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LETTER OF INVITATION

To,

The Registrar/Dean/Principal/HOD,

It is our immense privilege to host third edition of *GDGU International Virtual Law and Technology Moot Court Competition*, from 17th -18th September, 2022. The Moot Court Competition is proposed to be organised with the joint collaboration of GD Goenka University and Cyberlaw University and has a highly coveted and prestigious value for the legal profession. It promises to hone the advocacy skills of the participants with its challenging and interesting moot proposition throughout the legal spectrum. The proposition has been drafted to test the approach of participants towards the everemerging field of *technology law*. With the imposition of multiple lockdowns, we have realised our dependence and reliance on Technology, subsequently, it is of high importance to acquaint ourself with the extensive discussion and deliberation on this dynamic area of law.

In the previous year, GD Goenka University successfully organized multiple editions of "GD Goenka - CIArb (India) International Virtual Commercial Arbitration Competition, Client Counselling Competition, Virtual Moot Court Competition. This has marked GD Goenka University presence in successfully organising various international competitions virtually even during the adverse time of Covid-19.

GD Goenka University in association with Cyber Law University is pleased to invite your institution and assure you of our impeccable record as regard with our professionalism and hospitality. You would be pleased to know we are offering Prizes worth around **INR 5 Lakh** (**USD 6200**).

Please find attached the brochure which contains about the institution, moot court competition, rules and regulations, moot proposition, other necessary details.

We look forward to your institution's gracious presence.

With best Repute,

Dr Tabrez Ahmad
Vice Chancellor & Dean School of Law
GD Goenka University
Delhi NCR

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ABOUT GD GOENKA UNIVERSITY

The GD Goenka Group is a leading educational setup driven by a passion for excellence in education and quality in life, where Globalization and Internationalization are the buzz words. With 17 years of

excellence in the field of education, GD Goenka Group has come a long way since its first school in 1994. The GD Goenka Education City is set on 60 acres with the ancient and picturesque Aravalli hills for a backdrop. The GD Goenka University is guided by the philosophy that new thinking in the areas of teaching, learning, research and training are



pivotal to making students tomorrow's leaders and giving them a world view.

With unswerving focus on providing quality education, GD Goenka University has engaged the best faculty to guide students, engage their minds and raise their horizon. The University has the best of facilities, equipment including laboratories, dedicated video conference facilities, virtual learning facilities and fully equipped conference rooms. These are all designed to extract the best and most creative qualities from the students. To afford quality education to students, which are along the lines of best of international standards, the University follows an inter-disciplinary approach to education whereby students are encouraged to learn subjects from various disciplines at GDGU. A global connection via a truly international educational institution.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

With an objective to raise the standards of Clinical Legal Education in India, the GD Goenka University, School of Law announces 3rd GDGU International Virtual law and technology Moot Court Competition, 2021 in association with Cyber Law University, on 17th & 18th September, 2022.

Moot Court Competitions, which is a mandatory part of law curriculum in our law school offers a practical and application-based approach to learning of law. It gives the law students, the necessary free space to interpret and analyse legal provisions in the context of a given legal regime, while trying to solve a practical problem. The GDGU School of Law is dedicated to promote this aspect of legal training for ensuring a wholesome legal education and the GD Goenka Virtual moot Competition is an endeavour of the School of Law in this direction.

3rd GDGU International Virtual Law and Technology Moot Court Competition, 2022 in association with Cyber Law University is about technology law. Technology law focuses on intellectual property rights, a complex branch of the legal system that deals with disputes over who 'owns' intangible 'property', such as creative works, patents, copyrights, and trade secrets. Technology law helps protect the creatives who come up with these ideas and also ensures rights concerning the distribution of their work.

CHAIRMAN & PATRON- Dr TABREZ AHMAD

- Dr Tabrez Ahmad holds a PhD (Cyber Law & IPR), LLM (Commercial Law & Cyber Law); and B.Sc (Combined Hons) (Zoology, Botany & Chemistry) from the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh,

India. He has expertise is in the area of cyber law, intellectual property rights, energy law, and jurisprudence with a background in commercial law. He has taught these subjects for nearly 20 years at universities

such as the W.B. National University of Juridical Sciences (Kolkata), KIIT University (Bhubaneswar), Alliance University (Bengaluru), University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (Dehradun), and Galgotias University (Greater Noida).



- Dr Tabrez is founder president Technolex and National President PNGI.

He is also the National Vice President of International Council of Jurists London, and Chair, Legal Education Section of Indian National Bar Association. He is in the advisory panel of various academic and professional institutions of international repute.

- In his substantive position as the Vice Chancellor of GD Goenka University, Dr Tabrez Ahmad promotes academic and professional excellence and nurtures empathy to socio-cultural, economic and gender diversity; creating of an ecosystem that is devoid of workplace bullying; fosters the creation of a trusting, non-hierarchical and collegial work culture that stresses meritocracy and a passion for academic excellence; foster changes that develop the University's goals of achieving best-in-class teaching and learning practices, quality and intensity of research endeavours, International teaching and research collaborations and valuable partnerships with the community and other stakeholders; and operationalise the University's vision to become the best option for students, scholars, faculty, administrative staff, the recruiting Industry and professional bodies.

CO- PATRON- Dr PAVAN DUGGAL

DR. PAVAN DUGGAL, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Chairman, International Commission on Cyber Security Law. While a practicing Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Dr. Pavan Duggal has made an immense impact with an international reputation as an Expert and Authority on Cyber Law, Cyber Security Law, Artificial Intelligence Law & E-commerce law.



