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## 01 ABOUT NFSU

The National Forensic Sciences University, an Institution of National Importance, having its headquarters at Gandhinagar, is established by an Act passed in the year 2020 by the Parliament of India to facilitate and promote studies and research, and to achieve excellence in the field of forensic science in conjunction with applied behavioural science studies, law, criminology, technology and other related fields, and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto. The university has been focusing on cutting-edge research in criminal investigations and physical and digital security, and has developed an institution exclusively for training officers in various departments. The university has also integrated management studies, catering to officers from various countries, including Africa, South East Asia, Middle East nations, and West Asia. The university has successfully ventured into consultancy services and established several centres of excellence, including the Ballistics Research Centre, Cyber Defence Centre, International Centre for Forensic Narcotics, and International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics. These centres provide academic, research, training, and consultancy services to national and international clients. The Ministry of Home Affairs has annexed the Delhi Centre, the National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Sciences, with the university. The university aims to establish academic centres globally, leading to the globalization of forensic sciences academia.

## 02 ABOUT SLFJPS

The School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies under National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar is established with the aim of imparting professional education with a special focus on forensic application in all allied areas of law and policy framework. The School aspires to be the leading provider of forensic justice understanding to all professionals from different areas of governance, including justice administration. Through forensic lenses, it focuses on crime prevention, crime reduction, crime mapping, and speedy and fair dispensation of justice, thereby contributing to the overall welfare of people.



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## ABOUT MCC

The Moot Court Committee, SLFJPS, is a thriving gathering place for driven law students who want to improve their advocacy abilities, get hands-on experience in mock trials, and practice making compelling arguments. Before graduating and going into a real courtroom, students must obtain enough experience in moot court settings. Through exposure to litigation in a variety of national and international legal contexts, the moot court program aims to develop students' analytical, argumentative, observational, and drafting skills. In moot court competitions, teams of law students present their claims in front of a bench of judges in a simulated setting, mimicking real court procedures. Students conduct extensive preparation by researching a certain subject before the rounds.

# ABOUT NYAYA ABHYUDAY 2.0

The Moot Court Committee at the School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies, National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar proudly presents **Nyaya Abhyuday 2.0: The Techno-Legal Fest.**

Nyaya Abhyuday is a dynamic platform designed to engage aspiring legal professionals with the rapidly evolving interface of law, technology, and justice. Built on the foundation of academic excellence and experiential learning, the fest seeks to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world legal practice. Nyaya Abhyuday cultivates analytical thinking, advocacy, and a deeper understanding of how technological transformation is reshaping legal systems across the globe through its esteemed competitions.

Building on the remarkable success of its previous edition, Nyaya Abhyuday returns with renewed vision and greater ambition. Last year, the fest witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than **55 teams** representing top National Law Universities and leading law colleges from across the country, making it a resounding success and establishing it as a prominent techno-legal academic platform. Nyaya Abhyuday 2.0 seeks to elevate this legacy even further by expanding its intellectual scope and competitive excellence.

This prestigious initiative is the brainchild of our esteemed Dean, **Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal**, whose visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to innovation in legal education have been instrumental in shaping Nyaya Abhyuday. Nyaya Abhyuday 2.0 stands as a reflection of her dedication to nurturing future-ready legal professionals equipped to navigate complex techno-legal challenges.

The Law Fest features two flagship national-level competitions designed to sharpen advocacy and litigation skills while engaging with contemporary legal realities:

**The 4th NFSU National Technological Moot Court Competition** offers participants an opportunity to explore cutting-edge legal issues emerging from technological advancement, fostering strategic thinking and innovative legal argumentation for the future.

**The 2nd NFSU National Trial Advocacy Competition** provides an immersive courtroom experience, enabling participants to develop practical litigation skills, courtroom strategy, and persuasive advocacy, essential tools for effective legal practice.

SLFJPS is delighted to host Nyaya Abhyuday 2.0 as a transformative academic initiative that empowers students to grow into competent, confident, and future-ready legal professionals.

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# MOOT PROPOSITION

1. The Union of Freedonia is a sovereign, democratic republic, having its own written Constitution. It is landlocked and a developing nation, and is seen amongst the key growing economic powers of the world.
2. Nearly fifty years ago, Freedonia gained its Independence from Mordor, one of its neighbouring countries. Mordor had long colonized and subjugated the people of Freedonia and denied them the most basic civil rights and liberties. With the backdrop of its freedom struggle and its aim of creating an egalitarian nation, Freedonia sought to lay down a strong rights discourse, called 'Basic Rights', with right to equality, freedom of speech and right to life and personal liberty provided with the central position within its Constitution. In present times, Freedonia's 'Basic Rights' has emerged as a model framework for other nations to follow.
3. However, ever since its independence from Mordor, Freedonia has been battling a strong insurgency in its Liberta corridor. Liberta Corridor is a region in its southern part, which has key mineral deposits of lithium, silica and rare earth minerals, set to prove crucial in Freedonia's ongoing technological revolution and support its socio-economic development.
4. The insurgency has particularly been led by a group called 'Black Star'. Black Star has been inflicting severe violence on the local civilians, as well as the Freedonian Armed Forces, causing widespread destruction of life and property. The situation has also severely impaired the socio-economic growth of the region. In the recent times, Black Star has been attempting to leverage modern technology to enhance its attacks and destabilize the region, forcing the Freedonian Government to adopt stringent measures to counter the evolving threats. Further, groups such as Black Star were also reported to be receiving active financial and weapon support from Mordor, with which Freedonia has also had long-standing border dispute in the Liberta corridor region.
5. Meanwhile, Def Tech AI, a leading defence manufacturer of Freedonia has developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled human-on-the-loop autonomous weapon system named Igniter-D, capable of assessing threat and eliminating such threat based on analysis. Igniter-D was an AI-enabled combat drone system, designed to identify threats using multi-sensor data and machine-learning (ML)-based predictive models. Further, Igniter-D operates through swarm intelligence, wherein multiple drones would coordinate to make a decision through distributed coordination, while at the same time functioning under certain human-defined parameters and supervision.

