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M.K NAMBYAR MEMORIAL
NIMLAC

NUALS INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
LAW ARBITRATION COMPETITION





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About NUALS

The National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), located in Kochi, Kerala, is a distinguished institution for legal education in India. Established in 2005 by the Kerala State Legislature, NUALS has rapidly gained recognition for its innovative curriculum that seamlessly integrates traditional legal doctrines with contemporary global challenges. Over the years, the University has garnered numerous national and international accolades, firmly establishing itself as one of the premier law schools in the country. Its esteemed faculty, comprising eminent legal scholars and seasoned practitioners, dedicate themselves to mentoring students into becoming accomplished legal professionals. NUALS boasts a state-of-the-art campus equipped with modern infrastructure designed to facilitate a dynamic and enriching learning experience. The University emphasizes a global outlook, fostering international collaborations that enhance the academic exposure of students and prepare them for the demands of a globalized legal profession. A strong focus on extracurricular activities and holistic development ensures that NUALS graduates are not only proficient legal experts but also wellrounded individuals ready to assume leadership roles in society. Each year, multiple teams from NUALS participate in prestigious national and international moot court competitions, consistently advancing to global stages and earning accolades and recognition. The vibrant student community at NUALS is particularly renowned for its active engagement in moot courts, where they excel at both national and international levels. Committed to the advancement and dissemination of legal knowledge, NUALS remains steadfast in its mission to produce exceptional legal professionals who will contribute meaningfully to the nation. Through its unwavering dedication to excellence, the university has firmly established itself as a leading center for legal studies in India

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NUALS MCS

The Moot Court Society (MCS) of the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS) serves as the central body for coordinating all mooting activities at the University. Dedicated to fostering excellence in advocacy, the Society manages both internal mooting events and facilitates student participation in external competitions. Its core responsibilities include organizing prestigious events such as The NUALS Moot and the NUALS International Maritime Law Arbitration Competition (NIMLAC), conducting internal moot court competitions, training students in advocacy, and providing resources to enhance their legal skills. The NUALS MCS distinguishes itself through the NIMLAC, a prestigious 7th edition event that has become a global platform for maritime law expertise, and now, the new addition The NUALS Moot, which has carved itself a place in amongst international tax enthusiasts. Parallel to this, the Internal Moot Court Competition (IMCC) serves as a critical training ground for NUALS students, where students compete as speakers and researchers, submitting memorials for both sides of complex legal propositions. The IMCC not only identifies and nurtures top advocacy talent but also provides a structured pathway for students to develop critical legal research, writing, and oral argumentation skills, ultimately preparing them for prestigious national and international moot competitions. This year marks the second edition of The NUALS Moot, an annual flagship event that brings together aspiring legal professionals from universities across the globe. The event provides a premier platform for participants to demonstrate advocacy prowess and engage with complex legal issues, fostering collaboration and showcasing talent on an international stage. Through these initiatives, the Moot Court Society endeavors to equip students with critical skills in legal research, analysis, and presentation, preparing them for impactful careers in the legal profession.

Words from the **FACULTY COORDINATOR**

Dear Advocates to be,

It is with great pride that we welcome you to the M.K. Nambyar, Memorial 7TH NUALS International Maritime Law Arbitration Competition (NIMLAC 2026). Since its inception in 2014 as India's first such competition, NIMLAC has been more than a contest. It is a premier platform for engagement with the practical and fundamental nuances of Maritime Law.

