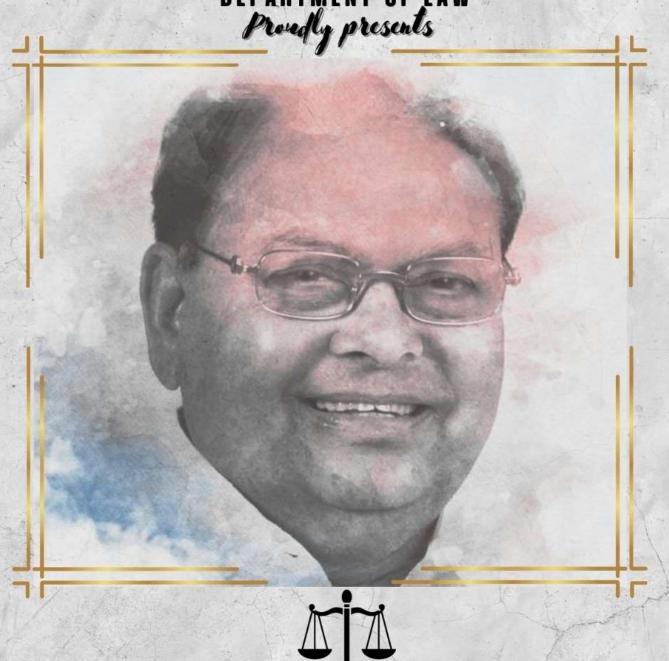


BHARATI VIDYAPEETH
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH,
NEW DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF LAW



1ST DR. PATANGRÃO KADAM MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023
31ST MARCH AND 1ST APRIL, 2023

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY



Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) is one of the topranking universities in India committed to providing the best academic experience. It was established by Dr. Patangrao Kadam in 1964 in Pune with the aim to provide enhanced learning opportunities and bring about intellectual awakening of people through the spread of education that would have a positive impact on the world. Today it has 8 campuses spread over different locations in India. With a glorious journey of 59 years, the Bharati Vidyapeeth family today has an array of institutes, right from preprimary schools to postgraduate institutes and even, a university. With over 78 schools and 60 institutes of higher education under its administration, Bharati Vidyapeeth has distinguished itself especially in professional education.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE



Established in 1992, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University Institute of Management and Research (BVIMR), New Delhi focuses on imbibing the values of ethos through inspiration, guidance, and imparting knowledge effectively. The institute has over the past few years emerged eminent with a vision of Leadership in professional education through innovation and excellence. The Institute which is ISO certified is under the ambit of Bharati Vidyapeeth University (BVU), Pune as approved by Govt. of India on the recommendation of UGC. Strategically located in West Delhi on the main Rohtak Road, BVIMR, New Delhi has splendid layout on sprawling 8 acres of campus with 'state-of-the-art' facilities with all fully air-conditioned class rooms, Library, Labs, Auditorium etc.

FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



DR. PATANGRAO KADAM

Our mission at Bharati Vidyapeeth is to identify and prepare leaders for the new millennium and to cope-up with the increasing demand for leaders in the modern society. BVIMR is a workshop where today's youths are shaped up as effective lawyers of tomorrow. Apart from the study of their regular syllabi, the students should get fair and proper opportunities to express their views and ideas, especially in the field of law, which plays a vital role in the modern era. The youth should be molded and equipped with courage, self-determination, and dedication and must be in a position to overcome any sort of difficulty with introspection.

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



DR. SHIVAJIRAO KADAM

We at BVIMR are amazed at its continuous growth as a provider of quality education. In last 31 years of its existence, it has already created a place for itself. Also, at BVIMR enough focus is placed on co-curricular activities where students are encouraged to participate, so as to have a well-developed personality. We prepare every student to become an achiever in his or her right. Our gladly faculty members shoulder the responsibility to bring out the leader in each and every student.

VICE~CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



DR. VIVEK SAOJI

We are at the forefront of imparting highquality education at all levels, in different streams of education and our Institute of Management and Research, New Delhi is in no exception. Established in 1964 by the dynamic and visionary leader Hon'ble Dr. Patangrao Ji Kadam Saheb, Bharati Vidyapeeth today is a multidisciplinary, multileading University. Our Institute of Management and Research at New Delhi not only fulfils these parameters and practices but also imbibes the culture and ethos of Bharati Vidyapeeth of transforming the lives of the learners through dynamic education and contributing to the growth and development.

PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



DR. VISHWAJEET KADAM

We at Bharati Vidyapeeth have always felt it is our moral duty to produce Quality and responsible students who can successfully face the challenges of ever-changing global scenario. Bharati Vidyapeeth with decades of expertise in the educational field has the richness and depth found at larger law-Schools yet every student receives individual attention and concern typical of a smaller school. After passing out from the institute each one of our student is ready to face the world and 'take the bull by its horns'.

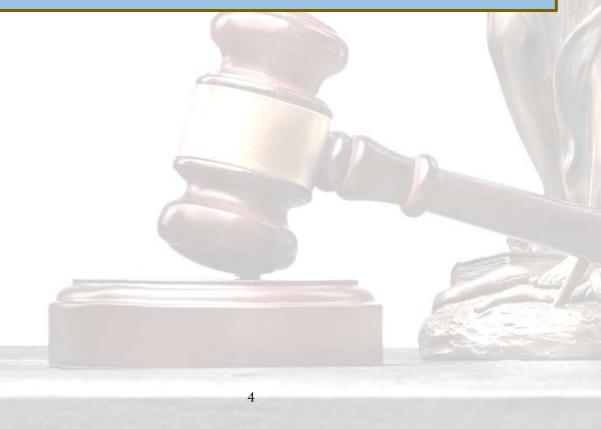
DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



PROF. DR. YAMINI AGARWAL Respected Participants, Esteemed Judges, and Distinguished Guests,

It is my utmost pleasure and honor to inaugurate the National Moot Court Competition 2023, organized by the Department of Law at Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Management and Research, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi. The event marks a significant milestone in the journey of our department, as we aim to promote legal education and encourage intellectual discourse among the law students of the country.

The moot court competition is a platform that enables our students to hone their advocacy skills and showcase their legal knowledge. The competition provides an opportunity for the students to engage in a rigorous legal simulation that requires them to analyze complex legal issues, formulate arguments, and present them before a panel of experienced judges. It also offers them a chance to interact with legal professionals and gain valuable insights into the legal profession. I extend my best wishes to all the participants of the competition, and I am confident that this event will be a memorable experience for all.



ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF LAW



Department of Law, Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of The Management and Research (BVIMR) is a premier law school located in Delhi, India. The infrastructure of the Department of Law, BVIMR is well-equipped to cater to the needs of its students. The college has spacious classrooms with modern teaching aids, including projectors and audio-visual equipment, to facilitate a seamless learning experience. The college also has a library with an extensive collection of books, journals, and research databases such as SCC Online, Manupatra, and LexisNexis, enabling the students to access and study legal literature and research materials easily. The college offers two undergraduate law programs – a 5-year integrated programme (BBA LL.B) and a three-year programme (LL.B). BVIMR has developed a Moot Court Society, which helps students develop their advocacy and public speaking skills by organizing and participating in moot court competitions.

SPEAKERS AT BVIMR



Hon'ble Justice Ms. Indira Banerjee Former Judge, Supreme Court of India



Hon'ble Justice Mr. Dipak Misra Former Chief Justice of India



Hon'ble Justice Mr. K.G. Balakrishnan Former Chief Justice of India



Hon'ble Justice Mr. Pushpendra Singh Bhati Judge, High court of Rajasthan



Hon'ble Justice Mr. Rajiv Sahai Endlaw, Former Judge, High Court of Delhi



Hon'ble Justice Mr. Bhushan Dharmadhikari Former Chief Justice Bombay High Court



Hon'ble Justice Mr. Rameshwar Singh Malik Former High court judge of Punjab & Haryana



Shri PK Malhotra Former Secretary Ministry of Law & Justice



Senior Adv. Vikas Singh President Supreme Court Bar Association

SPEAKERS AT BVIMR



Adv. Chetan Sharma ASG, Delhi High Court



Mr. Satya Pal Jain ASG, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Former MP



Adv. Ramesh Gupta Senior Advocate & Former Chairman Bar Council of Delhi



Adv. Mohit Mathur Senior Advocate & President Delhi High Court Bar Association



Adv. Amarendra Nath Singh Senior Advocate & President High Court Bar Association Allahabad



Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha Director Indian Law Institute



Mr. Anurag Kundu Chairperson DCPCR, Govt. NCT of Delhi



Dr. Muniraju Deputy Adviser Niti Ayog, Government of India



IPS Rishi Pal
Joint CP, Delhi Police
Academy

ABOUT MOOT COURT SOCIETY



The Moot Court Society of BVIMR is a dedicated society which gives its participants a plethora of experience and resources for Moot Court Competitions. The society is based on the morals of integrity, companionship, professionalism, and personality development. The society functions with aid and direction of the faculty members along with seniors helping the new comers to navigate and polish their enthusiasm in the field of law. The society is aimed at achieving the practicality over theoretical understanding of discipline of law. the society actively encourages legal professionalism and code of conduct to uphold the sanctity of law. The purpose of such workshops is to enlighten students with advocacy abilities, offer in depth information relating to mooting etiquettes, drafting memorials and being an effective counsel to emerge victorious in mooting.

ABOUT COMPETITION



The Moot Court Competition has been regarded with the aim of creating opportunities for learning besides developing cutting edge skills advocacy. The vision of this college through this Moot Court Competition is to develop the skills such as Research, Legal Writing, Critical Thinking, and Communication, which are quintessential for the overall development of a law student as a budding lawyer. Therefore, the Moot Court Committee of BVIMR is organizing the National Moot Court Competition in 2023, envisioning a bright future where mooting is an inclusive experience that enhances the legal proficiency and courtroom decorum of students. The Moot Proposition of the Competition revolves around the Criminal law, Indian Evidence act, and related laws. However, the participants are expected to explore different dimensions of law and not restrict themselves to the theme of the Competition. Therefore, we cordially invite your Law School/ University/ Institution/ College to participate in the Competition.

GENERAL INFORMATION



The Competition shall be held from 31st March to 1st April 2023.

Venue: A-4, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi- 110063, Near Paschim Vihar east metro station.



LANGUAGE

The official language of the Competition shall be English.



DRESS CODE

For Men- Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers, black tie, and a black blazer); and For Women- Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers, and a black blazer) or Indian Formals (White kurta, black salwar and black blazer).



ELIGIBILITY

Students pursuing the three or five-year BBALLB or BALL.B. course from any law school/college/university in India recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate. Institutions are entitled to nominate multiple number of teams to the Competition.

GENERAL INFORMATION



TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams shall comprise a maximum of 3 (two designated as speaker and one as researcher) and a minimum of 2 (both designated as speaker) members. No member in the team of two shall be allowed to be represented as a researcher.



Participants are required to make prior payment of **INR** 3000/~ (Three Thousand only) (per team) as Registration Fee to complete the Final Registration Form.



CLARIFICATION REGARDING MOOT PROPOSITION & RULES Clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition or the Rules, as the case maybe, can be requested online at mcslaw.bvimr@bharatividyapeeth.edu



ANONYMITY

Each team shall be allotted a team code upon final registration. Teams are forbidden from disclosing their identities to the judges or other participating teams or anywhere in their written submission; and must only use their respective team codes for all correspondence for the purpose of this Competition except with the administrators. Disclosure of identity shall ensure immediate disqualification.

GENERAL INFORMATION



SUBMISSIONS

Each team shall submit the copy of the memorials from both the sides ~

Soft Copy – on or before 27th March 2023 Hard Copies – 5 Copies from each side, on the day of competition at the registration desk itself



DELAY IN APPEARANCE/ PRESENTATION

If a team scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of an Oral Round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled time of commencement of the Oral Round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions ex-parte.



ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation shall not be provided by the college. Therefore, participants need to make their own accommodation themselves.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

For Registration to the Competition, payment is to be made by the teams wishing to participate.

Registration to the Competition is a 2-stage process.

STAGE 1: PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE

- The payment of the registration fee is to be done through the BVIMR website, i.e., https://bharatividyapeethfees.com/college/payment and the procedure explained below is to be followed.

STAGE 2: FILLING UP OF THE GOOGLE FORM (ATTACHING THE PAYMENT RECEIPT)

- After the participants have registered for the competition by making payment, they are supposed to fill the Google Form and attach the receipt of payment so made by them at https://forms.gle/KVpErH8zieu4tbn58

PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

STEP 1

Kindly leave the space for PRN blank.

