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INVITATION

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It gives me great pleasure to invite your esteemed institution to participate in the Inaugural 1st CCI-AUB National Moot Court Competition, 2026 on Competition Law, to be organised by Amity Law School, Amity University, Bengaluru, in association with the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

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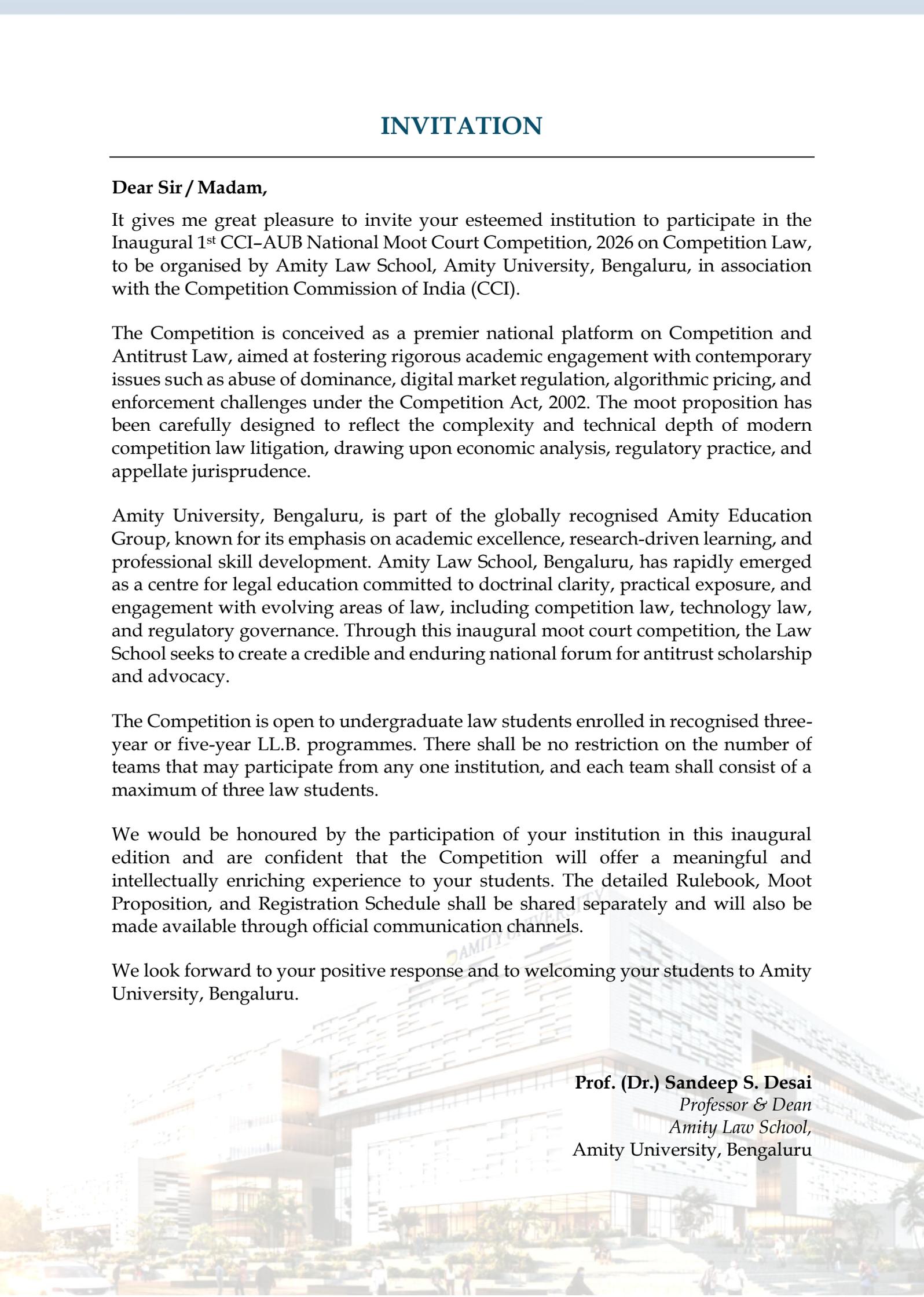
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We would be honoured by the participation of your institution in this inaugural edition and are confident that the Competition will offer a meaningful and intellectually enriching experience to your students. The detailed Rulebook, Moot Proposition, and Registration Schedule shall be shared separately and will also be made available through official communication channels.

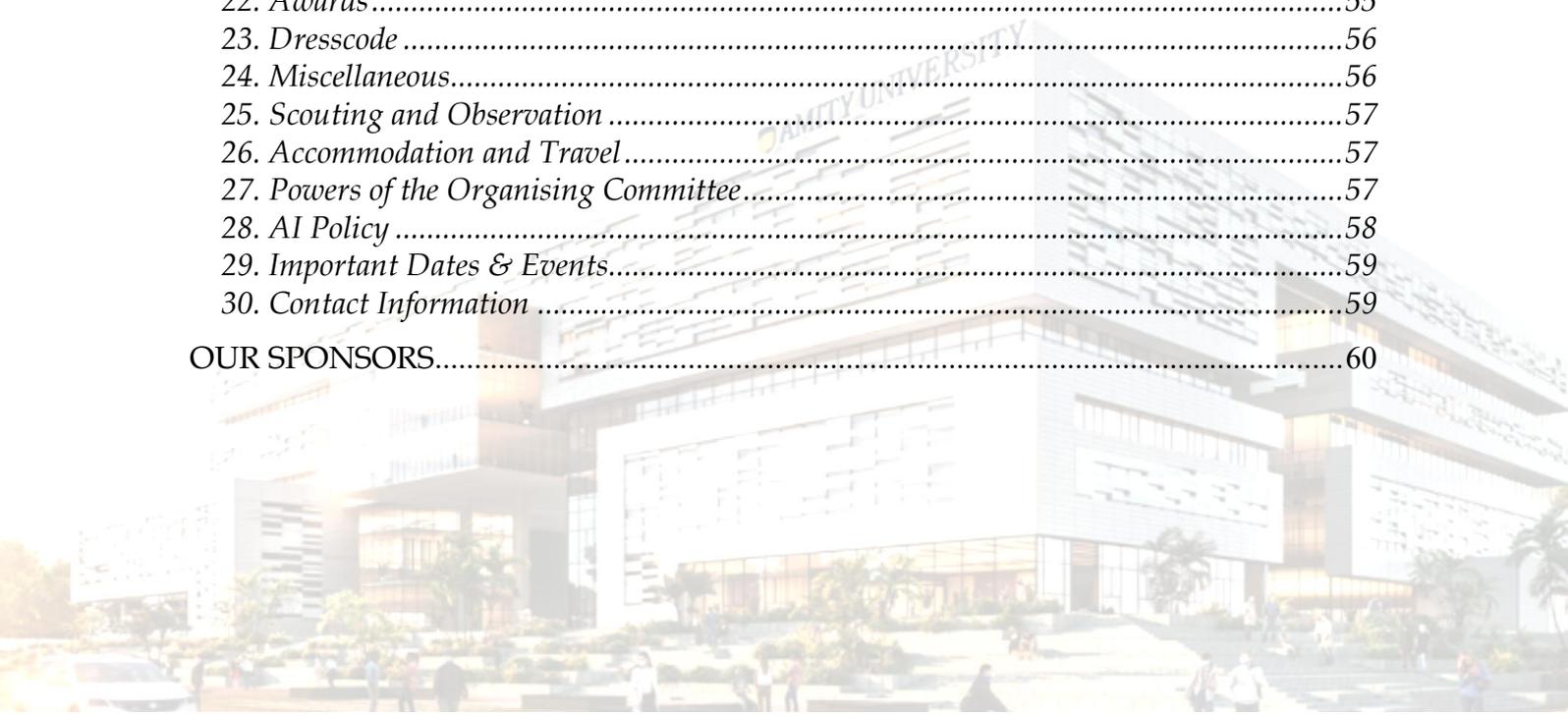
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Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep S. Desai
Professor & Dean
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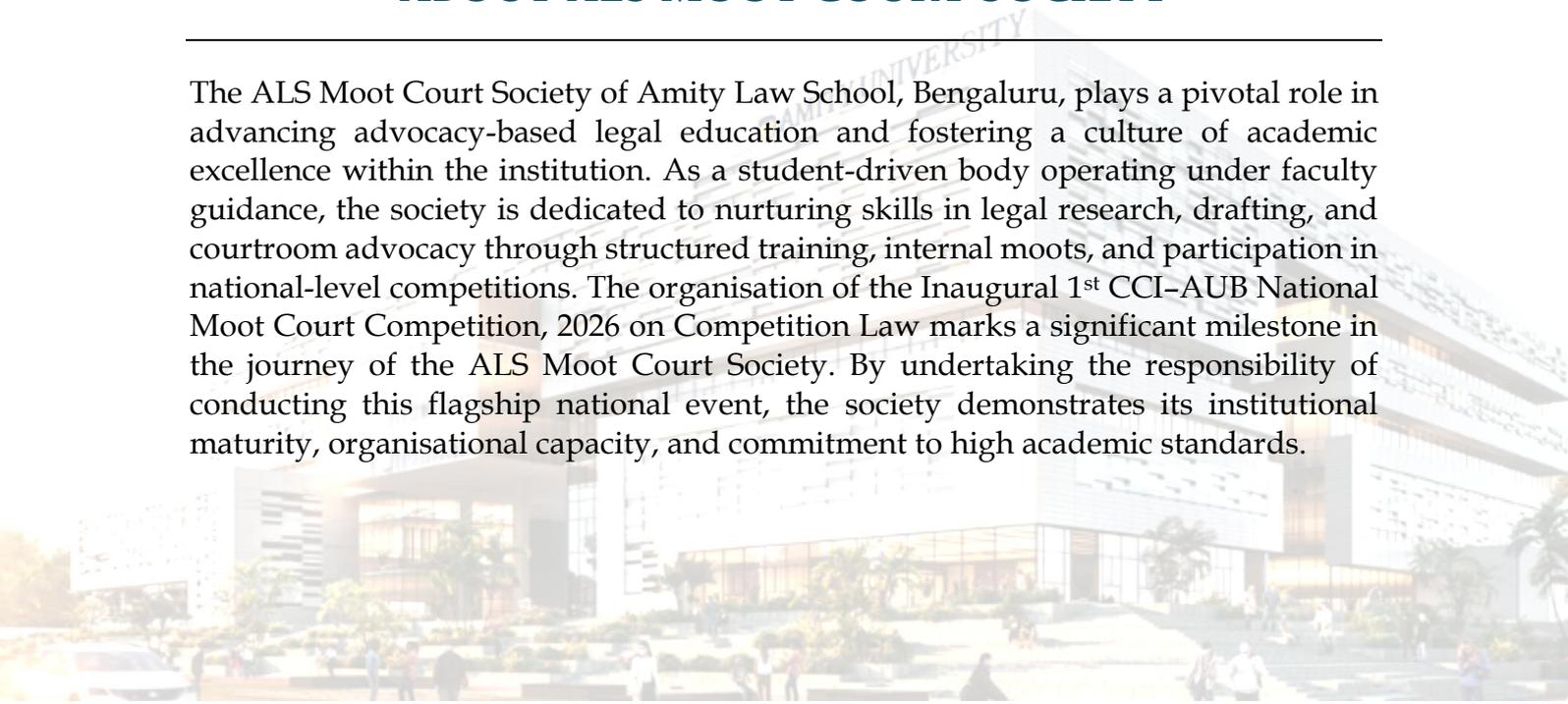
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ABOUT COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) at New Delhi is a regulatory body established by the Government of India. The duty of the Commission is to carry out the objectives enumerated under the Competition Act, 2002, i.e., to prohibit anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position by enterprises and regulate combinations, which cause or are likely to cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition within India. The broad objective of the Act is to create and sustain fair competition in the economy that will provide a 'level playing field' to the producers and make the markets. To this end, the mandate of the CCI includes eliminating practices having adverse effect on competition; inspiring businesses to be fair, competitive and innovative; protection of the interests of consumers and ensuring freedom of trade in the markets of India. To achieve its objectives, the Commission engages in wide-ranging advocacy programmes like competition assessment of policies and legislations by collaborating with educational institutions, conducting training sessions, panel discussions etc. in competition law, offering internship opportunities to students and organizing national level essay writing competitions.