- Dr. Duggal has been acknowledged as one of the top 4 Cyber Lawyers around the world. WDD [World Domain Day] recognizes him as one of the top 10 Cyber Lawyers around the world. Dr. Pavan Duggal, is the Founder & Chairman of International Commission on Cyber Security Law. He is also the President of Cyberlaws.Net, Chief Executive at Artificial Intelligence Law Hub and Chief Mentor at Blockchain Law Epicentre and Founder-cum-Honorary Chancellor of Cyberlaw University.
- Dr. Pavan Duggal is the Chief Evangelist of Metaverse Law Nucleus and Conference Director of the International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity. As an internationally renowned Cyber law and Cyber security subject expert, at the world stage during the High-Level Policy Statement delivered by him at the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) organized by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva, Switzerland from 25th May 29th May, 2015, Dr. Pavan Duggal has recommended the need for coming up with an International Convention on Cyberlaw & Cyber Security.
- Dr. Duggal is a regular on the lecture circuit. He has spoken at over 2500 Conferences, Seminars and Workshops in the last two decades, and has lectured extensively in select Law Colleges. As a Writer, he has made his mark with 179 Books on various aspects of the law in the last 20 years. Dr. Pavan Duggal's books have been conferred various awards by Book Authority in various categories over a couple of years.

CYBERLAW UNIVERSITY

While there has been some effort done to create more awareness about Cyberlaw through different initiatives, it was felt that there is a distinct need for an online University that is dedicated specifically and exclusively to all the legal issues pertaining to cyberspace and the Internet.

Herein lay the genesis of the origin of the idea of the Cyberlaw University. Cyberlaw University, as the name suggests, would be a unique university dedicated exclusively to Cyberlaw and related disciplines.

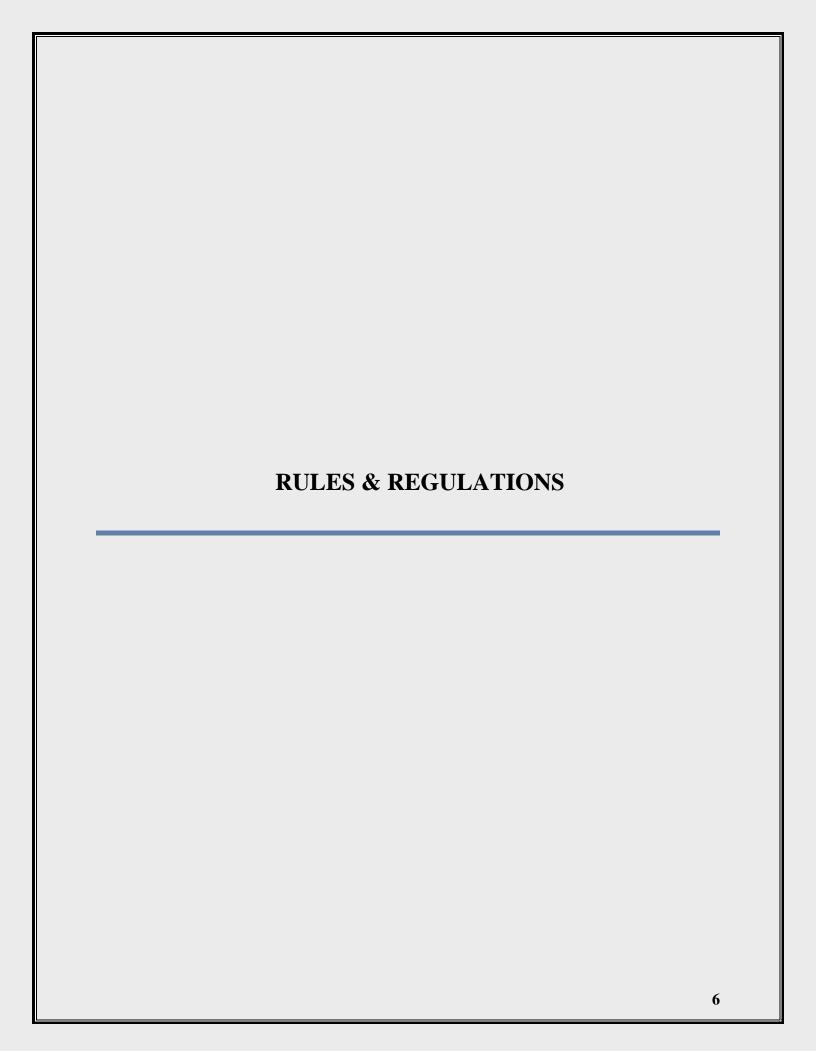


As Cyberlaw is the law pertaining to cyberspace and the Internet, it is only in the fitness of things that Cyberlaw University operates in cyberspace as an

online University.

Cyberlaw University is in touch with various universities and we are in the process of forming professional relationships with different academic institutions and universities. In the times to come, the goal of Cyberlaw University is to become one common central point for not just the growth of Cyberlaw

	risprudence across the world but also for disseminating knowledge about the constantly changing cybe
	gal trends impacting the use of computers, computer systems, computer networks, communication
	evices as also data and information in the electronic form.
Gi	iven the ever-evolving nature of the Internet, legal issues of cyberspace have developed rapidly.