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6. Igniter-D's capability was widely demonstrated, with defence experts hailing the launch as a 'game changer' and a necessity to keep in tune with the evolving nature of threats. Def Tech AI Chief Mr. Steve Baggins gave a statement through his official X account stating *"Igniter-D is a gift of technology, an instrument to further long-term peace and stability and we will be soon proposing it for our Armed Forces. Def Tech AI is committed to its moto of 'pioneer, peace, and prosperity'"*.
7. At the same time, a number of civil society organizations from within and outside Freedonia raised objections to the deployment of 'Igniter-D', citing a lack of clear and enforceable mechanism for fixing responsibility and accountability in the event of harm caused by such systems.
8. However, in the light of growing security concerns, the Freedonian Government decided to authorize the use of Igniter-D to address the rising security threats in the Liberta region. The Union Cabinet, on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, led by Prime Minister Mr. Frodo, through an executive resolution 'National AI Deployment Security Resolution' (NADSR) provided a general authorization for the use of AI-enabled autonomous weapon systems. The resolution read as: *"The Freedonian Union Executive, in light of its national security situation, hereby authorizes the deployment of AI-enabled autonomous defence systems, subject to such safeguards and oversight, as may be prescribed by competent authorities."*
9. In furtherance of the NADSR, the Union Ministry of Defence signed a procurement agreement with Def Tech AI to procure Igniter-D on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025. Subsequently, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025, first batch of Igniter-D was delivered by Def Tech AI to the Union Ministry of Defence. Prime Minister Mr. Frodo, through a statement heralded the inclusion of drone in the defence arsenal of Freedonia as the 'new dawn of strength, autonomy and peace'.
10. Civil society organizations further contended that, apart from unresolved issues of accountability, the authorization of such weapon systems through an executive Government Resolution, rather than through parliamentary enactment, undermined democratic consensus, institutional credibility, and safeguards relating to their deployment.

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11. After their procurement, the Armed Forces personnel were gradually trained in the use of Igniter-D and by August 2025, drones began to be used in counter-insurgency operations. The drones achieved initial success especially as some key leaders and armed militia providing support to Black Star were eliminated. The Government stated that the deployment of Igniter-D had significantly reduced casualties among armed forces personnel in high-risk operations. Igniter-D's success was heralded and celebrated across the nation, with several other nations also expressing their interest in purchasing the Igniter-D system.
12. However, on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, while the Igniter-D was on its routine counter-insurgency patrol, it intercepted a convoy of civilian vehicles carrying mine workers from a dense forest route. The area it was passing through did not per se have any movement-related restrictions. Although, in prior operations, Black Star operatives were reported to use civilian-looking convoys and forest routes to transport arms and personnel. The drone formation classified the passing convoy as 'hostile', based on thermal signs, movement patterns and the historical data with which it had been fed. In pursuant to its threat assessment, it executed a coordinated strike on the convoy, instantly killing 29 mine workers and wounding several others.
13. The incident triggered a widespread public concern across Freedonia and intensified debates on the deployment of AI-based systems, particularly in sensitive sectors like defence. Several civil society organizations called for an immediate suspension of such systems, citing the absence of clear accountability and responsibility mechanisms. A prominent human rights activist, Ms. Scatia, publicly stated that "systems lacking accountability and responsibility ought not to be deployed where human life is at stake." Concurrently, demands were raised for the constitution of an independent and formal probe to ensure that responsibility for the incident was duly ascertained.
14. A petition was subsequently filed in the Apex Court of Freedonia by the families of the victims of the strikes represented by IVA (Igniter-D's Victims' Association) against the Union Government of Freedonia, as well as Def Tech AI contending that: (i) Use of Igniter-D was violative of 'Right to life and personal liberty'<sup>1</sup> enshrined under the Freedonian Constitution, while the State actively failed to protect the lives; and (ii) Accountability for the loss of lives shall be attributed to Def Tech AI and the Freedonian Government.

<sup>1</sup> Article 21, Freedonian Constitution – 'No person shall be deprived of right to life and personal liberty except according to due process of law'.

Article 14, Freedonian Constitution – 'No citizen shall be denied right to equality and equality before law'.

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15. In his defence, Mr. Steve Baggins issued a statement stating that Def Tech AI was committed to ensuring a responsible defence ecosystem, and at times, given the very nature of artificial intelligence and systemic and non-systemic uncertainties, there could be certain “*unavoidable and unpredictable*” outcomes, beyond anybody’s anticipation and control.
16. During the pendency of the petition filed by IVA, the Union Government constituted a committee consisting of retired judges, defence and technology experts to probe the incident on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. The Committee submitted its report on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.
17. The Probe Committee made following observations in its findings:
- a. The Freedomian Army’s Southern Command received the information about the strikes only after they were conducted by Igniter-D;
  - b. There was an issue of satellite feed latency, sensor misclassification due to ambient heat, as well as reliance on predictive modelling instead of real-time confirmation. Unusually high temperatures of the day affected the thermal contrast levels used by Igniter-D’s object-classification algorithm, enhancing the possibility of misidentification between civilian and hostile vehicular formations;
  - c. Although Igniter-D acted in furtherance of its own threat assessment and action, the human agency aspect’s existence could not be denied totally. The system was deployed after prior human authorization at system approval-level as well as operational deployment-level. It also included designation of patrolling zones and outlining engagement parameters, including confidence thresholds, within which autonomous responses could be initiated. Igniter-D’s operational control was distributed across multiple military commands, with manual human override a mechanism in place, which however depended on coordination across multiple military commands;
  - d. No designated individual operator having exclusive authority to approve or abort Igniter-D’s strike decisions;
  - e. No clarity on protocol as to if non-intervention constituted implied authorization.
18. The Freedomian Government issued a statement in response to the above report stating, that while it is committed to ensuring that Igniter-D and such systems are used responsibly, it stated that:
- a. Igniter-D operated in accordance with the broader operational framework approved under the NADSR, 2024;
  - b. Issues such as communication latency and thermal contrast issues are inherent in high-risk environment and do not make use of such weapon systems unlawful, while such weapon systems are need of the hour in fast-changing warfare landscape; and
  - c. Absence of manual intervention cannot be construed as abdication of responsibility.

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19. In the light of the Committee Report and the Union Government's response, the debate further gained traction as to how accountability and responsibility mechanism was to be affixed. Civil society organizations in particular held numerous protests across Freedonia demanding an immediate discontinuation on the use of such autonomous weapons and affixation of accountability. Meanwhile, certain media sources disclosed that Mordor too had successfully tested a similar drone weapon system and had plans of deploying it militarily.
20. In light of the concerns surrounding Igniter-D and the relevant developments, Ms. Scatia too approached the Hon'ble Apex Court of Freedonia, contending that (i) Use of Igniter-D violated 'right to life and personal liberty'; (ii) Def Tech AI and the Union Government of Freedonia must be held liable for the loss of civilian lives in the Liberta corridor; and (iii) Igniter-D's authorization was arbitrary, lacked a statutory framework and was hence Constitutionally impermissible.
21. Seized of the matter and given the commonality of issues presented, the Apex Court of Freedonia has now decided to club the earlier petition filed by the victims' families, as well as by Ms. Scatia and hear them together. The question of maintainability has been decided by the Apex Court of Freedonia.

