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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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ATH PADMA SHRI DR. N.N. JAIN NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

12-14 APRIL

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- Ms. Sanmati Rathore (Co-Convenor)
- Mr. Pratyaksh Joshi (Co-Convenor)



ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF LAW, PIMR



Department of Law, Prestige Institute of Management and Research (Indore), is a wellestablished premier Law School in the state of Madhya Pradesh which enjoys autonomous status conferred by UGC since 2006. It is recognized by the University Grants Commission under Section 2(f) and 12 (b). The Institute has been accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and has received NAAC "A" Grade by UGC in 2009 and further reaccredited with Grade "A" in 2014 and further with A++ in 2021. It is an ISO 9001:2008 certified Institute. PIMR has also been consistently ranked amongst top Institutions in Central India by various leading rating agencies. Student from PAN India study in this prestigious institution.

Recently it has been awarded "Indian Leadership Award" by Worldwide Achievers, 2021. The Department of Law, PIMR vision is to provide quality education in the field of Legal education.

The institute has been approved by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi since 2015. The institute is offering a wide and diversified course structured in the five-year integrated law programs which are B.A.LL.B (Hons.), B.Com.LL.B (Hons.) and B.BA.LL.B (Hons.) along with high quality curriculum in three years LL.B (Hons.) and two year LL.M. The LL.M programme of our institute has two specializations, Criminal Law along with Business Law, which makes us the only Law School of Central India to provide specialization in the said programme of LL.M.



ABOUT THE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The National Moot Court Competition Committee of the Department of Law at Prestige Institute of Management and Research (Indore) is organizing the 4th edition of the Padma Shri Dr. N.N. Jain National Moot Court Competition in 2024. The National Moot Court Competition is where eloquence meets justice, where students transform into legal eagles, and where the courtroom drama unfolds beyond the pages of textbooks. The competition is organised by a student-led body- National Moot Court Competition Committee that administers and stimulates excellence in Mooting and Legal Research activities.

After the phenomenal success of the 3rd edition of the Padma Shri Dr. N.N. Jain National Moot Court Competition, the Committee is thrilled and honored to extend this enriching opportunity to all law students across the country once again. The participation in the competition will be open for all bonafide law students enrolled in the 5-years integrated programed and 3 years LLB programed with the aim to inspire promote, and inculcate drafting & writing techniques, oratory skills and high-focus research acumen.

The competition strives to give a platform to the budding lawyers of our country to imbibe analytical skills in real-time situations. The aim is to engage with students and allow them to have the first- hand experience of the complexities of the legal world.









DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAW, PIMR, INDORE



I extend heartfelt welcome to our esteemed guests, judges, participants and sponsors across the nation, a warm invitation to participate in the 4th Edition of the Padma Shri Dr. N.N. Jain National Moot Court Competition, 2024.

Our annual competition has evolved into a significant platform for legal excellence, promoting scholarly discourse and professional development. The previous editions have witnessed participation from more than 50 reputed institutes and universities across the nation. Prominent Judicial personalities like Hon'ble Rt. Shri Justice Dipak Misra (Former Chief Justice of India), Hon'ble Shri Justice Sudhir Agrawal, Judicial Member, NGT, New Delhi (Former Judge High Curt of Judicature at Allahabad) and Hon'ble Shri Justice Anil Verma, Judge High Court of Madhya Pradesh, have graced the occasion.

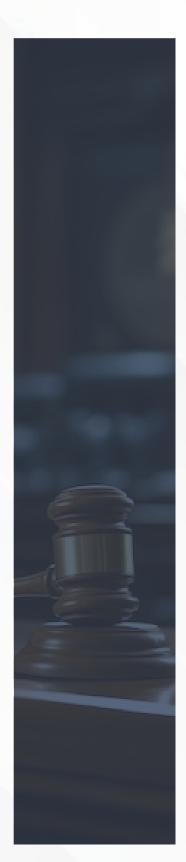
The upcoming Competition promises to be a hallmark event, reflecting our commitment to nurturing and refining the legal talents of our students. Your active participation is crucial in making this competition a memorable and intellectually stimulating experience.