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CHAPTER I

- **1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:** These rules may be called "3rd GDGU International Virtual Law and Technology Moot Court Competition, 2022 in association with Cyber Law University or IVLTM, 2022"
- 1.1 They shall come in to force from the date of publication, on the official website of School of Law, GD Goenka University, Gurugram http://www.gdgoenkamootcourt.com/
- **1.2** The rules are reviewed annually and are subject to change. Reliance should be placed only on "IVLTM,2022" and not on any previously applicable rules.
- **2. DEFINITIONS:** In these rules, unless otherwise stated, a reference to a rule is reference to that rule in "IVLTM, 2022" and reference to a form is a reference to that form attached in the "IVLTM, 2022" as the case may be. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
- **2.1.** "Bench" refers to the members duly invited by the institute, to adjudge any of the rounds, Virtually;
- **2.2.** "Clarifications" means explanation published by the institute on the moot problem, at any point of time of the competition or a query posed by any competing team within the given deadline;
- **2.3.** "Competition" means the 3rd GDGU International Virtual Law and Technology Moot Court Competition, 2022 in association with Cyber Law University;
- **2.4.** "Governing Council" means the student-faculty-staff body appointed for the administration and smooth conduct of the competition, including all other members conferred with powers on ad-hoc basis by the "Ex-officio Chairperson' or Faculty In charge" of the Moot Court Association of School of Law, GD Goenka University;
- **2.5.** "Institution" means and includes "School of Law, GD Goenka University, Gurugram";
- **2.6.** "Memorial Round" refers to the assessment of memorials, submitted by teams, on the predefined criterion, hereinafter mentioned in these rules;
- **2.7.** "Moot Problem" means a set of facts published by the institution for competition;
- **2.8.** "Oral Round" refers to the oral pleadings made by the teams virtually, either by submission of audio-visuals or video-conferencing before the bench as per the requirements of the rounds for assessment, including time given for rebuttal;
- **2.9.** "Team Code" means a unique code assigned by the institution to the applied and registered team:

- **2.10.** "Team" means and includes only bona fide representatives of any University, may that be state, central or International or any other department recognized/authorized to impart law degrees, and who have applied and registered for the competition by complying with the procedure prescribed in these present rules;
- **3. INTERPRETATION:** The Governing Council reserves the right to interpret the rules as it deems fit in order to ensure fairness and equality in the competition. Any such interpretation shall be conclusive and the decision of the Governing Council for the application of the rules shall be final and binding.
- **3.1** The Governing Council may also amend, modify, change or repeal any rule from the same shall be communicated "IVLTM,2022" to the teams in due time. In case of any conflict, the decision of the Governing Council shall be final and binding.

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration opening from	29 th July, 2022
Final date of Registration	30 th August, 2022
Clarification questions to be submitted by	10 th August, 2022
Clarifications released by	20 th August, 2022
Memorial Submission	10 th September, 2022
Competition Dates	17 th & 18 th September, 2022

CHAPTER II

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- 1.1 Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law course from India or from a foreign university with law as major may apply to participate in 3rd GDGU International Virtual Law and Technology Moot Court Competition, 2022 in association with Cyber Law University.
- **1.2** Students enrolled and pursuing post-graduate diploma or short-term certificate courses in law is not eligible to apply.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- **2.1** A team shall consist of maximum three members that must include two Speakers and one researcher.
- 2.2 Any team, intending to change the team composition of the team shall intimate the Governing Council by sending an e-mail at mootcourt@gdgoenka.ac.in, the change will be allowed on discretion of the Governing Council.
- **2.3** Any person, other than three registered team members, is not eligible to join the video-conferencing or the audio-video recording of the oral rounds, and non-compliance is a ground for disqualification.
- **2.4** The Researcher may be permitted to argue as Speaker in case any unforeseen event.
- **2.5** Prior permission of the organizers of competition in such case shall be mandatory. In case the team fails to inform the university, decision will be final.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1 General

- **3.1.1** Each team shall register to 3rd GDGU International Virtual Law and Technology Moot Court Competition, 2022 in association with Cyber Law University by filing registration form, in the prescribed manner by 30th August, 2022.
- **3.1.2** Registration form: https://forms.gle/2FVBGrnvRaAbxwDQ7
- **3.1.3** On receipt of the duly filled registration form the institute shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt.

3.1.4 After the deadline for the registration expires, the Governing Council shall respond to each registered team, as specified under clause 3.1.1, with a unique team code, which shall be used to identify the teams during the competition.

3.2 Registration Fee:

- **3.2.1** The registration fee for the competition is Rs. 999/- for Indian Teams and 11\$ for International Teams.
- **3.2.2** The registration fee for the 3rd GDGU International Virtual Law & Technology Moot Court Competition, 2022 in association with Cyber Law University is to be paid through NEFT transfer or UPI. No other payment method shall be accepted.
- **3.2.3** Any additional charges incurred by the team while making the wire transfer are to be borne by the team.

3.2.4 Payment Details

Name of Beneficiary: G.D. Goenka University

Name of Bank: HDFC Bank

Address: Site No. 2, OCF Pocket, Sector – C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110070, India

S.B A/c No.: 02731450000270

RTGS/ IFS Code No.: HDFC0000273

Fax No.: 0124-3315936 **MICR Code:** 110240034

E Mail: accountsgdgu@gdgoenka.ac.in

3.3 Completion of Registration Process:

- **3.3.1** All teams must upload a scanned copy of the receipt generated on completion of the NEFT transfer on the Registration Form. The receipt must contain the reference number after the completion of the wire transfer of the registration fees.
- **3.3.2** Registration to 3rd GDGU International Virtual Law and Technology Moot Court Competition, 2022 in association with Cyber Law University shall be deemed to be confirmed only on completion of all the formalities as specified under clause 3.3.1, any failure, may be treated as withdrawal from the competition and no claim of what so ever nature shall be entertained thereafter.