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The ALS Moot Court Society of Amity Law School, Bengaluru, plays a pivotal role in advancing advocacy-based legal education and fostering a culture of academic excellence within the institution. As a student-driven body operating under faculty guidance, the society is dedicated to nurturing skills in legal research, drafting, and courtroom advocacy through structured training, internal moots, and participation in national-level competitions. The organisation of the Inaugural 1st CCI-AUB National Moot Court Competition, 2026 on Competition Law marks a significant milestone in the journey of the ALS Moot Court Society. By undertaking the responsibility of conducting this flagship national event, the society demonstrates its institutional maturity, organisational capacity, and commitment to high academic standards.



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Competition Law and Antitrust Regulation

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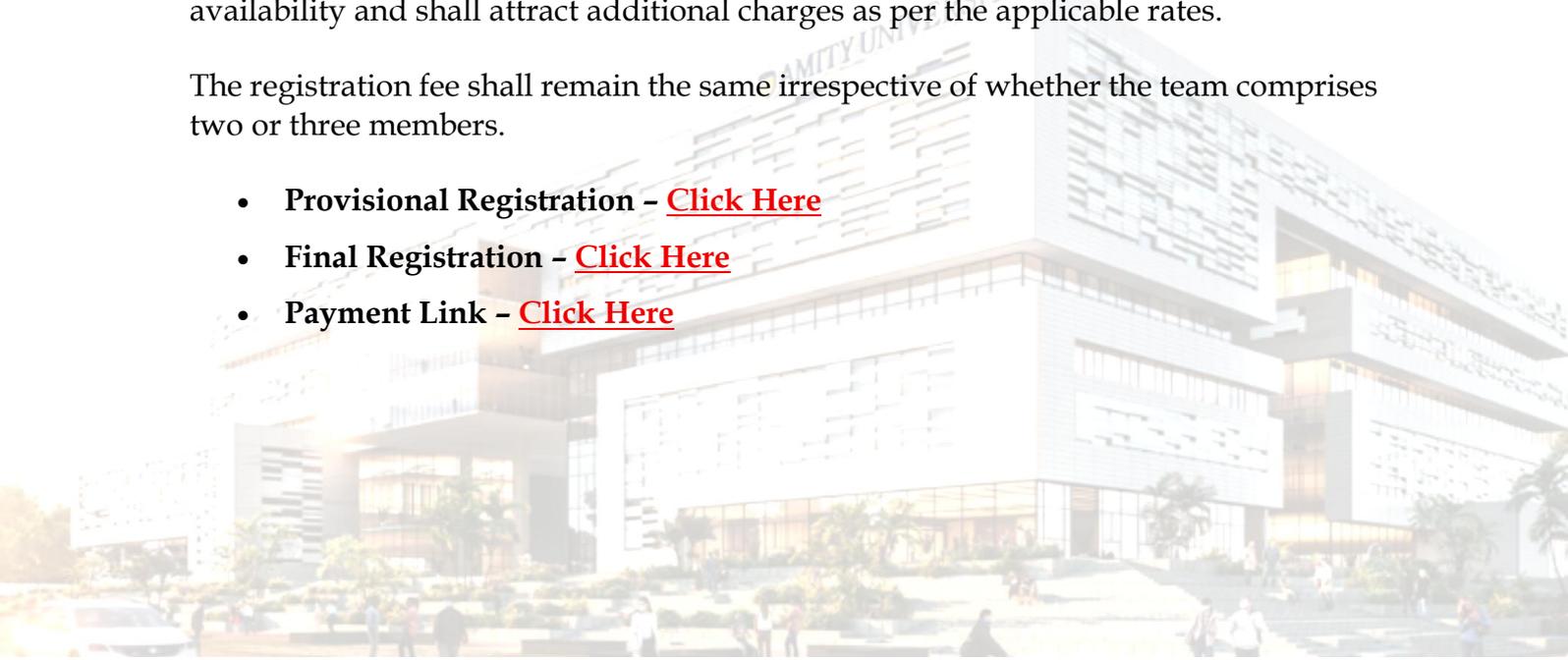
1. Each participating team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) members.
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 - two (2) Speakers; or
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- Each team shall consist of a maximum of three law students.
- Cross-institutional teams are permitted.
- Participation is independent of institutional identity, subject to compliance with the Competition Rules.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Event	Date
Registration Opens	Feb. 19, 2026
Release of the Moot Proposition	Feb. 19, 2026
Provisional Registration Deadline	Mar. 01, 2026
Final Registration Deadline	Mar. 14, 2026
Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	Mar. 17, 2026
Release of Clarifications	Mar. 19, 2026
Soft Copy of Memorial Submission Deadline	Mar. 26, 2026
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Inaugural Ceremony	Mar. 30, 2026
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MOOT PROPOSITION

1. In the early part of the second decade of the twenty-first century, India witnessed a dramatic restructuring of its urban services economy. Between 2014 and 2022, the penetration of smartphone-based service platforms increased from approximately 18% to nearly 71% in Tier I and Tier II cities, accompanied by a corresponding shift in consumer behaviour towards app-based aggregation models. By 2023, platform-mediated services accounted for an estimated 38% of all urban consumer transactions in transport, food delivery, and local logistics combined. It is within this broader transformation that the present dispute arises.
2. Pravahana Technologies Private Limited (“Pravahana”), incorporated in 2015 under the Companies Act, 2013, operates “PRAVA”, a multi-sided digital platform providing integrated mobility, local delivery, and last-mile logistics services across India. PRAVA began operations as a ride-hailing intermediary but gradually expanded, through a combination of acquisitions and in-house development, into a “super-app” ecosystem. By 2021, PRAVA had onboarded over 4.8 million driver-partners and serviced approximately 62 million active monthly users. Internal market reports relied upon by venture capital investors described PRAVA as occupying a “gatekeeper position” in urban mobility markets in at least twelve metropolitan regions.
3. Unlike its early competitors, PRAVA did not adopt a flat or distance-based pricing model. In 2018, it deployed a proprietary algorithmic pricing system named “Astra”, developed in collaboration with a foreign data analytics firm, Helix Metrics BV. Astra uses real-time inputs, including user location, past travel history, demand elasticity scores, weather data, device metadata, and local traffic density, to generate personalised fare quotations for each user. According to PRAVA’s public disclosures, Astra recalibrates prices every 3.2 seconds and conducts over 1.4 billion micro-simulations per day.

4. In early 2022, a group of independent driver associations and consumer collectives began raising concerns regarding extreme price dispersion observed for identical routes at identical times. A study conducted by the Institute for Digital Markets and Society (IDMS), based on a sample of 52,000 rides across five cities between August 2022 and January 2023, revealed fare variations of up to 47% for the same origin-destination pair within a time window of less than five minutes. The study further suggested that users with older devices, higher frequency of app usage, and prior acceptance of surge pricing were consistently quoted higher fares.
5. Simultaneously, rival platforms began experiencing sharp declines in driver availability. Between April 2022 and December 2023, three regional ride-hailing competitors exited major metropolitan markets, citing “unsustainable driver attrition and demand foreclosure.” Confidential documents leaked to the media suggested that PRAVA offered “priority dispatch visibility” and “predictive earnings assurance” to drivers who exclusively operated on its platform. These incentives were allegedly administered through Astra, which dynamically reduced ride allocation probabilities for drivers concurrently logged into competing applications.
6. On 17 March 2023, Vahana Mobility Solutions LLP (“Vahana”), a mid-sized platform operating in five states, filed information before the Competition Commission of India under section 19(1)(a) of the Competition Act, 2002. Vahana alleged that PRAVA had abused its dominant position by engaging in discriminatory pricing, exclusionary conduct, and algorithm-enabled market foreclosure, in violation of section 4 of the Act. Several consumer groups filed supplementary representations highlighting exploitative pricing practices and lack of transparency.
7. PRAVA, in its initial response, denied dominance and asserted that the relevant market was a “contestable, innovation-driven digital mobility ecosystem” characterised by low entry barriers and constant technological disruption. It argued that Astra merely optimised efficiency by matching supply and demand,

reduced idle time for drivers, and benefited consumers through shorter wait times. PRAVA further contended that price differentiation was a legitimate outcome of personalised services and that no competition law framework prohibited algorithmic pricing per se.

8. On 12 July 2023, the Commission ordered a detailed investigation under section 26(1), directing the Director General (“DG”) to examine, inter alia, the structure and functioning of Astra, PRAVA’s data collection practices, and the impact of its pricing and incentive mechanisms on competition. Given the technical complexity involved, the DG engaged a panel of economists and data scientists to assist in analysing anonymised datasets provided by PRAVA pursuant to confidentiality rings.
9. The investigation period coincided with significant developments in the market. In November 2023, PRAVA launched “PRAVA One”, a bundled subscription offering discounted rides, priority delivery, and access to affiliated digital wallets. Subscribers to PRAVA One were observed to receive systematically lower baseline fares and preferential driver allocation. By March 2024, PRAVA One had crossed 11 million subscribers, representing nearly 19% of PRAVA’s user base but accounting for over 41% of total rides.
10. Meanwhile, internal correspondence recovered during the DG’s investigation suggested that Astra was programmed to identify “multi-homing risk” among drivers and users and adjust incentives accordingly. A particularly contested email dated 4 February 2023 referred to “strategic dampening of cross-platform elasticity to stabilise market leadership.” PRAVA argued that the phrase was taken out of context and referred only to reducing volatility in service quality.
11. The DG submitted its report on 9 September 2024, concluding that PRAVA enjoyed a dominant position in the relevant market for app-based urban mobility services in certain geographic markets. The report found that Astra facilitated discriminatory pricing unrelated to cost, leveraged user data to exploit behavioural biases, and created entry barriers for rivals by foreclosing access to

drivers and consumers. However, the DG also acknowledged the absence of explicit collusive intent and noted that algorithmic outcomes were probabilistic rather than deterministic.