## Note:

1. Counsels for Petitioners will argue for Ms. Scatia and IVA, while counsels for Respondents will argue for the Union Government of Freedonia, Def Tech AI and Mr. Steve Baggins.
2. The Laws of Union of Freedonia are in *pari materia* with the Laws of India.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## GENERAL RULES

1. Each team shall comprise three students, of which TWO members shall perform the role of 'Speakers' and ONE member shall perform the role of 'Researcher'.
2. The order of presentation will be on the basis of lots drawn prior to the time of commencement of the competition.
3. At a time, only the teams which are arguing shall be present in the court. All the other participants shall be seated at a place marked by the Organizing Committee.
4. Each team shall follow a strict timeline while making their submissions before the bench as per the following terms i.e. Preliminary Round – 50 Minutes (25 min. per team)  
Quarter Final Round- 1.30 Hours (45 min. per team)  
Semi-Final Round- 1.30 Hours (45 min. per team)  
Final Round- 2.00 Hour (1 hour per team)
5. There will be no extension of the time. However, the extension of time is at the sole discretion of the Hon'ble Bench.
6. Necessary books and reports for reference can be brought by the Participants.
7. The oral submissions before the Hon'ble Bench shall be in English only.
8. The competition will take place at the National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar, through physical mode only.
9. The decision of the judges regarding the result of the competition shall be final, and no complaints in this regard will be entertained by the Organizing Committee.

## THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

1. Only those members designated as the 'Speaker' shall be permitted to put forth oral submissions in the Competition.
2. In case of any contingency, the 'Researcher' may substitute the 'Speaker' only with the prior permission of the Organizing Committee and with due approval of the bench.
3. The side from which the team and the opposition team shall argue shall be decided through a draw of lots conducted prior to the Preliminary Round, followed by the exchange of memorials conducted by the Organizing Committee.

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4. The Preliminary Rounds shall consist of Preliminary Round – I (“Prelims –I”) and Preliminary Round – II (“Prelims – II”). Each team shall argue in both rounds, once as Petitioner and once as Respondent. No team shall face the same bench or team more than once in the preliminary rounds.

5. Top 8 teams, on the basis of scores of Preliminary rounds, shall advance to the Quarter-Finals.

## THE QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

1. The 8 qualifying teams shall have to present the case only from one side against the other team.
2. The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the Quarter-Final Rounds followed by the exchange of memorials conducted by the Organizing Committee.
3. Top 4 teams shall advance to Semi-Final Round, based on the score obtained in the Quarter Finals.
4. This round shall be a knock-out round.

## THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND

1. The teams qualifying for the Semi-Final Round shall have to present the case from one side against the other team.
2. The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through a draw of lots conducted prior to the Semi-final rounds.
3. Top 2 teams shall advance to Final Rounds, based on the score obtained in the Semi Finals.
4. This round shall be a knock-out round.

## THE FINALS

1. The sides to be argued by the participating teams shall be determined by draw of lots. The team that scores higher marks in the final round shall be declared as the ‘Winner’. The other team shall be declared as the ‘1st Runner-Up’.
2. The decision of the judges presiding over the final round shall be conclusive. The same shall be binding on all the participating teams & organizing committee.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## RULES FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION/MEMORIALS

1. The teams are required to prepare a Written Submission/Memorial from both the sides. i.e. From the side of the Petitioner and the Respondent.
2. All Written Submissions/ Memorials must be in English. The teams must submit 5 hard copies of the memorials from each side to the organizing committee for evaluation and judging.
3. A copy of each written submission/memorial shall be submitted to the Google Drive link, which the organizing committee shall be sharing with all the participants in due course. The soft copy of the Written Submission/ Memorials must be submitted in **MS Word (.doc or .docx) and PDF**. Late submission will attract a penalty, i.e., a deduction of 5 marks for each day.
4. No amendments can be made to the Written Submission/ Memorial after submission of the soft copy.
5. During oral presentations, the participating teams should carry separate copies of their Written Submission/ Memorial for their personal use. The copies submitted to the organizing committee shall not be returned to the participants under any circumstances.
6. There shall be an exchange of Written Submissions/ Memorials between the respective opponent participating teams only, and the organizing team shall notify the memorial exchange details at the draw of lots.
7. All memorials shall be prepared with the following specifications:
  - 7.1 **Length:** The total length of each Written Submission/ Memorial should not be more than 2500 words of written arguments inclusive of prayer.
  - 7.2 **Written submission/ Memorial:** It must be typed and submitted on standard A4 size paper sheets, with equal margins of 1 inch on all sides, and must be printed on the double side of the A4 sheet paper.
  - 7.3 **Cover Page:** The font for the Cover Page shall be 14 in Bookman Old Style.
  - 7.4 **Text and Spacing:** The font for the Written Submission/Memorial should be Bookman Old Style, Size 12 for the main body, and Bookman Old Style size 10 for the footnotes. The main body of the Written Submission/Memorial should be in 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes and headings must be in single-line spacing. There should be double spacing at the beginning of the submission of each issue raised.
  - 7.5 **Quotations:** The Sources having 50 or more words in any part of the memorial must be block quoted and indented.
  - 7.6 **Citations:** Harvard Blue Book Citation- 21st Edition method should be uniformly followed while citing the footnotes.

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**7.7 Header and Footer:** The full name of the competition shall be aligned to the top left side of the header whereas the team code assigned shall be aligned to the top right side of the header.

**7.8** The Page Number should be mentioned at the bottom right corner of the page. The Ancillary Pages should be numbered in Roman Numeric and the Arguments Advanced should be numbered in Alphanumeric.

**7.9** The written submission/ memorial must consist of the following parts:

1. Cover Page (with Team code, which shall be provided in due course);
2. Table of Contents;
3. Table of Abbreviations;
4. List of Authorities; Statement of Jurisdiction; Statement of Facts;
5. Questions/ Issues presented;
6. Summary of Pleadings/Arguments;
7. Pleadings/Arguments advanced;
8. Prayer;

**7.10** The cover page of each written submission/ memorial must have the following information:

1. The name of the forum where the proceedings are being conducted;
2. The title of the competition;
3. The name of the case;
4. Either 'Memorial on behalf of the Appellant/ Petitioner/ Applicant' or 'Memorial on behalf of the Respondent/Defendant';
5. Team code so assigned to each team at the top right-hand corner; and
6. The cover pages must be BLUE for Applicant/ Petitioner/ Appellant and RED for Respondent/ Defendant.

**7.11** The name of the file during submission shall be the side of the memorial, followed by an underscore and the accompanied with the respective team code. For instance, if it is the petitioner's memorial of team having team code 1, then the name of the file shall be **Petitioner\_01**. Failure to abide by this rule shall cost the participants a penalty of 1 mark.

**7.12** In the event that two or more Written Submissions/Memorials are found to be identical upon plagiarism review, such Written Submission(s)/Memorial(s) shall be liable to cancellation, and the concerned team(s) may be disqualified from the Competition.

