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**INVITATION**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Subject: Invitation to participate in Online 5<sup>th</sup> RNBGU National online Moot Court Competition, 2021**

The School of Law of the RNB Global University, Bikaner [Rajasthan] proudly announces **5<sup>th</sup> SETH JAGANNATH BAJAJ MEMORIAL RNBGU NATIONAL ONLINE MOOT COURT COMPETITION**, a Two Days' Online Moot Court Competition, to be held from **23 October to 24 October 2021**.

RNB Global University, Bikaner is established vide Act No. 20 of 2015 in the State of Rajasthan. The University is spread on a vast well-developed campus and offers courses in various disciplines having all modern facilities. **The School of Law of RNB Global University** started in 2016 and has Five Years Law Degree Courses of B.A. LL.B., B.B.A., LL.B. and One Year of LL.M. Course. The teacher-student ratio at present is 1:10. The curriculum for the courses fulfills the requirements of BCI and in compliance with other competitions, like- RJS and Civil services etc.

We strive to provide a platform to the Law Students, on-roll in any Law Institute/ College/University/Faculty/Department situated within the State of Rajasthan & all over India for imbibing in them the pragmatic skills of law. This Moot Court is one such attempt of creating a simulated atmosphere for the future lawyers and judicial officers. The objective, in fact, is to allow the Law Students to delve into intricacies of the given field of law and to provide a real-life experience cum training in doing cutting edge research, presenting groundbreaking arguments and contributing to the development of jurisprudence in concerned areas of law.

**We would be glad to receive a positive response about your participation to the email ID: [mccrnb@rnbglobal.edu.in](mailto:mccrnb@rnbglobal.edu.in)**

The last date for registration is 17 October 2021 and you are requested to send the soft copy of Registration form along with proof of Registration fee.

Thanking You  
With Warm regards,

**Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Karkara**  
Dean, School of Law

**Mr. Ashok Prem**  
Convener

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## 1. Aims and Objectives

With successful National Level Moot Court Competitions held during last four years and looking to the demand of Law Centers in the country, RNBGU has undertaken to organize 5th Seth Jagannath Bajaj Memorial RNBGU National online Moot Court Competition. A legal problem facing the country at present has been made a subject to increase the legal acumen of the student of Law. A further objective is to sharpen the academic and professional excellence in the law students. The rights of the citizens of India and the spirit to protect the national interests by moving the judicial tribunals would develop in the legal fraternity. The competition also aims to provide an opportunity for law students to exhibit their skill, increase legal awareness and the skills of advocacy.

## 2. Schedule

EVENT	DATE
LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES (ONLINE)	17 October, 2021
LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATION	19 October, 2021
LAST DATE OF SUBMITTING SOFT COPY OF MEMORIALS	21 October, 2021
DATES OF EVENT	23 October to 24 October 2021

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## 3. Moot Proposition

Before the  
Hon'ble Supreme Court of Jambu Deep

Writ Petition under Article 32 of Constitution of Jambu Deep  
Law students v. Union of Jambu Deep and all States of Jambu Deep

1. A writ petition is filed by a group of Law students before the Supreme Court in Public Interest seeking directions to the respondents – Central/State Governments.

2. It is averted that Covid-19 is a “Notified Disaster” and therefore the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 shall apply. As such vide letter dated 14.03.2020, Ministry of Home Affairs, Union of Jambu Deep has stated that the Central Government, keeping in view the spread of Covid-19 virus in Jambu Deep, has decided to treat it as “Notified Disaster” for the purpose of providing assistance under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

3. As per the letter/communication dated 8.4.2015, the Government of Jambu Deep, Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division) issued revised list and norms of assistance from SDRF and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), for any death which is caused due to disaster, an amount of Rs. 4 lacs is to be paid to the victim's family, in addition to other reliefs.

