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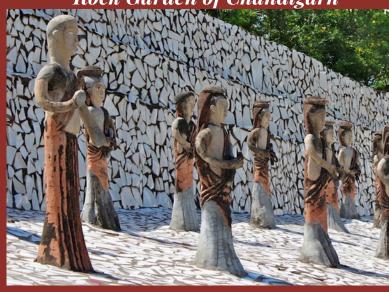
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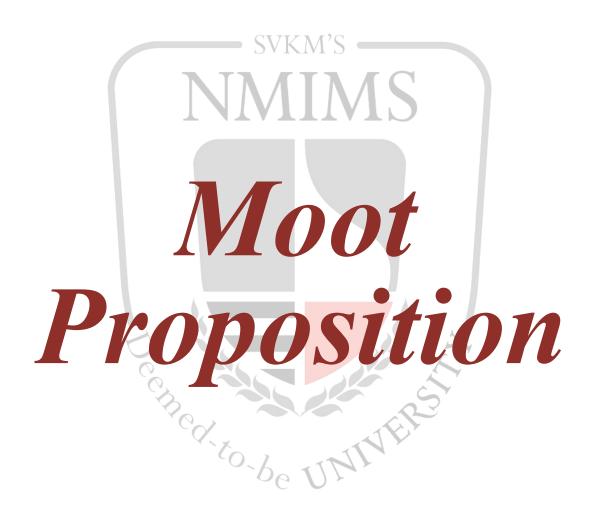
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S. NO.	PARTICULARS	DATE
1	Opening of Registration	25.01.2025
2	Last date for payment/Final Registration	25.02.2025
3	Last date for seeking clarification	27.02.2025
4	Release of clarification	1.03.2025
5	Submission of Written Memorial (Soft Copy)	05.03.2025
6	Submission of Written Memorial (Hard Copy)	10.03.2025
7	Researchers test	23.03.2025
8	Inaugural session, Prelims (1 & 2), Quarter-Finals	22.03.2025
9	Semi-finals, Finals, and Valedictory session	23.03.2025



MOOT PROPOSITION

- 1. The Democratic Republic of Jamtara, also known as Jamtarastan by the majority of its citizens, became an independent country in 1947 after being colonized for over 2 centuries by the British. During this period of colonial rule, the British introduced Jamtara's first penal code in 1860, which came to be known as the Jamtara Penal Code, which became operative on 1st January 1860. Along with the Jamtara Penal Code (*Hereinafter referred to as 'IPC'*), the British enacted two other key criminal laws, the Criminal Procedure Code (*Hereinafter 'CrPC'*) and the Jamtara Evidence Act, passed in 1862 and 1872 respectively.
- 2. After the Jamtara independence, the Constituent Assembly of Jamtara adopted its constitution on 26th November 1949. This new constitutional framework had a profound impact on the interpretation of the existing Criminal Procedure Code. Subsequently, the code was thoroughly revised in 1973, to align with the principles enshrined in the Constitution.
- 3. That the country of Jamtara was put in a sudden upheaval when a case concerning a minor resident of the country caught the eyes of the country. On 19.05.2020, a tragic incident occurred in the Pamas city of Jamtara, where a 17-year-old, Juvenile driver, Master X, child in conflict with law (Hereinafter 'CCL') driving a Porsche Taycan under the influence of alcohol collided with a motorcycle causing the deaths of two IT professionals. The CCL, son of a real estate developer, was charged with offences under Section 304A, 279, 337, 338, 427 IPC and 184, 190 and 177 of the Motor Vehicles Act (Amendment Act 2019) and by subsequent orders passed by the Board under the Juvenile Justice Act (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 read with Pamas State Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2018 was granted bail by the Juvenile Justice Board (*Hereinafter 'JJB'*) shortly after the incident, with conditions including writing a 300-word essay on road safety. This decision sparked nationwide outrage, leading to further investigations. Subsequent probes revealed attempts to manipulate evidence, including the alleged swapping of the driver's blood sample with that of his mother to conceal alcohol consumption. Several individuals, including the juvenile's parents and medical professionals, were arrested for their roles in these activities. The case highlighted systemic issues within law enforcement and the judicial system of Jamtara, raising concerns about the influence of wealth and power in obstructing justice.
- 4. That a similar incident occurring in Dallas, the capital city of Jamtara has caused public outrage and caught the eyes of every stratum of the society. The case pertains to an altercation on the night of 14.01.2021 between one Mr. Aryan Kapoor, aged 17-years-old (*Hereinafter*

- 'the Accused'), the son of an influential politician Rakesh Kapoor (RW-3), member of the Parliament of Jamtara and one Ms. Y (Hereinafter 'the Prosecutrix') a 17-year-old girl, belonging to the Endor State of Jamtara, working as a waitress since 01.07.2020 (6 months) at 'Buen Bar and Kitchen', located at Block -C, SJ park, Dallas City.
- 5. That on 14.01.2021 (i.e. Saturday) the Accused attended an exclusive event hosted by 'Buen Bar and Kitchen' in collaboration with 'Kicks Jamtara Pvt. Ltd.' (registered as a 'private limited company' under Section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013). That the Accused along with his friends one Master Armaan Gupta (16-year-old, resident of Dallas city) (RW-2) and another Mr. Hrithvik Pahuja (19 years old, resident of Dallas city) (RW-1) came to the event on the night of 14.01.2025 in a black Ford Endeavour car driven by Mr. Hrithvik Pahuja. The Car was registered as 'DR 26 AZ 0007' with the Dallas City municipal authority under the Motor Vehicles Act (Amendment Act 2019) and was seized by the Investigating Officer Mr. Aman Kaushal (PW-3) (Hereinafter '10') vide seizure memo Ex. PW- 3/F on the morning of 16.01.2021 (i.e. Monday) from the farmhouse of Mr. Hrithvik located on the outskirts of Dallas City.
- 6. That the parking slip seized from inside the aforementioned car marked as PW-3/G of the record confirmed that of the Accused and his friends reached the premises of 'Buen Bar and Kitchen' at 10:05 PM. That (PW-2) Mr. Lakshay Bharwan, a security guard at the premises in his chief examination in front of the Trial Court of Dallas City, identified the Accused and alleged that the Accused was present at the premises from 10-11:30 PM on the night of 14.01.2024. That in his subsequent statement PW-2 informed the court that the event was attended by several influential individuals and their families. The PW-2 further placed it on record that alcohol and other intoxicants were being served at the event even to underage individuals present there; alleging that he recalls the Accused and his friends consuming Alcohol.
- 7. That the bartender present at the event Mr. Joseph Rue (**PW-4**) brought it to the notice of the court that the Accused was highly intoxicated as the event progressed. However, the record reflects that upon being questioned by the Counsel for the Accused during the cross-examination about whether the Accused was purchasing the alcoholic beverages himself, PW-4 answered that "He doesn't recall the Accused himself approaching the bar and purchasing the alleged alcoholic beverages". That the subsequent statement of PW-4 informed the Trial Court that the Prosecutrix was also present at the event and was serving her shift scheduled from 6:00 PM to 3:00 AM on the night of the Altercation. The PW-4 recalled that the Accused

and the Prosecutrix were engaged in a prolonged conversation at the event and the Accused tried to approach the Prosecutrix multiple times when he was present at the party despite the Prosecutrix's apparent reluctance towards such approaches.