12. Relying on the DG's findings, the Commission, by a majority order dated 18 December 2024, held PRAVA guilty of abuse of dominance under section 4(2)(a)(ii) and 4(2)(c) of the Act 2002. It imposed a penalty of ₹1,850 crore, representing 7% of PRAVA's average relevant turnover for the preceding three financial years, and directed PRAVA to implement behavioural remedies, including algorithmic transparency disclosures and non-discriminatory driver access protocols.
13. Two members of the Commission issued a dissenting opinion, cautioning against "premature doctrinal expansion" of abuse standards into algorithmic conduct without clear evidence of consumer harm. The dissent emphasised the risk of chilling innovation and argued that dynamic pricing, even if imperfect, remained pro-competitive in fast-evolving digital markets.
14. Aggrieved by the order, PRAVA filed an appeal before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal ("NCLAT"), challenging both the finding of dominance and the attribution of liability for algorithm-driven outcomes. PRAVA argued that the Commission failed to apply appropriate economic tests, relied excessively on circumstantial evidence, and mischaracterised efficiency-enhancing conduct as exclusionary. It further contended that Astra functioned autonomously and that imputing intent or abuse to algorithmic processes violated principles of legal certainty.
15. Vahana and the consumer groups, impleaded as respondents, supported the Commission's order and argued that allowing opaque algorithms to escape scrutiny would render competition law obsolete. They contended that dominance in digital markets is exercised through control over data and interfaces rather than prices alone, and that PRAVA's conduct distorted consumer choice and entrenched inequality.

16. During the pendency of the appeal, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs issued a consultation paper proposing amendments to the Competition Act to address “digital gatekeepers and algorithmic accountability.” While the amendments had not yet been enacted, both parties sought to rely on the policy direction reflected therein.
17. The appeal raises complex questions at the intersection of law, economics, and technology. Among them are whether algorithmic price discrimination can constitute exploitative abuse absent uniform pricing benchmarks; how dominance should be assessed in multi-sided digital markets with rapid innovation cycles; the standard of proof required to attribute anti-competitive effects to autonomous systems; and the extent to which competition authorities may mandate transparency without infringing trade secrets.
18. Accordingly, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal has admitted the appeal for final hearing and has determined that the controversy raises substantial questions of law and fact warranting adjudication. The Tribunal has directed the parties to address the following issues, which arise from the impugned order of the Competition Commission of India and go to the core of competition enforcement in algorithm-driven digital markets:
- a. Whether Pravahana Technologies Private Limited holds a dominant position under section 4 of the Competition Act, 2002 in the relevant digital mobility market?
 - b. Whether personalised algorithmic pricing resulting in differential fares amounts to discriminatory or exploitative abuse of dominance under the Act 2002?
 - c. Whether exclusionary outcomes produced by algorithmic systems can be attributed to the enterprise for the purpose of establishing abuse of dominance?

- d. Whether the evidentiary standards and economic analyses relied upon by the Competition Commission of India meet the requirements of due process and competition law jurisprudence?
- e. Whether the penalties and behavioural remedies imposed by the Competition Commission of India are proportionate, lawful, and consistent with innovation and consumer welfare objectives?

19. The Tribunal has clarified that the determination of the above issues shall be confined strictly to the facts as emerging from the record and the applicable provisions of the Competition Act, 2002, without being influenced by prospective legislative developments or policy proposals not yet having the force of law. The parties have been granted liberty to advance arguments on law, economics, and comparative jurisprudence to the extent relevant to the issues framed, and to rely upon empirical evidence and expert material in support of their respective submissions.



Annexure A

(Extract of Internal Electronic Correspondence - Redacted)

Source of Record: Retrieved from the internal electronic mail servers of Pravahana Technologies Private Limited pursuant to directions issued under Section 41(2) of the Competition Act, 2002, during the course of investigation by the Office of the Director General.

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Email Communication No. 1

From: Aniruddh Mehta, Vice President (Growth Strategy)
To: Kavita Rao, Head - Data Science; Rohan Sen, Product Lead - Astra
Cc: Chief Operating Officer
Date: 4 February 2023
Time: 09:42 IST
Subject: Q1 Demand Stability and Leadership Metrics

“As we enter Q1, the Board has flagged continued volatility in demand-side loyalty across metro clusters, particularly during peak windows. While Astra’s optimisation framework has materially improved matching efficiency and reduced average idle time, the persistence of high cross-platform elasticity remains a concern from a leadership stability perspective.

Please review whether existing calibration parameters adequately account for habitual multi-homing behaviour, especially in dense corridors. Any refinement should remain within the current optimisation architecture and be defensible on efficiency and consumer experience grounds.”

Email Communication No. 2

From: Rohan Sen, Product Lead - Astra
To: Aniruddh Mehta, Vice President (Growth Strategy)
Cc: Kavita Rao, Head - Data Science
Date: 6 February 2023
Time: 14:18 IST
Subject: Re: Q1 Demand Stability and Leadership Metrics

“Astra currently identifies multi-homing signals only as probabilistic indicators within the demand forecasting layer. These signals inform simulation weights but do not operate as deterministic constraints.

Any adjustment that explicitly dampens elasticity may produce downstream effects on allocation outcomes, though such effects would remain indirect and contingent on multiple real-time variables. From a product standpoint, it would be prudent to remain within existing optimisation boundaries and to document efficiency rationales, particularly around wait-time reduction and service reliability.”

Email Communication No. 3

From: Kavita Rao, Head – Data Science
To: Rohan Sen, Product Lead – Astra
Cc: Aniruddh Mehta, Vice President (Growth Strategy)
Date: 6 February 2023
Time: 17:03 IST
Subject: Re: Q1 Demand Stability and Leadership Metrics

“From a modelling perspective, elasticity ‘noise’ often reflects short-term behavioural churn rather than structural switching. Astra’s current architecture does not prioritise exclusivity signals, but any refinement should be tested against fairness and variance thresholds.

I would recommend limiting changes to simulation sensitivity rather than altering allocation logic, to avoid interpretive risks if outputs are externally audited.”

Email Communication No. 4

From: Aniruddh Mehta, Vice President (Growth Strategy)
To: Neha Kulkarni, Chief Legal Officer
Date: 7 February 2023
Time: 10:11 IST
Subject: Regulatory Review – Astra Optimisation Parameters

“As discussed informally, certain internal terminology around ‘stability’ and ‘leadership’ is shorthand used in growth reviews and should not be read as market exclusion intent.

Nevertheless, please advise whether any of the current optimisation strategies, including probabilistic treatment of multi-homing behaviour, could be misconstrued under Section 4 of the Competition Act if subjected to regulatory scrutiny. We intend to proceed cautiously and ensure alignment with defensible efficiency objectives.”

Email Communication No. 5

From: Neha Kulkarni, Chief Legal Officer

To: Aniruddh Mehta, Vice President (Growth Strategy)

Date: 8 February 2023

Time: 18:27 IST

Subject: Re: Regulatory Review – Astra Optimisation Parameters

“Based on current information, there is no explicit instruction or mechanism suggesting exclusionary or discriminatory conduct. However, language used in internal communications should be neutral and capability-focused.

I recommend maintaining contemporaneous documentation emphasising consumer welfare, efficiency gains, and absence of exclusivity conditions. Any material changes to Astra’s functioning should be routed through legal review.”

***Note:**

The above correspondence represents a partial extract of communications reviewed during the investigation. No further emails directly referencing “elasticity dampening” or “multi-homing suppression” were recovered for the relevant period. The parties dispute the interpretation and legal significance of the terminology used herein.

Annexure B

(Extract from the Director General's Economic Analysis Report)

Report Reference: DG Investigation Report No. 17 of 2024 (Extracts)

Authority: Office of the Director General, Competition Commission of India

Prepared by: Economic Analysis and Quantitative Methods Unit

Period of Analysis: 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2024

Data Source: Anonymised ride-level datasets furnished by Pravahana Technologies Private Limited pursuant to directions issued under Section 41 of the Competition Act, 2002

Scope of Extract

This annexure reproduces select portions of the economic analysis relied upon by the Director General in forming preliminary conclusions on market effects. The extracts do not constitute the entirety of the economic assessment and must be read subject to the assumptions and limitations expressly stated herein.

Methodological Overview

The analysis employs panel regression techniques to examine the relationship between user-level behavioural variables and fare outcomes generated by the Astra algorithm. The objective is to identify patterns of price dispersion that cannot be immediately explained by observable demand-supply conditions such as distance, time of day, or traffic density.

The dependent variable used is the logarithmic transformation of fare quotations. Independent variables include prior surge acceptance, frequency of platform usage, device-age proxy, historical cancellation behaviour, and temporal demand indicators. Fixed effects were applied at the city and time-slot level to control for regional and temporal heterogeneity.

Table B-1: Summary of Regression Results (Primary Specification)

Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	p-value
Prior Acceptance of Surge Pricing	+0.312	0.129	0.018
Frequency of App Usage	+0.274	0.118	0.024
Device Age (Proxy Variable)	+0.193	0.094	0.041
Time of Day (Peak Indicator)	+0.481	0.076	<0.01
Weather Shock Index	+0.067	0.052	0.198

Adjusted R²: 0.46

Number of Observations: 52,487

Observations Recorded by the Director General

1. The model indicates a statistically significant association between certain user-specific behavioural indicators and higher fare quotations, after controlling for time and location effects.
2. The coefficients suggest that users with a demonstrated history of surge acceptance and higher engagement levels are more likely to be quoted higher fares, though the magnitude of such effects varies across cities.
3. The explanatory power of the model is moderate, indicating that a substantial portion of fare variation remains attributable to unobserved factors embedded within the algorithmic optimisation process.
4. No uniform pricing benchmark was applied, as the algorithm does not generate cost-based fares in the conventional sense.

Alternative Specifications and Robustness Checks

The Economic Analysis Unit tested multiple alternative specifications, including exclusion of behavioural variables and inclusion of additional demand-side controls. Certain specifications resulted in reduced statistical significance of user-specific variables, while others increased standard errors without reversing coefficient direction.

A non-parametric comparison of fare distributions for high-frequency and low-frequency users showed overlapping interquartile ranges, though with a heavier upper-tail dispersion for the former group during peak hours.

Limitations and Caveats

The Director General expressly notes the following limitations:

- a. The analysis does not establish deliberate design intent behind the observed outcomes and cannot, by itself, attribute anti-competitive purpose to the algorithm.
- b. Correlation observed in the data does not necessarily imply causation, particularly in complex adaptive systems where feedback loops are endogenous.
- c. Marginal cost data at the ride level was not available, limiting the ability to assess whether observed fare differentials were excessive or unfair in an economic sense.

- d. The algorithmic system under examination is dynamic and continuously learning; therefore, historical data may not fully reflect present or future operational behaviour.