4. Section 12 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 mandatorily provides for the National Authority defined under Section 3 of the said Act to recommend guidelines for the minimum standards of relief to be provided to persons affected by the disaster and it shall include, inter alia, ex gratia assistance on account of loss of life. It is the statutory duty of the National Authority to provide in the guidelines for ex gratia assistance on account of loss of life who died due to Covid-19, which is declared as a “Notified Disaster”.

5. To provide such *ex gratia* assistance on account of loss of life is not only a statutory obligation under Section 12 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, but it is the constitutional obligation also since it also affects the right to life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of Jambu Deep.

6. It is submitted that the word “shall” occurring twice in Section 12 of the Act puts a constitutional and statutory obligation on the part of the Central/State Government to recommend guidelines for providing *ex gratia* assistance which is in the nature of sustenance assistance.

7. Some States are paying the *ex gratia* assistance on account of loss of life to the family members of the persons who have died due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Central Government/all the State Governments should pay a particular same sum/amount of Rs. 20 lakh for the death caused by pandemic by way of *ex gratia* assistance.

8. Therefore, on the same line and applying the same criteria, the family members of those who have succumbed to Covid-19 now are to be provided *ex gratia* monetary compensation of Rs. 20 lacs to legal representatives of persons who died due to Covid-19 (at enhanced rates due to increase in the cost of subsistence than earlier fixed since 2015), as Covid-19 is also treated, considered and declared as “Notified Disaster”.

9. The Petitioners have prayed for—

(1) a writ of mandamus to the respondents – Union/State Governments to issue a policy to pay *ex gratia* monetary compensation of Rs. 20 lacs or at least Rs. 4 lacs (if the Government is opposing grant of *ex gratia* payment due to financial constraints) as notified *ex gratia* monetary compensation to the families of the deceased who have succumbed to the pandemic of Covid-19, in view of Section 12 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

(2) An appropriate direction to the respondents – Union/State Governments to fulfil their obligation to take care of victims of the calamity and their family members.

(3) To issue an appropriate direction to the respondents– Union/State Governments to issue any official document stating cause of death, to the family members of the deceased who died due to Covid-19.

(4) To issue an appropriate writ of mandamus against the respondents – Union of Jambu Deep and others to provide social security and rehabilitation to the victims of Covid-19.

10. The Union of Jambu Deep, disagreed to issue any such policy to pay any ex-gratia amount of compensation to those families whose members have died due to Covid-19 on the pleas that—

(1) Covid-19 is a continuous disaster which was not envisaged by the Legislature at the time of enactment of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and therefore the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 have to be implemented differently. The term “disaster” which was envisaged while enacting Disaster Management Act, 2005, there were broadly those disasters resulting from any catastrophe or calamity which is one time happening or few incidents taking place periodically for some time, hence considering the very nature of Covid-19, the Covid-19 disaster has to be treated differently from the term “Disaster”, contemplated by the Legislature, while enacting DMA 2005.

(2) The term “shall” used in Section 12 will have to be read as “may” while reading the instances given in Section 12 (i) to (iii), it is submitted that the Parliament has used the word “shall” twice in Section 12 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 which clearly shows that National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is not only bound to recommend guidelines for the minimum standards of relief but such reliefs must contain the provisions of *ex gratia* assistance on account of loss of life.

(3) The issue is not of fiscal affordability, but rather of the most rational, judicious and optimum usage of fiscal and all other resources of the nation. The question is of priorities and not facing financial constraint. It may not be misconstrued that the Government is opposing grant of *ex gratia* payment due to financial constraint.

(4) Various steps have been taken by the Union of Jambu Deep, to strategize nation’s response to Covid-19, a once in a lifetime pandemic inflicted on the entire world, wherein not just the funds of NDRF and SDRF, but even from the Consolidated Fund of Jambu Deep are being utilized as per the advice of the experts. It is submitted that specific steps have been taken for ramping up the entire health infrastructure, preparedness, relief, restoration, mitigation and reconstruction, in a very short time, to include, *inter-alia*:

(a) Testing, tracing, treatment and quarantine facilities.