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## RULES FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION/MEMORIALS

### 7.13 Penalties [Memorial]

|                                                               |                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Late Submission                                               | A penalty of deduction of 5 marks for each day. |
| Wrong File Name                                               | 1 mark per memorial                             |
| Failure to submit Memorial as one file                        | 1 mark per memorial                             |
| Exceeding word limit                                          | 1 mark on exceeding the word limit by 50        |
| Failure to include the sections in the memorial               | 3 marks per section                             |
| Failure to include the required information on the cover page | 1 mark per violation                            |
| Failure to use the correct colour coding                      | 2 marks per memorial                            |

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## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

THE ASSESSMENT OF TEAMS DURING THE MOOT COURT COMPETITION SHALL BE OUT OF A MAXIMUM OF 100 MARKS, SET AS FOLLOWS:

### 8. WRITTEN MEMORIALS: 50 MARKS

| DESCRIPTION                | MARKS |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Knowledge of facts and law | 10    |
| Articulate analysis        | 10    |
| Extent and use of research | 10    |
| Format and citation        | 10    |
| Grammar and style          | 10    |
| Total                      | 50    |

The marks awarded for the written submission/ memorial will be taken into consideration along with the marks awarded by the judges for the teams during the oral presentation made by them and the researcher test so conducted.

### 9. ORAL ROUNDS: 50 MARKS

- 9.1 Each student counsel will be evaluated out of 50 marks for oral presentations.
- 9.2 Description of the marks for oral submission per student council is as follows:
- 9.3 The oral rounds of the competition will take place on 28th - 29th March 2026.

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| DESCRIPTION                                   | MARKS |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Marshalling of Facts                          | 05    |
| Articulation of issues                        | 05    |
| Presentation skills and communication ability | 05    |
| Response to questions of the court            | 05    |
| Application of legal principles               | 15    |
| Use of authorities and precedents             | 10    |
| Court Room Etiquettes                         | 05    |
| Grand Total                                   | 50    |

## DRESS CODE

10.1 The participants must appear before the Court for oral rounds and researcher's test in strict Court formal only and should be decently dressed.

10.2 **Female(s):** White salwar kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black blazer, and black shoes.

10.3 **Male(s):** White Shirt and black trousers, black tie along with black blazer, and black shoes.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## RESTRICTION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE PARTICIPANTS

The research, pleadings, and format of written submission/ memorial for the competition must be the exclusive products of the participating team members. Faculty members, coaches and team advisors of the participating team may only render general assistance to the team.

## SCOUTING

11.1 Scouting by the Agents, researcher of a team or any other person affiliated with the team will lead to the disqualification of the team.

11.2 Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting in all forms is strictly prohibited.

11.3 The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

## INTERPRETATION OF RULES

12.1 The interpretation of these rules by the faculty concerned shall be conclusive. The decision of the faculty concerned regarding the application of these rules shall be final.

12.2 All the rules are only inclusive and not exhaustive for the competition.

12.3. Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation from the rules would attract disqualification

## RESEARCHER'S TEST

1. The Test will be conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, as and when notified by the Organizing Committee.
2. The Researcher obtaining the highest score in Researcher's Test shall be given the Best Researcher Award.
3. Format of the Researcher's Test: The test will compose of 50 multiple-choice questions, each carrying 1 marks. The Test shall be conducted in the pen-and paper format in the Examination Hall within the University Premises. The Test must be completed within 40 minutes.
4. Usage of any unfair means, including but not limited to mobile phones or any other electronic equipment during the test, will result in immediate disqualification from the Researcher's Test.
5. The marks obtained in the Researcher's Test shall be taken into account while determining the results of the Preliminary Round.

RELEASE OF MOOT  
PROBLEM &  
COMMENCEMENT OF  
REGISTRATIONS

**11.02.2026**

# Event Timeline

**25.02.2026**

THE LAST DATE FOR  
SEEKING  
CLARIFICATIONS

RELEASE OF  
CLARIFICATIONS

**02.03.2026**



**11.03.2026**

REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE

LAST DATE OF MEMORIAL  
SOFT COPY SUBMISSION

**20.03.2026**



**28.03.2026**

PRELIMINARY &  
QUARTER FINAL  
ROUNDS

SEMI-FINAL & FINAL  
ROUND

**29.03.2026**



# Queries & Clarification

In case of any questions related to the problem or clarification regarding the competition, feel free to contact the following.

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# PRIZES

|                        |                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Winning team</b>    | <b>Rs. 50,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |
| <b>Runner-up team</b>  | <b>Rs. 25,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |
| <b>Best Memorial</b>   | <b>Rs. 10,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |
| <b>Best Researcher</b> | <b>Rs. 10,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |
| <b>Best Speaker</b>    | <b>Rs. 10,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |

**HAPPY MOOTING!**

**PS: THE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS AND WHEN REQUIRED AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, BUT THE SAME SHALL BE NOTIFIED AND COMMUNICATED TO ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS.**



# REGISTRATION DETAILS

Procedure for Registration: The procedure for registration for the competition is as follows:

- For 4th NFSU National Technological Moot Court Competition interested teams are required to register themselves to participate in the Competition by filling a registration form on this link - [Moot Court Competition Link](#)
- Deadline for the online Registration - March 11th, 2026 (Till 11:59 P.M. IST).
- Registration Fee - INR 3,000/- [Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only (Per Team)]. The Registration fee is not refundable.
- Each Team shall consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- The Registration confirmation will be sent to the teams by the Organizing Committee, after the completion and verification of the Registration formalities. The teams will be provided with a Team Code and at all stages of the Competition, a team must be identified by the allotted team code only.
- All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their Institution at any stage and in any manner during their participation in the Competition.
- Non-compliance with the rules shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Administrators.