4. CLARIFICATIONS:

- **4.1** Clarifications can be sought on any part of the moot proposition by 10th August, 2022. These clarifications are to be send via e-mail at mootcourt@gdgoenka.ac.in, clarifications will be released by 20th August, 2022.
- **4.2** It is at the discretion of the Governing Council to decide whether a clarification sought for is valid and to be clarified.

5. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS:

- **5.1** Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form during the Competition, except by the means of their Team Code allotted by the Governing Council.
- 5.2 Teams must not reveal the name of their institution or names of the participants, anywhere in the memorials or in the course of the virtual oral argument rounds, by any visual or audio means. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc. that indicates the university represented by them.
- **5.3** Any material presented to the Panel, including but not limited to compendium, should be devoid of any identification mark(s)/seal(s) of the Team. If any such mark(s)/seal(s) exist, it must be rendered unrecognizable before being presented to the judges.
- **5.4** Any violation of Rules 5.1- 5.3 shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Governing Council. The decision of the Governing Council in this regard shall be final and binding; not subject to challenge.

CHAPTER III

1. MEMORIALS AND MEMORIAL ROUND:

1.1. General:

1.1.1. Each team shall research into the domain of moot problem, subject to Rules 1.2.2-1.2.5, Chapter III, and prepare memorial from both sides, namely, Claimant and respondent as the case maybe.

1.2. Format of Memorial:

- **1.2.1.** The memorials are to be submitted in the format prescribed under Rules 1.2.2- 1.2.4., Chapter III. If a team fails to comply with the given format, it may be penalized in the form of deductions from the memorial marks.
- **1.2.2.** The memorials shall contain all of, and only, the following heads, namely-
- Cover Page (It shall include the team code of the team on upper right-hand corner, name of the case, parties on behalf of whom written submissions are made, name of the forum approached for dispute resolution and year. The Cover page of the memorial on behalf of Petitioner shall be in BLUE, and Respondent shall be in RED.
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

1.2.3. Font and Spacing:

All written submissions shall be typed on A4 size paper in the following format in Times New Roman (font type), in 12 points (font size), line spacing 1.5, both sides Justified, and headings to be bold in the same font and size. Each page shall have 1- inch margin from each side.

1.2.4. The memorial shall not contain more than 20 pages excluding cover page, table of content, list of abbreviations and index.

1.2.5. <u>Citations:</u>

All teams shall give footnotes by adhering to Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition).

1.2.6. Plagiarism:

The governing council reserves the right to disqualify a team, at any stage of the competition, if the memorial or any other part thereof, if found to be plagiarized.

2. SUBMISSION OF SOFTCOPIES:

- **2.1.** Each registered team shall submit a soft copy in PDF format (.pdf) of the memorials from both sides, via submitting it on this link: https://forms.gle/QQ9WqpAEv83kUiGU8 on or before 10th September, 2022.
- **2.2.** Soft copies of the Memorials shall be submitted on the link and not on the mail, it will not be accepted there.
 - **2.2.1.** The name of the file containing the memorial from the petitioner/s side should be "IVLTM- 2XX P" (as the case maybe). The name of the file containing the respondent/s side should be "IVLTM- 2XX R".
 - **2.2.2.** Submissions made after the specified deadline may lead to penalties in the form of deductions from the memorial marks. Every twenty-four (24) hours delay would attract a penalty of ten (10) marks.

3. ASSESSMENT OF MEMORIALS:

Each side of the memorials shall be assessed out of 100 marks, by a team of experts on the predetermined criterion, as specified hereunder:

- **a.** Identification of Issues and Nature of relief sought (10 marks)
- **b.** Knowledge of fact and Law (15 marks)
- **c.** Use of Authorities/Precedents (20 marks)
- **d.** Argumentation and Clarity of Thoughts (20 marks)
- **e.** Proper Citation and Correct Format (15 marks)

- **f.** Grammar and Style Presentation (10 marks)
- **g.** Originality (10 marks)

4. RIGHTS OVER MEMORIALS

4.1. The administrating authority of the competition reserves the rights to disseminate and produce the memorials as and when deemed necessary for the purpose of the competition. Submission of the memorials will constitute the team's consent to do the same. The Governing Council will not take any responsibility for the mistakes found in the final submission of the memorials.

5. COMPENDIUMS

- **5.1.** The teams are required to send their compendium, along with their memorials on https://forms.gle/QQ9WqpAEv83kUiGU8
- **5.2.** The compendium shall not exceed 5 pages, wherein, if the teams are referring to any books then the material of the book shall be quoted in following format "Name of the book/Author/Page number/Paragraph", and if the teams are referring to any website, only link of the website shall be quoted.
- **5.3.** The compendium will be shared to the judges only via organizing committee and the participants shall refrain from using screen share.

CHAPTER IV

1. DRESS CODE:

- **1.1.** The participants shall adhere to the following dress code while in the courtrooms:
- **a.** Ladies: White shirt and black trousers or skirt along with a black blazer.
- **b.** Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers, a black tie, a black blazer and black shoes.

2. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

2.1. GENERAL:

- **2.1.1.** The formal commencement of the competition shall be on September 17th, 2022.
- **2.1.2.** The competition shall have one Preliminary Rounds, one Quarter Final Round, one Semi Final Round and the Final Round which will be followed by the valedictory ceremony.

2.2. PRELIMINARY AND QUARTER FINAL ROUND:

As per Rule 2.1.2, Chapter IV the Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-final round shall be held.

I. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS-

- a) The rounds will be conducted virtually on video conferencing platform.
- **b**) The Claimants shall be allotted a total of 15 minutes to speak. The Respondent shall be allotted 15 minutes arguments. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall not be allowed.
- c) The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 8 minutes for one speaker.
- **d**) At the end of the preliminary rounds, the top 8 teams will qualify for the Quarter Finals. The top 8 teams will be selected on the basis of number of rounds won.
- e) A team shall be credited with a win, if its total marks in the respective session are higher than those of its opponent teams.
- f) In the case of a tie, the total marks of memorial and the preliminary rounds will be considered.

 The team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals.
- **g)** Kindly refer to Chapter V for more related rules.

II. QUARTER FINALS-

- a) The Quarter Finals will be Knock-out round. The top 4 teams, with the highest total scores in these rounds shall qualify for the semi-final rounds.
- **b**) The side to be represented by a team shall be determined by way of draw of lots with the teams picking the lots after the completion of the preliminary rounds.
- c) The rounds will be conducted virtually on video conferencing platform.
- **d**) Each team shall get a total time of 20 minutes to present their case and this shall include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Surrebuttal'. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges.
- e) The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 12 minutes for one speaker.
- **f**) Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'Court Master' as to how they wish to allocate their time.
- g) Kindly refer to Chapter V for more related rules.

III. SEMI-FINALS-

- **a**) The Semi-Finals will be a knock-out round. The top 2 teams, with the highest total scores in these rounds shall qualify for the Final round.
- **b**) After the completion of quarter-finals rounds the draw of lots will be conducted which will determine whether the participant will appear as Claimant or Respondent.
- c) Each team shall get a total of 25 minutes to present their case. This time will include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Surrebuttal'. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for one speaker.
- **d**) Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'Court Master' as to how they wish to allocate their time.
- e) Kindly refer to Chapter V for more related rules.

IV. FINALS-

a) The Final round will be held just after the Semi-Finals. A team will be credited with a win in the Final round if the total marks are higher than those of its opponent team.

- **b**) Each team shall get a total of 25 minutes to present their case. This time will include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Surrebuttal'.
- c) The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes for one speaker.
- **d**) Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'Court Master' as to how they wish to allocate their time.
- e) Kindly refer to Chapter V for more related rules.

3. ASSESSMENT CRITERION FOR ORAL PLEADINGS:

Team performance of the Speakers shall be judged in all rounds out of 25 Marks on the basis of following criterion

- 3.1. Knowledge of the Facts and Laws
- **3.2.** Application of Laws to the Fact and Interpretation
- **3.3.** Argumentative Skills and Response to Questions
- 3.4. Clarity of Thoughts and Expression
- **3.5.** Skills of advocacy and Court Mannerisms

Note for participants - To ensure uniformity in marking in each court room to do away with subjectivity to an extent, follow the points scheme given as under.

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor
5	4	3	2	1

4. PENALTIES:

4.1. Scouting:

No member of any team or any other person will be permitted to witness the arguments, or enter the live video conferencing in which that team is not one of the participating teams whilst that team is a part of the competition or the person is not part of any of the participating team. If this rule is violated, the Governing Council shall take strict actions, which may include but may not be limited to, the expulsion of the said team from the competition.

4.2. Non – Disclosure of Identity:

Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

4.3. Copyright:

The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

The copyright with regard to the audio-visual files, conferencing, submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers, which will be further posted on the social media platforms for clarity and purposes.

5. CERTIFICATION, PRIZES AND AWARDS:

- **5.1.** Online Certificates for participation will be given to all the participants under the current circumstances.
- **5.2.** Participants will receive their Participation Certificates on given mail. Certificates for Quarter-Finalists, Semi-Finalists, Runners-up, Winners and Best Speakers will also be provided likewise.
- **5.3.** Participants are requested to fill the details (Name and Name of the Institution) in the Registration Form correctly with no room for errors. The certificates will not be issued again.
- **5.4.** Cash awards will be sent after getting details of winners such as Institution ID card, Pan Card & Bank Accounts details for which they will be contacted via email by the Moot Court Committee.
- **5.5.** It is the responsibility of teams to distribute cash prize among themselves.

CHAPTER V

1. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

- (i) No team shall indulge in any act of misconduct in during audio-visual recording or virtual conferencing, undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition. Any act to the contrary may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- (ii) All the teams shall be bound to follow the code of conduct and the rules laid down by School of Law, GD Goenka University.
- (iii) Any behaviour of indiscipline with the Governing Council or any other staff member or student volunteer shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- (iv) No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round. However, at the end of all the rounds the participants may talk to the judges, with minimum inconvenience caused to them.
- (v) Any attempt to approach the framer of the moot problem or the panel of judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- (vi) The organising committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.
- (vii) If anything, not covered by rules the decision of organising committee will be binding.
- (viii) During the live rounds, the microphones of all the persons not speaking shall be on mute, any kind of disturbance created by the team members, or the team member of opponent team if found, then the team making the disturbance shall be warned, continuance of disturbance may lead to disqualification from the competition on the discretion of Judges.
- (ix) No team is allowed to use mobile phones during any of the oral rounds, for the purposes of research, phone call, texting, or any other purposes.
- (x) The organizer shall not be responsible for any loss of connectivity or slow internet connection during the competition, the participants are requested to have sound internet connections and working laptop/pc. No use of mobile phones/ tablets will we allowed other than in case of joining the courtroom.