- 8. That on the Morning of 15.01.2021 (i.e. Sunday) the IO received a call from Mrs. Rani Kumari (PW-1) aged 35 years old, who informed the IO that she had spotted a mutilated corpse of a girl near the forest clearing on NH-08 of Dallas city while picking up trash near the said area. The Corpse identified as the Prosecutrix was grotesquely mutilated indicating the involvement of foul play and sexual harassment. The IO in accordance with the procedure filed an Inquest report in terms of Section 176 of CrPC marked as PW-3/C of the record (Annexed herewith as 'Annexure-I') and FIR in terms of Section 154 of CrPC marked as PW-3/D of the record (Annexed herewith as 'Annexure-II'). That the dead body unidentified at the time was taken to Sayadari Super Speciality Hospital, Dallas City, where it was intercepted by Dr. Anamika Vats who noted the following external injuries in Ex. P.W. 6/A:
 - "a) Bruise over left eye covering whole of the eye
 - b) Injury mark (abrasion) at right angle of eye
 - c) Bruise over left nostril involving upper lip
 - d) Both lips odematous
 - e) Bleeding from upper lip present
 - f) Bite mark over right cheek
 - g) Left angle of mouth injured (small laceration)
 - h) Bite mark over left cheek
 - i) Right breast bite marks below areola present
 - j) Left breast bruise over right lower quadrant, bite mark in inferior left quadrant

Per abdomen:

a) Guarding & rigidity present

Local examination:

- a) Cut mark (sharp) over right labia present
- b) There was profuse bleeding from vagina"

(Detailed findings of the post mortem have been attached herewith as Annexure IV)

- 9. That the IO seized a bloodstained white coloured handkerchief, embroidered with the initials 'A.K.' along with other belongings including a wallet, student ID and tickets to the event from near the crime scene, located about 500 meters from where the body was located initially. That the aforementioned articles were seized by the I.O. vide seizure memo P.W.-3/I and marked as P.W. 3/F, P.W. 3/L and P.W. L-A respectively. The wallet and student ID card belonged to the Accused and there recovery along with the blood-stained handkerchief with the initials A.K. pointed towards the Accused being the prime suspect of the case in the absence of any other leads.
- 10. That upon subsequent investigation by the IO the investigating authorities based on the account of Mr. Jayant Arora (PW-5), the majority shareholder in Kicks Jamtara Pvt. Ltd. who was also attending the party suspected the involvement of the Accused in the commission of offence as the PW-5 recalled that the Accused identified himself as the son of influential politician Rakesh Kapoor and asked about the whereabouts of the Prosecutrix and that towards the end of the event he recalled the Prosecutrix being escorted by the Accused to the parking unit (located roughly 600 meters from where the body was located by P.W.-1) between 11:30 PM and 1:00 AM in the night. That it is pertinent to note at this juncture that the PW-5 later retracted parts of their statement in front of the trial court while exclaiming that he was heavily intoxicated under the influence of alcohol between the specified time period between 11:30 PM to 1:00 AM, that the PW-5 was subsequently deemed as hostile witness in terms of Section 154 of the Evidence Act, 1872 by the Trial Court.
- 11. Based on the original statement of PW-5 the IO moved to arrest the Accused as the prime suspect in the crime involving the Prosecutrix in terms of Section 41 R.W. Section 42 of the CrPC; The Accused was present at his place of residence House Number 69, VIP Road, Kalyani, Dallas City around 01:00 PM on 15.01.2021 and was arrested by the police for committing offences under Sections 365/366/376(2)(k)/376(2)(m)/377/307/302 IPC R.W. Sec. 4(2) r/w. 3 (a), 6 r/w.5 (m), (l) (j) (iv) (i) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. (Hereinafter 'POSCO').
- 12. That the accused was produced before the Magistrate in accordance with Section 57 of the CrPC within 24 hours of his arrest, at 10:00 AM on 16.01.2021. The Magistrate, after ensuring compliance with procedural safeguards, remanded the accused to police custody for further investigation. Following the completion of preliminary investigation, which included witness statements, the recording of key witness testimony, and forensic examinations, the investigating officer submitted a chargesheet under Section 173(2) of the CrPC to the

Magistrate. Upon examining the material on record, the Magistrate determined the existence of a prima facie case against the accused and committed the matter to the Sessions Court, where charges were framed under Sections 365/ 366/ 376(2)(k)/ 376(2)(m)/ 377/ 307/ 302 IPC R.W. Sec. 4(2) r/w. 3 (a), 6 r/w. 5 (m), (l), (j)(iv) (Charge Sheet annexed herewith as Annexure III)

- 13. That further investigating team was directed to take aid of modern methods to strengthen its case, the process undertaken, the method adopted and the results ought to be collected with the intention to cover the case from all possible spheres and to establish the allegations with the proof of conclusivity and not to give any chance of doubt; and thus, for the said purpose, carry out DNA analysis and fingerprint and bite mark analysis.
- 14. That the Counsel of the Accused immediately filed for the production of the Accused in front of the Juvenile Justice Board (*Hereinafter 'JJB'*) U/s 10 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (*Hereinafter 'JJ Act 2015'*) alleging that the Accused is a child in conflict (CCL) with law in terms of Section 15 of the JJ Act,2015 who was due to come of proper age of 18 years-old on 15.03.2021 and thus liable to be tried in terms of the JJ Act, 2015.
- 15. The Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) took up the case due to Aryan's age—17 years and 305 days at the time of the alleged crime. After a preliminary inquiry, the JJB determined that Aryan should be tried as a CCL based on the mental and physical capacity of the child to commit the Offence; ability to understand the consequences of their actions and circumstances of the Offence, including intent and motivation. Therefore, the case of the Accused was taken up by the Children's Court. The Children's Court however after an in-depth adjudication of the record available overturned the decision of the JJB and directed that he be tried under the regular criminal justice system given the grievous and horrendous nature of the crime.
- 16. That the Accused recorded his personal testimony U/s 164 of the CrPC in front of the Trial court for the ease of convenience of the Trial Court in meeting the ends of justice. That it is the case of the Accused on the night of 14.01.2024 he was present at the event for the specified time period as alleged by the respondent's case along with his two friends, however, denies the allegation associating him with the rape and murder of the prosecutrix. That while pleading the defence of involuntary intoxication U/s 85 of the IPC the Accused contested that his drinks were spiked with alcohol and in lieu of the same he failed to recall the incidents of the night. That the Accused recalls talking to the Prosecutrix and acknowledged that he approached the