DG's Concluding Observation (Extract)

“While the observed patterns are consistent with differential outcomes correlated with user behaviour, such outcomes may plausibly arise from efficiency-driven optimisation aimed at demand smoothing and service reliability. The economic evidence must therefore be assessed in conjunction with qualitative material, market structure, and legal standards governing abuse of dominance.”

***Note:**

This annexure forms part of a larger investigative record. The parties dispute the weight to be accorded to the econometric findings herein, as well as the inferences drawn therefrom.

Annexure C

(Comparative Fare Quotations for Identical Routes and Time Windows)

Source of Compilation: Institute for Digital Markets and Society (IDMS), New Delhi

Reference Study: “Price Dispersion and Personalisation in App-Based Mobility Services” (Interim Dataset)

Period Covered: 15 August 2022 to 31 January 2023

Geographic Scope: Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Hyderabad, Chennai

Data Collection Method: Simultaneous ride requests placed on the PRAVA platform using distinct user profiles, devices, and usage histories, within controlled temporal and geographic parameters.

Disclaimer by Compiling Body

The data presented herein reflects observed fare quotations at the point of request and does not account for post-booking adjustments, ride cancellations, incentives applied at completion, or backend cost allocation. The Institute does not draw normative conclusions and records outcomes only.

Methodology Summary

For each city, ride requests were generated within a time window not exceeding three minutes, for identical origin-destination pairs, under comparable traffic and weather conditions. User profiles were pre-classified based on frequency of platform usage, prior surge acceptance, subscription status, and device characteristics. No artificial manipulation of demand or supply was undertaken.

Each request was allowed to lapse after fare quotation and was not converted into a completed ride.

Table C-1: Bengaluru (Central Business District Corridor)

Date: 12 September 2022

Time Window: 18:42–18:45 IST

Route: MG Road Metro Station → Indiranagar 100 ft Road

Distance: 6.4 km

User Profile	Device	Subscription	Usage Frequency	Fare Quoted (₹)
User A	iOS (2022)	PRAVA One	High	312
User B	Android (2020)	None	Medium	276
User C	Android (2019)	None	Low	249

User D	iOS (2021)	PRAVA One	Medium	298
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Observed Spread: ₹63 (approx. 25.3%)

Table C-2: Mumbai (Suburban Peak Corridor)

Date: 4 October 2022

Time Window: 19:11–19:13 IST

Route: Andheri East Station → Bandra Kurla Complex

Distance: 8.1 km

User Profile	Surge Acceptance History	Device	Fare Quoted (₹)
User E	Frequent	Android (2021)	418
User F	Occasional	Android (2021)	362
User G	Rare	iOS (2022)	351

Observed Spread: ₹67 (approx. 19%)

Table C-3: Delhi NCR (Off-Peak Comparison)

Date: 21 November 2022

Time Window: 14:07–14:10 IST

Route: Connaught Place → Lajpat Nagar

Distance: 7.9 km

User Profile	Subscription	Cancellation History	Fare Quoted (₹)
User H	PRAVA One	Low	238
User I	None	High	261
User J	None	Low	244

Observed Spread: ₹23 (approx. 9.6%)

Table C-4: Hyderabad (Weather-Affected Window)

Date: 3 January 2023

Time Window: 20:18–20:21 IST

Route: Hitech City → Jubilee Hills

Distance: 5.7 km

Weather Condition: Moderate rainfall

User Profile	Device Age	Usage Frequency	Fare Quoted (₹)
User K	New	High	334
User L	Old	Low	289
User M	Old	Medium	301

Observed Spread: ₹45 (approx. 15.5%)

Aggregate Observations (as Recorded by IDMS)

1. Price dispersion was consistently higher during peak demand windows than off-peak periods.
2. Users with higher historical engagement or surge acceptance were more frequently quoted higher fares, though not uniformly across all observations.
3. Subscription holders often received lower baseline fares, but this advantage narrowed or reversed during high congestion periods.
4. No instance was observed where two users received identical fare quotations across all test variables.

Limitations Noted by IDMS

- a. The dataset does not capture algorithmic rationale or internal weighting mechanisms.
- b. Supply-side constraints, including driver density and micro-location variation, could not be perfectly controlled.
- c. Observed differentials may reflect legitimate demand-supply optimisation rather than discrimination.
- d. The absence of marginal cost data limits conclusions on excessiveness or unfairness.

Contested Interpretation

The parties dispute the legal and economic significance of the observed price dispersion. While the data demonstrates differential outcomes for similarly situated users, it does not establish whether such differentiation is arbitrary, exploitative, efficiency-driven, or competitively harmful within the meaning of the Competition Act, 2002.

Annexure D

(Extract from Driver Pricing, Incentive Calibration, and Allocation Policy)

Issued by: Pravahana Technologies Private Limited

Authority: Marketplace Economics and Dispatch Integrity Division

Document Reference: PRAVA/ME-DIP/Policy/04-2022

Version: 3.4 (Revised and Consolidated)

Date of Adoption: 15 November 2022

Effective Date: 1 December 2022

Applicable Jurisdictions: Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Hyderabad, Chennai

Confidentiality Status: Internal operational policy. Certain parameters and coefficients have been redacted in accordance with Regulation 35 of the Competition Commission of India (General) Regulations, 2009, on grounds of commercial sensitivity.

- a. **Purpose and Regulatory Context** - This Policy sets out the principles governing driver-partner remuneration, dynamic fare pass-through, incentive calibration, earnings assurance, and probabilistic ride allocation on the PRAVA digital platform. The stated purpose of the Policy is to ensure continuity of service, minimise passenger waiting time, and provide predictable earning opportunities to driver-partners, while responding to real-time fluctuations in demand and supply.
- b. **Generation of Base Fare** - Base fares are generated by the Astra pricing engine using distance travelled, estimated travel duration, congestion indices, and time-based demand multipliers. Such base fares are recalibrated dynamically, at intervals not exceeding four seconds during active demand windows.
- c. **Application of Demand-Supply Coefficient** - A composite demand-supply coefficient is applied to the base fare to reflect prevailing market conditions. The coefficient accounts for, inter alia, passenger request density, active driver availability, historical demand elasticity, and exogenous factors such as weather disruptions or public events.
- d. **Driver Compensation Structure** - Driver remuneration is computed as a variable proportion of the realised fare. The indicative range of such proportion lies between sixty-six per cent and seventy-two per cent, subject to adjustments arising from incentive eligibility and earnings assurance reconciliation.
- e. **Platform Service Fee** - The platform service fee is calculated as the residual component of the realised fare after driver remuneration. During periods of heightened demand, the platform service fee may be adjusted downward to encourage driver participation, without altering the fare quoted to consumers.

Table D-1: Illustrative Fare and Compensation Structure (Bengaluru - Peak Demand Periods)

Demand Level	Average Fare (₹)	Driver Share (%)	Driver Earnings (₹)	Platform Fee (₹)
Low	218	72	157	61
Medium	291	69	201	90
High	356	66	235	121

- f. **Earnings Assurance Mechanism** - The platform operates an earnings assurance mechanism whereby eligible driver-partners are assured a minimum hourly earning during notified time blocks. The mechanism operates as a reconciliation exercise at the end of the relevant period and does not operate as a cap on total earnings.
- g. **Eligibility Criteria for Assurance** - Eligibility for earnings assurance is determined on the basis of minimum logged-in hours, acceptance consistency, and compliance with platform guidelines. No contractual exclusivity or restriction on multi-platform participation is prescribed as a condition of eligibility.
- h. **Assurance Floors** - Assurance floors are determined city-wise and are reviewed periodically based on market conditions.

Table D-2: Earnings Assurance Matrix (Mumbai - December 2022)

Logged-in Hours	Assurance (₹/hour)	Floor	Average Earnings (₹/hour)	Actual	Net Top-Up (₹)
4-6	420		407		164
6-8	448		435		208
Above 8	478		469		126

- i. **Incentive Overlay Structure** - Incentive payments are applied in addition to base earnings and are computed prior to earnings assurance reconciliation. Such incentives are contingent upon performance metrics and may vary across cities and demand conditions.
- j. **Performance Index** - The platform computes a composite performance index for each driver-partner, which is periodically recalibrated.

- k. **Components of Performance Index** - The performance index comprises acceptance rate, completion reliability, passenger feedback, responsiveness during platform-notified peak periods, and compliance indicators.

Table D-3: Indicative Weightage of Performance Parameters

Parameter	Weightage (%)
Acceptance Consistency	26
Completion Reliability	22
Peak Period Responsiveness	19
Availability Accuracy	18
Passenger Feedback	15

- l. **Allocation Sensitivity Index** - Ride allocation operates through a probabilistic matching system. A driver-partner's allocation sensitivity index is derived from the performance index and predictive availability modelling.
- m. **Predictive Availability Modelling** - Predictive models may adjust allocation sensitivity where repeated delayed responses are observed during logged-in periods, for the purpose of reducing failed allocations and passenger wait times.
- n. **Priority Visibility in Allocation** - Higher allocation sensitivity indices result in increased visibility within the dispatch queue during congestion periods; however, no guarantee of ride allocation is provided.

Table D-4: Comparative Allocation Outcomes (Delhi NCR - Peak Hours)

Driver Category	Average ASI	Ride Offers per Hour	Acceptance Rate (%)
High Engagement	0.79	4.7	83
Medium Engagement	0.65	3.9	75
Low Engagement	0.52	3.0	62

- o. **Multi-Platform Participation** - The driver-partners are not prohibited from operating on competing platforms. No suspension, deactivation, or adverse action is taken solely on the basis of multi-homing behaviour.

- p. **Observed Earnings Stability** - The empirical data indicates that higher engagement levels are associated with greater earnings stability, though marginal earnings per hour taper beyond certain participation thresholds.

Table D-5: Weekly Earnings Distribution (Hyderabad - January 2023)

Engagement Level	Average Hours/Week	Average Trips	Average Gross Earnings (₹)
High	46.5	110	25,120
Medium	38.9	87	19,680
Low	31.6	71	14,980

- q. **Internal Compliance Advisory (Extract)** - “While this Policy does not mandate exclusivity, the cumulative effects of dynamic pricing pass-through, earnings assurance floors, and allocation sensitivity should be periodically reviewed to ensure that efficiency-driven incentives do not inadvertently operate as disincentives to lawful multi-platform participation.”
- r. **Interpretive Position** - Pravahana Technologies Private Limited relies upon this Policy to demonstrate a transparent, efficiency-oriented marketplace framework that rewards reliability and availability. The informants, however, contend that the combined operation of pricing mechanics, incentive structures, and allocation sensitivity produces de facto preferential outcomes that may impede effective competition.