(b) Augmenting hospital facilities, oxygenated beds, ventilators, ICU facilities etc.

(c) Augmentation of health workforce and their insurance.

(d) Augmentation, allocation, supply and transportation of oxygen and other essential drugs.

(e) Research, development, enhanced production and administration of vaccinations to rapidly cover one of world’s largest eligible population of beneficiaries.

(f) Ensuring food security to the vulnerable groups.

(g) Minimizing the adverse impact of large-scale economic disruptions by multi-pronged approach; and

(h) Rehabilitation, protection and education of children orphaned due to Covid-19.

(5) It is always desirable that any disaster of the nature of earthquake, flood, cyclone etc., an .

(6) Due to the peculiar nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was advisable not to formulate a strait jacket guideline and a cast in stone formula on “Minimum Standards of Relief”. In order to enable the authorities to deal with the ever-changing situations in the best possible manner, utilising all the financial, human, infrastructural and all resources of the nation rationally, judiciously and keeping the future contingencies in mind, as the world does not know how this pandemic will take shape in the future, the Union of Jambu Deep has taken a conscious policy decision to provide relief(s) depending upon the ever-changing needs through various

Ministries/Departments and such actions are coordinated and monitored by the National Executive Committee, as contemplated in the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in general and under Section 10 in particular.

(7) COVID-19 pandemic has also been an economic disruption. However, the Government has made herculean efforts to deter it from becoming a matter of economic distress, especially for the poorer and marginalised sections of society. Considering the economy wide impact, the Government of Jambu Deep has announced several packages, protecting the poor and vulnerable groups, extending cheap credit to small and medium businesses, and reducing taxes in many areas. These packages consist of lakhs of crores announced through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and the Prime Minister Atma Nirbhar Swastha Bharat Yojana (PMANSBY). To sustain the economic activities to deal with the economic impacts of disaster, the Central Government had to come out with several schemes either itself or through the directives issued by the Reserve Bank of Jambu Deep to the banks for the purpose of waiver of interest and/or restructuring of loan accounts. This has created a huge burden on the overall economy of the nation and the exchequer of the Central Government, in particular. However, the Central Government is doing its best to maintain its financial equilibrium without compromising on the health, safety, food security and economic stability of the country.

(8) The Government of Jambu Deep has also decided to vaccinate the people of Jambu Deep as the most reliable preventive measure. To achieve this goal by the end of this year, the Government has taken all the steps to scale up the production, supplies, and import of vaccines. In the annual budget for 2021-22, the Government of Jambu Deep has allocated Rs. 35,000 crores for the mass vaccination campaign.

Issues raised:

1. Where the statutory authority/authority has failed to perform its statutory duty cast under the statute or constitutional duty, whether a mandamus can be issued directing the authority to perform its duty cast under the statute?
2. What is the scope of judicial review by the Supreme Court in economic policy matters? If the wisdom or soundness of the policy, is the subject of judicial review?
3. Whether mandamus can be issued directing the respondents – State Governments to declare a particular policy/relief/relief package in general?
4. Whether a writ of mandamus can be issued directing the Central Government/National Authority/State Governments to pay a particular amount by way of ex gratia assistance, more particularly Rs. 20 lacs, as prayed by the petitioners? Whether the Court can/may direct to pay a particular amount by way of ex gratia assistance?
5. Merely because some States might have been paying from the Chief Minister Relief Fund or other relief funds, but not from SDRF, the ex gratia assistance on account of loss of life to the family members of the persons who have died due to Covid-19 pandemic, whether a writ of mandamus can be issued directing the Central Government/State Governments to pay a particular sum/amount by way of ex gratia assistance?
6. Whether any relief can be granted to direct the National Authority/Central Government/State Governments to pay a particular amount towards ex gratia assistance on account of loss of life to the family members of the persons who have died due to Covid-19.
7. Whether it is the duty of the every authority to issue accurate/correct death certificates stating the correct and accurate cause of death and the fact that a person has died due to Covid-19 and/or any other complications/disease due to Covid-19 so that the family members of the deceased who died due to Covid-19 may not face any difficulty in getting the benefits of the schemes that may be declared by the Government for the death of the deceased, who died due to Covid-19?
8. What further relief the petitioners are entitled to?