## CERTIFICATES

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**IFSC CODE : PUNB0460100 (FIFTH CHARACTER IS 'ZERO')**

**BANK ACCOUNT NO. : 4601000100075086**

**BRANCH ADDRESS : JALSEVA BHAVAN BRANCH, SECTOR-10  
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# 2<sup>ND</sup> NFSU NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION

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# ABOUT NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY

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# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## Trial Advocacy Problem

### STATE OF GUJARAT V. RAVI SHEKHAR

1. Ms. Neha Chopra was employed as a Senior Associate at a consultancy firm InfraZone Consultants Pvt. Ltd. The company primarily engaged in providing consultancy services to various State governments as well as the Central Government on road construction projects. Ms. Neha joined the company in 2019 and was heading the technical evaluation committee which was advising the State on the construction of a six-lane highway in Gujarat's Ahmedabad district.
2. One Mr. Ravi Shekhar, Managing Director of Shekhar Infra Pvt Ltd had submitted his bid for the project. Shekhar Infra had constantly been facing certain financial woes and Mr. Ravi Shekhar was keen that if this project was allotted to his company, it would help his company deal with the financial crisis, and perhaps also save it from impending liquidation proceedings. However, the bid for the project was rejected on 3rd April, 2025, on the basis of the report submitted by the evaluation committee, which Ms. Neha was leading. On April 5th, 2025, at 1:00 PM, a dejected Mr. Shekhar reportedly rushed to InfraZone's office and started yelling in anger towards those present, including Ms. Neha, "those responsible for this will not be spared!" He was then seen out by the security guard of the company, although there was no physical altercation.
3. On April 11th, 2025, at 10:40 PM Ms. Neha's was found lying in semi-conscious state near the divider of the service road, adjacent to the Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway, near Chharodi. She was found so by one Mr. Raju Patel, who was passing-by on his auto rickshaw. He dialed 100 at 10:40 PM, calling reaching to Ahmedabad Police Emergency Control Room, after which a PCR van patrolling in the nearby area rushed to the spot at 10:49 PM. Mr. Patel stated that he did not see any vehicle hitting Ms. Neha, but only discovered her lying in semi-conscious state, in a pool of blood. Constable Hemant Patel went near her and could faintly hear her say words - "pressure" and "documents". Ms. Neha was immediately taken to the Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad, where she was declared dead at 11:21 PM. Her identity was confirmed on the basis of the Aadhaar Card that was found in the wallet lying closer to her body. However, right before her death, she spoke certain words.

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4. Later, Mr. Nitin Shah, Station House Officer (SHO) of Sola Police Station, rushed to the spot, along with his team of police personnel and forensic experts, as the stretch of the Highway fell within Sola Police Station's jurisdiction. An inquest was conducted by SHO Mr. Nitin Shah, after intimating the Executive Magistrate, in accordance with Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and an inquest Panchanama was prepared. During inquest, it was noted that:

- a. The victim was lying on her back, approximately 3.5 metres away from the edge of the carriageway;
- b. One of the deceased's shoe was found 12 metres away from the body;
- c. There were no skid marks or brake impressions on the road;
- d. Some tyre marks were found closer to the body, but were not clear that to which car they belonged;
- e. Blood stains were found behind the position of the body, closer to the divider;
- f. Some blood stains were also noticed 3 metres away from the position of the body;
- g. Ms. Neha's own car, bearing number GJ-01-PH-0879 was also found parked on the roadside, due to mechanical failure (battery failure) but no impact marks or dents could be noted on the vehicle.

5. As per the initial information recorded by the police at the Sola Police Station, it was concluded that Ms. Chopra was a victim of hit-and-run accident, which involved an unidentified vehicle.

6. The team of forensic investigators took pictures of the dead body and also collected a smartphone, some documents related to the highway project and a wallet. Ms. Neha's body was then sent for post-mortem. The post mortem was conducted by Dr. Mehul Trivedi, who noted that:

- a. The cause of death was cranio-cerebral damage due to blunt force trauma;
- b. Laceration were found on the occipital region of the skull;
- c. Contusions on both forearms, suggesting defensive injuries;
- d. No patterned tyre tread marks or crush injuries were observed.

Dr. Mehul opined that the injuries were consistent with impact by a hard blunt surface. He further stated that the occipital injury could result from direct blunt force, fall onto a hard surface, or secondary impact following collision. The medical findings alone were insufficient to conclusively determine whether the injuries were sustained due to a road traffic accident involving vehicular impact or due to physical assault, and correlation with investigative findings was necessary.

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7. In the light of the above circumstances and findings, the police suspected it to be a case of murder and accordingly began its investigation. During the investigation, after scanning CCTV footage from a nearby toll plaza, on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 the police seized a black SUV bearing registration number GJ-01-XU-4567, which belonged to Mr. Ravi Shekhar. There were certain minor dents on the rear bumper of the vehicle, and traces of dark fibre material. However, no significant frontal damage was noted. Thereafter, paint transfer analysis was also conducted, which did not yield conclusive results due to environmental contamination. Further, on accused's request, the vehicle was also examined by an automobile service engineer, who ruled out a high-impact collision. The police also recorded statements of some of the employees of InfraZone Consultants during the investigation, revealing professional disagreements between Ms. Chopra and Mr. Shekhar.
8. Thereafter, an attempt was made to retrieve the CCTV footage from a nearby eatery 'Classy Foods', of the time period of the accident, but it only showed a partial footage. An 18-minute segment between 10:18 PM and 10:36 PM was found missing, in what was described as a "technical malfunction". Owner has claimed that such issues have occurred in the past as well. Alongside, Call Detail Records (CDR) placed the mobile phone location of Mr. Shekhar in the vicinity of S.G. Highway at the relevant time. Further, toll plaza data also showed the accused's vehicle crossing a toll at 9:58 PM, though the return entry was not recorded. Right before that, at 9:56 PM, Ms. Neha's car was also seen crossing the toll plaza. Also, a dashcam installed in Mr. Shekhar's vehicle contained footage files with altered metadata timestamps, though forensics reports could not conclude if it was manual or system generated. However, Mr. Shekhar's residential society's security guard spotted his car enter through the society gate at 10.45 PM.
9. Meanwhile, a scan of email exchange between Ms. Chopra and Mr. Shekhar on 11<sup>th</sup> April revealed professional disagreements regarding design compliance and safety audits. Thereafter, on 11<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00 PM, there were 4 calls made from Mr. Shekhar's phone to Ms. Neha's phone, one after the other, none of which were answered by Ms. Neha. Thereafter, at 6:30 PM, Mr. Shekhar left a message on Ms. Neha's WhatsApp stating "this is not done, this was not right".
10. On the basis of the forensic and medical evidences, and other circumstantial evidence involved, a charge sheet was filed against Mr. Ravi Shekhar for the offense of murder under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## First Information Report

u/s 173 BNSS, 2023

1. District: Ahmedabad  
Date: 11.04.2025  
Police Station: Sola Police Station  
F.I.R. No. 3476/2025
2. Act: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 103(1)  
State: Gujarat
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence:  
Day: Friday  
Date: 11.04.2025  
Time: Around 10:40 PM  
(b) Information received at Sola Police Station  
Date: 11.04.2025  
Time: 11:30 PM  
(c) General Diary Reference: Entry No.  
Time: 11:32PM
4. Type of Information: Oral
5. Place of Occurrence: Service road adjacent to Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway, near Chharodi, Ahmedabad
  - a. Direction and distance from P.S.: 7.8 kilometres to the North direction from the Sola Police Station
  - b. Address: Service road adjacent to Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway, near Chharodi, Ahmedabad
6. Date & Time of Occurrence: 11.04.2025 at around 10:40 PM
7. Complainant/Informant:
  - (a) Name: Mr. Raju bhai Patel
  - (b) Father's Name: Mr. Hirabhai Patel
  - (c) Date/Year of Birth: 26/07/1990
  - (d) Nationality: Indian
  - (e) Occupation: Auto-rickshaw Driver
  - (f) Address: 34, Naya Road, Akhbar Nagar, Ahmedabad
8. Deceased:
  - (a) Name: Ms. Neha Chopra
  - (b) Age: 32 years
  - (c) Occupation: Senior Associate, InfraZone Consultants Pvt. Ltd.
  - (d) Address: 601, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Godrej Apartments, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