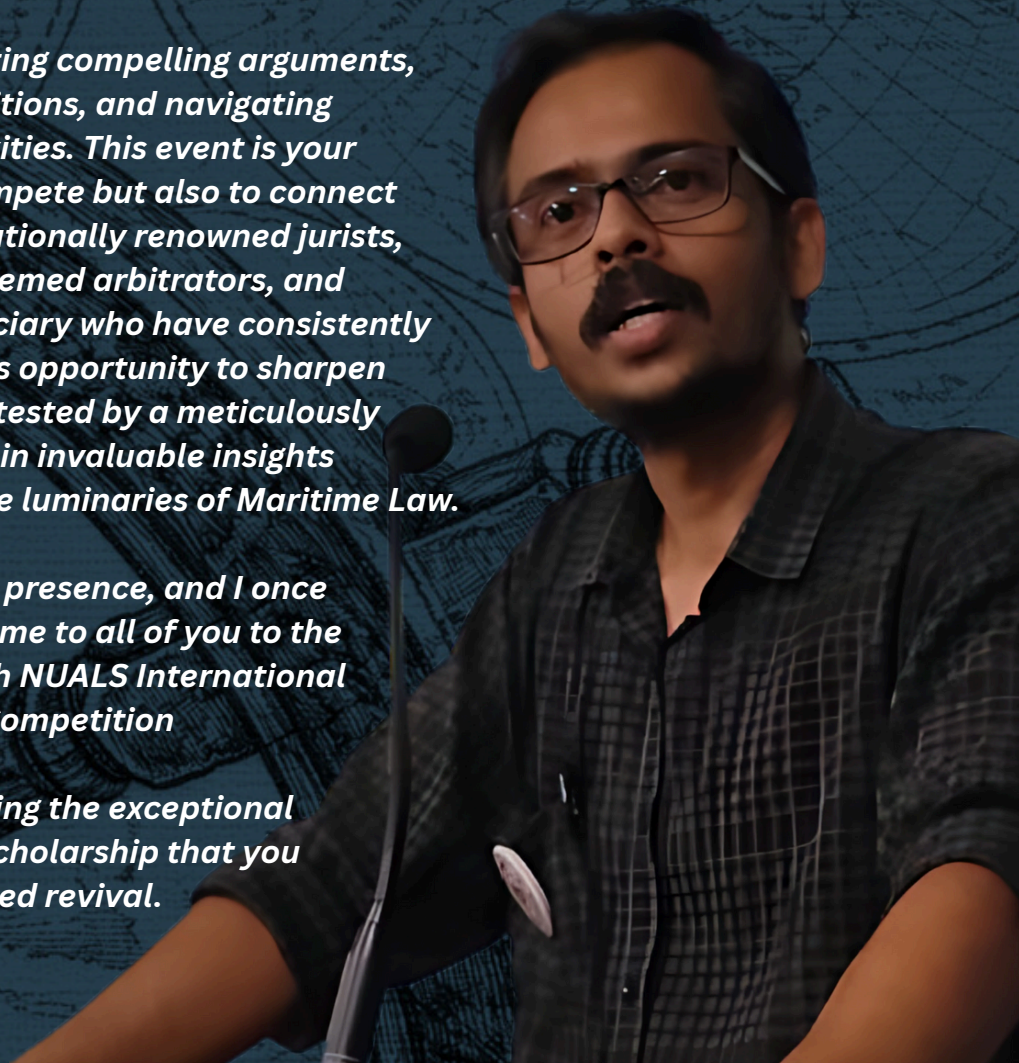
After a brief hiatus, the revival of NIMLAC, carries with it a renewed sense of purpose and responsibility. The return of this legendary competition is the result of sustained institutional effort and an unwavering commitment to restoring a forum that has long been regarded as a benchmark in maritime law advocacy.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, judges, and academicians whose continued faith and excellence have cemented NIMLAC's reputation as a leading maritime law arbitration competition.

NIMLAC is a forum for crafting compelling arguments, dissecting intricate propositions, and navigating multifaceted legal complexities. This event is your opportunity to not only compete but also to connect with and learn from internationally renowned jurists, eminent practitioners, esteemed arbitrators, and members of the higher judiciary who have consistently graced our panel. Seize this opportunity to sharpen your advocacy skills, to be tested by a meticulously crafted problem, and to gain invaluable insights through interaction with the luminaries of Maritime Law.

NUALS eagerly awaits your presence, and I once again extend a warm welcome to all of you to the M.K. Nambyar Memorial 7th NUALS International Maritime Law Arbitration Competition (NIMLAC 2026).

We look forward to witnessing the exceptional discourse, advocacy, and scholarship that you will bring to this long-awaited revival.





