the third member of the team shall be designated as a Researcher.
- 2.4** No additional member or team coach is allowed to accompany the team.

3. LANGUAGE

The official language of the competition shall be English.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1** The Institutions should provisionally register themselves by sending an e-mail to rmlsconlinemoot@gmail.com, latest by **November 10, 2017 (23:59 hrs IST)**.
- 4.2** Institutions must complete their registration by sending an e-mail to rmlsconlinemoot@gmail.com, latest by **December 5, 2017 (23:59 hrs IST)**. The e-mail should include a scanned copy of the duly filled registration form.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

5.1 Indian Universities

The Registration Fee is INR 4000 for Indian teams. Indian teams must make the payment of such amount through the “State Bank Collect” multi-modal payment portal. [For Details see Annexure]

5.2 Foreign Universities

All teams from nations in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) shall pay an equivalent sum of INR 8000 (excluding service/conversion charges, if any). All other foreign teams shall pay an equivalent sum of INR 15000 (excluding service/conversion charges, if any)
[For Details see Annexure]

- 5.3** In case of a memo knockout, the teams shall be required to pay the registration fee only after they have cleared the memo knockout round by **February 10, 2018**.

6. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

- 6.1** Participating teams may request for clarifications to the official moot problem by

sending an email to rmlsconlinemoot@gmail.com latest by **December 5, 2017 (23:59 hrs IST)**.

6.2 A full list of clarifications shall be released by **December 20, 2018**.

7. ANONYMITY

7.1 The participating team shall be allotted a team code upon registration.

7.2 The student counsels shall not state their names or the names of the institution to which they belong during the oral rounds, and instead must use the code allotted.

7.3 The team shall not disclose their identity anywhere in their written Memorials and instead should use the code allotted.

7.4 Non-compliance with the Rules 7.2 and 7.3 shall result in immediate disqualification of the participant/team.

7.5 The decision of the Organizing Committee in this regard shall be final.

8. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION

8.1 Accommodation shall be provided to all teams by the Organisers from the morning of **March 9, 2018 to the evening of March 11, 2018**. Teams who intend to arrive prior to or leave after the specified dates are required to inform the Organizing Committee in advance.

8.2 Food and Transportation to and from the venue shall be provided to all the teams for the aforementioned duration.

8.3 Teams should send their travel plan, as and when asked by the Organizing

Committee, once the Payment Receipt has been submitted and the registration is completed.

9. MEMORIAL

- 9.1** Each team shall prepare an Applicant and a Respondent Memorial.
- 9.2** One (1) soft copy (only in MS Word .doc/.docx format) must be emailed to rmlsconlinemoot@gmail.com latest by **January 15, 2018 (23:59 hours IST)** with the subject “**Memorials for Team Code__**”. The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorials must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g. (for Team Code 13) 13P or 13R, “P” being for “Petitioner” Memorial and “R” for “Respondent” Memorial and so forth.
- 9.3** The Memorial for each side should be submitted as one single file and not in multiple files. Any violation of this rule shall invite penalty in accordance with rule 9.7.
- 9.4** Six (6) hard copies for each side of the Memorial must be submitted to the organizers at the time of registration on **March 9, 2018**.
- 9.5** The hard copies must be identical to the soft copy. Violation of this rule would entail disqualification from the Competition.
- 9.6 Format of Memorials**
- 9.6.1.** The Memorials shall necessarily consist of only and only the following sections:
- a) Cover Page
 - b) Table of Contents
 - c) List of Abbreviations
 - d) Index of Authorities (with page number where the authority has been cited)
 - e) Statement of Jurisdiction

- f) Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
- g) Statement of Issues
- h) Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
- i) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
- j) Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

9.6.2. Each Memorial shall have the following and only the following on its cover page:

- a) The team code on the upper right hand corner of the cover page
- b) The name and place of the forum
- c) The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
- d) Name of parties and their status
- e) On whose behalf the memorial is filed

9.6.3. Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 19th Edition. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.

9.6.4. The Memorial shall be printed on A4 size paper, with the following mandatory formatting specifications:

- a) Font Type: Times New Roman
- b) Font Size: 12
- c) 1.5 line Spacing
- d) Margins: 1 inch on each side.