In the name provided for Full Name, enter the name of primary contact person.

In the space provided for e-mail address, enter the e-mail address of the primary contact person amongst the team.

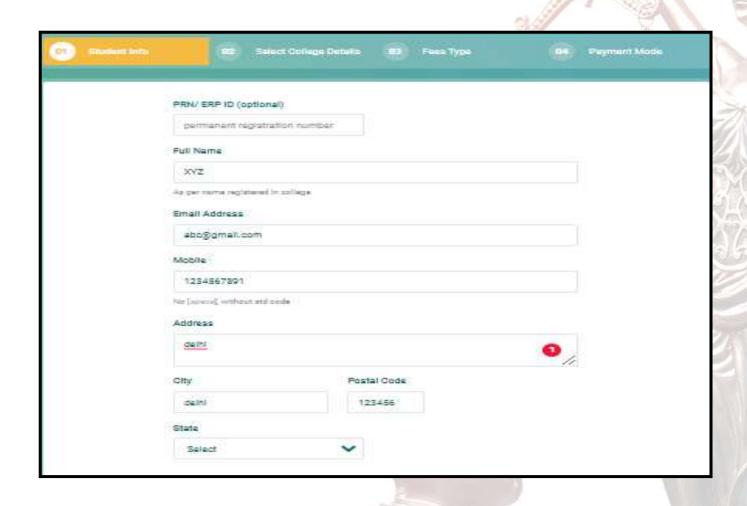
In the space provided for Mobile Number, enter the mobile number address of the primary contact person amongst the team.

In the Space provided for address, enter the name and address of your College.

In the Space provided for city, enter the city in which your College is located.

In the space provided for postal code, enter the postal code of your College.

State: Kindly select the State in which your College is located from the drag down option.

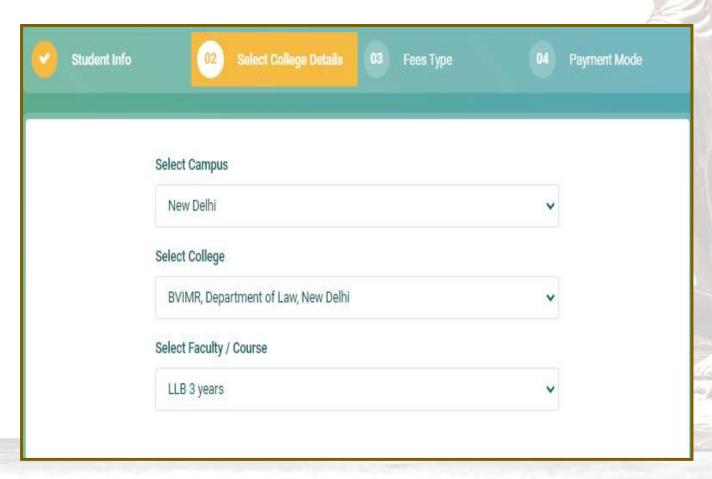


STEP 2

In the Campus Column, you must select "NEW DELHI"

In the College option, choose BVIMR, Department of Law, New Delhi.

Further Select the Course you are pursuing (e.g., BBALLB/BALLB/LLB 3 Year) which is symbolic signifying any course you are pursuing under these major heads.



STEP 3

Kindly select the current year of your course from the drag down option of select year.

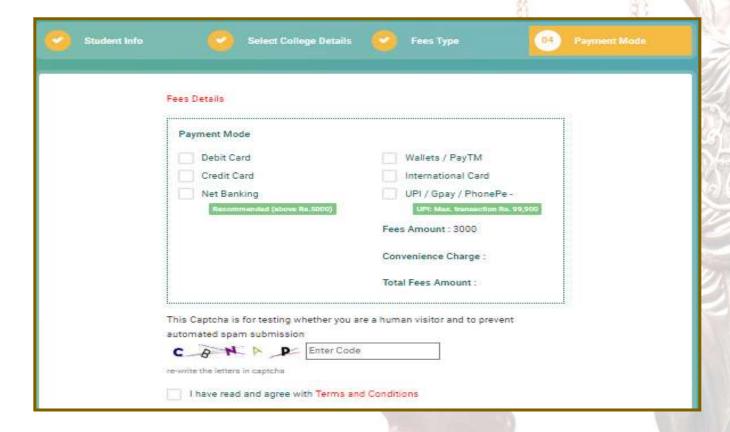
Choose the type of fee as "Event Fee/ others".