- Prosecutrix on different instances through the night, however claims he had no ill or malified intention towards approaching her.
- 17. That the Bank Statements of the Accused's Bank A/C No. XXXXXXXXXXXXX068 at DGIGI Bank placed as RW-3/E of the record reflected that the Accused did not purchase anything from the event let alone alcoholic beverages. That as per the Accused he reached his place of residence around 3:00 am as there was a significant delay in finding means of public transportation late at night. That the invoice is from an E-taxi/cab booking app called 'KUBER' owned and operated by 'KUBER Pvt. Ltd.' has been annexed as RW-3/F of the record corroborates the statement of the Accused.
- 18. That the Accused also identified the wallet, student ID card and blood-stained handkerchief marked as P.W. 3/F, P.W. 3/L and P.W. L-A of the record as his personal belongings. However, contested that his wallet was stolen at the event. The Accused stated that he used the handkerchief to wipe his blood as he suffered from a minor cut on his finger during the commotion at the entry gate of the event.
- 19. That further the counsel appearing for accused placed various records of various eye-witnesses and character witnesses to rebut the presumption of guilt placed on the Accused. The eye-witnesses including Master Arman Gupta and Mr. Hrithvik Pahuja as (RW-1) and (RW-2) contested that the drinks of the accused were spiked by the catering service at the event as the bartenders were serving beverages mixed with alcohol even when non-alcoholic-beverages were specifically ordered. That the RW-2 places on record various bills and invoices as RW-2/D from the night of the incident issued by 'Buen Bar and Kitchen' in an attempt to prove that neither did he or the Accused purchased alcohol from the bar at the event. That the minor eye witness Mr. Arman Gupta was recorded by the Trial court in due regard of the terms U/s 118 of the Evidence Act, 1872 and he placed on record that he doesn't recall the Accused misbehaving with the Prosecutrix in any manner.' That further the eye-witnesses informed the court that the Accused left the event around 2:30 am and traveled to his residence using an application based cab service called 'KUBER'.
- 20. That Mr. Rakesh Kapoor, a member of the Parliament, aged 50 years (RW-3) acted as the Character witness of the Accused and placed it on record that the Accused is a first-time offender with no criminal or malicious history. That the Statement of RW-3 contested that the Accused is diligent and hardworking, committed to academics and excels at various sports. The RW-3 placed on record mark sheets of the Accused and various testimonials of the past

teachers of the Accused as **RW-3/B** to establish that the Accused was in fact docile in nature, and thus incapable of committing such a heinous crime. The Trial Court noted based on the statement of RW-3 that the Accused achieved his matriculation certificate from 'Dallas Public School', a highly reputed institute in 2020 and was set on pursuing higher education in the field of Sciences from the Hogwards University located in the United States of Andora on a merit-based scholarship. That upon being questioned about the whereabouts of the Accused on the night of 14.01.2021 and the early hours of 15.01.2021, RW-3 recalled that his son reached the house late at night and RW-3 had already slept at the time. According to RW-3 the guard opened the house and is aware of the time of arrival and condition of the Accused upon returning home. The record shows that the guard of the house Mr. Babboo lal has absconded to his village located deep in the mountains of Himwat state of Jamtara and thus his statement could not be recorded.

- 21. That upon the direction of the Trial Court the forensic team collected the blood sample of the Accused. The sample was collected by Dr. Yugam Faisal, (P.W. 7), Sayadari Hospital, on 19.01.2021 and was handed over to the IO, vide seizure memo Ex. P.W. 3/G. Further P.W. 7, had collected certain samples from the body of the prosecutrix which are reflected in Ex. P.W. 3/L. All the samples were deposited with the investigating authority and were not tampered with in any manner. A specimen of scalp hair of the prosecutrix was also taken along with dust; grass present in hairs, dust in clothes; debris from in between fingers; debris from nails; nail clippings; nail scrapings; breast swab; body fluid collection.
- 22. That the DNA analysis was done at the behest of P.W. 8, Dr. Harshit Narang, Sr. Scientific Officer, Biology, CFSL, CBI, and Biological Examination and DNA profiling reports were prepared which are exhibited as Ex. P.W. 3/H. The report (Annexed herewith as Annexure V) after analyzing the DNA profiles generated from the known samples of the prosecutrix, the informant, and each of the accused, concluded that: 'An analysis of the above shows that the samples were authentic and established the identity of the Accused'
 - 23. On 20.01.2021, a team of experts from the CFSL went to Tihar Jail where the accused was being held in judicial custody and collected the digital palm prints and footprints of the accused vide Ex. P.W. 3/J. After comparing the chance prints lifted from 'Buen Bar and Kitchen' with the fingerprints/palm prints and footprints of the Accused person, P.W. 9, Shri Arsh Kumar, Senior Scientific Officer (Finger Prints), CFSL, CBI submitted his report Ex. P.W. 9/A. In the report, the chance prints of the accused were found to be on the body of the Prosecutrix.

- 24. That the blood samples collected from the accused was a confirmed match with the blood stains found on the white blood-stained handkerchief with the initials 'A.K.' seized and presented in front of the trial court as P.W. 3/F, however, as per the blood sample analysis the blood and bodily fluids of another person was mixed along with the blood of the Accused, however due to the tardy nature of the handkerchief due to being run over by cars it wasn't possible to conclusively determine that the blood and bodily fluids belonged to the Prosecutrix or anyone else.
- 25. During the trial, the Prosecution relied heavily on circumstantial evidence, including DNA analysis, witness testimony, and Aryan's alleged behaviour on the night of the incident. The defence, on the other hand, pointed to gaps in the investigation, highlighting the lack of corroborative evidence and the failure to probe alternative theories of the crime. Cross-examination of the investigating officer revealed significant lapses. The officer admitted that no inquiries were conducted with residents near the crime scene and that the recovery of the victim appeared to have been staged. The defence argued that these lapses severely undermined the credibility of the prosecution's case.
- 26. The medical evidence, while suggestive of sexual assault, was inconclusive. The forensic team noted the presence of Aryan's DNA on the victim but could not definitively establish sexual intercourse or the circumstances leading to the victim's death. However, the Trial Court on basis of the statement of the hostile witness corroborated with the DNA evidence and Fingerprint analysis along with the circumstantial evidence, convicted the Accused for committing offences committing offences under Sections 365/366/376 K and M /377/307/302 IPC R.W. Sec. 4(2) r/w. 3 (a), 6 r/w.5 (m), (l) (j) (iv) (i) of POSCO and sentenced to life imprisonment.
- 27. The defence filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) directly before the Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution. The SLP emphasized the case's extraordinary nature, its implications for juvenile justice, and the public importance of the legal questions involved. In public discourse, the case became a flashpoint for debates on juvenile justice and the treatment of heinous crimes committed by minors. Advocates for victim rights demanded stringent punishment, while juvenile justice activists questioned the fairness of trying Aryan as an adult.
- 28. The Accused in the SLP petition respectfully submitted that this case warrants the intervention of this Hon'ble Court under Article 136 of the Constitution due to its exceptional nature and the grave miscarriage of justice it represents. The accused, Aryan Kapoor, was 17 years and

305 days old at the time of the alleged offence, and yet he has been tried as an adult, contrary to the rehabilitative principles enshrined in the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The decision to transfer the case from the Juvenile Justice Board to the regular criminal justice system was made without adequately considering the factors of Aryan's mental and physical capacity, the intent and motivation behind the alleged act, and the prospects of rehabilitation. Moreover, the prosecution's case is marred by substantial gaps and irregularities. The evidence presented is largely circumstantial, with the medical findings being inconclusive and failing to definitively establish the cause or circumstances of death. Witness testimonies, including those of hostile witnesses, were contradictory and unreliable, further weakening the prosecution's narrative. Crucially, the investigation suffered from procedural lapses, including the failure to examine alternative theories, inadequate collection of corroborative evidence, and questionable recovery of material evidence, all of which severely undermined the credibility of the charges against the accused.