I am enthusiastic about your engagement in this academic rigor, contributing to the growth of the legal community.

- DR. RAJA ROY CHOUDHURY







CONVENOR, NMCCC, DEPARTMEMT OF LAW, PIMR, INDORE



A warm welcome to the 4th Edition of the Padma Shri Dr. N.N. Jain National Moot Court Competition, 2024. This event is not just a competition but also a celebration of legal acumen and scholarly exchange. Your participation adds vibrancy to this intellectual gathering. The competition aimed at enhancing and grooming the legal skills of student and is meticulously designed to provide a favorable platform for exhibiting merit and promotion of talents amongst the participating teams from various law schools, colleges and universities throughout the nation. The journey ahead promises not only challenges but also opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Embrace the experience, learn from each other, and may the team spirit prevail.

- MRS. SAYALI BANDI







CO-CONVENOR, NMCCC, DEPARTMENT OF LAW, PIMR, INDORE



Warm Greetings on behalf of Department of Law, Prestige Institute of Management and Research, Indore for the 4th Edition of the Padma Shri Dr. N.N. Jain National Moot Court Competition 2024. At PIMR, we understand the importance of practical exposure for law students to acquaint them with pragmatic intricacies of real world challenges. This competition embodies said goal by providing a platform for numerous intellectual minds to convene and share their knowledge. Students across the nation would get opportunity to showcase their mooting skills and interact with other intellectual stimulating minds. I welcome and encourage you to embrace the challenges, exhibit professionalism and enjoy the experience.

May this competition be a pivotal moment in your legal journey, shaping you into both competent advocates and conscientious contributors to the legal profession. Looking forward to hosting you at PIMR, Indore and witness a memorable event.

- MS. SANMATI RATHORE







CO-CONVENOR, NMCCC, DEPARTMENT OF LAW, PIMR, INDORE



Greetings and a warm welcome to the stage that sets the legal minds in motion to the 4th Edition of the Padma Shri Dr. N.N. Jain National Moot Court Competition. This Competition is not just a contest; it is an arena where theory meets practice, and brilliance converges with passion. As you embark on this legal odyssey, remember each argument, every objection, and all counterpoints are steps in your journey toward legal excellence. Cherish the experience, build networks, and let the spirit of healthy competition inspire you to reach new heights.

May the courtroom be a canvas for your advocacy and may your passion for justice resonate throughout these dedicated proceedings.

- MR. PRATYAKSH JOSHI



SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

S. N.O.	PARTICULARS	Date And Time
1.	Last Date of Registration (via e-mail and Google Form) along with scanned copy of Annexure-A, Annexure-B	12th March, 2024
2.	Last Date of seeking Clarification	18th March, 2024
3.	Last Date of Soft-Copy Memorial Submission	27th March, 2024
4.	Last Date of Hard copy submission of Annexure-A, Annexure-B and memorials	5th April, 2024
5.	Date of Draw of lots and Memorial Exchange for Preliminary Round	11th April, 2024 [Online Mode]
6.	Inaugural Ceremony	12th April, 2024
7.	Preliminary Round [Followed by Draw of lots and Memorial Exchange for Quarter Final Rounds]	12th April, 2024
8.	Researcher's Test	13th April, 2024
9.	Quarter Final Rounds [Followed by Draw of lots and Memorial Exchange for Semi Final]	13th April, 2024
10.	Semi-Final Rounds	13th April, 2024
11.	Final Round	14th April, 2024
12.	Valedictory and Award Ceremony	14th April, 2024

Disclaimer: This schedule is tentative. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify the dates. No extensions will be considered unless approved by the Organizing Committee.



