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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Smt. Velagapudi Durgamba Siddhartha Law College, Vijayawada is a renowned and leading centre of Legal Education and Research in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Established in 1987 by the Siddhartha Academy of General and Technical Education in Vijayawada as well as affiliated to Krishna University, A.P and recognized by the Bar Council of India , the institution offers U.G, P.G and Ph.D programmes in the discipline of law. The college maintains a holistic education approach and strives to groom approximately 1050 students every year as professionally competent and socially relevant legal professionals with the help of its state-of-the-art infrastructure, scholarly faculty and excellent learning resources.

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College Website: <https://svdsiddharthalawcollege.ac.in/>

College Email id: svdsiddharthalawcollege@gmail.com

Accessibility:

Our campus, spanning 10,674 square meters along National Highway No: 9 in Kanuru, in a sprawling premises in the city of Vijayawada, which is proximate to the capital of State of Andhra Pradesh and is well connected by road, rail and air transport facilities and therefore easily accessible for the competetiors to reach even from distant places.




ABOUT THE LEGAL FEST

With the background of 2 national legal festivals organized successfully on previous occasions, the college is now hosting 3rd National Legal Festival-2024, to be held from 20/12/2024, covering Moot Court Competition and Legal Quiz. The Moot Court competition, a highlight of this fest, provides a platform for law students to hone their advocacy skills and engage in simulated court proceedings. Participants will present their arguments on a novel and complex legal problem before a panel of esteemed judges, displaying their legal acumen, and harnessing research abilities & oratory skills. This event is designed to foster critical thinking and practical legal knowledge, offering students an invaluable opportunity to apply theoretical concepts in a courtroom setting.

MOOT COURT PROPOSITION

ZENITH TECH – a renowned multinational company with business operations across the world, including the Republic of Indica, has developed a fascinating and advanced Generative Artificial Intelligence. This AI is endowed with an in-built mechanism to conceive, visualize, design, plan, and execute tasks independently. The company proudly proclaimed that its Generative Artificial Intelligence has the innate capacity to think, conceive, and visualize almost like human beings and might even surpass human intelligence in the near future. It further claimed that a major chunk of prevailing jobs will soon become redundant, leading to gargantuan levels of unemployment, while simultaneously creating numerous new jobs requiring skills aligning with generative artificial intelligence. Human intelligence and creativity are expected to be surpassed by artificial intelligence, leading to an easier, healthier, happier, and higher quality of life.

However, “TECH WITH HUMAN FACE” – an NGO initiated by renowned altruistic scientists in the Republic of Indica – has presented a counter-argument alleging that such technology, if left unregulated, would have catastrophic consequences. It poses a grave danger to human existence, disrupts national security, undermines individual privacy, and disturbs public order. This, in turn, could even threaten the unity and integrity of the nation. There is also a risk of these disruptive technologies falling into the hands of criminals, anti-social elements, and terrorists, potentially wreaking havoc with the lives and well-being of people. Therefore, effective and robust regulatory frameworks are necessary to mitigate these adverse effects. The NGO has made a series of representations to the Government of the Republic of Indica, seeking regulation of generative artificial intelligence and allied technologies.



In response, the Republic of Indica contended that emerging technologies like Generative Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing are still at the nascent stage. Therefore, bureaucratic control would be sufficient at this stage, and further such technologies have cross-border ramifications. Thus, domestic regulation might be inadequate and ineffective. Regulating these technologies too early and that too at the nascent stage might stifle their natural development. The Republic of India, therefore, suggests that a Global Regulatory Framework, developed through consensus among comity of nations at an appropriate time, could be more effective.

Consequently, Tech with Human Face has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) with the Supreme Court, seeking a directive for policymakers to formulate and enforce a robust regulatory mechanism for generative artificial intelligence, or alternatively, for the Court to frame interim guidelines until the legislature intervenes. The Supreme Court dismissed the petition, arguing it was not a public interest issue and beyond its jurisdiction as it falls within the legislative domain, which is not within the Court's law-making powers. Aggrieved by this decision, Tech with Human Face has appealed to the Moot Court, contending inter-alia: that the PIL is maintainable due to the paramount importance of the issue, legislative inertia, and the potential catastrophic consequences for existing and future generations. The appeal, therefore, argues for judicial intervention and suggests that judges do have law-making power in cases of first instance to advance public causes, citing historical examples.

NOTE: The laws prevailing in Republic of Indica are in Pari Materia with that of Republic of India.