- 29. That the following issues shall be considered before the Supreme Court of Jamtara in the present matter:
 - 1. Whether the instant Special Leave Petition is maintainable in terms of the Article 136 of the constitution?
 - 2. Whether the trial court and Children's court erred in concluding that the accused Mr. Aryan Kapoor should be tried as an adult in wake of the gravity and nature of crime?
 - 3. Whether the trial court erred in holding the accused Mr. Aryan Kapoor guilty of the crimes as alleged?
 - 4. Arguendo the Supreme Court of India admits the SLP and subsequently convicts the accused of committing the crimes, present a plea-bargaining stance ensuring the maximum or minimum sentence is awarded to the accused.
- 30. The laws of the country of Jamtara/ Jamtarastan are pari materia to those of the 'Republic of India'.

Inquest Report u/s 176 Cr.PC

1. Date, time, and place of intimation received by the Magistrate u/s 174(1) Cr. P.C.:

• **Date:** 15.01.2021

• Time: 7:45 AM

• Place: Kalyani Police Station, Dallas City

2. Substance of the information obtained and source:

The Magistrate was informed by Sub-Inspector Rajiv Mishra of Kalyani Police Station about the discovery of a female body in a forest clearing near NH-08. The death appeared unnatural and required an inquest to determine the cause.

3. Place where the body of the deceased was found:

Forest clearing near NH-08, adjacent to Block-C, SJ Park, Dallas City.

4. Inquest:

(a) Commenced at: 9:30 AM on 15.01.2021 (b) Closed at: 12:15 PM on 15.01.2021

5. Dead body identified by:

The deceased was identified by her parents, Mr. Ramesh Yadav and Mrs. Sunita Yadav, residents of Sector-4, Dallas City.

6. Marks of identification:

- A mole on the left side of the neck.
- A scar on the right forearm approximately 3 cm long.

7. Name, parentage, sex, age, caste, and residence of the deceased:

• Name: Ms. Y

• Parentage: Daughter of Ramesh Yadav

• Sex: Female

• **Age:** Approximately 16 years

• Caste: Yadav

• **Residence:** Sector-4, Dallas City

8. Relatives present at the inquest:

• Mr. Ramesh Yadav (Father)

• Mrs. Sunita Yadav (Mother)

9. Local and respectable witnesses present at the inquest:

- Mr. Mohan Das (Shopkeeper, residing in Block-B, SJ Park)
- Ms. Kavita Sharma (Teacher, residing in Block-D, SJ Park)

10. Description of the corpse:

- (a) **Position and attitude of the body:** Lying on her back, arms extended at an angle, legs slightly bent.
- (b) Number, position, length, breadth, and direction of wounds:
 - Laceration on the left side of the forehead (6 cm x 2 cm).
 - Ligature mark around the neck, approximately 1.5 cm wide.
 - (c) Nature of wounds: Bruised and lacerated wounds; no deep penetration.
 - (d) Signs of ligature marks: Present around the neck.
 - (e) Signs of inflammatory reaction: Swelling observed on the neck.
 - (f) Expression of the countenance: Tensed and grimaced.
 - (g) Position of limbs, eyes, and mouth: Eyes partially open, mouth slightly ajar.
 - (h) Presence of blood, saliva, froth, vomit, semen, swabs, etc.:
 - Blood clots near the forehead wound.
 - Saliva drooling from the corner of the mouth.
 - (i) Condition of clothes/ornaments: Torn and disheveled clothes, missing ornaments.

11. General condition of the body:

• The body appeared emaciated and weak.

12. Observation of surroundings:

- (a) Marks of violence or struggle: Broken branches, scattered leaves, and disturbed soil.
- (b) Articles found: A blood-stained handkerchief, torn scarf, and a shoe (left foot).
- (c) Suicide note: None found.
- (d) Foreign matters: Straws and leaves entangled in the hair and hands.
- (e) Circumstances indicating suicide or foul play: Signs of struggle and ligature marks suggest foul play.

13. Witnesses examined by the Magistrate:

- Witness 1: Mr. Ramesh Yadav (Father) Confirmed the identity and mentioned the last known whereabouts of the deceased.
- Witness 2: Mr. Mohan Das (Local Witness) Spoke of suspicious activity in the area the previous night.

14. Opinion of the Magistrate as to the cause of death:

Based on the inspection, the death appears to be caused by asphyxiation due to strangulation. The injuries on the body and the scene suggest homicide.

15. Description of injuries and possible weapons/instruments:

• Ligature marks suggest use of a thin rope or scarf.

• Lacerations on the forehead may have been caused by a blunt object.

16. Sketch plan of the scene and photographs:

• Attached.

17. Inquest in addition to or in lieu of police investigation u/s 174/175 Cr.P.C.: Conducted in addition to the police investigation.

18. Grounds for suspecting foul play:

- Presence of ligature marks.
- Signs of struggle at the scene.
- Testimonies from witnesses.

19. Custodial death:

Not applicable.

20. Proposed action:

Postmortem examination of the deceased, further investigation by police into the circumstances of the death, and interrogation of suspects.

Signatures of persons present at the inquest (as mentioned in Item 9):

- 1. Mohan Das
- 2. Kavita Sharma

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

(Under Section 154 Cr.P.C)

- 1. **Dist.** Dallas City P.S. Kalyani **Year** 2021 **F.I.R. No.** 45 **Date** 15.01.2021
- 2. (i) Act Indian Penal Code, 1860 Sections 365, 366, 376 (K and M), 377, 307, 302
 - (ii) **Act** Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 **Sections** 4(2), 3(a), 6, 5(m), 5(l), 5(j)(iv), 5(i)
 - (iii) Act Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 Section 15
 - (iv) Other Acts & Sections Not Applicable
- 3. (a) Occurrence of Offence:

Day Saturday Date 14.01.2021 Time Between 10:00 PM and 2:30 AM

(b) Information received at P.S. Date 15.01.2021 Time 9:15 AM

(c) General Diary Reference: Entry No(s) 32/2021 Time 9:20 AM

4. Type of Information: Oral

- 5. Place of occurrence:
 - (a) Direction and Distance from P.S. 8 km North-East, Beat No. 7
 - (b) Address: Forest clearing near NH-08, adjacent to Block-C, SJ Park, Dallas City
 - (c) Outside limit of this P.S.? No
- 6. Complainant / Informant:
 - (a) Name Rani Kumari
 - (b) Father's / Husband's Name Shyam Singh
 - (c) Date / Year of Birth 1986
 - (d) Nationality Indian
 - (e) Passport No. Not Applicable
 - (f) Occupation Sanitation Worker
 - (g) Address 12, Rampur Colony, Sector 3, Dallas City
- 7. Details of known / suspected / unknown accused with full particulars:
 - Aryan Kapoor (Male, 17 years, residing at House No. 69, VIP Road, Kalyani, Dallas City)
 - Other suspects unknown
- 8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / informant:

Informant discovered the body early morning but had to confirm the incident before reporting to the police station.

- 9. Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary):
 - o Wallet containing ID and personal belongings of Aryan Kapoor
 - o White blood-stained handkerchief with initials "A.K."

- Parking slip from Buen Bar and Kitchen
- 10. Total value of the properties stolen / involved: Not Applicable
- 11. Inquest Report / U.D. Case No., if any: Inquest Report No. 16/2021

12. F.I.R. Contents (Attach separate sheets, if required):

The contents of the report are as follows: I, Ramesh Yadav, son of Shyam Yadav, resident of Block-D, Endor State, Jamtara, aged 48 years, occupation: farmer, state that I am the father of Ms. Y (the Prosecutrix), who was employed as a waitress at "Buen Bar and Kitchen," Dallas City, since July 2020. On 15.01.2021 around 9:00 AM I was informed by the Investigating Officer that the lifeless body of my daughter had been found near a forest clearing on NH-08, Dallas City, brutally mutilated and bearing marks of physical and sexual assault. My daughter left our residence located at 34, burari, Dallas around 5:00 pm on 14.01.2021 in order to attend her shift. My statement has been read and understood by me, and it is correct. SD Ramesh Yadav Attested

13. Action taken:

Since the above report reveals the commission of offence(s) under Sections mentioned in Item No. 2, the case has been registered. Investigation initiated by Inspector Aman Kaushal.