RULEBOOK OF THE COMPETITION CHAPTER 1- INTRODUCTION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The National Moot Court Competition Committee (NMCCC) shall function as the only point of contact, and any changes in the Rules of the Competition shall be notified by email to all participating teams.
- B. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder.
- C. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
- D. Official email for all correspondence with respect to the Competition: mootcourt@pimrindore.ac.in

2. STRUCTURE OF COMPETITION

The Inaugural Ceremony and Orientation of Participants will be held on 12TH APRIL, 2024. The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions:

A.	The Preliminary Rounds	12TH APRIL, 2024
В.	Researcher's Test	13TH APRIL, 2024
C.	The Quarter-Final Rounds	13TH APRIL, 2024
D.	The Semi-Final Rounds	13TH APRIL, 2024; and
E.	The Final Round	14TH APRIL, 2024

CHAPTER 2 - REGISTRATION

3. ELIGIBILITY

Students of three years and five-years law degree courses from any University/Law School/College/Department are eligible to apply for registration of their team. However, a maximum of two teams shall be allowed to participate from one University/Law School/College/Department.





4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- A. Each team shall consist only of three members, consisting of two speakers and one researcher.
- В. No alteration in the team is permitted once the team is registered for the competition.
- C. Any person, other than three registered team members or escort/faculty member, is not eligible to avail facilities reserved for the participants.
- D. Inability of any team member to participate in accordance with the rules of this Competition shall lead to immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition.

5. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

The teams interested to participate are required team shall be formally registered as a participant to confirm their participation by sending an email attaching the scanned copy of Annexure-A Accommodation details) duly filled, to mootcourt@pimrindore.ac.in stating the subject "Registration for National Moot Court Competition" and by submitting the google form latest by 12TH MARCH, 2024. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10ny7UaNzhpydbgM8UPXQuA3UQXkjQhci4GdaUExWP8/ edit?usp=drivesdk

When the mail attached with the aforementioned documents (Annexure A and Annexure B) are duly submitted and when the participating team receives a confirmation mail from the NMCCC the

for the event, and the team code shall be generated and a confirmatory email, along with (Registration form), Annexure-B (Travel and the team code, shall be sent to such team. Thereafter, for all further correspondence with the NMCCC and otherwise, all the registered teams shall identify and refer to themselves using the allotted team code only.

> Annexure-A and Annexure-B are attached here with this brochure.

> Screenshot of the payment which clearly mentions the details of the team members/institution and transaction id has to be mandatorily uploaded in google form and must attached in mail.





CHAPTER 3 - PAYMENT POLICY

6. REGISTRATION FEE:

The registration fees for the competition is as follows

With Accommodation-Rs. 8,200/-

Without Accommodation-Rs. 5,200/-

The registration fees of the competition shall be accepted only to this account:

Account No: **0212002100250175**

For Prestige Education Foundation Law expense Account

Bank: Punjab National Bank (Vijay Nagar Branch, Indore)

IFSC Code: PUNB0625100

CHAPTER 4 - MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

7. GUIDELINES FOR THE MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

All memorials submitted for the purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules as stated below-

- A. Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides, i.e., Petitioners and Respondents.
- B. The registered teams shall submit their memorial (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format)for both sides by email (mootcourt@pimrindore.ac.in) by 27TH MARCH, 2024 and same shall be submitted in hard copy latest by 5th April ,2024 {4 printed copies (2 for each side)} of such memorials addressed to:

Ms. Sanmati Rathore

Assistant Professor

Department of Law

Prestige Institute of Management and Research

Prestige Vihar, Scheme 74-C, Vijay Nagar,

Opp. Life Care Hospital, Indore (M.P.)

Pin Code- **452010**

Phone No: 9981628275



8.ORDER AND FORMAT OF MEMORIAL

A. File Naming for PDFs:

- Use 'R' followed by the team code for respondent memorials (e.g., 'R100').
- Use 'P' followed by the team code for petitioner memorials (e.g., 'P100').

B. Cover Page Details:

- Clearly mention "P" for petitioner and "R" for respondent on both soft and printed copies.
- Include the team code after the respective letter (e.g., "P100" and "R100").
- Place this information on the top right-hand corner of the cover page.

C. Institutional Identity:

• Teams must not disclose identity of their respective institutes anywhere on the memorial. Any team in violation of the rule would be eligible for immediate disqualification.

D. Memorial Format:

- Memorials must be submitted on A4 size paper.
- Follow the specified order for the following sections.