Annexure E

(Elaborated Extract from the Dissenting Opinion of Certain Members of the Competition Commission of India)

Proceedings: In Re: Alleged Abuse of Dominant Position by Pravahana Technologies Private Limited

Case Reference: Case No. 17 of 2023

Date of Majority Order: 18 December 2024

Members Recording Dissent: Dr. S. Raghavan and Ms. Ananya Deshpande

1. We have carefully examined the information, the detailed investigation report submitted by the Director General, the responses of the enterprise, and the submissions made by the informants and intervenors. While we share the majority's concern regarding the increasing concentration of economic power in digital platform markets, we are unable, with respect, to concur with the finding that the conduct of Pravahana Technologies Private Limited ("the enterprise") has been conclusively established as an abuse of dominant position under section 4 of the Competition Act, 2002.
2. At a conceptual level, the assessment of dominance in multi-sided, algorithm-driven markets requires analytical caution. Such markets are characterised by indirect network effects, fluid user participation, and rapid technological iteration. Market shares, even when substantial at a given point in time, may not reflect durable market power in the absence of evidence demonstrating sustained entry barriers or an inability of rivals to constrain conduct. In our view, the majority places undue reliance on contemporaneous scale and data accumulation without sufficiently interrogating the contestability of the market over the medium term.
3. The majority's conclusion on dominance is further complicated by the prevalence of multi-homing on both the demand and supply sides. The record indicates that a significant proportion of users and driver-partners engage simultaneously with multiple platforms. Such behaviour, while not dispositive, weakens the inference that the enterprise can act independently of competitive constraints, a core requirement for establishing dominance under section 4.
4. Turning to the allegation of exploitative abuse through personalised pricing, it bears reiteration that differential pricing is not inherently anticompetitive. Competition law jurisprudence has consistently recognised that price differentiation may reflect variations in demand elasticity, service quality, or efficiency considerations. The present record does not disclose a uniform pricing benchmark against which unfairness or excessiveness may be assessed. Nor does it establish that consumers were deprived of meaningful choice or subjected to prices disconnected from economic value.

5. The reliance placed on algorithmic outcomes generated by the Astra system raises further concerns. Algorithms operating in complex environments often produce emergent outcomes that are not the result of direct instruction or conscious design. The attribution of liability to an enterprise for such outcomes requires a careful demonstration that the system was designed or deployed in a manner that foreseeably and materially restricted competition. In the absence of such demonstration, there is a risk of imputing intent or effect where neither can be reliably established.
6. The evidence relating to driver incentives and allocation mechanisms similarly warrants circumspection. While the material indicates that higher engagement is associated with improved allocation outcomes and earnings stability, the framework does not impose contractual exclusivity, nor does it prohibit multi-platform participation. Indirect incentives that reward availability and reliability are common features of platform markets and, without more, do not amount to exclusionary conduct unless they result in unavoidable foreclosure of rivals.
7. The economic analysis undertaken by the Director General is sophisticated and commendable in its methodological ambition. However, the analysis itself acknowledges the limitations inherent in correlational findings within adaptive systems. The absence of a robust counterfactual—demonstrating how the market would have evolved in the absence of the impugned conduct—renders it difficult to conclude that the observed outcomes are attributable to abuse rather than to competitive dynamics.
8. We are also concerned with the standard of proof applied by the majority. The imposition of significant monetary penalties and far-reaching behavioural remedies necessitates a high degree of evidentiary certainty. Where the evidence is equivocal and susceptible to multiple interpretations, regulatory restraint is warranted to avoid false positives that may deter innovation and dynamic competition.
9. The remedies imposed, particularly those relating to algorithmic transparency and neutrality, raise institutional and proportionality concerns. While transparency can enhance accountability, excessive or ill-defined disclosure obligations may compromise legitimate commercial interests and reduce incentives for investment in innovation. The Commission must be mindful of its role as a competition regulator and avoid, in effect, assuming the functions of a sectoral or technology regulator without clear legislative mandate.
10. It is important to clarify that our reservations do not imply that digital platforms should be insulated from competition law scrutiny. Rather, they underscore the necessity for the development of clearer analytical frameworks and evidentiary standards tailored to algorithm-driven markets. Such frameworks may be more appropriately developed through guidelines, market

studies, or legislative intervention, rather than through case-by-case adjudication imposing punitive sanctions.

11. In the totality of circumstances, we are of the considered view that the material on record raises important questions of market structure, consumer welfare, and regulatory policy, but does not meet the threshold required to establish abuse of dominant position under section 4 of the Act. We would therefore have refrained from recording a finding of contravention and instead limited the Commission's intervention to prospective guidance.
12. The appeal presently pending before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal affords an opportunity for authoritative clarification on these issues. The Tribunal's determination will be of considerable significance in shaping the future trajectory of competition law enforcement in digital and algorithm-driven markets in India.



RULEBOOK

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of the present Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. **“Advanced Rounds”** shall mean the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds of the Competition conducted in physical mode.
2. **“Amity Law School, Amity University, Bengaluru”** (hereinafter **“AUB”**) shall mean the organising academic institution hosting the Competition.
3. **“CCI”** shall mean the Competition Commission of India.
4. **“Clarifications”** shall mean requests for information or explanation sought by participating teams with respect to the Moot Proposition, strictly limited to factual aspects, and addressed in accordance with the procedure prescribed under these Rules.
5. **“Competition”** shall mean the *1st CCI-AUB National Moot Court Competition, 2026*.
6. **“Moot Proposition”** shall mean the factual matrix, annexures, and issues released by the Organising Committee for the purposes of the Competition, together with all official clarifications issued thereto.
7. **“Memorial” or “Memorandum”** shall mean the written submissions prepared and submitted by a participating team on behalf of the respective parties in accordance with these Rules.
8. **“Organising Committee”** shall mean the committee constituted by Amity Law School, Amity University, Bengaluru, for the conduct and administration of the Competition.
9. **“Participating Team” or “Team”** shall mean a team duly registered and confirmed for participation in the Competition in accordance with these Rules.
10. **“Preliminary Rounds”** shall mean the oral rounds conducted prior to the Advanced Rounds for the purpose of determining the teams qualifying for the Advanced Rounds.
11. **“Cross-institutional Team”** shall refer to teams that consist of members from more than one institution.
12. **“Compendium”** shall refer to the collection of judgements and resources used to support the oral and written submissions of the party.

13. **“Rules”** shall mean the present Rules governing the conduct of the Competition, including any amendments or modifications issued by the Organising Committee.
14. **“Soft Copy”** shall include documents submitted in electronic format, including PDF and word-processing formats, as prescribed under these Rules.
15. **“Dispute Resolution Committee”** shall consist of the Competition Convenor, Faculty Advisor of MCC, and Dean, Amity Law School.

2. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

1. The Organising Committee shall have the exclusive authority to interpret, clarify, modify, or amend these Rules for the orderly conduct of the Competition.
2. The decision of the Organising Committee with respect to the interpretation or application of any provision of these Rules shall be final and binding upon all participating teams.
3. All participating teams shall be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted these Rules in their entirety upon registration for the Competition.
4. In the event of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or omission in these Rules, the interpretation adopted by the Organising Committee shall prevail, keeping in view the objectives of fairness, academic integrity, and smooth conduct of the Competition.

3. ELIGIBILITY

1. The Competition shall be open exclusively to students who are bona fide enrolled, as on the date of registration, in a three-year or five-year undergraduate law programme or its equivalent, conducted by a college, university, or institution recognised by the Bar Council of India or any other competent authority.
2. Each eligible College, University, or Institution may nominate up to two (2) teams to participate in the Competition. No institution shall be permitted to send more than two teams under any circumstances. The Organising Committee reserves the right to review and regulate registrations in the interest of maintaining administrative feasibility and competitive balance.
3. Students enrolled in postgraduate law programmes, diploma or certificate courses, or any other programme not equivalent to an undergraduate law degree shall not be eligible to participate in the Competition.

4. Students who are enrolled with, or hold a licence issued by, any Bar Council to practise before any court, tribunal, or statutory authority shall not be eligible to participate.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

6. Each participating team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) members.
7. A team may be constituted either of:
 - two (2) Speakers; or
 - two (2) Speakers and one (1) Researcher.
8. No change in team composition shall be permitted after the final registration deadline, except in cases of genuine and unavoidable exigency, and only upon prior written approval of the Organising Committee.
9. A Researcher may be permitted to present oral arguments during the Oral Rounds only in exceptional circumstances and subject to the prior permission of the Bench and the Organising Committee.
10. In the event that a team does not include a designated Researcher, one of the Speakers may be nominated to undertake the role of Researcher solely for the purposes of participation in the Researcher's Test, and such Speaker shall be eligible to appear for the same.

5. LANGUAGE

1. The Competition shall be conducted exclusively in the English language.
2. All written submissions, including Memorials and Compendiums, as well as all Oral Submissions and official communications pertaining to the Competition, shall be made strictly in English.

6. REGISTRATION

6.1. Provisional Registration

1. All institutions intending to participate in the 1st CCI-AUB National Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall complete Provisional Registration by submitting the requisite details through the mode notified by the Organising Committee on or before the date and time specified in the official schedule.
2. Provisional Registration shall operate solely for the purpose of reserving a slot for the institution, subject to compliance with the eligibility criteria and the cap on the number of participating teams.

3. The Competition shall be limited to a maximum of twenty (20) teams, and such limit shall be applied strictly on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the time of completion of Provisional Registration.
4. Only those institutions that successfully complete Provisional Registration within the prescribed cap of twenty (20) teams shall be eligible to proceed to the Final Registration stage.
5. Institutions that complete Provisional Registration after the prescribed cap has been reached shall be placed on a waitlist. In the event of non-completion of Final Registration by any institution within the stipulated timeline, institutions placed on the waitlist shall be invited to complete Final Registration in order of priority.

6.2. Final Registration

1. Participation in the Competition shall be deemed final and confirmed only upon the successful completion of Final Registration, in accordance with the procedure and timeline notified by the Organising Committee.
2. All teams proceeding to Final Registration shall be required to complete the Final Registration Form on or before the deadline specified by the Organising Committee. Failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of the provisionally reserved slot.
3. Each team shall be required to pay a registration fee of ₹6,500/- (Rupees Five Thousand only), inclusive of accommodation, prior to completing the Final Registration process. The registration fee shall be non-refundable under all circumstances, including withdrawal or disqualification.
4. Proof of payment of the registration fee shall be mandatorily uploaded or attached at the time of submission of the Final Registration Form. Final Registration shall not be processed in the absence of valid proof of payment.
5. The mode(s) of payment and relevant banking or digital payment details shall be notified separately by the Organising Committee through official communication channels.
6. Upon successful verification of the Final Registration Form and payment details, all registered teams shall be intimated of the confirmation of their participation via official email communication.
7. All registered teams shall be required to submit a Bonafide Certificate or Institutional Authorization Letter, duly issued by the concerned institution, certifying the eligibility of the participants and authorising their participation in the Competition. Failure to submit the same within the prescribed timeline may result in disqualification.