Enter the amount as Rs. 3000 in the space provided for amount.



STEP 4

Select the mode of your payment.



Alternatively, the Participants can also make the payment through NEFT mode. For payment via NEFT, the details are as follows:

Account Holder Name: Director BVIMR Department of Law New Delhi

Bank Name: Bharati Sahakari Bank Limited

Account Number: 015002100024933

IFS Code: SVCB0010015

IMPORTANT DATES

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Commencement of Registration	24th February 2023	
Release of first clarification	18th March 2023	
Last Date for Registration	25th March 2023	
Release of final clarification	26th March 2023	
Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	27th March 2023	
Memorial Submission (Hard Copy)	31st March 2023	
Preliminary & Quarter Rounds	31st March 2023	
Semi-Final & Final Rounds	1st April 2023	
Valedictory Ceremony	1st April 2023	

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

- 1. Format: There shall be a qualification round (Preliminary Round) which shall be on the basis of the oral arguments from each side which will be allocated to the team through draw of lots on the day of preliminary round itself. 8 teams will then qualify for the Quarter Final Round followed by Semi Finals which will comprise of 4 teams and top two teams shall qualify for the Final round.
- 2. Change in Team Composition: Any change in team composition must be intimated to the Administrator at the earliest. No change in team composition is allowed after the formal registration.
- 3. Allotment of Team Code: Every team which has successfully completed the Registration requisites under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.
- 4. Preliminary Rounds (Round 1) Each team shall argue from one side which will be decided on the basis of DRAW OF LOTS before the Preliminary Rounds.
- 5. Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds: The qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the win or loss of the team In Preliminary Round. Win or loss of a team shall be determined on the basis of the aggregate score. The team with the higher aggregate score shall win the round.
- 6. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of Score of Speaker 1, Score of Speaker 2 and score of the memorial.
- 7. Quarter Finals The Quarter-final round shall be a knock out round consisting of 8 Teams in total and each team shall argue only one side which will be decided on the basis of DRAW OF LOTS before the quarter.
- 8. Semi-finals: The selected four Teams from the Quarter Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-final round. It shall be a knockout round. The Petitioner and the Respondent side shall be determined by the Organizers via draw of lots. The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

- 9. Finals: The selected two Teams from the Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the final round. It shall be a knockout round, where the Petitioner and the Respondent side shall be determined by the Organizers via draw of lots. In the final rounds, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of the score so computed.
- 10. Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Written Submissions.
- 11. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds, subject to the discretion of the judges.
- **12**. Participants may use their own bare acts, print outs and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.
- 13. The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at the discretion of the Judges. Such notes shall be passed through the court clerks present in the court room.
- 14. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final and binding.



MEMORIALS

- i. Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials: All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same will attract penalty subject to the discretion of the organizers.
- ii. Memorials to be Prepared from Both Sides: Each team must prepare memorials for both sides of the dispute (Appellant/Petitioner and Respondent).

iii. Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials

- The soft copies of the memorial from each side should positively be mailed to the Organizers at mcslaw.bvimr@bharatividyapeeth.edu in both PDF and Word format.
- Memorials shall be sent as an attachment with the mail in the form of single file for each side of memorial in PDF as well as Word format.
- A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team.
- The team submitting the soft copy 5 days after the last date of the submission of the soft copy of the memorial will be disqualified from the competition.
- A penalty of 1 mark per hour per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of soft copy of memorial.

iv. General Conditions for Memorials:

- The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code on the upper right corner of the cover page. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification.
- Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.
- A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses the wrong cover page for each side of the memorial.

v. Guidelines for Formatting:

- A. Memorial Structure: The memorial must have the following pages only:
 - 1. Cover Page The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of competition, name of the forum and team Code in the top right corner.