COVER PAGE;

TABLE OF CONTENTS;

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

INDEX OF AUTHORITIES;

STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION;

STATEMENT OF FACTS;

STATEMENT OF ISSUES;

SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS;

ARGUMENTS ADVANCED;

PRAYER;





The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information:

- The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner.
- The name and year of the Competition.
- The name of the case.
- The side for which the memorial has been prepared.
- Name of the forum resolving the dispute.

E. Formatting Guidelines

- The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman font with 12 font size and with 1.5 line sp acing.
- The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font with 10 font size and with 1.0 line spacing.
- The memorials should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. To conserve paper, teams may print their memorials on both sides of the A4 sheet and submit accordingly.
- The numbering should be on the bottom-center of each page.
- Footnoting Style-The Bluebook Uniform Style (19th Edition)
- Each memorial, from both parties, should consist of a maximum 40 pages.

These guidelines ensure a standardized and anonymous submission process, maintaining fairness in the competition.

9. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN SUBMISSION

- A. The hard copy of memorial shall be spiral bound only.
- B. The cover page of the soft copies and hard copies of the memorial shall comply with the following color scheme:

Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) – Blue

Respondent(s) – Red

- C. Each Team shall send a soft copy of the memorial, via e-mail and google drive link, both mandatorily on or before 27TH MARCH, 2024 to mootcourt@pimrindore.ac.in, .
- D. Any soft copy submission after 27TH MARCH, 2024 till 11:59 Pm shall not be accepted and the Team will not be allowed to participate in the Competition, except at the discretion of the NMCCC.





10. ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

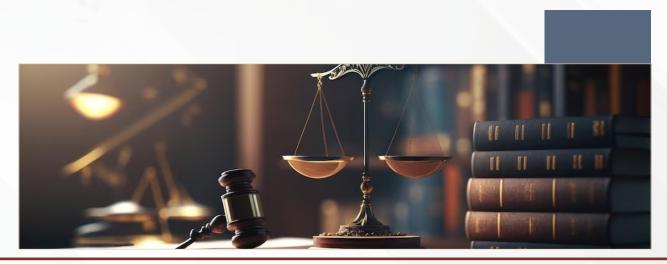
- A. The document must be compatible with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document (through use of compatibility mode) or a later version and do not contain any virus;
- B. 2 Separate attachment has to be sent.

One as memorial for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format) and second as memorial for the Respondent(s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format); and are named according to the Team Code and the side for which the memorial is prepared. The Team Code on the upper-right hand corner of the cover page is to follow the same format.

(For instance, Team 01 will name its memorial for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) as "A01" and Written Submission for the Respondent(s) as "R01".) Use of any other format (example "Team 01A" or "Team 01R") noncompliance of the same might lead to disqualification.

- C. Memorials from both the sides has to be attached in one single mail.
- D. Any delays caused by courier services will not be considered by the Moot Court Society. Teams must send both soft and hard copies of the memorial well in advance, considering all possible constraints.
- E. The hard copies of the memorial must match the soft copies exactly. Violating this rule will result in a penalty determined by the NMCCC, and their decision in this matter is final and not open to challenge.
- F. Teams must carry their own hard copies of the memorial for personal use; the NMCCC will not provide hard copies submitted by a team for their personal use.
- G. Teams are required to follow the citation method outlined in the 19th edition of the Harvard Blue Book with strict adherence throughout the memorial.

Non-adherence of last dates of submission would lead to 5 marks deduction each day





CHAPTER 5 - ABOUT THE COMPETITION

11. ORAL ROUNDS

Rules

- A. The competition shall consist of one preliminary round, quarter-final round, semi-final round followed by finals.
- B. The oral pleadings will be conducted in English and there shall be no deviation from this language requirement.
- C. Before the commencement of the pleadings, the team is required to inform the court master about the time they have allocated between themselves and the time reserved for rebuttal. No changes to the timings shall be entertained once it has been conveyed to the court master.
- D. Each team will get total of 15 minutes during the Preliminary Rounds, 20 minutes in Quarter-final rounds, 30 minutes for Semi-final rounds and 45 minutes for Final Round. The stated time includes the time for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal that can only be extended at the discretion of the judges.
- E. The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a minimum of 5 minutes per speaker in the Preliminary and Quarter final rounds, minimum of 7 minutes per speaker in the Semi-Final round and minimum of 10 minutes per speaker in the Final Round.
- F. The researcher shall be present with the speakers during the oral rounds.
- G. Use of any electronic gadgets is not permitted during the course of oral pleadings.
- H. The teams shall not disclose their identities or the name of their institution for the entire duration of the rounds. Failure to comply with the same will lead to penalties.