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## 9. Brief Facts of the Case:

On 11.04.2025 at about 10:40 PM, the informant noticed a woman lying in a semi-conscious state near the divider of the service road adjacent to the Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway near Chharodi. He did not witness any accident but found the woman lying in a pool of blood and informed the police by dialing 100, call going to Ahmedabad Police Emergency Control Room. A PCR van reached the spot at about 22:49 PM and shifted the injured woman to Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad, where she was declared dead at about 23:21 PM.

Upon inspection of the scene, the deceased was found lying on her back at a distance of approximately 3.5 metres from the carriageway. One shoe of the deceased was found at a distance of about 12 metres from the body. No skid marks or brake impressions were noticed on the road. Some tyre marks were found near the body, though they could not be conclusively linked to any particular vehicle. Blood stains were found behind the position of the body, closer to the divider, while some blood stains were also found 3 metres away from the body. The personal vehicle of the deceased bearing registration number GJ-01-PH-0879 was found parked on the roadside nearby. Preliminary examination suggested that the vehicle had stalled due to mechanical failure (battery failure). No impact marks or dents were found on the said vehicle. Initially, the incident appeared to be a case of hit-and-run involving an unidentified vehicle.

## 10. Medical Opinion:

Post-mortem examination revealed cranio-cerebral damage due to blunt force trauma. A lacerated wound was found over the occipital region of the skull with underlying fracture. Contusions were present on both forearms. No patterned tyre tread marks or crush injuries were observed. The Medical Officer opined that the injuries were caused by impact with a hard blunt surface. It was further stated that the injuries could be sustained in a road traffic incident or by fall following impact, and that medical findings alone were insufficient to conclusively determine the exact manner of occurrence without correlation with investigative evidence.

## 11. Action Taken:

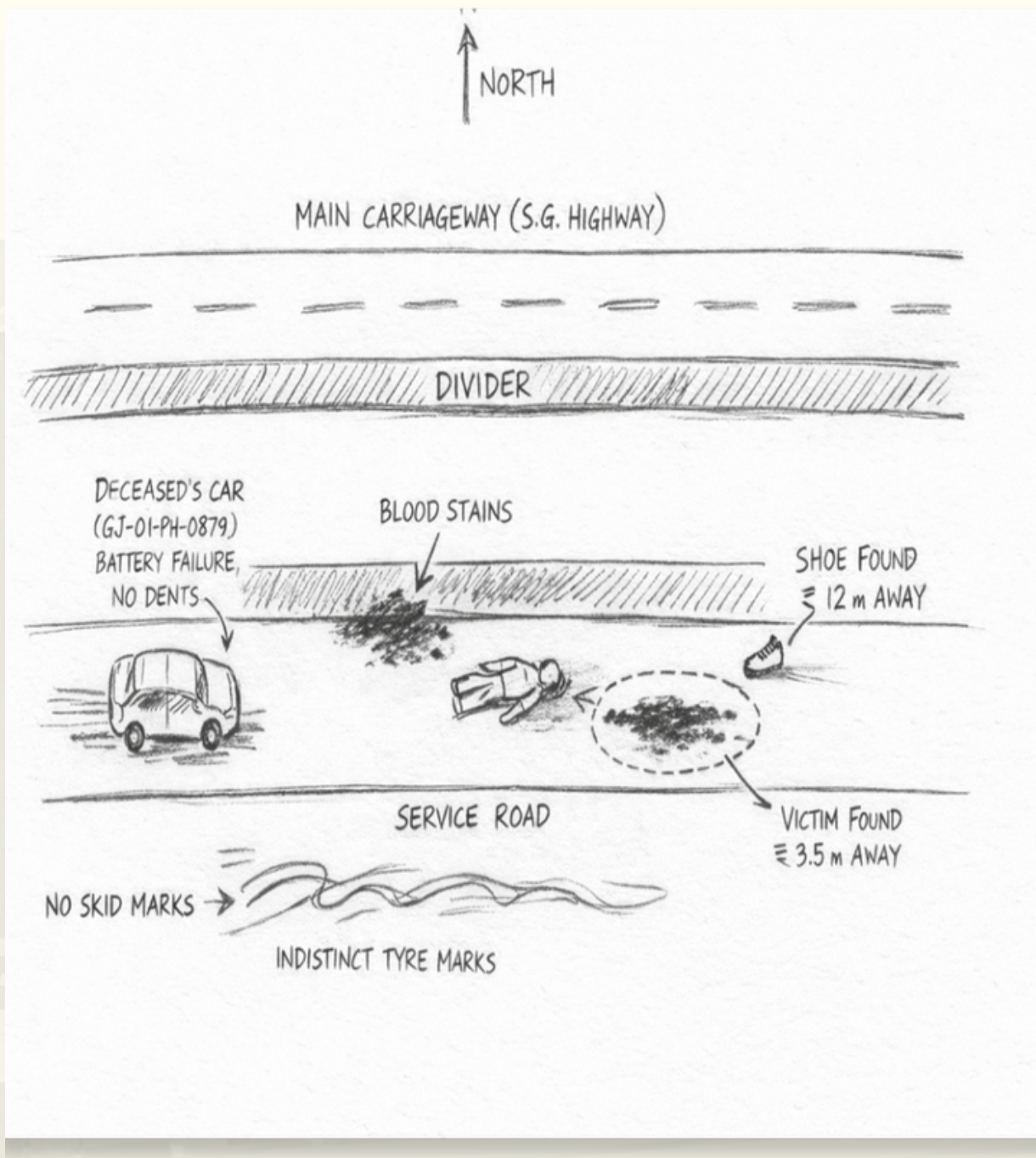
In view of the suspicious circumstances and medical findings, a cognizable offence under Sections 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 is made out. Hence, this FIR is registered and investigation is taken up.