MEMORIALS

- 2. Table of Contents
- 3. List of Abbreviations
- 4. Index of Authorities
- 5. Statement of Jurisdiction
- 6. Statement of Facts
- 7. Issues Raised
- 8. Summary of Arguments
- 9. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
- 10. Prayer
- B. Team Code: The team code must be ascribed to the up-right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use "A" for Appellant, for "Petitioner" and R for "Respondent." For example: in case the Team Code is 100 the team must write "A- 100" in case of memorial for Appellant and "R-100" in case of memorial for Respondent.
- C. Main body: Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 points & Line Spacing: 1.5
- D. Footnotes: Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 10 points & Line Spacing: 1
- E. Pagination: The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page
- F. Margin: A margin of 1 inch on all sides of the memorial should be left
- G. Citation Format: The 20th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed throughout the memorial.
- H. Page Limit: The memorial shall be a maximum of 30 including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be a maximum of 20 pages. No annexures, photographs, exhibits, should be added to the memorial.

MEMORIALS

vi. Compendium means a compilation of cases and other materials referred to in or supporting the written submission that are or may be submitted by a Team at mcslaw.bvimr@bharatividyapeeth.edu by 27th March 2023. The Compendium shall only contain the first page of the cited authority along and the relevant pages.

1 (One) hard copy of the 'Compendium' shall be submitted along with the hard copies of the memorials on 31st March, 2023.

vii. Evaluation of Memorial:

SNO.	GROUND	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2	Proper and Articulate Analysis	15
3	Depth and use of research	15
4	Organization and Presentation	15
5	Grammar and Language	10
6	Novelty of Arguments	15
7	Clarity of thought and Originality	10
	Total Marks	100

viii. Penalties:

SNO.	GROUND	MARKS	
1	Late Submission	2 Marks for every 12 hours delay;	
		disqualification after 48 hours.	
2	Incorrect file name	1 Marks per file	
3	Deviation from Sample Memorial	2 Marks for each instance	
	Format		
4	Improper Formatting	2 Marks for each instance	
5	Improper Citations	5 Marks	
6	Exceeding page limit in	2 Marks per page	
	argument section		

ORAL ROUNDS

TIMINGS:

A. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

Each team shall be allotted 15 minutes to present their oral arguments and 2 minutes for the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal;

The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 8 minutes and a minimum of 5 minutes per speaker;

The time division must be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.

B. QUARTER FINALS:

Each team shall be allotted 20 minutes to present their oral arguments and 2 minutes for the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal;

The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 11 minutes and a minimum of 7 minutes per speaker.

C. SEMI~FINALS:

Each team shall be allotted 30 minutes to present their oral arguments and 2 minutes for the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal;

The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes.

D. FINALS:

Each team shall be allotted 45 minutes to present their oral arguments and 5 minutes for the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal;

The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 20 minutes and a minimum of 15 minutes per speaker.

ORAL ROUNDS

EVALUATION:

S.NO.	GROUND	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Law	20
2	Application of law to facts	20
3	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	20
4	Use of Authority	15
5	Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanor	10
6	Time Management and Organization	10
7	Effective Rebuttals	5
	Total Marks	100



MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. COPYRIGHT: The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
 - 2. Power to Amend or Alter Rules: The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The Organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point in time. All decisions made by Organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.
 - 3. Plagiarism: In case the memorial of the Participant is found to be guilty of plagiarism, the Administrator may impose any sanction that they may deem fit, including disqualification from the Moot.
 - 4. Scouting: Scouting is not permitted and it shall be deemed to have happened if the Speakers, Researcher, or any other person affiliated with a team is found: Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions in an oral round, except where the oral round is the final round or one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; 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 before a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.
 - 5. Teams are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Administrators, Organizers, the Judges and any of the other participants to the Competition.

AWARDS

WINNING TEAM

INR 21,000/~

RUNNER'S UP TEAM

INR 11,000/~

BEST SPEAKER (MALE)

INR 5,000/~

BEST SPEAKER (FEMALE)

INR 5,000/~

BEST MEMORIAL

INR 5,000/~

- 1. Certificate of participation shall be provided to all teams.
- 2. Certificate shall be provided in accordance with the rounds they qualify.
- 3. The awards, trophy, certificate of merit, and certificates of participation shall be announced during valedictory ceremony on 1st April, 2023. The hard copy of the same shall be given to the teams and prize money shall be deposited in account details of the winners.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



Mr. Vivek Goyal Convenor, Assistant Professor Department of Law



Ms. Neha Garg Assistant Professor Department of Law



Mr. Deepak Singh Assistant Professor Department of Law



Mr. Shreyansh Nigam
Visiting Faculty
Department of Law



Ms. Nayan Saini Visiting Faculty Department of Law

STUDENT COMMITTEE



Reny Chauhan (President)