(xi) The platform will be informed beforehand; therefore, the teams must have knowledge of

using the platform. Also, all the queries regarding anything related to use of app, or any

other issues related to the platform being used shall be notified.

(xii) If any member of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning

the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or

informed, however the communication will be made to all but to the possible extent. Also,

the individual is responsible to communicate the information with the team.

(xiii) Conversion charges for converting other currency into Indian rupee has to be incurred by

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- I. There is a country called Neptune Verse. This country is a sovereign country and has got its own sovereign laws. This country has got the highest number of deposits of mineral iron ore in the world. It has recently also detected 517 million quintals of gold under its mountainous plateau.
- II. This country is sparsely populated, but because of the recent announcements relating to the tremendous amount of gold ores, more and more people are coming into the country to settle. Many foreigners are migrating to the said country and are hoping that they could be excavating under the land, which could potentially give them access to huge gold reservoirs.
- III. Neptune Verse is a developing country. Still, it has got a vast infrastructure. Its capital city is Magic Town where most of the population of the country is located. However, because of the increased focus on gold mining, more and more people are moving into the countryside to try their luck in terms of getting access to gold reservoirs before the country's government starts clamping down on the said activities.
- IV. The country also has very fertile land because of various rivers passing through the length and breadth of the country. These rivers have provided fertile river beds which have led to stable crops being grown in the country including corn, maize, wheat etc. River Anglo starts from the Northern Mountains and goes to the Southern region. River Westu starts from the western side and flows to the eastern boundary of the country. River Eastu is flowing from the eastern side onto the Western side while river Southu is flowing from the south of the nation to the north. On both sides of all these four rivers, populated regions have sprung up, with some regions even being developed by the government as a form of tourist attraction.
- V. When many industries were not developed, the rivers of the country have provided a form of starting point for the economy. As the rapidly growing population has made industrialization necessary, the government is also coming up with various laws to

protect the marine habitat, wildlife, to regulate farming and to facilitate in setting up industries, factories, companies etc.

- VI. The country also has a modern telecom infrastructure. Internet is easily accessible across the country, with a new company called Air Zone Pvt Ltd introducing fast speed internet services. Not only are such services offered at a minimum speed of 1000 gigs per second, but even the premium services are offered at slightly lower rates as compared to the rest of the world.
- **VII.** However, more and more people in Neptune Verse are willing to pay extra for the premium services in order to get the best internet services from Air Zone Pvt Ltd.
- VIII. The country, to support its large population, has been setting up various mines, with some regions being fully supported by the mining activities in their relevant area. Both public and private players have been setting up mines to extract different types of ores, which have led to the government drafting not just the mother legislation of mining, the Neptune Verse Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 2022, but also various laws which regulate the mining of ores of specific minerals.
 - IX. One such mineral, which is heavily mined in the country, is gold. Gold not just forms part of the jewellery of both men and women, but also has an important religious significance for majority of the population. To regulate gold mining, the Parliament of Neptune Verse has passed a legislation in March 2022 entitled Neptune Verse Gold Mining Act, 2022. The said Act elaborates in detail the rights, duties and obligations of all players in the Gold Mining Environment. It specifically also provides for a distinctive licensing regime whereby license can be issued by the government of Neptune Verse to any applicant on satisfaction of appropriate and stipulated statutory parameters.

- **X.** The said Act also provides for offences in case a party counterfeits the licenses or fails to follow some stipulated statutory parameters.
- Verse Mining Ltd, as per the provisions of the Neptune Verse Gold Mining Act, 2022. However, the government has also followed the provisions laid down in the Neptune Verse Companies Act, 2022 and the Neptune Verse Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 2022 where the provisions of the two laws do not coincide with the provisions of Neptune Verse Gold Mining Act, 2022. The main purpose and objective of the said company is to mine for gold and gold reserves in different parts of Neptune Verse. The company, during its initial days, identified five different gold mining fields and simultaneously set up gold mining operations for the purposes of detecting, identifying and thereafter mining gold ore from the said locations.
- XII. In one of the locations of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd, being at Dubanshi, the company has come across massive reserves of gold. As per the preliminary estimates of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd, the site at Dubanshi has at least 700 quintals of gold.
- XIII. Consequently, for the purposes of expeditious and efficacious excavation of gold from Dubanshi, Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd has set up a very comprehensive computer network at the Dubanshi site which is directly connected with the computer networks and resources at the Headquarters of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd at Magic Town. The company is daily monitoring the growth of excavation and the access to gold ore at its Dubanshi site.
- **XIV.** Meanwhile social media has been abuzz with the news that 700 quintals of gold have been found at the Dubanshi site of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd. This news has caught the imagination of all stakeholders, both in Neptune Verse and also outside.