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font Size: 10
- c) Single Line Spacing

9.6.5. The Memorials shall be spiral bound. The following colour scheme shall be followed for the Cover Page of the Memorial:

Petitioner: Blue

Respondent: Red

9.7 Penalties

Late Submission	1 mark per memorial every 12 hours after the deadline of submission; disqualification beyond 48 hours
Wrong File Name	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one File	1 mark per Memorial
Exceeding page limits (Refer to Rule 9.6.1)	1 mark per exceeding page
Failure to include the sections in the Memorial (Refer to Rule 9.6.1)	3 marks per section
Failure to include the required information on the cover page (Refer to Rule 9.6.1)	1 mark per violation
Failure to use the correct colour coding as per Rule 9.6.5.	2 marks per Memorial

10. EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL

- 10.1** Every Memorial will be marked on scale of 100.
- 10.2** The Memorial shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:
- a) Knowledge of Law and Facts: 20 Marks
 - b) Proper and Articulate Analysis: 15 Marks
 - c) Depth and Use of Research: 15 Marks
 - d) Organisation, Presentation and Overall Formatting: 15 Marks
 - e) Grammar and Language: 10 Marks
 - f) Novelty of arguments: 15 Marks
 - g) Clarity of Thought and Originality: 10 Marks

11. QUALIFICATION OF MEMORIALS AND SEEDING

- 11.1** There shall be a Memorial Elimination Round subsequent to the submission and evaluation of the Memorials.
- 11.2** The top 32 teams shall be selected based on their Memorial scores. Only these 32 teams shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds of the Competition.
- 11.3** The Result of the Memorial Elimination Round shall be notified to the teams latest by **January 30, 2018**.
- 11.4** The top 32 teams from the Memorial Elimination Round shall be seeded or ranked on the basis of their memorial scores and thus a Preliminary Seeding Chart shall be prepared.

12. EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

- 12.1** There shall be an exchange of Memorials between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as determined by Seeding, prior to all the rounds of the Competition.
- 12.2** The teams are prohibited from making any marks on the exchanged Memorials.
- 12.3** The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the exchanged Memorials.
- 12.4** At the conclusion of their respective Rounds, the teams are required to return the exchanged Memorials to the Court Bailiffs of that Court Room.

13. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- 13.1** The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the Court Bailiff prior to the commencement of each Round. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed.
- 13.2** Use of any electronic gadgets is not permitted during the course of oral proceedings.
- 13.3** Teams shall not disclose, in any manner whatsoever, for the entire duration of the Rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent, even if asked by the judges.
- 13.4** Teams can pass on compendium of the sources they cite in their Memorials if so permitted by the judges.
- 13.5** Team scores shall not be disclosed after every round. Teams must not make

any attempt to gather any such information, until notified by the Organizing Committee.

13.6 Delay in appearance for a round exceeding five (5) minutes will render disqualification of the team for that round. In such a case, their opponent shall make their oral submissions *ex parte*.

13.7 Evaluation shall be done on the basis of the following criteria:

- a) Knowledge of Law & Use of Authorities : 10 Marks
- b) Application of Law to Facts: 10 Marks
- c) Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions: 10 Marks
- d) Time Management and Organisation: 10 Marks
- e) Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanour: 5 Marks
- f) Effective Rebuttals: 5 Marks

13.8 Preliminary Rounds

13.8.1 Each team will have the opportunity to argue from both the sides.

13.8.2 Time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. No speaker may reserve more than fifteen (15) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

13.8.3 No team shall be allowed more than 5 minutes for rebuttal or sur- rebuttal.

13.8.4 The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the opponent team.

13.8.5 Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut.

13.9 Quarter Final Rounds

13.9.1 Time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (30) minutes for each team.

This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

13.9.2 The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the team.

13.9.3 No speaker may reserve more than fifteen (15) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

13.9.4 Only one (1) speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut, as the case may be, subject to a maximum time limit of five (5) minutes.