Queency Jain (Vice-President)



Aakash Tyagi (Core Member)



Khushi Singh (Treasurer)



Jatin Makkar (Core Member)



STUDENT COMMITTEE

- 1. Mr. Steve Rogers, aged around 28 years and Ms. Katherine Wallace, aged around 27 years are residents of Indraprastha, capital city of Hindia. Mr. Steve Rogers is a graduate in marketing was working as a customer care executive at Haslab Solutions Pvt. Ltd. while Ms. Katherine Wallace, also a marketing graduate, was working at Ominus Support Pvt. Ltd. On 02.01.2021, they met each other at a common friend's party. At this time, both of them were residing in Indraprastha, away from their families for their respective jobs. They liked talking to each other and continued to meet each other after that party.
- 2. Soon they decided to enter into a relationship. With the passage of time, they decided to enter into a live-in relationship and rented a new flat in Indraprastha. Ms. Katherine Wallace did all this by going against her parents wish. They were happily living as a couple with full emotional investment into this relationship.
- 3. On 23.06.2021, Mr. Steve Rogers, unfortunately was laid off from his office. For around 3 months, he kept looking for other opportunities. Unable to find a job, he took up food and travel vlogging as his profession. He exhausted all his savings to purchase expensive vlogging gears and incidental expenses.
- 4. However, contrary to his initial expectations, his YTube channel did not attract much subscribers and consequently his channel was not monetized. However, he continued doing it and started making all the payments through Ms. Katherine Wallace 's credit card. She never objected to it because she saw Mr. Steve making endless efforts to grow his channel. She supported him every time.
- 5. Even after six months, the channel's statistics were stagnant. At this time, Ms. Katherine Wallace advised Mr. Steve to start afresh by looking for new opportunities but listening to this, Mr. Steve lost his cool on Ms. Katherine Wallace though she pacified the situation somehow. However, Mr. Steve continued to make payments through Ms. Katherine Wallace 's cards.
- 6. On 08.02.2022, she confronted Mr. Steve that he has become a

- liability on her as he had failed to contribute in house rent and other expenses for more than last six months.
- 7. This was the first time when Mr. Steve hit her badly and she sustained some grave injuries. Thereafter, Mr. Steve and Ms. Katherine Wallace used to have repeated scuffles and everytime the former used to hit the latter. This happened various times. Tired of these altercations, Mr. Steve decided to end this relationship but Ms. Katherine Wallace stopped him from doing so. However, their fights never stopped and Ms. Katherine Wallace one day shared her pain with a friend, named Mr. Del Monte. He advised her to leave Mr. Steve but Ms. Katherine Wallace was excessively devoted to him and could not collect the courage to end her relationship with Mr. Steve.
- 8. After two months of this incident, there was a heated argument over Mr. Steve almost bringing Ms. Katherine Wallace 's account to minimum balance limit. Disappointed and frustrated, Ms. Katherine Wallace decided to leave Mr. Steve citing that Mr. Steve has made this relationship more of a liability and she does not want to stay in a toxic relationship with him. Mr. Steve took this against his ego as he felt that he had lost the upper hand in the relationship. He hit Ms. Katherine Wallace with a fry pan on her head and choked her neck. She fell down unconscious.
- 9. Unable to judge the situation, Mr. Steve immediately booked tickets for Ziffy (a small town near Indraprastha) from Ms. Katherine Wallace's card and went underground for some time. After around 4-5 hours, Ms. Katherine Wallace regained consciousness and not aware of the fact that Mr. Steve had left for Ziffy, she locked herself inside an almirah (having electronic automatic lock once the almirah is closed) to save her life and hide from Mr. Steve.
- 10. Unfortunately, she was never able to escape out of that almirah as the almirah could not be opened from the inside. After around a month, Mr. Steve came back to Indraprastha to check whether Ms. Katherine Wallace was alive or not. He entered the house and unable to find Ms. Katherine Wallace, he checked everything in the house and upon