Note: The Constitution of the Jambu Deep and all other laws mentioned herein are same as of India. **This Moot proposition has been formulated solely for the purpose of this competition for furthering the academic exercise.**



## 4. Registration Form

The Registration form completed with all Team Details and Registration Fee must be submitted online on or before 17 October 2021. No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except under exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the Organizers.

### 4.1 Details of the Institution

**NAME OF THE INSTITUTION**


**ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION**


**CITY**  **STATE**

**POSTAL CODE**

**CONTACTNUMBER1**

**CONTACTNUMBER2**

**NAME**

**YEAR/SEMESTER**

**CONTACT NUMBER**

**EMAIL ID**

**SIGNATURE**

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**B. SPEAKER 2**

**NAME**

**YEAR/SEMESTER**

**CONTACT NUMBER**

**EMAIL ID**

**SIGNATURE**

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**C. RESEARCHER**

**NAME**

**YEAR/SEMESTER**

**CONTACT NUMBER**

**EMAIL ID**

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### **4.4 Undertaking**

I/WE do hereby declare that I/we have read and understood all the above-mentioned information and agree to:

- Maintain proper discipline during the competition.
- Abide by all the rules, regulations and marking criteria.
- Bind ourselves in considering the decision of judges as final in matter of evaluation.

**SIGNATURE OF ALL TEAM MEMBERS**

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## Rules & Regulations

### I Aims and Objective

The principal objective of the 5<sup>th</sup> SETH JAGANNATH BAJAJ MEMORIAL RNBGU NATIONAL ONLINE MOOT COURT COMPETITION is to provide a real-life experience cum training in doing cutting edge research and to give exposure to students pursuing the law course to the environment of the court system in India and enhance their advocacy skills by presenting groundbreaking arguments.

### II Date and Venue

The 5<sup>th</sup> SETH JAGANNATH BAJAJ MEMORIAL RNBGU NATIONAL ONLINE MOOT COURT COMPETITION will be held Online from **23 October to 24 October 2021** at Google meetplatform.

### III Dress Code

Inside the Court Room the participants shall be in Formal Attire:

**Girls:** White Salwar Kurta or Black Pant and White Shirt with Black Tie along with Black Shoes and Black Blazer

**Boys:** White Shirt, Black Trousers with Tie, Black Blazers and Black Shoes

#### A. Language

The language for the Moot Court Competition shall be English only.

#### B. Eligibility

Each law college / University in India shall be eligible to send one team of its regular students. The competition is open for bonafide students pursuing three-year LL.B. or five-year integrated law course and they must carry their ID cards and all other necessary documents to justify their eligibility.

#### C. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a. Each team shall comprise of two speakers and one researcher.
- b. Students from all law colleges/institutions/universities across the country recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to take part in the competition.
- c. All participants must be currently pursuing their bachelor's degree in Law, i.e., either 3 year or 5-year courses.
- d. Only one team per college shall be allowed to participate.
- e. The official language of the competition shall be English.

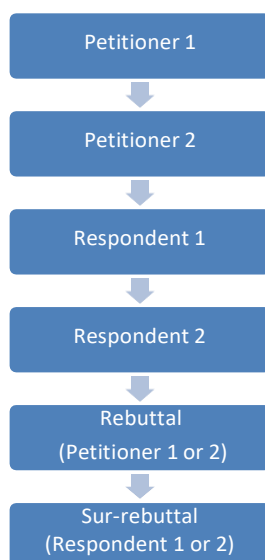
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## D. ROUNDS