12. Signature of Informant: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Officer-in-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sola Police Station

13. Date & time of dispatch to the court:

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## SPOT MAP



# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## Inquest Report u/s 194 BNSS, 2023

1. Date and time when the Magistrate received the intimation u/s 194 BNSS, 2023 about the death:

Date: 12.04.2025

Time: Around 11:04 AM

2. The substance of the information obtained by him and from whom:

Investigating Officer Mr. Nitin Shah has reported the incident to the Magistrate

3. The place where the body of the deceased was found:

Service road adjacent to Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway, near Chharodi, Ahmedabad

4. Inquest:

(a) Commencement of Inquest: 12.04.2025; Time: 11.40 AM

(b) Closed on: 12.04.2025; Time: 3:12 PM

5. Particulars of the informant: Mr. Raju bhai Patel; occupation: auto rickshaw driver

6. Name, Parentage, Sex, Age and Residence of the deceased:

(a) Name: Neha Chopra

(b) Father's Name: Ramcharan Chopra

(c) Sex: Female

(d) Age: 32 years

(e) Residence: 601, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Godrej Apartments, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

7. Names and other necessary particulars of two local respectable witnesses in whose presence the inquest was held:

Inquest Panch 1:

Name: Paresh Parikh

Father's Name: Ramesh Chandra Parikh

Resident of: 102, Apsara Apartments, Linking Road, Chharodi, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Inquest Panch 2:

Name: Rashesh Patel

Father's Name: Prakash bhai Patel

Resident of: 25, Hira wala Mill Road, Chharodi, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

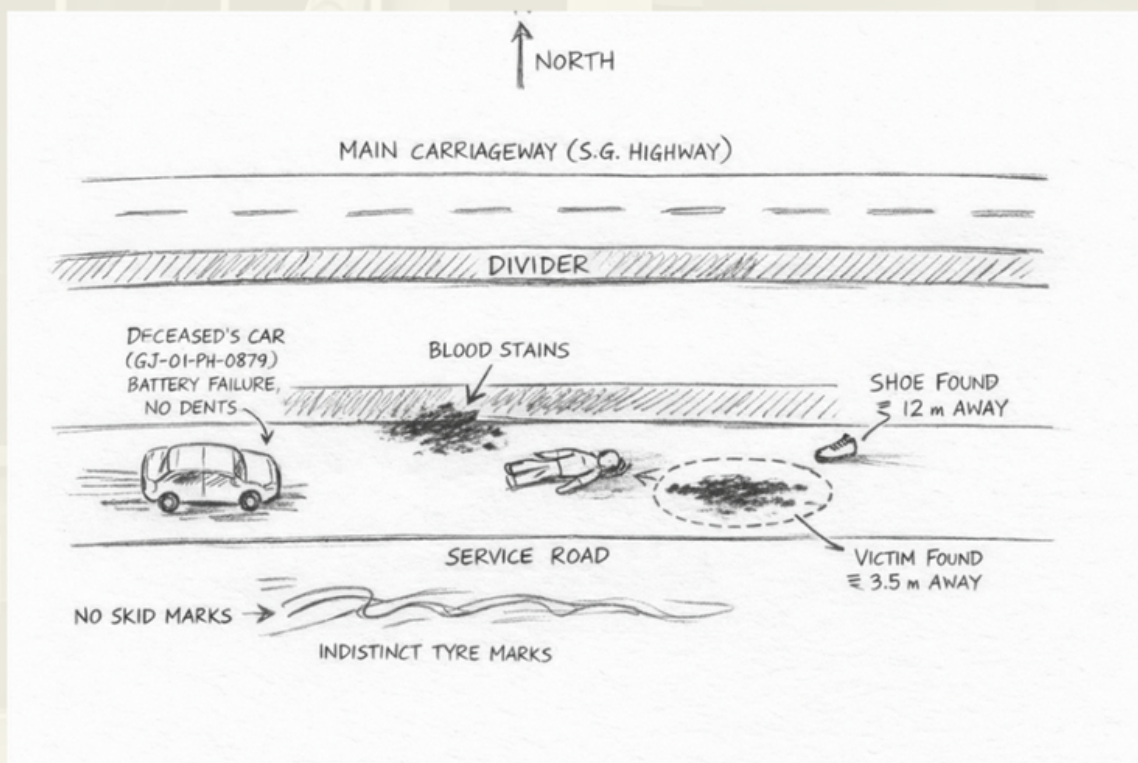
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## 8. Description of the deceased and scene of occurrence:

Name of the deceased is Ms. Neha Chopra, aged 32 years, resident of 601, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Godrej Apartments, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The victim was wearing black top, blue jeans and white socks at the time of death. At the scene of occurrence, victim was found lying in semi-conscious state. Police reached the spot and shifted the injured woman to Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad, where she was declared dead at about 23:21 PM. The victim was found lying on her back on the service road, approximately 3.5 metres from the carriageway near the divider

After thoroughly investigating the scene of occurrence by the forensics team, blood stains were found behind the body. Certain blood stains were also found 3 metres away from the body. One shoe, black, was found at a distance of about 12 metres. No skid marks or brake impressions were found. Indistinct tyre marks were noticed near the body. On analyzing the surroundings in totality, the apparent cause of death appears to be hit-and-run, however final opinion was to be subject to post-mortem findings and further investigations.

## 9. Sketch plan of the place where dead body is found:



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10. Upon a consideration of the totality of the material including the examination of the dead body, inspection of the scene & testimony of the witnesses, grounds for suspecting foul play: Presence of tyre marks near the body, as well as blood stains being found at another location, 3 metres away from the body. The blood sample has been sent for forensic examination.
11. Action proposed to be taken, if any, in pursuance of the Magisterial inquest: The deceased body is to be allowed to be sent for post mortem.

(Deemed to be properly signed)

Signatures of the persons present as mentioned in item no. 7

Name of the Executive Magistrate-: Rajnish Kumar

(deemed to be properly signed and sealed) Signature of the Magistrate with date & seal)

Copy to executive Magistrate: On the same date- 12/04/2025

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## Property Seizure Memo - 1

1. District: Ahmedabad, Gujarat  
Date: 12.04.2025
- Police Station: Sola Police Station  
F.I.R. No. 3476/2025
2. Act: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 103(1)
3. Property seized/recovered:
  - (a) Purple coloured iPhone version 15 [I.O. Marking: 1A/34/2025]
  - (b) One black shoe [I.O. Marking: 1C/34/2025]
  - (c) Brown Wallet [I.O. Marking: 1D/34/2025]
  - (d) Aadhaar Card [I.O. Marking 1E/34/2025]
  - (e) Documents related to the Highway Project [I.O. Marking 1/34/2025]
4. Property/Seized recovered at:
  - (a) Date: 12.04.2025
  - (b) Time: 11.45 AM
  - (c) Address/Description of place from where property seized/recovered: Service road adjacent to Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway, near Chharodi, Ahmedabad
5. Witnesses:
  - (a) Name: Dinesh Panchal  
Father's name: Hiren bhai Panchal  
Age: 34 years  
Occupation: business  
Address: 34, Phool Gali, Chharodi Circle, Ahmedabad
  - (b) Name: Mayuresh Solanki  
Father's name: Jitan Solanki  
Age: 43 years  
Occupation: teacher, Chharodi Primary School, Chharodi, Ahmedabad  
Address: 21-B, Inner lane, Chharodi, Ahmedabad
6. Action taken/recommended for keeping of valuable property: Packed, sealed and sent to safe custody for further investigation.
7. The above-mentioned properties were seized in accordance with the provisions of law in the presence of the above said witnesses.