Participants are at liberty to frame issues by their ingenuity



MOOT COURT RULES

1. Memorial Submission Guidelines

A. FONT AND FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS:

- The body of the Memorial must be typed in Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing.
- The font size for footnotes, if any, must be no less than size 10.
- Each page must have a margin of at least one inch on all sides.
- The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages (excluding the Cover Page).

B. STRUCTURE OF THE MEMORIAL:

- The Memorial shall consist of the following parts:
 - i. Cover Page
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. List of Abbreviations
 - iv. Index of Authorities
 - v. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - vi. Statement of Facts
 - vii. Issues Formulated
 - viii. Summary of Arguments
 - ix. Arguments Advanced along with the supportive Precedents. (not exceeding 15 pages)
 - x. Prayer
- The text must follow the Blue Book mode of citation (20th Edition).

C. SUBMISSION DETAILS:

- Each team must submit **02 copies** of the Memorials for both Petitioner and Respondent on or before **14/12/2024**. The postal address is provided at the end of the brochure. Along with that, the participants are instructed to submit **4 Copies** of the memorials for both sides at the time of **desk registration**.
- The name of the institution or the names of student participants must not appear anywhere in the Memorial. The Team Code allotted must be typed at the top right corner of the cover page.
- The Cover Page for the Appellant/Petitioner should be in blue color, and for the Respondent in red color. Use chart paper or bond paper for the cover page.

- Email soft copies of the Memorials in MS Word (.doc) and PDF formats to svdlegalfest@gmail.com by 14/12/2024 (23:59 hours IST) with the subject: “Memorial for S.V.D. Siddhartha Legal Fest [Team Code]”.

D. Copyright and Other Details:

- The organizing college holds exclusive copyrights over the memorials submitted by participating teams.

2. RULES GOVERNING THE COMPETITION

1. The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year) from BCI recognized universities and Law Colleges. Only, 1 team is allowed for registration from an institution
2. The team shall consist of 3 members (2 Mooters and 1 Researcher)
3. The competition shall be conducted in four rounds comprising Preliminary, Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final rounds.
4. In the Preliminary rounds, each team shall argue for both sides. Eight teams that achieve the highest marks in the Preliminary rounds shall become eligible to enter into the Quarterfinals. Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final rounds shall be held on a Knock-Out basis.
5. In the Preliminary rounds, each team shall get 30 minutes (including rebuttals). The two Mooters can adjust the time between them, but no Mooter shall argue for more than 20 minutes.
6. In the Quarterfinal and Semifinal rounds, each team shall get 30 minutes for arguments and 2 minutes for rebuttals.
6. In the Final round, each team shall get 40 minutes and 5 minutes for rebuttals.

7. Memorials are evaluated separately. Memorials for each side shall carry 100 marks. Each Memorial is valued for 100 marks.

8. Basis of Evaluation of Marks for Memorials.

- Cause Title Form and Index: 10
- Jurisdiction of the Court: 10
- Framing of Issues: 10
- Linking of Pertinent Law to Facts and Precedents, Analysis, and Drawing of Inferences and Conclusions: 40
- Relief/s Prayed For: 10
- Format and Citation: 10
- Quality of Language: 5
- Adherence to the Guidelines: 5

9. Oral arguments shall generally confine to the Memorials.

10. Oral arguments for each side (i.e., for Petitioner and Respondent) shall carry 50 marks. Each Mooter's argument shall be valued for 25 marks.

11. Basis of Evaluation of Marks for Oral Arguments:

- Addressing the Court, Gait and Gesture, Tone and Tenor, Voice Modulation, and Court Etiquette: 5
- Formulation of Issues, Linking Facts with Applicable Law and Binding Precedents, Drawing of Inferences and Conclusions, Depth of Knowledge, and Command Over Language: 30
- Novelty, Clarity, Cogency, Brevity, Ingenuity of Arguments: 5
- Rebuttals: 5
- Answering to the Queries of the Court: 5

QUIZ RULES

1. The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year) from BCI recognized Universities and Law Colleges

2. Teams and Participants:

- Each team must consist of exactly two participants.
- Teams should select a team name before the quiz begins.

3. Quiz master:

The Quiz master will preside over the quiz, ask questions, manage the quiz flow, and resolve any disputes.

- The Quiz master decisions are final on all matters, including questions, answers, and disputes.