- a. The Rounds will be held in three stages, that is Preliminary, Semi-Final and Final.
- b. The side to be represented (petitioner/respondent) shall be decided by draw of lots at different Stages during the competition.
- c. Orientation and draw of lots will be on **22 October 2021**.
- d. On **23 October 2021** at 9 AM there will be the online inauguration followed by the preliminary rounds.
- e. Top 4 teams will qualify to the semi-finals which will be held on **24 October 2021**
- f. The qualification to the knockout stage (Semi- Finals) will be based on the win points. In case of tie, teams with the highest aggregate of scores in the preliminaries (Inclusive of Memorial) will qualify to the Semi- Finals.
- g. The Semi Final will be a knock-out round which will be evaluated only on the basis of oral arguments.
- h. The Final will be held on **24 October 2021**.

### Oral Rounds

- a. In each oral round a team will be represented by two speakers who will present arguments. The researcher will not participate in the argument but will be seated along with the speaker during argument.
- b. Passing of any notes (oral or written) to the speaker by researcher is permitted to the minimal extent. However, for doing so the Court mannerism must be followed. Otherwise, there will be negative marking for the same.
- c. The order of the pleadings in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be:



### Preliminary Round

- a. Each team will get Thirty (30) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals. *The time excludes questioning by judges.*

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- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to maximum of 18 Minutes per speaker. The division of time must be informed to the court officers/ clerks before the beginning of rounds.
- c. Oral rounds need not to be confined to the issue presented in the memorial.
- d. The Team member delivering rebuttal or sur-rebuttal must be one of the two team members who argued during the team's main argument, the team need not indicate prior to rebuttal or sur- rebuttal which of its two eligible members will offer rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
- e. A team's oral pleadings shall not in any way be limited to the scope of the team's memorial. The scope of the Petitioner's rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Respondent's sur-rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Petitioner's rebuttal. If the Petitioner waives the rebuttal, there shall be no sur-rebuttal. No legal issues which were not addressed in the primary pleadings may be raised in the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

### **Semi- Final Round**

- a. Four teams shall advance to the semi-final rounds based on the selection criteria specified for the preliminary round.
- b. Teams arguing on the petitioners and respondent's sides will be decided by draw of lots on 22 October 2021 and the semi-final round shall take place on 24 October 2020.
- c. Individual WhatsApp groups shall be created for each team to ensure rapport with the organizers. The entire team (including the researcher) shall be present at the virtual oral presentations. Teams advancing to the semi-finals shall present their case before judges.
- d. The platform for conducting semi-final rounds shall be Google Meet.
- e. Each team shall be given 15 minutes for oral presentations.
- f. Teams are at liberty to divide the allotted time between Speaker1, Speaker2. An extra 5 minutes will be given for Rebuttal/Sur rebuttal. The same must be intimated prior to the rounds.
- g. The time allotted to the teams shall be overseen by a Court Officer, who shall also pass information to the teams regarding the time left for presentation.
- h. Additional time shall be granted at the discretion of the judges. Further information regarding this round shall be intimated through the above-mentioned WhatsApp groups.
  - i. In case teams intend to make reference to Compendiums submitted, teams are expected to intimate the same to the concerned court officers prior to the commencement of the session. The researcher during the course of presentation may use the "Present Screen" option" available in Google Meet platform to refer to the concerned page of the compendium.

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- j. Evaluation of teams shall be purely based on oral arguments alone.
- k. In case of tie of marks memorial marks from the preliminary round shall be taken into consideration and a final decision shall be made.

Rest of the rules for this round will be same as of the preliminary round.

### **Final Round**

- a. Two teams shall advance to the final rounds based on the selection criteria specified for the semi-final round.
- b. Teams arguing on the petitioners and respondent's sides will be decided by draw of lots.
- c. Teams advancing to the finals shall present their case before judges. Platform for conducting final rounds shall be Google Meet.
- d. Each team shall be given 20 minutes for oral presentations.
- e. Teams are at liberty to divide the allotted time between Speaker1, Speaker2. An extra 5 minutes will be given for Rebuttal/Sur-rebuttal. The same must be intimated prior to the rounds.
- f. The time allotted to the teams shall be overseen by a Court Officer, who shall also pass information to the teams regarding the time left for presentation.
- g. Additional time shall be granted at the discretion of the judges.
- h. Evaluation of teams shall be purely based on oral arguments.