7. MOOT PROPOSITION AND CLARIFICATIONS

1. The Moot Proposition for the 1st CCI-AUB National Moot Court Competition, 2026 shall be released on the date notified by the Organising Committee through official communication channels.
2. The Moot Proposition, along with its annexures, shall be made available to all provisionally registered teams through the mode specified by the Organising Committee.
3. The Moot Proposition is a fictitious and hypothetical scenario, drafted solely for the academic purposes of this Competition.
4. The Moot Proposition does not intend to depict, nor shall it be construed as depicting, any real person, institution, organisation, incident, or ongoing litigation, whether living or dead.
5. Any resemblance to actual events, persons, institutions, or proceedings is purely coincidental and unintended.
6. Participants shall not, under any circumstances, directly or indirectly attempt to contact the drafters of the Moot Proposition.
7. Any violation of this provision shall result in immediate disqualification of the concerned team, at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
8. Teams may seek clarifications strictly limited to factual aspects of the Moot Proposition and the annexures thereto, within the timeline specified by the Organising Committee.
9. All requests for clarifications shall be submitted only through the official email address or mode notified by the Organising Committee and shall bear the subject line as specified in the clarification notice.
10. Clarifications shall not extend to legal interpretations, argumentative guidance, or strategic suggestions, and any such requests shall be disregarded.
11. All valid clarification requests received within the stipulated timeline shall be consolidated, and official clarifications shall be issued by the Organising Committee on a date notified in advance.
12. The clarifications so issued shall form an integral part of the Moot Proposition and shall be binding on all participating teams.

8. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. Memorial Submissions and Qualification for Oral Rounds
2. All participating teams shall be required to submit written Memoranda in accordance with the Memorial Submission Guidelines prescribed under these Rules.
3. The scores obtained by teams in the Memorial Evaluation Round shall not operate as a basis for elimination, and all participating teams shall be eligible to advance to the Oral Rounds, irrespective of their Memorial scores.

8.1. Exchange of Memoranda

1. Prior to each round of oral arguments, opposing teams shall exchange copies of their respective Memoranda in the manner specified by the Organising Committee.
2. Teams shall strictly refrain from making photocopies, digital reproductions, or any form of duplication of the exchanged Memoranda.
3. Teams shall not write on, annotate, mark, or otherwise tamper with the exchanged Memoranda, nor shall they take notes from the same during or after the exchange.
4. Any violation of the provisions governing the exchange of Memoranda shall attract penalties, including disqualification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

8.2. Structure of Oral Rounds

1. The Oral Rounds of the Competition shall consist of the following stages:
 - a. Preliminary Rounds, comprising two (2) rounds; and
 - b. Advanced Rounds, comprising:
 - Quarter-Final Rounds;
 - Semi-Final Rounds; and
 - Final Round.
2. The detailed manner of conduct, scoring, progression, and adjudication of the Preliminary and Advanced Rounds shall be governed by Rules 5.4 to 5.8 and other relevant provisions of these Rules.
3. For the purposes of ensuring fairness, balance, and diversity of match-ups, the fixtures for the two Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the

Gross Memorial Scores obtained by the teams, using two distinct systems, as explained below.

4. Preliminary Round I – Power Match-Up System - In one of the Preliminary Rounds, fixtures shall be determined using a Power Match-Up System. Under this system, teams are ranked according to their Gross Memorial Scores, and the highest-ranked teams are paired against the lowest-ranked teams. *For Eg.:* If the Competition consists of 24 teams, the fixtures under this system shall be (*Team 1 v. Team 24, Team 2 v. Team 23, Team 3 v. Team 22, and so on.*)
5. Accordingly the team ranked first shall face the team ranked last followed by the team ranked second shall face the team ranked second-last and the pairing shall continue in the same manner until all teams are matched.
6. This system ensures that teams with higher Memorial scores are evenly distributed across fixtures and are tested against teams across the ranking spectrum.
7. Preliminary Round II – Slide Match-Up System - In the other Preliminary Round, fixtures shall be determined using a Slide Match-Up System. Under this system, the ranked list of teams is divided into two equal halves, and teams from the upper half are paired with corresponding teams from the lower half. *For Eg.* If the Competition consists of 24 teams, the fixtures under this system shall be (*Team 1 v. Team 13, Team 2 v. Team 14, Team 3 v. Team 15, and so on, up to Team 12 v. Team 24.*)
8. Accordingly, the team ranked first shall face the team ranked immediately after the median followed by the team ranked second shall face the team ranked next after that and the pairing shall continue sequentially until all teams are matched.
9. This system ensures that teams argue against opponents of relatively comparable overall standing, while also preventing repeated match-ups.

8.3. Quarter-Final Rounds

1. Upon completion of the Preliminary Rounds, the eight (8) highest-ranked teams, as determined in accordance with the applicable scoring and ranking criteria, shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds.
2. Each team qualifying for the Quarter-Final Rounds shall argue once only, for the side allotted to it through a draw of lots.
3. The fixtures for the Quarter-Final Rounds shall be determined by a Power Match-Up System based on the cumulative rankings of teams after the Preliminary Rounds, as (*Rank 1 v. Rank 8, Rank 2 v. Rank 7, Rank 3 v. Rank 6, Rank 4 v. Rank 5*).

4. The winner of each Quarter-Final fixture shall be determined on the basis of a Round-Point System, whereby each judge shall award one (1) point to the team scored higher by such judge. The team securing a greater number of points shall be declared the winner of the round.
5. In the event of a tie in points, the following tie-breakers shall be applied sequentially:
 - a. The team with the higher cumulative speaker scores in the concerned round shall be ranked higher;
 - b. The team with the higher Gross Memorial Scores shall be ranked higher;
 - c. The team with the higher score under the criterion “Application of Legal Principles and Use of Authorities” shall be ranked higher;
 - d. If the tie persists, the matter shall be resolved by a draw of lots.

8.4. Tie-Breaking Criteria

1. In the event that two or more teams secure an identical number of points in any round or stage of the Competition where ranking or progression is required, such tie shall be resolved by applying the following criteria sequentially and in the order specified below.
2. The team with the higher aggregate score awarded by the Bench in the concerned round shall be ranked higher.
3. Where the tie persists, the team with the higher cumulative speaker scores obtained in the concerned round shall be ranked higher.
4. If the tie remains unresolved, the team with the higher Gross Memorial Scores shall be ranked higher.
5. In the event that the tie still subsists, the team with the higher score under the evaluation criterion titled “Application of Legal Principles and Use of Authorities”, as prescribed under the Memorial and Oral Evaluation Criteria, shall be ranked higher.
6. Where the above criteria fail to resolve the tie, the matter shall be decided by a draw of lots, to be conducted under the supervision of the Organising Committee, and the outcome thereof shall be final and binding.

8.5. Semi-Final Rounds

1. The four (4) teams declared winners of the Quarter-Final fixtures shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds.

2. Each qualifying team shall argue **once only**, for the side allotted to it by a draw of lots.
3. The fixtures for the Semi-Final Rounds shall be as follows:
 - a. Winner of Quarter-Final Fixture I v. Winner of Quarter-Final Fixture IV
 - b. Winner of Quarter-Final Fixture II v. Winner of Quarter-Final Fixture III
4. The determination of winners in the Semi-Final Rounds shall be governed by the Round-Point System set out in Rule 5.5.4.
5. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaking criteria specified under Rule 5.5.5 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

8.6. Final Round

1. The two (2) teams declared winners of the Semi-Final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round of the Competition.
2. Each finalist team shall argue once only, for the side allotted to it by a draw of lots.
3. The winner of the Final Round shall be determined in accordance with the Round-Point System, and in the event of a tie, the tie-breaking criteria specified under Rule 5.5.5 shall apply.
4. The team declared winner of the Final Round shall be designated as the Winning Team of the Competition, and the opposing team shall be designated as the Runners-Up Team.

8.7. Repeat Match-Ups in Advanced Rounds

1. A team may face an opposing team in the Advanced Rounds that it had previously faced during the Preliminary Rounds.
2. In such an event, the sides not previously argued by the teams against each other shall be automatically allotted, and no draw of lots shall be conducted for side allocation.

9. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

1. The Oral Rounds shall comprise:
 - a. Preliminary Rounds
 - b. Advanced Rounds

2. The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted to determine the teams qualifying for the Advanced Rounds, in accordance with the scoring and ranking criteria prescribed by the Organising Committee.
3. The Advanced Rounds shall consist of the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds, conducted in physical mode at the venue notified by the Organising Committee.
4. Each team for the Oral Rounds shall be required to argue on behalf of both sides, unless otherwise specified by the Organising Committee.
5. The Organising Committee reserves the right to modify the structure, number of rounds, or mode of conduct of the Competition, should exigencies so require, provided that such modifications are communicated to all participating teams in a timely manner.

10. ELIGIBILITY

1. The Competition shall be open to students who are bona fide enrolled on a regular basis in an undergraduate or postgraduate law programme, including LL.B. (Three-Year or Five-Year) and LL.M. programmes, conducted by any institution recognised by the Bar Council of India or any other competent authority.
2. The students must be enrolled as on the date of registration and must continue to remain enrolled for the duration of the Competition.
3. There shall be no restriction on the number of teams that may participate from any one institution.
4. Applications from Cross-institutional Teams are accepted. There is no limit on the number of teams applying from one institution.
5. The Competition shall not be open to students currently enrolled at Amity Law School, Amity University, Bengaluru.
6. The Organising Committee reserves the right to verify the eligibility of any participant at any stage of the Competition and to disqualify any participant or team found to be ineligible.

11. TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each participating team shall consist of either two (2) or three (3) members.
2. In teams consisting of three members, two members shall be designated as Speakers and one member shall be designated as a Researcher.

3. In teams consisting of two members, both members shall act as Speakers, and such teams shall forgo any benefits or awards exclusively reserved for Researchers, if any.
4. No additional members, including observers or coaches, shall be permitted as part of the team for the purposes of the Competition.
5. Substitution of any team member after the registration deadline shall not be permitted, except in exceptional circumstances and only with the prior written approval of the Organising Committee.

12. ANONYMITY

1. All teams shall strictly maintain anonymity throughout the Competition.
2. Ensure no Memorial, Compendium, or accompanying document must contain any information revealing the identity of the team members or the institution represented.
3. During the Oral Rounds, speakers shall identify themselves only by their Team Codes and shall not, under any circumstance, disclose the name of their institution.
4. Any breach of anonymity, whether direct or indirect, including through metadata or references in submissions, shall result in immediate disqualification of the team.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

1. All official communications between the Organising Committee and participating teams shall be conducted exclusively through the email address and/or online platforms notified by the Organising Committee.
2. Any information communicated to one member of a team shall be deemed to have been communicated to the entire team.
3. The Organising Committee may issue notices, updates, or clarifications through official emails, the Competition website, or other designated channels, and such communications shall be binding on all participating teams.
4. Teams shall be responsible for regularly monitoring official communication channels for updates and announcements.

14. CLARIFICATIONS

1. Any team seeking clarification with respect to the Moot Proposition may submit requests strictly in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Organising Committee.
2. Clarifications shall be limited exclusively to factual aspects of the Moot Proposition and the annexures thereto. Requests seeking guidance on legal arguments, interpretative strategies, or substantive positions shall not be entertained.
3. Each team may seek a maximum number of clarifications, as notified by the Organising Committee, within the prescribed timeline.
4. All clarification requests shall be submitted through the official mode specified by the Organising Committee, and no clarification requests sent through informal channels shall be considered.
5. Clarifications, once issued, shall form an integral part of the Moot Proposition and shall be binding on all participating teams.
6. No clarification request received after the stipulated deadline shall be entertained under any circumstances.
7. The Organising Committee reserves the right to reframe, consolidate, modify, or decline any clarification request without assigning reasons.

15. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Every team duly registered for the Competition shall submit two Memorials, one on behalf of the Informant(s)/Appellant(s) and one on behalf of the Opposite Party/Respondent(s), as prescribed in the Moot Proposition.
2. Memorials shall be submitted only in soft copy format unless otherwise notified by the Organising Committee.
3. Each Memorial shall be submitted in both PDF (.pdf) and Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) formats. Both versions must be identical in all respects.
4. Memorials shall be submitted on or before the deadline specified by the Organising Committee. Any Memorial submitted after the deadline shall not be evaluated.
5. Each Memorial shall be contained in a single file and shall be named using the Team Code followed by an identifier for the side represented.

6. Teams shall ensure that no identifying information is contained in the Memorial, including metadata, headers, footers, or file properties.
7. In the event of multiple submissions by the same team prior to the deadline, only the last submission received shall be considered for evaluation.
8. The Organising Committee reserves the right to publish, reproduce, or otherwise use the Memorials submitted, with due acknowledgement, for academic or promotional purposes.

16. MEMORIAL

16.1. Contents

1. Each Memorial shall contain the following sections, arranged in the order specified below, and each section shall begin on a new page:
 - Cover Page
 - Table of Contents
 - Table of Abbreviations
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Issues Raised
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Arguments Advanced
 - Prayer
2. The Statement of Facts shall be confined strictly to the facts stated in the Moot Proposition and the official clarifications issued, and may include reasonable inferences drawn therefrom.
3. The Summary of Arguments shall present a concise overview of the arguments advanced and shall not introduce new facts or authorities.

16.2. Memorial Format

1. All Memorials shall be prepared on A4-sized paper with margins of one inch on all sides.

2. The body text of the Memorial shall be in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing.
3. Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, font size 10, with single line spacing.
4. The text of the Memorial shall be fully justified. This requirement shall not apply to the Cover Page.
5. Citations shall conform strictly to the latest edition of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*.
6. Explanatory or argumentative, endnotes, or substantive arguments contained in footnotes shall not be permitted.
7. Page numbering shall be as follows:
 - The Cover Page and Table of Contents shall not bear page numbers.
 - Sections from the Table of Abbreviations up to the Summary of Arguments shall use Roman numerals.
 - The Arguments Advanced section shall use Arabic numerals.
8. The Memorial shall not exceed the page limit prescribed by the Organising Committee. Any material exceeding the page limit shall not be evaluated.
9. Non-compliance with the formatting or submission requirements may attract penalties or disqualification, as determined by the Organising Committee.

16.3. Page Limits

1. The Memorials submitted by participating teams shall strictly adhere to the following page limits for the respective sections:
 - a. **Statement of Jurisdiction:** Maximum 1 page
 - b. **Statement of Facts:** Maximum 2 pages
 - c. **Summary of Arguments:** Maximum 2 pages
 - d. **Arguments Advanced:** Maximum 25 pages
 - e. **Prayer:** Maximum 1 page
2. The page limits prescribed above shall be exclusive of the Cover Page, Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations, and Index of Authorities. Any material exceeding the prescribed page limits shall not be evaluated.

16.4. Plagiarism

1. Any substantial similarity, whether in part or in whole, between a Memorial submitted by a team and any other literary work, published or unpublished, or between Memorials submitted by two or more teams, shall constitute plagiarism.
2. The Organising Committee shall determine, at its discretion, the degree and impact of plagiarism. Cases of substantial plagiarism may result in disqualification or any other penalty deemed appropriate.

16.5. Copyright

1. The Organising Committee reserves the right to reproduce, publish, or disseminate the Memorials submitted for the purposes of the Competition, including academic, archival, or promotional use.
2. Submission of Memorials for the Competition shall be deemed to constitute the consent of the participating teams for such use, without any claim for compensation or prior approval.

16.6. Team Code and Anonymity

1. Each participating team shall be assigned a unique **Team Code** upon completion of the registration formalities. The Team Code shall be the sole means of identification for the team throughout the Competition.
2. All Memorials shall contain only the assigned Team Code as an identifying mark. No other reference, direct or indirect, revealing the identity of the participants or the institution represented by them shall appear anywhere in the Memorials.
3. The file names of the soft copies of the Memorials shall contain only the Team Code and an indicator denoting the side represented. The following codes shall be used: **A** for Appellant, **R** for Respondent, **I** for Informant, and **O** for Opposite Party.

Illustration: A team with Team Code "07" filing a Memorial on behalf of the Informant shall name the file as "07I".

4. The anonymity requirement shall extend to the metadata of the soft copies of the Memorials. Teams shall ensure that all identifying information, including author names, comments, highlights, tracked changes, and document properties, is removed prior to submission.
5. Any breach of anonymity, whether in the body of the Memorial, its formatting, file name, or metadata, may result in penalties or disqualification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

17. EVALUATION OF MEMORIAL

1. Each Memorial submitted in the Competition shall be evaluated independently by the judges in accordance with the criteria prescribed below. The maximum score for each Memorial shall be one hundred (100) marks.
2. The evaluation of Memorials shall be based on the following parameters and corresponding weightage:

Evaluation Criteria	Description	Maximum Marks
Application of Facts	Ability to accurately identify, analyse, and apply the factual matrix of the Moot Proposition and annexures to the issues raised	25
Knowledge, Interpretation, and Application of Law	Depth of legal knowledge, correctness in interpretation of statutory provisions, and coherence in applying legal principles to the facts	25
Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning	Originality of arguments, logical structure, internal consistency, and persuasiveness of reasoning	20
Use of Authorities and Precedents	Relevance, accuracy, and effective integration of case law, statutes, and other authoritative materials	20
Presentation and Formatting	Clarity of expression, organisation, compliance with prescribed format, and overall readability	10
Total		100 Marks

Penalties For Non-Compliance

1. Any violation of the provisions relating to the preparation, formatting, submission, anonymity, or page limits of Memorials, as prescribed under these Rules, may attract penalties.
2. Such penalties shall be imposed after the evaluation of Memorials and may include deduction of marks, rejection of the Memorial for evaluation in part or in whole, or any other consequence deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee.

3. The decision of the Organising Committee with respect to the imposition of penalties shall be final and binding.

Penalties for Non-Compliance with Memorial Rules

Rule Reference	Nature of Violation	Penalty
Memorial Submission	Non-submission of soft copies in the prescribed format	Deduction of 2 marks
Memorial Submission	Late submission of soft copies	0.25 marks per hour of delay for the first 12 hours; 0.5 marks per hour for the next 12 hours; No Memorial shall be accepted after 24 hours from the deadline
Memorial Contents	Failure to include any prescribed section	Deduction of 2 marks per missing section
Cover Page Requirements	Failure to include prescribed particulars on the cover page	Deduction of 0.5 marks per missing component
Formatting (Font & Size)	Use of incorrect font or font size	Deduction of 0.5 marks for up to 5 violations; 1 mark for more than 5 violations
Formatting (Spacing)	Incorrect line spacing or paragraph spacing	Deduction of 0.5 marks for up to 5 violations; 1 mark for more than 5 violations
Citation Style	Non-compliance with the Bluebook citation format	Deduction of 0.25 marks per violation for up to 10 violations; 4 marks for more than 10 violations
Footnotes	Use of explanatory or argumentative footnotes	Deduction of 0.5 marks for up to 5 violations; 1 mark for more than 5 violations
Page Margins	Incorrect page margins or text placed within margins	Deduction of 1 mark
Page Numbering	Incorrect or missing page numbering	Deduction of 1 mark

Blank Pages	Presence of blank pages	Deduction of 1 mark per blank page
Text Justification	Failure to justify prescribed parts of the Memorial	Deduction of 0.5 marks for up to 5 violations; 1 mark for more than 5 violations
Cover Page Colour	Incorrect colour used for cover page	Deduction of 2 marks
Scope of Arguments	Inclusion of legal arguments outside permitted sections	Deduction of 2 marks
Index of Authorities	Failure to provide page numbers	Deduction of 2 marks
Table of Contents	Failure to provide page numbers and hyperlinks	Deduction of 2 marks
Page Limits	Exceeding prescribed page limits	Additional pages shall not be evaluated
Team Code	Use of incorrect Team Code	Deduction of 2 marks
File Naming	Incorrect naming of soft copy files	Deduction of 1 mark
Anonymity	Any breach of anonymity in the Memorial	Disqualification, subject to discretion of the Organising Committee
Metadata	Failure to remove metadata revealing identity	Deduction of 2 marks
Plagiarism	Presence of substantial plagiarism	Disqualification, subject to discretion of the Organising Committee

1. The penalties prescribed for non-compliance with the Memorial Rules shall ordinarily be imposed only once, irrespective of the number of violations of the same nature, unless a specific provision expressly provides otherwise.

2. All penalties imposed for violations relating to the preparation, formatting, submission, or anonymity of Memorials shall be deducted exclusively from the marks awarded under the “Presentation and Formatting” criterion in the evaluation of Memorials.
3. Notwithstanding the cumulative value of penalties incurred by a team, the maximum deduction on account of penalties shall not exceed ten (10) marks for any Memorial.
4. For the purposes of evaluation and ranking, the score awarded to a team for its Memorial prior to the deduction of penalties shall be referred to as the “Gross Memorial Score”. The score obtained after deduction of applicable penalties shall be referred to as the “Net Memorial Score.”

18. COMPENDIUM

1. Submission of a Compendium of authorities is not mandatory for participating teams. However, teams are strongly encouraged to submit a Compendium to assist the Bench during the Oral Rounds.
2. Teams may, at their discretion, either compile:
 - a. the first page and relevant extracts of the authorities cited (including case law, statutes, books, and other materials), or
 - b. relevant portions of such authorities collated and reproduced in a single document.
3. The Compendium shall include a cover page prepared in accordance with the requirements prescribed for Memorial cover pages, including colour coding, and shall also contain an Index of Authorities listing all materials included therein.
4. The provisions relating to Team Code and Anonymity applicable to Memorials shall apply mutatis mutandis to Compendiums. No identifying information relating to the participants or the institution represented shall appear anywhere in the Compendium.
5. Teams shall not be required to submit a soft copy of the Compendium. Instead, teams may submit three (3) hard copies of the Compendium at the Registration or Welcome Desk on the date notified by the Organising Committee. All hard copies shall be spiral bound and printed on both sides of the paper.

19. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

1. All Oral Submissions during the Competition shall be made exclusively in the English language, and no other language shall be permitted at any stage of the Oral Rounds.