13.9.5 No speaker can speak for more than 25 minutes.

13.9.6 No team shall be allowed more than 05 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

13.10 Semi Final Rounds

13.10.1 Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty-five (45) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

13.11 The Final Round

13.11.1 Time limit for the oral submissions shall be forty-five (45) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

13.11.2 No speaker can speak for more than 25 minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

13.11.3 No team shall be allowed more than 05 minutes for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

14. STRUCTURE OF THE ORAL ROUNDS

14.1 The Oral Rounds of the Competition shall be held over a period of two days i.e., **March 10** and **11, 2018**. The Inaugural Function and the Orientation Programme shall be held on **March 9, 2018**.

14.2 The Competition shall consist of four sets of rounds: the Preliminary Rounds, the Quarter Final Rounds, the Semi Final Rounds and the Final Round.

14.3 Preliminary Rounds

14.3.1 The Preliminary Rounds shall be held on **March 10, 2018**. In the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall have to argue twice, once as the Applicant and once as the Respondent.

14.3.2 The teams shall be paired on the basis of the Preliminary Seeding Chart as per the provisions of Rule 11. Following shall be the pairing of teams in the two Preliminary Mooting rounds.

ROUND 1		
Petitioner		Respondent
Seed 1	v	Seed 32
Seed 2	v	Seed 31
Seed 3	v	Seed 30
Seed 4	v	Seed 29
Seed 5	v	Seed 28
Seed 6	v	Seed 27
Seed 7	v	Seed 26
Seed 8	v	Seed 25
Seed 9	v	Seed 24
Seed 10	v	Seed 23
Seed 11	v	Seed 22
Seed 12	v	Seed 21
Seed 13	v	Seed 20
Seed 14	v	Seed 19
Seed 15	v	Seed 18
Seed 16	v	Seed 17

ROUND 2		
Petitioner		Seed 1
Seed 17	v	Seed 2
Seed 18	v	Seed 3
Seed 19	v	Seed 4
Seed 20	v	Seed 5
Seed 21	v	Seed 6
Seed 22	v	Seed 7
Seed 23	v	Seed 8
Seed 24	v	Seed 9
Seed 25	v	Seed 10
Seed 26	v	Seed 11
Seed 27	v	Seed 12
Seed 28	v	Seed 13
Seed 29	v	Seed 14
Seed 30	v	Seed 15
Seed 31	v	Seed 16
Seed 32	v	Seed 1

14.3.3. These two Rounds shall be jumbled and divided into three Preliminary Sessions.

Explanation: Dividing the Preliminary rounds into three Sessions does not mean that a team shall argue thrice. Rather, a team shall argue in any two of the three sessions, once as the Applicant and once as the Respondent.

14.3.4 The Seeding chart shall not be disclosed until the Valedictory Ceremony in order to maintain the spirit of the Competition.

14.3.5 No team shall be provided with any information regarding the identity of their opponent team or any other team.

14.3.6 No two teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

14.3.7 The top 8 teams based on their win/loss ratio and Total Preliminary Score in the Preliminary Rounds, shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. Following shall be the system for determining the teams that advance to the Quarter Final Rounds:

14.3.8 If there are more than 8 teams that have a Win Loss ratio of 2:0, then out of such teams, the top 8 teams based on their Total Preliminary Score, shall qualify for the Quarter Finals.

14.3.9 If there are less than 8 teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0, then firstly, all such teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0 shall advance for the Quarter Finals Rounds. Secondly, Out of the teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 1:0, the remaining spots in the Quarter Final Rounds shall be filled, based on the Total Preliminary Score of such teams.

14.3.10 If there continues to be a tie, then the team with the higher Memorial scores

shall qualify to the Quarter Final Rounds.

14.3.11 Total Preliminary Score is the total score obtained by both the speakers (including the rebuttal score) in both the Preliminary Rounds. Total Preliminary score does not include the memorial scores.

14.3.12 Win Loss Ratio is the ratio of number of Wins versus the number of Loss in the Preliminary Rounds.

14.4 Advanced Rounds

14.4.1 All the advanced rounds will be knock- out rounds.

14.4.2 For deciding match-ups in case of Quarter Final Rounds, the teams shall be seeded again on the basis of their Win Loss Ratio and Total Preliminary Score.

