



**Eleventh Edition of the Symbiosis Law School, Pune – International Criminal Trial
Advocacy (SICTA), 2026**

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Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), proudly announces the **Eleventh Edition of its flagship international moot court initiative - the Symbiosis Law School, Pune – International Criminal Trial Advocacy (SICTA), 2026**. The event will be held from **April 2 to April 5, 2026**, in offline mode at the campus of Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Over the years, SICTA has emerged as a one-of-its-kind platform in India that meticulously simulates the **International Criminal Court (ICC)** trial process, drawing upon the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Now in its **eleventh edition**, SICTA continues to embody the commitment to fostering global legal competence, academic excellence, and practical advocacy in the field of international criminal law.

Organized in association with **SLS Pune Alumni, Eastern Book Company (EBC Reader), SCC Online, and SCC Online TIMES**, the competition has consistently attracted prestigious law schools from around the globe. This year, the event welcomes **27 participating teams**, including **international teams from Nepal**. Over the years, SICTA has hosted teams from China, the United Kingdom, Poland, Malaysia, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, and Kuwait, reflecting its growing stature and international reach.

The **Inaugural Ceremony of SICTA 2026** will be graced by distinguished dignitaries, with the **Chief Guest** being **Hon'ble Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan**. His esteemed presence will elevate the ceremony and inspire participants through his distinguished judicial career and valuable contributions to the Indian legal fraternity.

The **Valedictory Ceremony** will be graced by **Hon'ble Justice Arun R. Pednekar, Sitting Judge of the Bombay High Court**, as **Chief Guest** and **Adv. Dinyar Jalnawalla, Advocate and Former Visiting Faculty, University of Brunel**, as **Guest of Honour**. His esteemed presence will add immense value to the closing ceremony and inspire participants through his distinguished judicial career, reinforcing the competition's objective of bridging academic excellence with judicial insight and practical legal acumen.

The primary objectives of SICTA include:

- Facilitating a deeper understanding of the nuances of the international criminal justice system;
- Encouraging law students to explore careers in international law and justice;
- Providing a real-time simulation of ICC trial proceedings;
- Enhancing skills in analytical reasoning, legal strategy, evidentiary production, and effective courtroom advocacy;
- Fostering teamwork, research proficiency, and global legal perspectives.

In its essence, SICTA is not merely a competition but a **bastion of research, strategy, and indomitable advocacy skills**. It stands as a **Best Practice initiative** at Symbiosis Law School, Pune, reflecting the institution's progressive pedagogy and global outlook. The overwhelming response from students and law schools internationally continues to affirm its academic rigour and relevance in contemporary legal education.

As the competition moves forward beyond a decade of excellence, **SICTA 2026** is poised to further strengthen its legacy of intellectual exchange, courtroom dynamism, and commitment to global justice. With the support of esteemed academic partners, distinguished jurists, and the unwavering dedication of the organising committee, SICTA 2026 promises to once again raise the bar in **international criminal trial advocacy** and continue nurturing future advocates of accountability, human rights, and the global rule of law.

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