F.I.R. read over to the informant and admitted to be correctly recorded. Copy provided to the informant free of cost.

Signature of the Officer-in-charge, Police Station

Name: Inspector Aman Kaushal

Rank: Inspector No. 4527

14. Signature / Thumb-impression of the complainant / informant:

Signature: (Signed by Rani Kumari)

15. Date & Time of Despatch to the Court:

Date: 15.01.2021 Time: 11:30 AM

CHARGE SHEET

(Under Section 173 CR. P.C.)

- 1. **FIR No. and Date**: FIR No. 45 dated 15.01.2021 **Police Station**: Dallas City Police Station **Section(s) of Law**: Sections 365/366/376 K and M/377/307/302 IPC read with Sections 4(2), 3(a), 6 read with 5(m), (l), (j)(iv), (i) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act)
- 2. **Name and Address of the Complainant**: Mrs. Rani Kumari (PW-1), aged 35 years, resident of Dallas City, Endor State, Jamtara.
- 3. **Date, Time, and Place of Occurrence**: On 14.01.2021 (Saturday) between 11:30 PM and 3:00 AM at Buen Bar and Kitchen, Block-C, SJ Park, Dallas City, and the forest clearing near NH-08, Dallas City.
- 4. Name and Address of the Accused:

Name: Mr. Aryan Kapoor

o Age: 17 years (DOB: 15.03.2003)

o Address: House No. 69, VIP Road, Kalyani, Dallas City

5. Facts of the Case: On the night of 14.01.2021, the accused, Aryan Kapoor, aged 17 years, attended an exclusive event hosted by Buen Bar and Kitchen in collaboration with Kicks Jamtara Pvt. Ltd. The accused, accompanied by friends Master Armaan Gupta (RW-2) and Mr. Hrithvik Pahuja (RW-1), arrived at the venue in a black Ford Endeavour. The car was later seized by the Investigating Officer, Mr. Aman Kaushal (PW-3).

During the event, multiple witnesses, including PW-2 (the security guard) and PW-4 (the bartender), testified that the accused was present, intoxicated, and persistently approached the Prosecutrix, Ms. Y, a 17-year-old waitress working at Buen Bar and Kitchen. The Prosecutrix appeared reluctant to the accused's advances.

On the morning of 15.01.2021, the mutilated corpse of the Prosecutrix was discovered near a forest clearing on NH-08 by PW-1. An inquest report and an FIR were promptly filed. The external injuries noted in the medical examination conducted by Dr. Anamika Vats (PW-6) revealed signs of severe physical and sexual assault. DNA analysis confirmed the accused's involvement.

6. Evidence and Material Objects Seized:

- o Blood-stained handkerchief with initials "A.K." (P.W. 3/F)
- o Wallet and student ID card of the accused (P.W. 3/L, P.W. L-A)
- o Parking slip confirming the accused's presence (P.W. 3/G)

o Forensic reports including DNA and fingerprint analysis (P.W. 3/H, P.W. 9/A)

7. Witnesses:

- o PW-1: Mrs. Rani Kumari (Informant)
- o PW-2: Mr. Lakshay Bharwan (Security Guard)
- PW-3: Mr. Aman Kaushal (Investigating Officer)
- PW-4: Mr. Joseph Rue (Bartender)
- o PW-5: Mr. Jayant Arora (Shareholder of Kicks Jamtara Pvt. Ltd.)
- o PW-6: Dr. Anamika Vats (Medical Examiner)
- o PW-7: Dr. Yugam Faisal (Forensic Sample Collector)
- o PW-8: Dr. Harshit Narang (DNA Analysis Expert)
- o PW-9: Mr. Arsh Kumar (Fingerprint Analysis Expert)
- 8. **Defense by the Accused**: The accused denies allegations of rape and murder, claiming involuntary intoxication and loss of memory due to his drink being spiked. He admitted to conversing with the Prosecutrix but denied any malintent. The accused contested the ownership of the handkerchief and claimed the wallet was stolen during the event.
- 9. **Juvenile Justice Board Proceedings**: Based on a preliminary inquiry, the Juvenile Justice Board initially deemed the accused a child in conflict with the law. However, the Children's Court overturned this decision, citing the grievous nature of the crime and ordered the trial under the regular criminal justice system.

10. Charge(s) Framed:

- o Kidnapping and abduction (Sections 365, 366 IPC)
- Rape and sexual assault (Section 376 IPC, Sections 4(2), 3(a), 6 read with 5(m), (l), (j)(iv), (i) POCSO Act)
- Unnatural offenses (Section 377 IPC)
- Attempted murder and murder (Sections 307, 302 IPC)

11. Action Taken:

- o Arrested on 15.01.2021 and produced before the Magistrate on 16.01.2021.
- o Judicial custody with subsequent collection of forensic evidence.
- o Trial under regular criminal justice system initiated.
- 12. **Investigating Officer**: Mr. Aman Kaushal, Dallas City Police Station.

- 13. **Remarks**: The evidence collected establishes the accused's culpability beyond reasonable doubt, necessitating prosecution under the relevant sections of the IPC and POCSO Act.
- 14. **Signature of Investigating Officer**: (Signed) Mr. Aman Kaushal Investigating Officer, Dallas City Police Station.



POSTMORTEM REPORT

P.M. No: 1457/2025 Date: 15.01.2025

Ref: Kalyani Police Station, FIR No. 124/2025

1. DETAILS OF THE DECEASED/CASE:

(a) Name: Ms. Y

(b) S/o/D/o/W/o: Daughter of Mr. Ramesh Yadav

(c) **Age:** 16 years (d) **Sex:** Female

(e) Address: Sector-4, Dallas City, Block-C, SJ Park.

(f) Brought by:

(i) Police: Sub-Inspector Rajiv Mishra, Kalyani Police Station.

(ii) Others: None.(g) Identified by:

(i) Police: Sub-Inspector Rajiv Mishra

(ii) Others:

a) Mr. Ramesh Yadav (Father)

b) Mrs. Sunita Yadav (Mother)

(h) Date & Time of receipt of dead body and papers: 15.01.2025, 8:15 AM

(i) Date and Time of commencement of P.M. Examination: 15.01.2025, 9:30 AM

(j) Date and Time of completion of P.M. Examination: 15.01.2025, 11:00 AM

(k) Place of Examination: District Hospital Morgue, Dallas City.

2. RELEVANT INFORMATION AS FURNISHED BY POLICE:

The deceased was found lying in a forest clearing near NH-08. Signs of struggle were observed at the scene. The body had ligature marks on the neck, suggesting strangulation.

3. EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

(a) Length: 157 cm

(b) Weight: Approximately 45 kg (c) Physique: Average build (d) Nutrition: Well-nourished

(f) Identification marks:

• Mole on the left side of the neck

- Scar on the right forearm (3 cm long)
 - (g) Wearing apparels:
- Torn top with visible bloodstains.
- Disheveled skirt.
- Left shoe missing.
 - (h) Postmortem changes and other appearances of the body:
- Rigor mortis present in all limbs.
- Pallor around the lips.
- Blood clots near forehead wound.
 - (i) External injuries:
- Laceration on the left side of the forehead (6 cm x 2 cm).
- Ligature mark around the neck (1.5 cm wide).
- Abrasions on both forearms.

4. INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

A. HEAD, NECK, AND SPINAL COLUMN:

- (a) **Scalp:** Intact but shows subcutaneous hemorrhage near the forehead.
- (b) **Skull:** No fractures observed.
- (c) Meninges and Vessels: Congested.
- (d) **Brain:** Edematous with signs of hypoxia.
- (e) Vertebrae and Spinal Cord: Intact.
- (f) Orbital, Aural, and Nasal Cavities: Congested nasal cavity; no foreign material.
- (g) Mouth, Tongue, Pharynx, Larynx, and other neck structures:
 - Petechial hemorrhages in the oral mucosa.
 - Hyoid bone intact.
 - (h) Any Other: None.

B. THORAX:

- (a) Walls, Ribs, and Cartilage: No fractures observed.
- (b) Oesophagus: Congested.
- (c) Trachea and Bronchi: Congested with frothy fluid.
- (d) Pleurae and Cavities: Intact; no fluid accumulation.
- (e) Right Lung: Congested, edematous.
- (f) Left Lung: Congested, edematous.
- (g) Pericardium and Pericardial Cavity: Intact.
- (h) Heart: Intact, chambers contain dark, clotted blood.

- (i) Large Vessels: Congested.
- (j) Diaphragm: Intact.
- (k) **Any Other:** None.

C. ABDOMEN AND PELVIC REGION:

- (a) Wall: Intact.
- (b) **Peritoneum and its cavity:** No fluid accumulation.
- (c) Stomach and its contents: Contains partially digested food (approx. 200 ml).
- (d) Small Intestine and its contents: Contains chyme.
- (e) Large Intestine and its contents: Partially filled with fecal matter.
- (f) Liver and Gall Bladder: Congested; gall bladder contains bile.
- (g) Pancreas: Congested.
- (h) Spleen: Enlarged and congested.
- (i) Right Kidney and Ureter: Congested.
- (i) Left Kidney and Ureter: Congested.
- (k) Urinary Bladder and Urethra: Empty.
- (1) Organs of Generation: No injuries observed externally or internally.
- (m) Any Other: None.

D. BONES AND JOINTS:

No fractures or dislocations observed.

5. SPECIMENS/ITEMS PRESERVED AND HANDED OVER TO INVESTIGATING OFFICER:

- (a) Stomach and its contents
- (b) Small intestine and its contents (30 cm)
- (c) Liver with gall bladder (500 gms)
- (d) Spleen
- (e) Kidneys (half of each)
- (f) Sample of blood
- (g) Sample of urine
- (h) Sample of hair
- (i) Preservation used: Saturated solution of Sodium Chloride

6. SPECIMENS SENT FOR HISTOPATHOLOGY:

- (a) Brain
- (b) Heart
- (c) Lungs
- (d) Liver
- (e) Spleen
- (f) Stomach

- (g) Intestine
- (h) Kidney

Preservative used: Formalin.

7. OPINION OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER AS TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH:

The cause of death is consistent with **asphyxia due to strangulation**. The ligature mark and signs of hypoxia support this conclusion.

- (a) **Time since death:** Approximately 12-16 hours prior to the examination.
- (b) Whether injuries were antemortem or postmortem: Injuries, including ligature marks, are antemortem.
- (c) Cause of injuries: Compression of the neck with a thin, flexible ligature (e.g., scarf or rope).
- (d) Age of injuries: Inflicted shortly before death.

Place: District Hospital Morgue, Dallas City

Date: 15.01.2025

Signature of M.O.:

Full Name: Dr. Arvind Mehta

Designation: Senior Forensic Medical Officer

Office Seal:

8. REMARKS BY THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT/OFFICE:

The findings are consistent with the police investigation indicating foul play.

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Signature:

Full Name: Dr. Kavita Rao

Seal:

SUBSEQUENT OPINION (IF ANY):

Awaiting histopathology and toxicology reports for conclusive findings.

FSL Report:

To,

The Director/Deputy Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Dallas

I/we am/are herewith forwarding the samples collected during the forensic medical examination of the alleged victim of sexual assault to you in properly **collected**, **preserved**, **sealed**, **and labelled condition** through the concerned police station/investigating officer for necessary analysis.

S.NO. SAMPLE PARTICULARS

- 1. **Debris from collection paper** for evidence of foreign material. Preserved/Not Preserved: **Preserved**
- 2. Wallet containing personal identification documents of the Accused (for fingerprints and DNA).

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

3. **Bloodstained articles** (White handkerchief embroidered with initials "A.K.") located near the crime scene.

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

4. Clothing of the Prosecutrix (for evidence of seminal/blood stains and DNA).

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

5. Swabs from bite marks on cheeks, lips, and breast (for saliva, blood group, and DNA).

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

6. **Swabs from labia majora, labia minora, and vaginal region** (for semen, saliva, and DNA profiling).

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

- 7. **Hair samples (head and pubic hair)** (for DNA profiling and comparison). Preserved/Not Preserved: **Preserved**
- 8. **Nail scrapings** from both hands (for detection of foreign material, including skin, blood, and fibers).

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

Concluding remark: The bloodstained articles, nail scrapings, debris and tattered clothing found near the crime scene suggests the involvement of foul play and the swabs of bite marks, bite marks analysis and their subsequent testing conclusively determines

the involvement of one perpetrator. The DNA samples Swabs of labia majora, labia minora and vaginal region have been collected and stored for further analysis.

TOXICOLOGICAL SAMPLES:

1. Blood in vial.

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

Concluding remark: The blood samples collected from the site of the crime has been stored. The analysis concludes the samples belong to two people. Sample I has been identified as the Prosecutrix's blood. Sample II conclusively identified as matching the bloodstained article sample.

BODY SAMPLES (OTHER THAN PERINEAL REGION):

- 1. Swabs from cheek and gum for evidence of semen, blood group, and DNA profiling. Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved
- 2. Foreign material on body/clothes for identification, nature, and source. Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved
- 3. **Semen-like stains on body** for evidence of nature, blood group, and DNA profiling. **Preserved/Not Preserved:** Preserved
- 4. **Swabs from bite, licked, kissed areas** for evidence of saliva, group, and DNA profiling.

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

- 5. Combed head hairs for comparison and DNA profiling. Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved
- 6. **Fingernail scrapings of both hands (separately)** for detection of skin, blood, hairs, soil, fibers from assailant; if human tissue, its origin, blood group, and DNA profiling. **Preserved/Not Preserved:** Preserved

Concluding remark: The biological samples including the hair and the semen samples collected from the site of the crime are preserved for DNA analysis with the prime suspect for conclusive identification.

GENITAL AND ANAL SAMPLES:

1. **Matted pubic hairs** for identification of semen, its group, and DNA. **Preserved/Not Preserved:** Preserved

2. **Combed pubic hairs** for comparison with those of the assailant.

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

3. **One swab from labia majora** for identification of semen/saliva of the assailant, its nature, group, and DNA analysis.

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

4. **One swab from labia minora** for identification of semen/saliva of the assailant, its nature, group, and DNA analysis.