4. Question Format:

- Questions will cover a range of legal topics, including:
 - General legal principles and concepts
 - Specific Acts and statutes
 - Notable case laws and Landmark Audio-video visuals
 - Current affairs and recent developments in law
- The quiz will be conducted in both clockwise and anti-clockwise direction in each round

5. Answering Questions:

- Answers must be given verbally by one of the team members.
- If a team answers incorrectly, then the same question will be put to the next team as per the order of seating allocated.

6. Scoring:

- Correct answers will earn points as determined by the Quiz master.
- Incorrect answers carries a negative mark of one.
- The Quiz master will announce scores after each round or at the end of the quiz.

7. Timing:

- Each round and question will be timed as specified by the quizmaster.

8. Disputes and Challenges:

- Disputes or challenges regarding questions or answers must be raised immediately after the relevant question or round.
- The Quiz master will review and resolve disputes, and his/her decision is final and binding.

9. Behaviour:

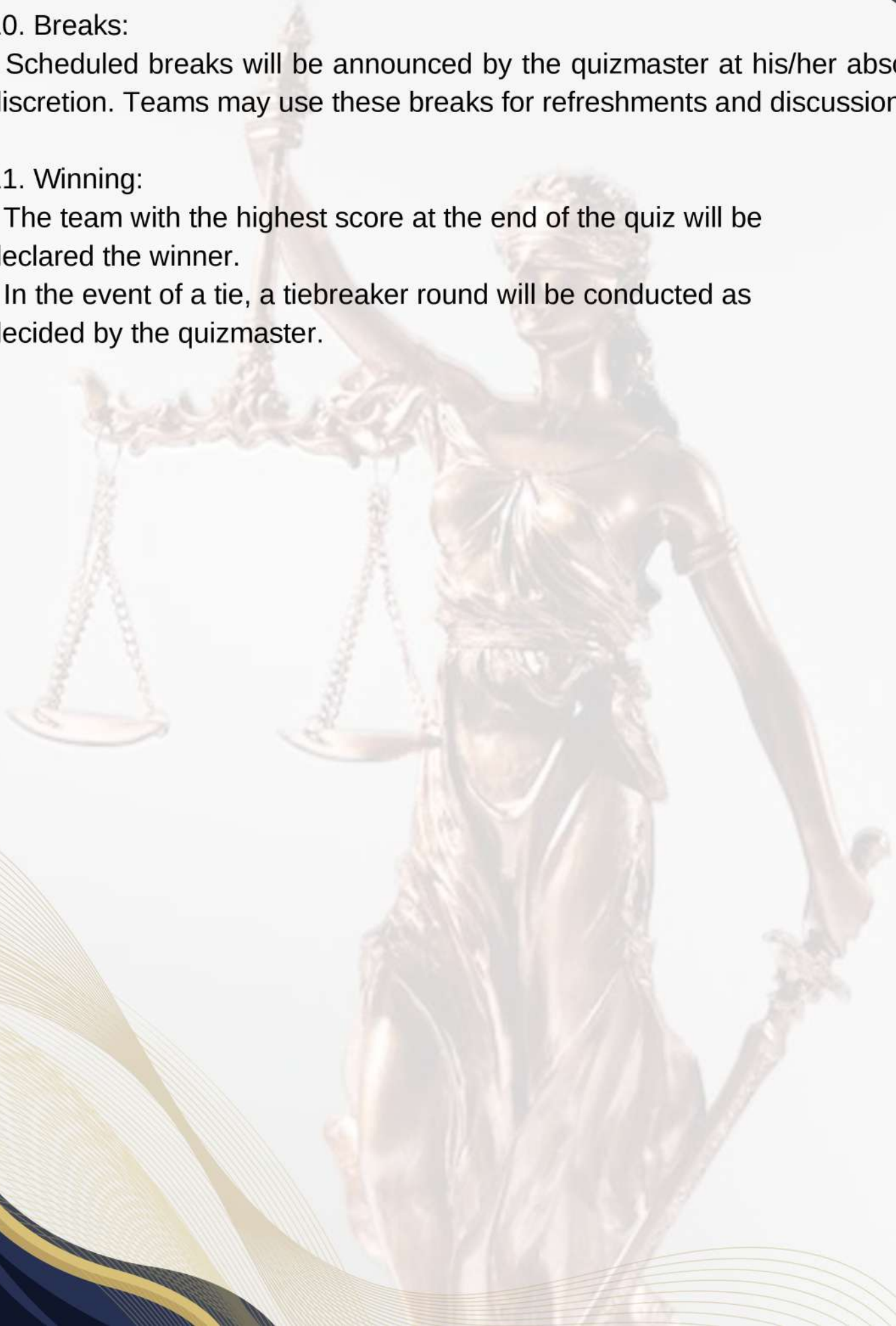
- Teams are expected to conduct themselves with respect and courtesy throughout the quiz competition.
- Cheating, such as using unauthorized materials or any electronic device, will result in disqualification.
- Disruptive behavior may lead to penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the quizmaster.