2. Teams shall not be permitted to use any electronic devices, including but not limited to mobile phones, tablets, laptops, smart watches, or electronic notes, inside the courtroom while Oral Submissions are in progress. Any violation of this provision shall result in immediate disqualification of the concerned team, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
3. The conduct of Oral Submissions shall be governed by the following procedure. The team arguing in favour of the case shall commence the Oral Submissions, followed by the team arguing against the case. Within each team, Speaker 1 shall present first, followed by Speaker 2. The speaking order communicated by the teams to the Court Master during the first Preliminary Round shall remain unchanged for the remainder of the Competition.
4. Upon completion of the principal arguments by both teams, the team arguing in favour of the case shall be granted an opportunity to present Rebuttals, limited to responding to the submissions of the opposing team. Thereafter, the team arguing against the case shall be granted an opportunity to present Sur-rebuttals, which shall be strictly confined to issues raised during Rebuttals and shall not introduce new arguments.
5. Team members seated at the counsel table may communicate with the speaker addressing the Bench through written chits or notes handed directly, provided such communication does not disrupt the proceedings.
6. Under no circumstances shall teams disclose, during Oral Submissions, the identity of the participants or the name of the institution they represent. Any violation of this rule shall result in immediate disqualification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
7. The time limits for Oral Submissions shall be as follows-
 - a. In the Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-Final Rounds, each team shall be allotted a total of twenty (20) minutes, inclusive of time reserved for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals. Each team may utilise a maximum of three (3) minutes for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals taken together. The allocation of time between the speakers shall be at the discretion of the team, provided that no speaker shall argue for less than seven (7) minutes.
 - b. In the Semi-Final Rounds and Final Round, each team shall be allotted a total of thirty (30) minutes, inclusive of time reserved for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals. Each team may utilise a maximum of five (5) minutes for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals taken together. The allocation of time between the speakers shall be at the discretion of the team, provided that no speaker shall argue for less than fifteen (15) minutes.
8. Teams shall communicate the names of their speakers, the order of speaking, and the proposed division of time between the speakers, including the time

reserved for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals, to the Court Master prior to the commencement of each round.

9. In the event that a team fails to appear at the designated courtroom within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled commencement time of a round, the Organising Committee may, at its discretion, disallow such team from presenting Oral Submissions. In such cases, the opposing team shall be permitted to proceed with its Oral Submissions ex parte.

20. EVALUATION OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS

1. Each speaker appearing in the Oral Rounds of the Competition shall be evaluated independently by the judges. The maximum score obtainable by each speaker shall be one hundred (100) marks.
2. The evaluation of Oral Submissions shall be carried out on the basis of the criteria and weightage set out in the table below.

Oral Submissions Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Parameter	Description	Maximum Marks
Application of Legal Principles and Use of Authorities	Ability to accurately identify, interpret, and apply relevant legal principles, statutory provisions, and judicial precedents to the issues in dispute	25
Knowledge of Facts	Command over the factual matrix of the Moot Proposition and effective use of facts in advancing legal arguments	20
Structure, Articulation, and Clarity	Logical organisation of arguments, clarity of expression, coherence, and persuasiveness in oral advocacy	20
Ingenuity and Response to Questions	Originality of arguments, ability to respond effectively to judicial questions, and adaptability during oral submissions	20
Court Etiquette, Presentation Style, and Time Management	Professional conduct, advocacy style, courtroom mannerisms, and effective management of allotted time	15
Total		100 Marks

1. The scores awarded under the above criteria shall be utilised in accordance with the Points-Based Marking System and the Round-Point System prescribed under these Rules for the purpose of determining the outcome of each round and the advancement of teams in the Competition.
2. For the purposes of scoring and ranking, the aggregate of the scores awarded to both speakers of a team by a judge in a particular round shall be referred to as the “Cumulative Speaker Score.”

21. RESEARCHER’S TEST

1. The Researcher’s Test shall be conducted on the date and at the venue notified by the Organising Committee, in offline (pen-and-paper) mode.
2. Only the team member designated as the Researcher shall be eligible to appear for the Researcher’s Test. In the event that a team consists of two Speakers only, one of the Speakers may be nominated by the team to appear for the Researcher’s Test.
3. The duration of the Researcher’s Test shall be one (1) hour. The Test shall comprise a combination of objective and subjective questions, and shall be based on the factual matrix of the Moot Proposition, the annexures thereto, and the applicable legal principles.
4. The participant securing the highest score in the Researcher’s Test shall be declared the “Best Researcher” of the Competition.

22. AWARDS

1. Teams and participants shall be eligible for awards in accordance with the criteria prescribed under these Rules. The following awards, along with the corresponding cash prizes, shall be conferred at the conclusion of the Competition:
 - **Winner Team:** Cash Prize of ₹50,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate + Internship Opportunity at Shivadass & Shivadass Law Chambers, Bengaluru
 - **Runners-Up Team:** Cash Prize of ₹25,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate + Internship Opportunity at Shivadass & Shivadass Law Chambers, Bengaluru
 - **Best Speaker Male:** Cash Prize of ₹5,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate
 - **Best Speaker Female:** Cash Prize of ₹5,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate
 - **Best Memorial (A):** Cash Prize of ₹5,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate

- **Best Memorial (R):** Cash Prize of ₹5,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate
 - **Best Researcher:** Cash Prize of ₹5,000/- + Trophy + Merit Certificate
2. The decision of the Organising Committee and the judges with respect to the conferral of awards shall be final and binding.

23. DRESSCODE

1. The dress code for the Competition shall be formal attire, and all participants are required to adhere to the same throughout the duration of the Competition.
 - Male participants shall wear a white formal shirt paired with black formal trousers, a black blazer, black formal shoes along with black tie.
 - Female participants may wear either a white formal shirt with black formal trousers and a black blazer along with black tie, or a white kurti with black trousers and a black blazer, along with black formal shoes.

24. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The decisions of the judges with respect to the evaluation of Memorials and Oral Submissions shall be final and binding, and no queries or representations in this regard shall be entertained.
2. No member of any team, nor any person associated with a team, shall engage in scouting, including observing, recording, or obtaining information regarding the arguments or performance of other teams outside their own scheduled rounds. Any violation of this provision shall result in immediate disqualification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
3. Any communication, notice, or information conveyed to any one member of a team shall be deemed to have been duly communicated to the entire team, and no claim of lack of notice shall be entertained.
4. In the event of any ambiguity, doubt, or dispute arising with respect to the interpretation or application of any rule or matter relating to the Competition, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final and binding.
5. The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, alter, or vary any of the Rules governing the Competition, where such modification is necessary for the smooth and fair conduct of the Competition. Any such changes shall be communicated to the participating teams within a reasonable time.
6. The Organising Committee shall be the final authority for the interpretation of these Rules, and all decisions taken in this regard shall be final and binding on all participants.

7. Participants shall comply with all guidelines, instructions, and directions issued by the Organising Committee from time to time and shall maintain discipline, decorum, and professional conduct befitting members of the legal fraternity during all stages of the Competition.

25. SCOUTING AND OBSERVATION

1. Teams participating in the Competition shall not be permitted to observe the Oral Rounds of any other team so long as they remain active participants in the Competition. Teams shall be permitted to observe Oral Rounds only after they have been formally eliminated from further rounds of the Competition.
2. Any form of scouting, including observing, recording, obtaining information about the arguments, strategies, or performance of other teams, whether directly or indirectly, shall result in immediate disqualification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
3. Persons who are not participants in the Competition may be permitted to observe the Advanced Rounds of the Competition, subject to availability of space and at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee

26. ACCOMMODATION

1. The accommodation for participating teams shall be complimentary for 30th and 31st March 2026.
2. No separate accommodation charges shall be levied for these two days.
3. Any request for accommodation before or after the aforementioned dates shall be charged separately as per the applicable rates.

27. POWERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

1. All participants are expected to maintain discipline, decorum, and professional conduct during all stages of the Competition and to conduct themselves in a manner befitting members of the legal profession.
2. The Organising Committee reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action against any participant or team found to have engaged in unethical, unprofessional, or improper conduct, whether during the rounds of the Competition or otherwise in connection with the Competition.
3. In the event that any situation or contingency arises that is not expressly provided for under these Rules, the decision of the Organising Committee in relation thereto shall be final and binding.
4. The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, vary, or repeal any of the Rules governing the Competition, where such modification is

necessary to ensure fairness, discipline, or the smooth conduct of the Competition. Any such changes shall be communicated to the participants within a reasonable time.

5. Amity University, Bengaluru, follows a zero-tolerance policy towards sexual harassment and ragging. Any participant found to have engaged in such conduct shall be liable to immediate disqualification, without prejudice to any other action that may be initiated under applicable law or institutional policy.
6. For the purpose of ensuring fairness, inclusivity, and orderly conduct, the Organising Committee may constitute an Equity Committee or such other body as it deems fit.
7. All issues, disputes, or matters arising out of or in connection with the Competition shall be decided by the Organising Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.
8. Any grievance relating to the Competition may be addressed in accordance with the grievance redressal mechanism notified by the Organising Committee, and the decision rendered thereunder shall be final.

28. AI POLICY

1. The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools by participating teams is permitted only in limited and clearly defined circumstances, as set out below, and strictly for the purposes of facilitating research efficiency and comprehension.
2. Teams may utilise AI-enabled or AI-assisted tools for the following purposes:
 - a. use of AI-enhanced research platforms or search engines to identify relevant legal sources and materials;
 - b. use of AI-assisted proofreading tools for the correction of grammar, spelling, and formatting;
 - c. use of AI tools to generate internal summaries, explanations, or overviews of factual or legal issues solely for the team's own understanding and research preparation, provided that no such AI-generated content is reproduced, directly or indirectly, in the Memorials submitted; and
 - d. use of AI-assisted translation tools to translate and comprehend legal materials and sources.
3. Any use of AI tools beyond the purposes expressly permitted above shall be deemed a violation of these Rules. In particular, the use of AI tools to draft, generate, paraphrase, or substantially edit any portion of the Memorials or Oral Submissions shall result in the automatic disqualification of the concerned Memorial, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

4. Further, under no circumstances shall any team use documents issued by the Organising Committee, including the Moot Proposition, clarifications, or annexures, to train, fine-tune, or otherwise adapt any AI tool.
5. Any use of an AI tool that has been trained, in whole or in part, on the Competition materials for the purpose of drafting or submitting any portion of the Memorials shall result in immediate disqualification.

29. IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Event	Date
Registration Opens	Feb. 19, 2026
Release of the Moot Proposition	Feb. 19, 2026
Provisional Registration Deadline	Mar. 01, 2026
Final Registration Deadline	Mar. 14, 2026
Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	Mar. 17, 2026
Release of Clarifications	Mar. 19, 2026
Soft Copy of Memorial Submission Deadline	Mar. 26, 2026
Hard Copy Memorial Submission Deadline <i>(at Registration Desk)</i>	Mar. 30, 2026
Inaugural Ceremony	Mar. 30, 2026
Preliminary Round 1 & 2, Rounds and Researcher's Test	Mar. 30, 2026
Quarter Final, Semi-Final & Final Round	Mar. 31, 2026
Valedictory Ceremony	Mar. 31, 2026

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