### **E. REGISTRATION**

#### **1. Registration Fee- Rs. 1000 (Rupees One thousand only)**

- 2. The registration fees can be paid through Demand draft or online transfer. The draft should be drawn in the favour of RNB GLOBAL UNIVERSITY Payable at BIKANER. Registration fees can also be deposited online in the account of university. Account detail is-

**Name of A/c Holder: RNB GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, payable at Bikaner,  
A/c No: 61276471798, Bank: SBI, IFSC Code: SBIN0031725**

- 3. The registration form completed with all team details must be submitted online on or before **17 October 2021**.
- 4. No subsequent change in the team composition shall be permitted unless any unavoidable circumstance demand so.
- 5. In case the number of participating teams falls lesser than 16, the Moot Court Competition may not be held, and in such an event, the registration fee of all the registered teams will be returned. Decision in this regard is the sole prerogative of the Organizing Committee.



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## F. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Each team will be designated a team code after the registration.
2. Teams shall not disclose their identity or name of their institution or city etc.
3. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
4. All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

## G. MEMORIALS

1. Each team must prepare memorials from both the sides to the case.
2. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or addition will be allowed.
3. Soft copy of the memorials from both the sides must be sent through the email to MCCRNB@RNBGLOBAL.EDU.IN, latest by **21 October 2021**.
4. Late submission of memorial will attract (-1) point penalty for each delay for each memorial.
5. Memorials must be submitted on typed A 4 size paper with 1.5 space in 11-point Times new Roman, and must contain:
  - Cover Page
  - Table of Contents
  - Index of Authorities
  - Statement of Jurisdiction
  - Statement of Facts (2 page only and submission of argumentative statement of facts will attract penalty)
  - Statement of issues
  - Summary of Arguments
  - Arguments Advanced (15 Page)
  - Prayer
  - The argument must not exceed fifteen (15) pages.
6. Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.
7. Sides must be mentioned in the memorial in the header.
8. Paper Cover must be placed on brief with relevant information.
9. The memorial from petitioner's side must be having blue colored cover page and Red in case of respondents.
10. The cover page must state the following
  - Name of the Court
  - Name and year of the Competition
  - Cause Title
  - Identify Brief (i.e., "Memorial for the Appropriate Side of the Case)

## H. CITATION FORMAT

1. The Memorials shall use **Standard Indian Legal Citation**, for formatting of all cited authorities. Speaking Footnotes or endnotes are not allowed.

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## I. DISQUALIFICATION AND PENALTIES

### a. Cheating, Intimidation and Misconduct

1. Cheating or using of unfair means of any kind is strictly prohibited and if found to be indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the team.
2. Intimidation in any form is prohibited, and if found to be indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the entire team.
3. Misconduct, whether behavioral or otherwise, is not allowed, and if found to be indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the entire team.

### b. Court Manners (Oral Arguments)

1. Any form of communication found to be between the Bar table and any person other than those on the Bench is prohibited, and if indulged in, will result in a penalty point.
2. Submission of any written material other than the memorials, compendium and any other documents related to the proposition in hand to the Bench prior to, during or after the oral arguments, is not allowed, and if found to be indulged in, will result in a penalty point.
3. Failure to deliver an oral argument shall be considered to be a disqualification.

### c. Scouting

1. Speakers, a reserve or persons affiliated with the team, will not be permitted to observe the arguments in any court room in which the team is not one of the contesting teams whilst the team is still in the competition. Scouting by any team will result in disqualification.
2. Any team can file written complaint with the Organizing Committee, regarding a case of scouting and this committee's decision will be final and binding.
3. The researcher will be seated with the speakers at the time of arguments and shall not attend the court session of other teams participating in the competition.