14.4.3 While seeding the teams for the Quarter Final Rounds, first preference shall be given to the teams that have a Win Loss Ratio of 2:0. Thereafter, the rankings shall be decided on the basis of Total Preliminary Score. If a tie still continues, then the team with higher memorial score shall be seeded higher.

14.4.4 For the Semi Final Rounds, seeding shall be done on the basis of the Total Score obtained by team in the Quarter Final Rounds.

14.4.5 The side a team will be arguing in Quarter Final Rounds will be decided by a draw of lots, with the Teams picking the lots.

14.4.6 Team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Final Rounds if its total oral marks are higher than that of the Opponent Team. Memorial marks will not be considered in the Quarter Final Rounds as well.

14.4.7 In case of a tie, the marks obtained in the Memorials will be considered. The Team with the higher score will win.

- 14.4.8** A similar procedure will be followed for Semi Final Rounds and the Final Round, except in case of a tie in the Final Round, the ratio of the judgment delivered by the Bench shall be used to declare the winner.

15. SCOUTING

- 15.1** Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team is found:
- 15.1.1** Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. The oral submissions in a Round, except where the Round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; or
- 15.1.2** Reading a Memorial of a team except where: it is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or the Memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of Memorials prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

16. AWARDS

- 16.1** The team with the maximum score in the final round will be declared as the “Winning Team” and the team with the second highest score in the final round will be declared as the “Runners up Team”.
- 16.2** The speaker with the maximum score in the Preliminary Rounds (Total Preliminary Score) will be declared the “Best Oralist”.
- 16.3** The team with the maximum Memorial scores will be awarded “The Best Memorial”.

16.4 All participants shall be awarded Access Cards to SCC Online Web Edition.

16.5 The prize money to be awarded to the winners are as follows:

- a) Winning Team: Rs. 25,000 and SCC Online Web Edition Platinum card including English Law One Year Subscriptions to Supreme Court Cases – Print Edition.
- b) Runners Up: Rs. 15,000 and SCC Online Web Edition Platinum card including English Law One Year Subscriptions to Supreme Court Cases – Print Edition.
- c) Best Memorials: Rs. 10,000 and SCC Online Web Edition Platinum card including English Law One Year Subscriptions to Supreme Court Cases – Print Edition.
- d) Best Oralist: Rs. 10,000
- e) 10 Practical Lawyer Subscriptions for the Winning team, Runner up Team, Best Memorial Team and the Best Oralist.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

17.1 Implementation and interpretation of rules regarding Moot Court practice and procedures, the final decision lies with the Organizing Committee.

17.2 If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.

17.3 The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the Competition is:

Ladies: Black Western or Indian formals.

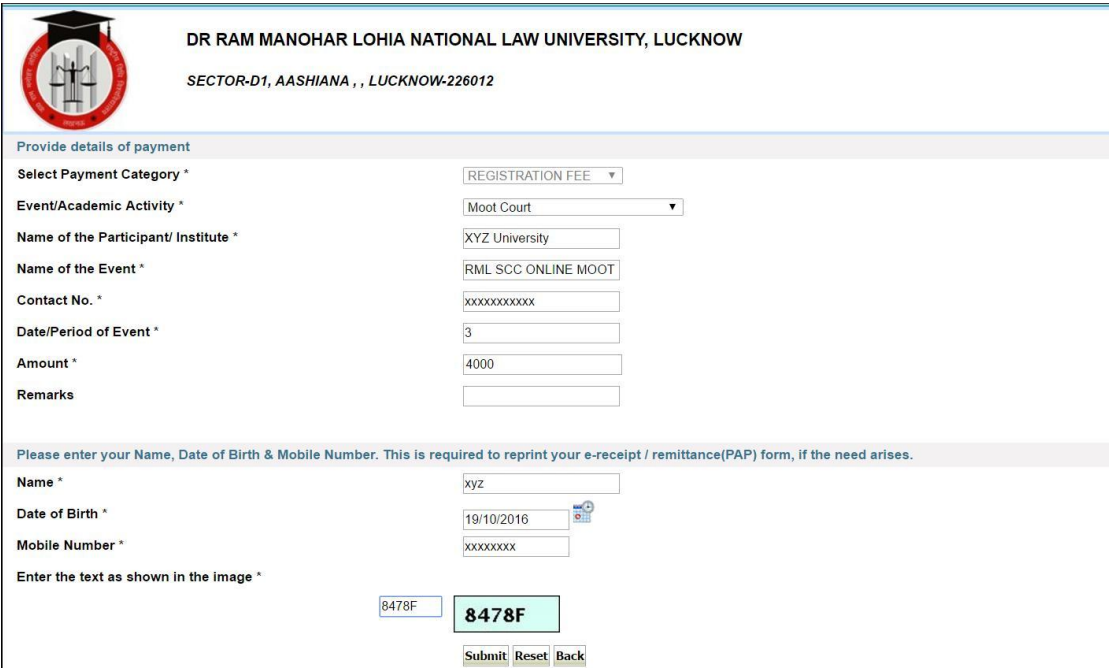
Gentlemen: Black Western formals.