General Procedure

The order of speakers for a particular round shall be as follows:

- A. The Petitioner/Plaintiff team shall submit their arguments first, followed by the Respondent team. Thereafter the Petitioner/Plaintiff team shall have the option of submitting rebuttals. Surrebuttals shall be permitted at the discretion of the presiding Hon'ble Bench.
- B. The researcher is permitted to sit with the speakers during the submissions but can only speak at the discretion of the Hon'ble Bench.
- C. The teams are allowed to submit the copies of the compendium to the bench during the oral rounds. It is to be noted that no loose sheets of paper are allowed to be passed on.



- D. The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal may be presented by only one Speaker of a team for all the issues.
- E. If a team fails to reserve time for a rebuttal or sur-rebuttal at the start of an Oral Round, requests for the addition of such a time will not be entertained.
- F. The rebuttals and the sur-rebuttals shall be limited to the oral submission of each team, wherein the Respondent's sur-rebuttal shall be a response to the Petitioner/Plaintiff rebuttal.

Preliminary Rounds

- A. The Preliminary Rounds will be conducted on 12th April, 2024.
- B. Only one round of prelims will be held, wherein the team will have a chance to either argue as the Petitioner or as the Respondents based on the Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials.
- C. The fixtures for the Preliminary round shall be based on the Draw of Lots.
- D. For the Preliminary Round, each team will be given the opposing team's Memorial a day prior to the prelims.
- E. The total time allocated to each team in this round is thirty minutes (30 minutes). It is the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals which shall not be more than 4 minutes in any case.
- F. The time allotted can be extended only at the discretion of the judges.
- G. In case of a tie, the team scoring higher marks in the memorial shall be declared as the winner.

Quarter-Final Rounds

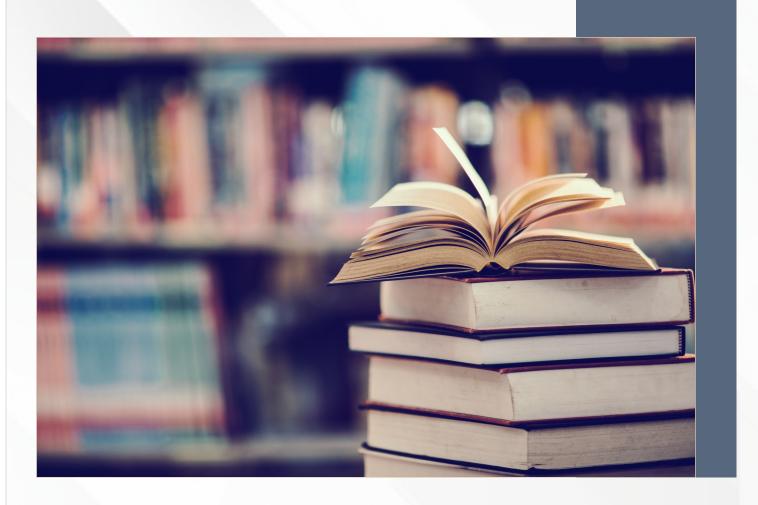
- A. The Quarter Finals will be held on 13th April, 2024 and shall be a knock- out round with four teams proceeding to the Semi-Final Rounds.
- B. For the purposes of qualification to the Quarter-Final Rounds the top 8 highest-scoring teams of the Preliminary Rounds shall be taken into consideration.
- C. In case of a tie, the team scoring higher marks in the memorial shall be declared as the winner.
- D. Fixtures for the Quarter-Final Rounds shall be based on the Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials.
- e. The oral submissions will have the same time allocation as that of the Preliminary Rounds, in accordance with point e.