- checking this almirah, he found out the dead body of Ms. Katherine Wallace.
- 11. He panicked and started thinking about the ways of disposing off the body. After thinking of various ways, he decided to dismember Ms. Katherine Wallace 's body in small pieces to make it easily disposable without being caught.
- 12. He rented a commercial refrigerator to store the pieces, bought huge quantity of incense sticks, chemicals to clean the blood stains on the floor and a Japanese knife. He continued cutting the body for around fourteen days. He used to leave the house at around 3 AM on a daily basis to dispose off the pieces in a nearby forest of Beverley Hills.
- 13. After disposing off all the pieces, Mr. Steve washed everything in the house and left the house with all his luggage. All this while, he used to impersonate Ms. Katherine Wallace on social media platforms and used to talk to her friends through her Whatsapp and Instagram account to create a false impression that Ms. Katherine Wallace is alive and living happily with him.
- 14. On 23.10.2022, Ms. Katherine Wallace 's employer tried to know about her whereabouts and he sent two of company's employees to her registered address. They found the house locked. Upon asking the neighbours, they got to know that the house was locked for more than two months. The company lodged a complaint with the police.
- 15. Police tried to track Ms. Katherine Wallace 's number, but it went futile as by this time, Mr. Steve had destroyed both her phone and sim card to escape police. However, all this while, Mr. Steve was carrying Ms. Katherine Wallace 's apple watch which was gifted to her by the company upon being awarded the most sincere employee. Police contact Apple Inc. to assist them in tracking Ms. Katherine Wallace 's location through the watch. The location was tracked in some Jabari village near the Hindia-Thames border.
- 16. The police proceeded to Jabari and apprehended Mr. Steve living in the backyard of a old house. Upon being asked about the whereabouts of Ms. Katherine Wallace, he told police that he ended up his

- relationship with Ms. Katherine Wallace long back and has started a new life as a data analyst at Beta Techlog Pvt. Ltd.
- 17. The police believed him and came back to Indraprastha but still continued investigating the case. They started searching the nearby locality of Ms. Katherine Wallace 's and Mr. Steve's rented apartment. No one had installed CCTV cameras in the locality. However, on the way to the Talokan forest from the apartment, there was an abandoned vehicle parked near the entrance of the forest.
- 18. Police searched that car and found a dashcam installed in a working condition. The police played its recordings and noticed a man of similar appearance with that of Mr. Steve walking down the adjoining road to the forest with a black hood, black bag and silver colour headphones with a special 'W' mark on it. Police again went back to Jabari this time with search warrant. Upon the search, they found out a similar headphone, but without that 'W' mark.
- 19. Police arrested Mr. Steve and after obtaining transit remand, brought him back to Indraprastha for investigation. During his interrogation, he created a lot of concocted stories to mislead Police. Police finally decided to conduct his narco analysis test where his lies were caught. He finally narrated the whole incident the police about dismembering the body of Ms. Katherine Wallace but never admitted his guilt for the offence of murder. Police searched the entire forests, but could not find the pieces of dead body for the purpose of DNA test to ascertain the identity of Ms. Katherine Wallace. However, they found a piece of human femur. Upon its forensic test, it was shown to be femur of a female aged between 30~35 years.
- 20. The police, on the basis of confession of Mr. Steve, narco analysis test and forensic reports, charged himunder various provisions of Hindia Penal Code, 1860 for the offence of murder, causing grievous hurt by deadly weapon, attempt to murder, tampering of evidence and additionally section 66C of the Information Technology Act, 2000 of Hindia. The trial court convicted him for all the offences and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Aggrieved by the order of the trial court, Mr. Steve filed an appeal against the order before the High Court of Indraprastha. The High Court, ruling in favour of Mr. Steve, set aside the conviction for lack of evidence. Now, the State, aggrieved by the decision of the High Court of Indraprastha, filed an appeal before the Honourable Supreme Court of Hindia challenging the judgment of High Court acquitting Mr. Steve. The said appeal is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the following issues have been framed by the court on which the participants are required to argue:

- 1. Whether the present appeal is maintainable before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Hindia?
- 2. Whether the offence of murder has been made out against Mr. Steve in light of the present facts?
- 3. Whether the offence of section 66C of the Information Technology Act, 2000 has been made out against Mr. Steve?

The participants are free to frame any other issues apart from the issues aforementioned subject to the restriction that the above three issues have to be argued mandatorily.

Note: The laws of the country of Hindia are pari materia to the laws of India.

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