- 17.4** The Proposition is neither intended to nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The Proposition is a fictitious factual account prepared for the purposes of the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.
- 17.5** The copyright in the Memorials submitted by the teams shall vest jointly with RMLNLU and SCC Online. The acceptance of such vesting is a precondition to participation in the Competition. The Rules governing the conduct of the Competition should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties or disqualification at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- 17.6** The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period of time.
- 17.7** The Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of RMLNLU shall be the final arbiter for these Rules and any such decision made by him on any issue/dispute arising in relation to the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- 17.8** The Organizing Committee, as mentioned in these Rules, refers to the Moot Court Committee of the RMLNLU.

ANNEXURE

FOR INDIAN TEAMS

1. The registration fee payable by Indian teams is Rs. 4000 (four thousand) per team.
2. The payment of fee is to be made through the “State Bank Collect” Multi Modal Payment Portal.
3. Please access this web-link
<https://www.onlinesbi.com/prelogin/icollecthome.htm?corpID=288415> for the payment gateway.
4. After agreeing to the T&Cs please select “REGISTRATION FEE” as payment category from the drop down list.
5. In the next web page please select “MOOT COURT” as the Event/Academic Activity from the drop down list.
6. Please fill in “RML SCC ONLINE MOOT” as the name of the event.
7. Fill in the details as mandated thereafter.
8. Payments can be made through debit/credit cards, net banking and also through physical counters at any SBI after generating a pre-acknowledgement slip.



 DR RAM MANOHAR LOHIA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW
SECTOR-D1, AASHIANA , , LUCKNOW-226012

Provide details of payment

Select Payment Category *

Event/Academic Activity *

Name of the Participant/ Institute *

Name of the Event *

Contact No. *

Date/Period of Event *

Amount *

Remarks

Please enter your Name, Date of Birth & Mobile Number. This is required to reprint your e-receipt / remittance(PAP) form, if the need arises.

Name *

Date of Birth *

Mobile Number *

Enter the text as shown in the image *

ILLUSTRATION - 1

9. Please send us the transaction details at rmlnlusconlinemoot@gmail.com after successful remittance to enable us to trace the same back to you.

FOR INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

1. All teams from nations in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) shall pay an equivalent sum of INR 8000 (excluding service/conversion charges, if any). All other foreign teams shall pay an equivalent sum of INR 15000 (excluding service/conversion charges, if any)
2. The mode of payment is through International Fund Transfer.
3. The amount is exclusive of any service/conversion charges.
4. The beneficiary account details is as under-
 - a. Bank Name – State Bank of India
 - b. Branch – Aashiana
 - c. City – Lucknow
 - d. State – Uttar Pradesh
 - e. Country – India
 - f. A/C Holder Name – RMLNLU Misc. Account
 - g. A/C No. – 00000035763171774
 - h. IFSC – SBIN0012734
 - i. SWIFT – SBININBB500
5. Please mention your team details in the “transaction remarks” if applicable.
6. Please send us the transaction details at rmlnlusconlinemoot@gmail.com after successful remittance to enable us to trace the same back to you.