10. Breaks:

- Scheduled breaks will be announced by the quizmaster at his/her absolute discretion. Teams may use these breaks for refreshments and discussion.

11. Winning:

- The team with the highest score at the end of the quiz will be declared the winner.
- In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker round will be conducted as decided by the quizmaster.



PRIZES

1. The Winning Team shall be awarded a ***Trophy, a Cash Prize of Rs. 30,000, and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.***
2. The Runner-Up Team shall be awarded a ***Trophy, a Cash Prize of Rs. 20,000, and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.***
3. The Best Memorial shall be awarded a ***Trophy, a Cash Prize of Rs. 10,000, and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.***
4. The Best Mooter shall be awarded a ***Trophy, a Cash Prize of Rs. 10,000, and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.*** The Best Speaker shall be evaluated based on performance in the preliminary rounds.
5. The Winner of the Research Test shall be awarded a ***Trophy, a Cash Prize of Rs. 10,000, and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.***
6. All the members of the teams that become eligible for Quarterfinals and Semifinals shall be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit. All members of the other participating teams shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation.
7. The Winners of the Quiz shall be awarded a ***Trophy, a Cash Prize of Rs. 15,000, and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit,*** while the Runners-up shall be awarded a ***Trophy, a Cash Prize of Rs. 10,000 and a Certificate of Appreciation.***
8. ***20% scholarship code to all participants of the event for all Lawctopus Law School's courses, including the subscription plan***

STEPS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR REGISTRATION

1. The registration fee of Rs. 2000 (For Moot Court, Quiz, or Both) can be paid only through online RTGS/NEFT: Name: Ch. Divakar Babu, Principal, S.V.D. Siddhartha Law College, Account No:33672200002400, IFSC Code: CNRB0013367, Bank Address: Canara Bank, VRSEC Branch, Kanuru, Vijayawada-520007.
2. Teams from each participating institution are required to fill in the registration form at: <https://forms.gle/YhVsHbbcsCv3zbGT9>.
3. After filling out the Registration (Google form), participants should proceed with the second step of registration: to fill the Authority Letter, Registration Form & Payment Details, and send the scanned copy (soft copy) of the same along with the screenshot of payment made or the photocopy of the receipt (clearly depicting the transaction reference number) to our email: svdlegalfest@gmail.com.
4. The hard copies or physical copies of the Authority Letter, Registration Form & Payment Details shall be sent along with the memorials by post on or before **14/12/2024**. The participants are instructed to provide a copy of them during the desk registration as well.
5. After successfully completing your registration process, participants are requested to fill out the Travel and Accommodation Form (if accommodation is needed). The Link of the Travel & Accommodation form is: <https://forms.gle/Y6Q2mUCyaQHqUPo49>

Day	Session	Time
Day 1	Morning Session	
	Desk Registration & Inaugural	09:00 - 11:00
	Drawing of Lots for Preliminary Round & Exchange of Memorials	11:30-12:00
	Moot Court Preliminary Rounds	13:00-17:00
	Researchers Test	18:00-19:00
Day 2	Morning Session	
	Moot Court Quarter Final Round	10:00-12:30
	Afternoon Session	
	Moot Court Semi-Final Round	14:00 - 16:00
	Quiz	17:00-19:00
Day 3	Morning Session	
	Moot Court Final Round	10:00 - 12:00
	Afternoon Session	
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Event	Date
Release of Brochure	12/10/2024
Commencement of Registration	12/10/2024
Closure of Registration	30/11/2024
Last date for seeking clarifications to Moot Proposition	04/12/2024
Last date for giving clarifications	09/12/2024
Allotment of Team Codes	01/12/2024
Last date for submission of Soft Copy of Memorials	14/12/2024
Desk Registration & Last date for submission of Hard Copies of Memorials	20/12/2024
Exchange of Memorials for Preliminary Rounds	20/12/2024
Quiz Competition	20/12/2024
Moot Court Competition	20/12/2024 - 22/12/2024

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