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved

5. **One vaginal swab** for identification of semen of the assailant, its nature, group, and DNA analysis.

Preserved/Not Preserved: Preserved\

Concluding remaks: The including the swab from labia majora, labia minora and vaginal swab collected from the body of the deceased are preserved for subsequent DNA analysis with the prime suspect for conclusive identification.

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Of the list above, total 16 samples are collected in this case.						
Impression of The SEAL:						
Date: 15.01.2021						
Place: Dallas City						
Signature:						
Name: Dr. Anamika Vats			1			
Stamp/Seal of Designation and I	Iospital: Sayad <mark>ar</mark>	i Super Specialit	ty Hospital, Dallas City			
RECEIPT		TER	3			
Received sixteen (16) intact, sea	led, and labeled s	samples from Dr	: Anamika Vats for			
subsequent submission to the Fo	rensic Science La	aboratory, Dallas	S.			
Signature:						
Name: Aman Kaushal						
PC No.: 532/2021						



1st NMIMS Moot Court Competition, 2025



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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. ADMINISTRATION

The 1st NMIMS Moot Court Competition, 2025, will be organized and hosted by SVKM's NMIMS School of Law, Chandigarh Campus, India. This offline competition will take place on 22nd-23rd March 2025.

The position of faculty convenors for the 1st NMIMS MCC 2025 are held by Dr. Sonia Grewal Mahal, Assistant Professor (School of Law), Dr. Shefali Singh, Assistant Professor (School of Law); and Dr. Muzaffar Mir, Assistant Professor, (School of Law). The Organizing Committee, acting under the authorization of the Moot Court Committee of NMIMS, Chandigarh Campus will handle all tasks related to the management and smooth execution of the competition.

2. LANGUAGE

The official language for all oral and written submissions throughout the competition will be English. All participants must adhere strictly to this rule.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will not consist of Memorial Elimination and 24 teams will be selected on first come first served basis. The said teams will participate in the oral rounds, which will include Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds i.e. - Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and the Finals.

4. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The Organizing Committee will have the sole authority to interpret the rules of the competition in the event of any ambiguity, conflict, or dispute. Any interpretation will prioritize fairness and equity, and the decisions of the Committee regarding the application of these rules will be final and binding on all participants.

ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

5. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year). Each participating team must represent only one institution, and no institution will be allowed to register more than one team. In case the Institution has more than one campus, then a team each can represent the campus.

6. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a. A team is required to have three members, consisting of two speakers and one researcher.
- b. After the registration deadline, any substitution of team members will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances and with prior approval from the organizers.

7. REGISTRATION

- a. Teams must register by completing the designated registration form. The registration link is here: https://forms.gle/fAgeJRqLnsttKC1z8
- b. Each team must designate one member as the Point of Contact (POC), who will be responsible for receiving and sharing all communications related to the competition.

- c. Upon submission of the registration form, a provisional confirmation email will be sent to the respective institution.
- d. Registration will only be considered complete once the registration fee has been paid.
- e. All registration formalities must be completed by 25.02.2025.
- f. Teams will be assigned a unique Team Code, which must be used for identification throughout the competition.
- g. Disclosing the institution's identity in any form during the competition is strictly prohibited and may lead to penalties or disqualification as determined by the faculty convenors of 1st NMIMS MCC 2025.

8. PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for the competition is as follows:

- 1. INR 3000/- for teams without hostel accommodation
- 2. INR 4000/- for teams with hostel accommodation

The fee is payable through online payment link. Proof of payment must be attached to the registration form.

The link for bank transfer is as follows: https://nmims.edu/payments/final/dataFrom.php

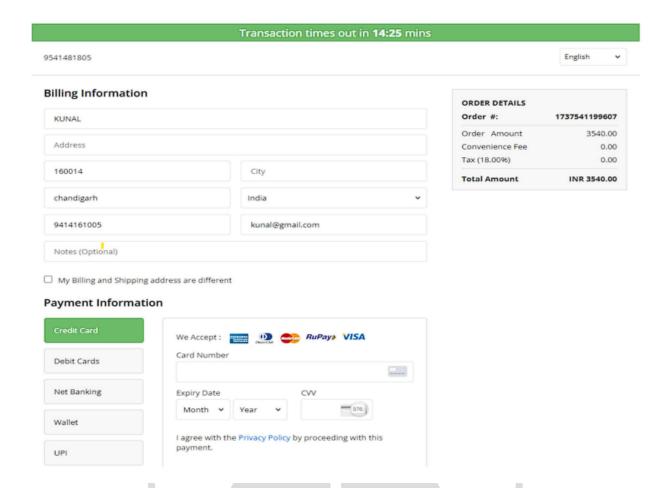
Please refer to the following points while making payment.

- Write mobile number in place of student number
- Event/Program Name NMIMS MOOT COURT CHD
- Campus Name Chandigarh
- Purpose of payment Event Registration
- State and Country State/Country of the college.

Please refer to the photo attached if required







Payment to be made strictly via Credit/Debit Cards only (No UPI/Net Banking)

Please contact the following for any queries related to fees registration.

- Aman Bhardwaj +91 99157 05779
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- Anshika Goel +91 90693 00007

9. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

The first 24 teams, based on the time of confirmation of their payment, will receive an email confirming their participation. Teams must revert to the email confirm their participation by 25.02.2025; failing this, invitations will be extended to the next teams in line.

CLARIFICATIONS

10. CLARIFICATION PROCESS & DEADLINES

Teams may submit queries related to the moot proposition via the provided Google Form link. A team may submit a maximum of 3 queries. The deadline for submitting queries is 11:59 PM IST on 27.02.2025.

The clarifications will be released on 01.03.2025.

MEMORIAL EVALUATION

11. MEMORIAL SUMISSIONS

 a. All registered teams must prepare two memorials: one for the Petitioner(s) and one for the Respondent(s).

- b. Memorials must be submitted via email to Sol.mootcourt@nmims.edu by 11:59 PM IST on 05.03.2025. The email subject must read: "Memorials (Team Code) 1st NMIMS Moot Court Competition, 2025 Chandigarh.
- c. A penalty of 1 point per hour will apply for late submissions. Memorials submitted more than 12 hours after the deadline will not be evaluated.
- d. Teams cannot modify or resubmit memorials after submission.

12. MEMORIAL FORMAT

- a. Memorials must be submitted as Microsoft Word documents (.doc/.docx). Teams may additionally submit a PDF version but not as a standalone document.
- b. The file name for each memorial must follow this format: "Team Code + P (Petitioner)" or "Team Code + R (Respondent)." Therefore, if a team is given Team Code 7, then their submissions for petitioner and respondent should be titled 7P and 7R respectively.
- c. The teams will be required to submit a hard copy of their memorials, the address for the post will be intimated on a later date with the team codes for the respective teams.
- d. Formatting requirements:
 - Legal-sized pages, 1-inch margins on all sides.
 - Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5-line spacing for text and size 10 with single-line spacing for footnotes.
 - Footnotes must be in 20th Edition of the Bluebook throughout the memorial
- e. Plagiarism
 - Plagiarism of more than 20% will attract a penalty of 1 point, on every 5% plagiarism. Plagiarism of more than 50% will lead to disqualification of the team.