Semi-Final Rounds & Final Round

- A. The four winning Teams from the Quarter-final Rounds shall advance to the Semi-final Rounds, to be held on 13th April, 2024.
- B. The winning teams from the Semi-final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round, to be held on 14th April, 2024.
- C. The total time allocated to each team in the Semi-Final and Final Round is forty-five minutes (45 minutes). It is the discretion of the teams to decide the time they wish to reserve for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals which shall not be more than five minutes (5 minutes) in any case.
- D. An oralist shall reserve not less than Eighteen minutes (18 minutes) for the pleadings. The time allotted can be extended only at the discretion of the judges.
- E. The same pattern of fixtures as followed in the Quarter final rounds shall also be followed in the semi-final.







12. RESEARCHERS'S TEST

- a. The researcher's test would be conducted on 14th April, 2024.
- b. The researcher's test shall consist of objective as well as subjective type of questions.
- c. The participant who is registered as Researcher shall only be allowed to participate in the Researcher's Test.
- d. Maximum Marks for the researcher's test will be 50 and the test will be conducted in the written format.
- e. The results for the researcher's test will be declared in the valedictory



13. DRESS CODE

All the participants are required to follow the lawyer's dress code i.e., White shirt, black pants, black tie, black shoes and black blazer throughout the event. Participants are required to be in formals even in inaugural and valedictory ceremonies.

14. CLARIFICATIONS TO MOOT PROBLEM

Teams may seek Clarifications via email to mootcourt@pimrindore.ac.in, latest by 18TH MARCH, 2024. No clarifications would be entertained after the mentioned date.

15. ANONYMITY

- 1. Teams shall not reveal their Identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code assigned to them.
- 2. Teams shall not, in any way, reveal their Identity in the memorial or in the course of the Oral Pleadings Session. The memorial shall not bear the logo, name, etc. of the Team, its members or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.
- 3. Any material, including the Compendium, books, bare acts, or any other reference material, carried into the courtroom for the Oral Pleading Session, whether presented to the Bench or not, shall not reveal the Team's identity and will be devoid of any identification marks/ seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented.





16. RESULTS

- 1. The results shall be announced shortly after each round.
- 2. The results of the final round shall be announced in the valedictory and award ceremony.

17. FINALITY OF DECISION

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final. For all the purposes and in any dispute, the decision of the NMCCC of Department of Law, PIMR, Indore shall be final and binding.

18. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. Evaluation criteria for memorial:

Memorials will be marked on a scale of 100 marks as per the following criteria:

S.N.O.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAX. MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Interpretation of Law and Application of Facts	10
3.	Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Authoritativeness and Persuasiveness	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thoughts	10
8.	Originality and Innovation	10
9.	Presentation Style	10
10.	General Impression	10
	TOTAL	100







B. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS

The Oral Pleading Sessions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks per judge as per the following criteria:

S.N.O.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAX. MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
3.	Interpretation and Application of Law	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Response to Questions	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thoughts and Expression	10
8.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10
9.	Reference to Memorial in the course of Oral Pleadings	10
10.	Court Mannerisms	10
	TOTAL	100

19. PRIZES AND AWARDS

Awards shall adhere to the following scheme:

S.N.O.	CITATION	AWARDS
1.	Winning Team	Rs. 35,000/-
2.	Runner-Up Team	Rs. 25,000/-
3.	Best Written Submission/Memorial	Rs. 7500/-
4.	Best Speaker	Rs.7500/-
5.	Best Researcher	Rs.5000/-





20. ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTION AND FOOD

Accommodation

- A. The team comprising of three members will be provided accommodation for the date of events.
- B. Participants can opt whether they require accommodation from institute or not.
- C. Separate rooms for accommodation shall be provided to girls and boys.
- D. Refer Chapter 3 for registration fee.
- E. The accommodation shall be provided by the institute from 5.00 Pm of 11th April, 2024. The participants need to checkout on 14th April, 2024.
- F. In case the participants wish to arrive early in the same hotel or wishes to extend their stay for any reason, they will have to bear those extended days expenses.