## J. MARKING CRITERIA

### *Oral Round (For Mooters)*

The judges would assign marks to each individual speaker out of Hundred (100) marks. The team score would be the average of the total marks for oral presentations of the 2 speakers out of Hundred (100) marks. The following shall be the Marking Criterion and the Marks allocated to each category

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## 1. Knowledge of Law (30)

Excellent (25- 30 pts); Very Good (21- 24 pts); Good (16- 20 pts); Average (10- 15 pts); Poor (Below 10 pts.)

## 2. Application of Law to Facts (25)

Excellent (21-25 pts); Very Good (18-20 pts); Good (15-17 pts); Average (10- 14 pts); Poor (Below 10 pts.)

## 3. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions (30)

Excellent (25- 30 pts); Very Good (21-24 pts); Good (16-20 pts); Average (10- 15 pts); Poor (Below 10 pts.)

## 4. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor (10)

Excellent (9- 10 pts); Very Good (7- 8 pts); Good (5 -6 pts); Average (3 -4 pts); Poor (Below 3 pts.)

## 5. Time Management and Organization (5)

Excellent (5 pts); Very Good (4 pts); Good (3 pts); Average (2 pts); Poor (1 pt.)

## For Best Memorial

The memorials shall be assessed by a Committee of Judges and every memorial will be marked out of total Hundred (100) marks and the Team Memorial will have the average total of both the sides (Petitioner/Respondent). The Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each Category are listed:

- Knowledge of facts and law (Max 20pts).
- Presentation and Organization (Max 20pts)
- Depth and use of research (Max20pts)
- Clarity of thought &Originality (Max20pts)
- Citation of sources (Max 10pts)
- Grammar and Style (Max10pts)

## For Best Researcher:

Best Researcher will be decided based on following:

- RESEARCHER INTERVIEW

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- There will be an interview to select the best and second-best researcher of the moot court competition.
- For the Best and Second-Best Researcher, the judging criteria shall be inclusive of the marks secured for the memorials added to the average of marks they secure during the interview.

### **K. AWARDS**

- **Winner Team: Rs. 11,000 + Certificate**
- **Runner Up Team: Rs. 5100 +Certificate**
- **Best Memorial: Rs. 2100**
- **Best Speaker: Rs. 1100 + Certificate**
- **Best Researcher: Rs. 1100 + Certificate**

**Note: The Cheque of the Prize Money of the winning Teams will be sent to the Head of the institution. If Participant teams are less than 16(Sixteen) than the competition shall be stand cancelled.**

### **L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS**

- The results of the preliminary round shall be announced shortly after the rounds on 23 October 2021.
- The results of the Semi- Finals shall be announced shortly after the rounds on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- The Winners of the competition will be announced during the Award Ceremony (Valedictory Function) on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

### **M. ANONYMITY**

- Student council may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the team's law college, affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before award ceremony.
- Further all team member, coaches, advisors and observers shall refrain from identifying team's school/college at any time in any manner including, but limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as, badges, blazers, or pins carrying identifying material (such as books with college logo or seal)

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## O. CONNECTIVITY ISSUES

- Teams advancing to semifinal rounds and final rounds are advised to use a stable internet connection for ensuring smooth presentations. ·
- The host institution shall not be held responsible for any connectivity or network issues that might arise during the course of oral arguments. ·
- In case of unprecedented connectivity issues such as abrupt internet failure, taking the best interests of the teams into consideration 5 minutes shall be allotted for rejoining the interrupted session. Such contingencies must be intimated to the organizers through WhatsApp immediately by the researcher of the concerned team.
- In case the contingency is not mitigated, teams shall be awarded marks based on the arguments submitted till the point connections were lost. Owing to such contingency, one team completes oral arguments, and the opposite team cannot begin their oral arguments, the team that completed oral arguments shall advance to the next round by default.

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