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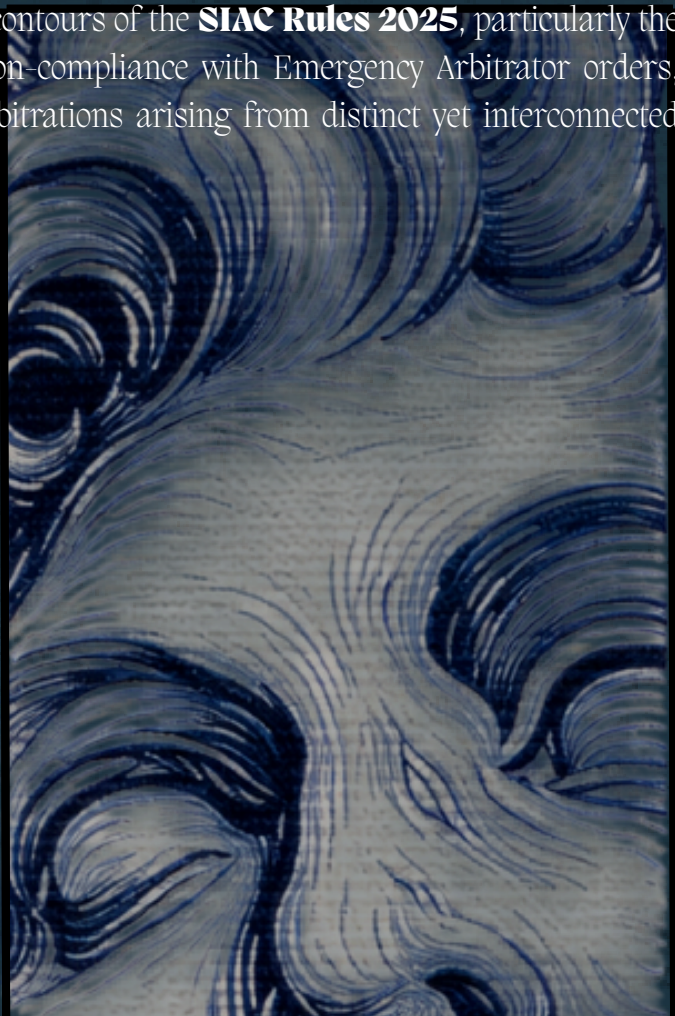
The NUALS International Maritime Law Arbitration Competition (NIMLAC) is an initiative spearheaded by the University to create an arena for student engagement with the challenging and enthralling field of Maritime Law. It is the flagship event of the National University of Advanced Legal Studies. The University, from the inception of the competition in 2014, has strived to provide to the participants, an academically enriching experience. The first edition of the Maritime Moot had the distinction of being the first of its kind in India. Since then, it has been a benchmark for all Maritime Law Moots in the country. NIMLAC has been lauded for the intricate, nuanced and contemporaneous set of issues that have formed part of the moot proposition. It has, over the years, concentrated on the practical and fundamental aspects of Maritime Law. The Competition has previously seen participation from teams across the country and abroad. It also boasts of a roster of judges who are internationally renowned jurists, members of the higher judiciary, eminent practitioners and arbitrators.



About the **PROPOSITION**

The proposition arises from a complex maritime casualty during a single international voyage of **M.V. Pragya**, where multiple consignments governed by separate Bills of Lading were affected by a fire allegedly triggered by temperature-sensitive SDID cargo following a cyclone-induced route deviation. The incident led to widespread cargo damage, emergency discharge at an intermediate port, disposal of perishable goods, and the auction of salvageable cargo despite an Emergency Arbitrator's restraint order. The consignee's insurer, proceeding by subrogation, has invoked SIAC arbitration seeking damages, enforcement of emergency relief, and consolidation of all disputes, which the carrier vigorously resists.

At its core, the proposition engages cutting-edge questions at the intersection of contemporary maritime law and modern international arbitration. It raises nuanced issues concerning a carrier's liability for fire, deviation, dangerous goods, and limitation under the Hague-Visby framework and contractual defences, while simultaneously testing the evolving contours of the **SIAC Rules 2025**, particularly the jurisdiction, enforceability, and consequences of non-compliance with Emergency Arbitrator orders, and the permissibility of consolidating multiple arbitrations arising from distinct yet interconnected contracts of carriage.



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RS.1,00,000/-

RUNNERS UP

RS.75,000/-

BEST MEMORIAL

RS.25,000/-

BEST SPEAKER

RS.15,000/-



THE VOYAGE

PROPOSITION
RELEASE
7TH FEB

GRAND
FINALS
18TH APRIL

TEAM
REGISTRATION
7TH FEB-
7TH MARCH

QUARTER
FINALS
& SEMI
FINALS
29TH MARCH

DEADLINE FOR
CLARIFICATION
21ST FEB

PRELIMINARY
ROUNDS
28TH MARCH

RELEASE OF
CLARIFICATION
23RD FEB

INAUGURAL
CEREMONY
28TH MARCH

MEMO
SUBMISSION
10TH MARCH

MEMORIAL
RESULTS
20TH MARCH

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