13. MEMORIAL CONTENT

- a. Each memorial must include the following sections:
 - 1. Cover Page
 - 2. Table of Contents
 - 3. Table of Abbreviations
 - 4. Index of Authorities
 - 5. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - 6. Statement of Facts
 - 7. Issues Raised
 - 8. Summary of Arguments
 - 9. Arguments Advanced
 - 10. Prayer
- b. The Arguments Advanced section should not exceed 30 pages, and the memorial must not exceed 50 pages, including the cover page. Non-compliance will attract penalty of 1 point per page for every page exceeding the limit of 50 pages.
- c. Citations must adhere to the 20th Edition of the Bluebook. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are prohibited.

14. MEMORIAL EVALUATION

Memorials will be scored out of 100 marks. Detailed evaluation criteria and points allocation shall be as follows:

Parameters	Maximum Points		
Knowledge of Facts and Law	20		
Depth, extent and use of research	20		
Interpretation of Law & Application of Facts	20		
Clarity and Organization of Arguments	20		
Grammar, Style of legal writing and Formatting	20		

PENALTIES FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

Particulars SVK	Penalty			
Breach of anonymity in memorial	Disqualification			
Non-adherence to the prescribed format	1 mark for each violation			
Non-adherence to the prescribed sequence of	1 mark for each incorrect sequence of section			
headings				
Incorrect font size, line spacing, or font style	0.5 mark for every page on which a violation			
	exists			
Incorrect page margin & border	0.5 mark for every page on which a violation			
	exists			
Wrong colour on the cover page	1 mark			
Wrong section of law cited.	0.5 marks for every such violation			

<u>ORAL ROUND PROCEDURE</u>

15. GENERAL PROCEDURE

- a. The oral rounds will be held in person at the NMIMS Chandigarh Campus and will consist of the following:
 - Preliminary Rounds
 - Quarter final Round
 - Semi-final Round
 - Final Round
- b. The preliminary stage will have two rounds:
 - Preliminary Round I
 - Preliminary Round II
- c. In each round, the team representing the Petitioner(s) will present their arguments first, followed by the Respondent(s). After the arguments are completed, rebuttals by the Petitioner(s) and sur-rebuttals by the Respondent(s) may be permitted at the discretion of the judges.

- d. Participants must refer to themselves using their designated Team Code during all proceedings and are strictly prohibited from disclosing their institution's identity.
- e. Draw of Lots and Memorials will be exchanged between competing teams after the inaugural ceremony for the preliminary rounds. For subsequent rounds, memorial exchanges will occur well in advance as determined by the Organizing Committee.

16. PROCEDURES FOR ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- a. Teams may divide their allotted time among their speakers at their discretion
- b. Teams must inform the judges about their time division, including the allocation for rebuttals (Petitioner) or sur-rebuttals (Respondent), before the commencement of the round.
- c. Arguments presented must strictly adhere to the issues outlined in the submitted memorials.
- d. Researchers must be present during oral rounds.
- e. Participants are required to wear formal courtroom attire.
- f. Compendiums are optional but must be submitted in PDF format if used. These must include only the first page and relevant sections of any cited document or case. An index must be included at the beginning of the compendium file, and the file name must follow the format: C- 'Team Code'-Side (e.g., C10R for Respondent).
- g. The Organizing Committee will not be held responsible for any difficulties judges may encounter in locating documents within the compendium.
- h. Each speaker will be evaluated on a scale of 100 marks by each judge. The evaluation criteria will be as follows:

Criteria	Marks
Knowledge of Facts	20
Knowledge of law	20
Application of law to the facts	25
Interpretation of Law and Application of Facts	20
Courtroom Etiquettes, Style, Poise &	15
Time Management	

i. The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

17. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- a. There shall be two preliminary rounds. Each team shall argue in both the rounds, once as Petitioner(s) and once as Respondent.
- b. No team shall face the same bench more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will have 20 minutes to present their case during the preliminary rounds.
- d. The top 8 teams on the basis of aggregate score of both Preliminary Rounds and Memorial Evaluation will advance into the quarter finals

18. QUARTER FINALS

- a. The top 8 teams with the highest cumulative scores from the preliminary rounds will advance to the quarter finals.
- b. In the event of a tie, memorial scores will be used to determine the qualifying teams.
- c. Match-ups for the quarter finals and the side allotted to each team will be determined through draw of lots.
- d. Each team will have 20 minutes to present their case during the quarter finals rounds.
- e. This will be a knock out round

19. SEMI FINALS

- a. The winners of the quarterfinal rounds will advance to the semi-finals.
- b. Match-ups for the semi-finals and the side allotted to each team will be determined through draw of lots.
- c. Each team will get 30 minutes to present their case during semi-finals
- d. This will be a knock out round

20. FINALS

- a. The winners of the semi-final rounds will compete in the final round.
- b. The side each team argues on will be determined through a draw of lots.
- c. The final rounds will comprise a total of 40 minutes.
- d. The team that wins the final round will be declared the overall winner of the Competition.

RESEARCHER'S TEST

21. GUIDELINES FOR THE RESEARCHER'S TEST

- a. The researcher's test will evaluate participants based on their knowledge of the moot proposition, legal principles, and research skills.
- b. The participant with the highest score in the researcher's test will receive the *Best Researcher* award.

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22. AWARDS

- a. The winning team will receive a cash prize of INR 25,000.
- b. The runners-up team will receive a cash prize of INR 20,000.
- c. The Best Speaker will receive a cash prize of INR 5,000
- d. The Best Speaker Runners up will receive a cash prize of INR 3,000
- e. The team with the Best Memorial will receive a cash prize of INR 5,000.
- f. Best Researcher will receive a cash prize of INR 5,000.
- g. All participating teams will be provided with a certificate of participation or a certificate of merit, in accordance with the performance of the team.

23. SCOUTING

a. Teams that have been eliminated from the competition may observe oral rounds, but no team still competing is allowed to observe another round.

b. Scouting of other teams is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification.

24. ANONYMITY

- a. Teams must use their designated Team Code for identification at all times.
- b. Any violation of this rule will lead to immediate disqualification, and the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final.

25. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

a. Hostel Accommodation will be provided to the teams who specifically opted for it at the time of registration on first cum first serve basis.

26. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

- a. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend or modify the rules at any stage of the competition
- b. All official announcements made by the Organizing Committee, regardless of the medium, will be binding on participants. Teams are expected to stay informed of any updates or instructions provided.



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TRAVEL PLAN

Name of the particip	ating Institution:
Details of Team Me	mbers:
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ACCOMODATION

a) Whether Accommodation Required: YES / NO
If Yes; No. of Male and Female Members in the Team M F
Note: If travel details are not provided on time by the team, the organizer will not arrange
for the accommodation
SIGNATURE:
HEAD/DEAN OF SCHOOL: SVKM'S
FACULTY IN-CHARGE:
SPEAKER 1:
SPEAKER 2:
RESEARCHER:
DATE:
SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF DEAN/HOD
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CONSENT FORM

Note: This field is mandatory. Registrations will not be processed if this form is not completed and signed.

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The registration fee for the competition is as follows:

- 1. INR 3000/- for teams without hostel accommodation; &
- 2. INR 4000/- for teams with hostel accommodation.

Accomodation shall be provided on first-come-first basis. The fee is payable through online payment link. Proof of payment must be attached to the registration form. The link for bank transfer is as follows: https://nmims.edu/payments/final/dataFrom.php

Scan to register:

Registeration link:

https://forms.gle/QS5tU7fsgZ4MWXZ38



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