Transportation

- A. The institute will offer Pick up and Drop services from/to Bus Stop/Railway Station/Airports
- B. This service will only be provided for those opting for accommodation
- C. Pick up will be available from 10.00 Am of 11th April, 2024 and drop services could be availed till 8.00 Pm of 14th April, 2024.

Food

Following meals shall be provided to all participating teams-

11th April-Dinner

12th April-Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

13th April-Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

14th April-Breakfast and Lunch

We can't wait for you to savor the delicacies of Indore.





PRIZES AND AWARDS



WINNING TEAM



RUNNER-UP TEAM



BEST WRITTEN
SUBMISSION/MEMORIAL



BEST SPEAKER



BEST RESEARCHER





PRIZES AND AWARDS

WINNER

Free courses worth



by Manupatra

RUNNER'S UP

Free courses worth



by Manupatra

QUARTER FINALISTS





code to all participants of the event for all courses by Law Octupus Law School.



MOOT PROPOSITION

- 1. The country of Indon is the largest democracy in the world and is known for its rich culture, heritage, different languages, folk dances, music and other arts. Indon is home to diverse religious communities who live together abiding by a secular Constitution. The Constitution grants Indon the status of a federation where the federal units, called States, are divided largely on a linguistic basis. The population of Indon consists of people belonging to different religious communities who speak varied languages. To ensure respect towards all religions and languages, the Constitution of Indon guarantees the right to religion to all persons and the right to manage religious affairs to all religious denominations. Further, the Constitution also enlists 22 official languages that change from state to state, based on their usage.
- 2. Amongst the diverse population, Indon is also home to communities or groups of persons who identify themselves as minorities. To ensure the protection of minorities, the Constitution of Indon recognises minorities in the nature of religious and linguistic minorities only and grants them the right to 'establish and administer educational institutions of their choice' to further the aim of protecting their language, script and culture.
- 3. Ragananda is one of the western coastal States of Indon which was formed in 1956 on the linguistic basis of the Ragi language. Between 1956 and 1970, Ragananda faced two earthquakes and one cyclone. The three highly destructive natural disasters led to the death of lakhs of native State residents and the out-of-state migration of much of the remaining population. Thus, the State's population was reduced by 50% of its original population. Through the subsequent years, the migration of native residents of Ragananda to the neighbouring states continued. After the economic reforms of the 1990s, many people from other states came to Ragananda to invest in the upcoming industries and take up jobs. By the year 2000, the original Ragi-speaking population had decreased by huge margins. The 2001 census of Indon indicated that out of the total population of Ragananda, it remained home to only 10% of Ragi-speaking households.
- 4. Ragi Sahitya Mahasabha, a registered society founded in 1920, is involved in the promoting Ragi language through seminars, various publications and educational initiatives throughout the country. The society primarily works from its base at Ragananda. Taking note of the decline in the Ragi-speaking population, and perceiving the threat of Ragi becoming a dead language in the decades or centuries to come, the Ragi Sahitya Mahasabha decided to establish an educational institution. The institution would aim to preserve and promote the use of the Ragi language, primarily in Ragananda, and give preference to persons from Ragi-speaking communities in admissions and employment.
- 5. Members of the Ragi Sahitya Mahasabha, along with eminent professors from the Ragi-speaking community came together to establish Ragananda College of Arts and Commerce in 1999 through a trust founded by them named the Ragi Teaching and Education Trust. These members



also became the governing body members of the college management. The college was affiliated to the Ragananda State University. The college offered professional and non-professional courses and complied with all the regulatory requirements of the national accreditation, and ranking agencies. Preference in student admissions and employee recruitment was given to the members of the Ragi-speaking community subject to the statutory minimum qualification requirements.