- **XV.** Further, some stakeholders having vested interests, have started to create and circulate fake news that below the 700 quintals of gold reservoirs, there is another layer of 2100 million tons of gold too, lying and waiting to be exploited. Consequently, the Dubanshi excavation operations of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd has suddenly caught the attention of all stakeholders.
- **XVI.** Hackers and cyber criminals have suddenly also been attracted to the huge and immense potential of the Dubanshi excavation site.
- **XVII.** Neptune Verse does have in place the Computer Technology and Misuse Act which has come into force as on 1st January, 2022. This law has been a combination of various elements. It is primarily based on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce. Meanwhile, on 1st January, 2022, Neptune Verse has adopted rules and regulations under its Computer Technology and Misuse Act, that are:
 - (a) Computer Technology and Misuse (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2022;
 - (b) Computer Technology and Misuse (Procedure and Safeguards for Interception, Monitoring and Decryption of Information) Rules, 2022;
 - (c) Computer Technology and Misuse (Procedure and safeguards for blocking for access of information by public) Rules, 2022;
 - (d) Computer Technology and Misuse (Reasonable Security Practices and Procedures and Sensitive Personal Data or Information) Rules, 2022.
- **XVIII.** On 15th May, 2022, one of the major terminals of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd., which is controlling various excavation operations at Dubanshi site, suddenly became a victim of a premeditated attack. When the Network Systems Operators opened their systems in the morning, they realized that the systems were showing the red background notice. In the said red background notice, it had been written in garbled language and font that the computer system of Dubanshi excavation site of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd has been targeted by a ransomware attack and therefore all

the files, folders and electronic data and records of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd which were resident on the said computer systems had been encrypted.

- XIX. The message further stated that in case Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd wanted to have access to its encrypted files having decryption key, they would have to pay 1000 bitcoins on a stipulated address of the darknet. As a result of the said red colour intimation notice, the operator realized that he cannot access the system's data. All the files in the said computer system had been encrypted. The said computer system is the most crucial system which is coordinating all activities of its operations of gold mining at Dubanshi site of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd.
- **XX.** As such, the entire excavation operation of the Dubanshi site of the Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd came to a grinding halt. The Network System Administrator of Dubanshi site realized that the last backup that was taken of the main systems on 15th February, 2022. However, since then, because of oversight or inadvertence, the backup could not be taken.
- **XXI.** Meanwhile, there had been massive advances in the excavation activities at the Dubanshi site since the last backup was taken. As a result, huge volumes of details pertaining to excavation activities and data connected therewith on different sub-sites of the Dubanshi site were being stored in the said system and were also being used for processing and to come up with the unique methodology, process and manner of excavation of gold in the various sub-sites at the Dubanshi site.
- **XXII.** Because the backup of the said major crucial system of Dubanshi site had not been taken since 15th February, 2022, the company Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd has suddenly realized that its gold mining operations at Dubanshi site came to a grinding halt.
- **XXIII.** As the company was not prepared for such an attack, it was in a state of panic. The top management of the company itself did not know how to respond. However, after a lot

of deliberations spanning over two days, it was decided that the matter needed to be reported to the local police.

- **XXIV.** Hence, a police complaint was filed at the Police Station Dubanshi by the Network System Administrator of the company, responsible for computer networks located on the Dubanshi site, on 25th May 2022. Consequently, the complaint detailed the various facets of the ransomware attack targeted at Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd.
- **XXV.** Consequently, a case is registered under Section 66 read with Section 43, 66B, 66C, 66D, 66F of the Neptune Verse Computer Technology and Misuse Act, 2022 read with Section 408, 420, 465, 468 and 469 of the Neptune Verse Penal Code.
- **XXVI.** The police started investigating the said matter and thereafter, through forensic analysis, identified that the attack originated from outside the territorial boundaries of Neptune Verse. However, it was routed through the computer of Zoonis Pvt Ltd and is being used by Mr. Atlee. Mr Atlee, who is living in Magic Town, the capital city of Neptune Verse, is the employee of a company called Zoonis Pvt Ltd.
- **XXVII.** Consequently, on the basis of the said information, the police arrested Mr. Atlee on 30th May 2022 and also accused the two directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson who were based out of Neptune Verse in the USA, and initiated prosecution proceedings against the three accused for various offences as detailed in the FIR.
- **XXVIII.** The Prime Minister, alongwith the entire Cabinet of Neptune Verse, was monitoring the said matter on a daily basis and there was immense political pressure from the top, with elections round the corner and with rife speculations that the said attacks were carried out by the government itself to generate fear and panic amongst the public and convince them that foreign powers were hell bent on destroying the economy of Neptune Verse. The electronic evidence was quickly collected without following the

due process of law, as laid down in the Neptune Verse Evidence Act, 2022 and the matter was placed before a special Court and summary proceedings were initiated.

- **XXIX.** Meanwhile, there was a massive public outcry against Mr. Atlee as well as the Zoonis Pvt Ltd because the citizens of Neptune Verse were concerned that such kind of ransomware attacks were aimed at not only destabilizing the further economic growth of Neptune Verse, but also for stopping the growth of its gold economy.
- XXX. Zoonis Pvt Ltd responded by quickly suspending Mr. Atlee and engaged in negotiations with the Neptune Verse government, in order to clear the name of its directors, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson. The company promised all cooperation in the investigation of the ransomware attack.
- **XXXI.** The ransomware attack was such that all the electronic records within the master system had been encrypted, the systems had been disabled and also the computer malware, which originated from an African country, was encrypted.
- **XXXII.** The officials of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd stated that the said cyber-attack has been done for the purposes of completely destabilising not just the excavation operations of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd at Dubanshi site but, more significantly, the entire emerging gold economy in Neptune Verse.
- **XXXIII.** Further, technical analysis has shown that the said ransomware attack has also included malware on the said IT systems of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd. This Ransomware attack had incorporated a kind of file encrypting malware that has locked down all the digital files of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd, till such time a ransom of 1000 bitcoins is paid by the company to the online attackers.
- **XXXIV.** The company Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd was advised not to pay any ransom and meanwhile has started work on restoring its systems. However, experts have said that it will take them at least nine months before the company can completely restore its

data, meaning that the gold excavation operations at Dubanshi site have come to a grinding halt for at least nine months.

XXXV. Keeping in mind the severity of ransomware attack at Dubanshi site, Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd has decided to suspend all its gold excavation operations at even the unaffected sites, till such time it is able to prepare its systems for facing such cyberattacks in the future.

XXXVI. This has had a direct impact in creating fear and panic in the hearts of citizens. This has also led to a sudden spurt in the rise of gold prices in Neptune Verse and consequently, gold prices in Neptune Verse have hit an all-time high, which was never expected or anticipated by even the keenest watchers in the gold ecosystem.

XXXVII. Meanwhile, on 10th June, 2022 the special Court convicts Mr. Atlee, as well as the directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson through a summary trial for various offences under Section 66 read with Section 43, 66B, 66C, 66D, 66F of the Neptune Verse Computer Technology and Misuse Act, 2022 and also Sections 408, 420, 465, 468 and 469 of the Neptune Verse Penal Code.

XXXVIII. Mr. Atlee and the directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson appeal against their conviction to the High Court of Dubanshi. The High Court hears the matter on a day-to-day basis and thereafter, rejects the appeals and upholds the convictions of Mr. Atlee and the directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson. Consequently, Mr. Atlee and the directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson have filed petitions before the Supreme Court of Neptune Verse challenging their convictions in the said matter.

XXXIX. Before the Supreme Court of Neptune Verse, Mr. Atlee and the directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson, are arguing that the conviction is without any foundation since they have got no connection with the crime

in question. They contend that the electronic evidence was collected without following the due process of law and legally, not much incriminating electronic evidence has been duly produced to support the case of their involvement in the matter. The directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson argue that since they are not citizens of Neptune Verse, the laws of Neptune Verse are simply not applicable to them.

- XL. The prosecution, on the other hand, is arguing before the Supreme Court of Neptune Verse that the conviction of the three accused people needs to be upheld because it is in national interest, even if certain provisions of the law have not been followed. The prosecution further argues that because the ransomware attack is ultimately aimed at destabilizing the new gold economy of Neptune Verse, the matter has to be dealt with at a distinct level and the convictions of Mr. Atlee and the directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson, have to be upheld under all circumstances.
- XLI. The prosecution further says that as Mr. Atlee is living within the territorial boundaries of Neptune Verse, he is amenable to the laws of Neptune Verse and since he has aided, assisted and abetted, by use of his allocated computer in the various elements constituting ransomware attack against the gold excavation site of Dubanshi, his conviction for various offences laid down under the Neptune Verse Computer Technology and Misuse Act, 2022 and the Neptune Verse Penal Code needs to be upheld. The prosecution also argues that as per Neptune Verse law, the directors in charge of a company are liable when such an attack take place from the use of their computer systems. The prosecution is particularly referring to the cyber terrorism elements of the alleged actions of Mr. Atlee, orchestrated with the aim of causing terror, fear and panic in the hearts of not just the members of excavation industry but the entire Neptune Verse gold economy stakeholders ecosystem.
- **XLII.** The various activities of Mr. Atlee and the directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson, as per the prosecution, have been done with

the intent to threaten the unity, integrity, security and sovereignty of Neptune Verse as also to strike terror in the people of Neptune Verse by denying or cause the denial of access to every person authorized to access the relevant computer resources.

- **XLIII.** Further, the alleged activities of Mr. Atlee and the accused directors, according to the prosecution version, have contributed to introducing or causing to be introduced a computer contaminant in the said computer resources at Dubanshi site of Gold Neptune Verse Mining Ltd and as a result of the said activity, disruption of supply of services essential to the life of the community of Neptune Verse has been caused, affecting not just its newly emerging gold economy but the entire Critical Information Infrastructure of Neptune Verse as a nation.
- **XLIV.** The Supreme Court of Neptune Verse has clubbed all the three petitions of the petitioners and is now hearing the said clubbed matters.
- **XLV.** Kindly note that Neptune Verse as a country has got all laws which are exactly the same as those prevailing in India including the Indian Information Technology Act, 2000, the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. The Supreme Court of Neptune Verse also follows the legal jurisprudence that has been established or enunciated by the Supreme Court of India in various cases.
- **XLVI.** You are requested to argue the matter on behalf of Mr. Atlee and the directors of Zoonis Pvt Ltd, being Madam Cura Pervasive and Mr. Shane Bitkinson and/or the prosecution, either challenging the said convictions or supporting the said convictions.

Note:

- 1. Neptune Verse is in Pari Materia to India.
- 2. Magic Town is in Pari Materia to Delhi.
- 3. Participants shall not call MTD authority for setting the standards in question.

- 4. The applicable law to the problem will be taken to be as extant in India as on the date of submission of Memorials.
- 5. The Computer Technology and Misuse Act, 2022 will be taken to be based exactly on the Indian Information Technology Act, 2000.
- 6. The Rules and regulations passed under the Computer Technology and Misuse Act, 2022 will be same as the rules passed under the Information Technology Act, 2000. The Neptune Verse Penal Code will be taken to be based exactly on the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- 7. The Court procedure, in civil, criminal and other matters, and the tribunal procedure in Neptune Verse is the same as that of India. In simple words, the Code of Civil Procedure in Neptune Verse and the Code of Criminal Procedure in Neptune Verse must be taken to be identical to the Indian Code of Civil Procedure and Code of Criminal Procedure respectively.
- 8. The Neptune Verse Evidence Act, 2022 is identical to the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. Same is true for the Neptune Verse Companies Act, 2022 (identical to the Companies Act, 2013) and the Neptune Verse Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 2022 (identical to the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957).

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