- 6. In just twenty years of establishment, the college had shown promising improvements and had come to be known nationwide due to its impressive performance through academic and professional contributions. Many civil service position holders and well-known personalities of Indon were credited with having completed their education at Ragananda College. From 2010 to 2019, for ten consecutive years, the College had been positioned consistently amongst the top five best-performing colleges in the State. Given its high accreditation score and excellent academic performance, the College was granted the status of 'autonomous college' in 2019. However, in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, the ranking of the college slipped to 8th, 13th, 19th and 27th, respectively.
- 7. On 4th April 2023, the Director of Ragananda College received a letter from the Department of Higher Education of the State Government of Ragananda that in the upcoming recruitment of faculty members across all disciplines, the College management must ensure that 10% of the vacancies are reserved for state residents. The same condition was also mandated to be applied to the student admissions. An additional condition for student admissions was to admit two students to the professional courses through Sports Quota with a tuition fee of 50% of the actual fee; the loss of the remaining 50% of the tuition fee will be compensated to the institute by the State Government. In an immediate reply to this letter, the college Director wrote to the Department of Higher Education agreeing to the condition of Sports Quota admissions but denied reserving the 10% vacancy of faculty and students for state residents.
- 8. In its second letter dated 15th May 2023, the Department of Higher Education reiterated the condition of reserving 10% seats for state residents and added two more conditions. First, one officer from the Department of Higher Education will be a part of the faculty recruitment committee and the admissions committee, each; and second, at least 30% of the admissions to the professional courses should take place through the state-level entrance test organised by the State Government's Department of Higher Education. In reply to the second letter, the College management denied all the conditions proposed by the Department and mentioned that their educational institution does not receive any aid from the Government and therefore is not required to abide by any of the conditions.
- 9. Around 2nd week of June 2023, many news agencies in the State reported that the State cabinet had approved the bill to convert Ragananda College of Arts and Commerce to a University and the bill was to be presented in the upcoming monsoon session of the assembly.
- 10. National Commission for Minority Educational Institution (NCMEI) was established under the



National Commission for Minority Educational Institution Act, 2004 to provide recognition to minority education institutions and to oversee that institutions' functioning adhere to the minority character.

- 11. In order to avoid the repeated interference by the government in the administration of the college, and fearing the loss of the entire control over the college if the Bill is passed, the college management thought it fit to secure its fundamental rights of administering the minority education institution by obtaining a 'no objection certificate' from NCMEI. The college management filed the application in the third week of June 2023.
- 12. The assembly passed the 'Ragananda State University of Arts and Commerce Act 2023' on 12th August 2023 giving Ragananda College of Arts and Commerce the status of State University. On 18th August 2023, the NCMEI issued the order rejecting the College Management's application on the ground that the Government of Indon hasrecognised six minority communities based on religion only— and that an educational institution cannot be given minority status on a linguistic basis alone and the College's application is outside the scope of the Commission.
- 13. The College's management filed a special leave petition in the Supreme Court of Indon challenging the order of the commission. The College separately also filed a writ petition before the Supreme Court challenging the 'Ragananda State University of Arts and Commerce Act 2023' on the ground that it violates Articles 29 and 30 of the Indon Constitution. Ragi Sahitya Mahasabha, on behalf of the Ragi-speaking community, filed a writ petition in the Ragananda High Court challenging the Act to be violative of the rights of the entire minority community and pleaded that the Government of Indon and the Government of Ragananda be directed to recognise minorities on linguistic basis as well, failing which the minority rights remain unenforceable.
- 14. The Supreme Court of Indon has transferred the petition filed before the High Court of Ragananda to itself and clubbed it with the matters of the Special Leave Petition and the Writ Petition of the College Management. The Supreme Court has formulated the following issues to be taken up in the case –
- a. Whether the Ragananda College of Arts and Commerce is a Minority Education Institution and the governing body members have the right to administer the college.
- b. Whether the 'Ragananda State University of Arts and Commerce Act 2023' is violative of Articles 29 and 30 of the Constitution and hence invalid.
- c. Whether the inherent minority character of an educational institution extinguishes if the NCMEI rejects the application.
- d. Whether the National Commission for Minority Educational Institution Act, 2004 is





unconstitutional insofar as it fails to accommodate the rights of minorities on a linguistic basis.

Note: Laws of Indon are pari materia to the laws of India

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Names:
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1. Name of Male Member:
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3. Accommodation Required: Yes/No
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