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8. The above-mentioned properties were packed and / or sealed and the signature of the above said witnesses obtained thereon.

Witness – 1

Dinesh Panchal

Signature: SD/-

Station

Witness – 2

Mayuresh Solanki

Signature: SD/-

Signature of the Investigating Officer: SD/-

Name: Nitin Shah

Rank: Station House Officer

Place: Sola Police

Date: 12.04.2025

Case F.I.R. No: 3476/2025

Under Section 103(1), Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023

P.S.: Sola Police Station

District: Ahmedabad, Gujarat

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## Property Seizure Memo - 2

1. District: Ahmedabad, Gujarat  
Date: 14.04.2025  
Police Station: Sola Police Station  
F.I.R. No. 3476/2025
2. Act: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 103(1)
3. Property seized/recovered:  
(a) A black SUV Mahindra XUV 700 - registration number GJ-01-XU-4567, along with dash cam [I.O. Marking 2A/34/2025]  
(b) A black colored iPhone version 16 [I.O. Marking 3A/34/2025]
4. Property/Seized recovered at:  
(a) Date: 14.04.2025  
(b) Time: 10.30 AM  
(c) Address/Description of place from where property seized/recovered: A-24, Shantivan Residency, Thaltej, S.G. Highway, Ahmedabad
5. Witnesses:  
(a) Name: Sumit Sharma  
Father's name: Ved Prakash Sharma  
Age: 41 years  
Occupation: doctor  
Address: 203, Lakshmi Apartments, Thaltej, Ahmedabad  
(b) Name: Aseem Trivedi  
Father's name: Raman Trivedi  
Age: 38 years  
Occupation: business  
Address: 13-A, Ved Residency, Thaltej, Ahmedabad
6. Action taken/recommended for keeping of valuable property: seized, collected and sent to safe custody for further investigation.
7. The above-mentioned properties were seized in accordance with the provisions of law in the presence of the above said witnesses.
8. The above-mentioned properties were collected/ packed and / or sealed and the signature of the above said witnesses obtained thereon.

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Witness – 1

Sumit Sharma

Signature: SD/-

Witness – 2

Aseem Trivedi

Signature: SD/-

Signature of the Investigating Officer: SD/-

Name: Nitin Shah

Rank: Station House Officer

Place: Sola Police Station

Date: 14.04.2025

Case F.I.R. No: 3476/2025

P.S.: Sola Police Station

Under Section 103(1), Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023

District: Ahmedabad, Gujarat

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## REQUEST FOR POSTMORTEM

Sir,

Please conduct the postmortem of the dead body of Ms. Neha Chopra, aged 32 years, Sex Female, Daughter of Mr. Ramcharan Chopra, 601, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Godrej Apartments, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Please opine on the following:

1. Cause of death.
2. Time of death.
3. Any other information (Specify if required)

Name of Police Constable accompanying and identifying the body: Mr. Hemant Patel

PSI No. 34057189

### Short summary of the case:

Informant Raju bhai Patel informed through dialing 100, to the Ahmedabad Police Emergency Control Room that he had found a woman lying in semi-conscious state on the Service road adjacent to Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway, near Chharodi, Ahmedabad. Under supervision of SHO Mr. Nitin Shah, the FSL Team collected the samples of blood found at the scene and sent the same for further analysis. The dead body was identified using the Aadhaar Card found in the wallet of the deceased. Postmortem may kindly be conducted.

Date: 12.04.2025

Yours Faithfully,

Hasmukh Jadeja

Sub-Inspector

P.S.: Sola Police Station, Ahmedabad

SD/-

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## POST-MORTEM REPORT

Post-Mortem Report Number: 1643/2025      Police Station: Sola Police Station, Ahmedabad

Date: 12.04.2025

District: Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Date and time of receipt of the body: 12.04.2025, 3:35 P.M.

Date and time of commencement of postmortem: 12.04.2025, 3:50 P.M.

Date and time of completion of postmortem: 12.04.2025, 7:00 P.M.

1. **Name of Place where the body was found:** Service road adjacent to Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway, near Chharodi, Ahmedabad.
2. **Distance and direction from Police Station to whose jurisdiction it is:** Approximately 7.8 kilometres to the North direction from Sola Police Station.
3. **Name, Parentage and Residence of the Deceased:** Ms. Neha Chopra, Daughter of Mr. Ramcharan Chopra, Resident of 601, 6th Floor, Godrej Apartments, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
4. **Age and Sex:** 32 Years, Female.
5. **Injuries or marks of violence the body may have received:** Neha's body has a lacerated wound over the occipital region measuring approximately 5 cm × 2 cm, bone deep, with underlying fracture of the occipital bone. Diffuse swelling and scalp hematoma over the posterior region of the head were observed. Contusions are present on both forearms measuring approximately 3 cm × 1 cm (right) and 2.5 cm × 1 cm (left). Minor abrasions are present over the dorsal aspect of the right hand and left elbow. No patterned tyre tread impressions, crushing injuries, or traumatic amputations were observed. No fractures of long bones were detected upon external examination.
6. **In what manner or by what weapon or instrument such marks of injuries appear to have been committed:** The injuries observed are consistent with impact by a hard and blunt object or surface. The occipital wound and associated fracture suggest application of blunt force to the back of the head, which may occur due to direct impact, fall onto a hard surface, or secondary impact following forceful contact. The absence of classical crush injuries, extensive polytrauma, or patterned tyre marks does not conclusively establish or exclude involvement of a motor vehicle. Injury patterns in pedestrian-vehicle incidents may vary depending upon factors such as speed of the vehicle, angle of impact, height differential, and subsequent fall dynamics. The contusions present over the forearms may be indicative of reflexive protective movements, impact sustained during fall, or resistance at the time of injury. However, medical examination alone cannot conclusively determine the exact sequence of events or the precise instrument involved.
7. **Internal Examination:** Fracture of occipital bone with subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhage. Brain shows cerebral edema. Other organs congested.

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8. **Condition of Clothes, Ornaments, etc.:** Black top and blue jeans. One shoe missing. Blood stains near head region.
9. **Height by measuring from head to feet:** Approximately 5 feet 5 inches.
10. **Apparent Cause of Death:** Cranio-cerebral damage due to blunt force trauma.

Dr. Mehul Trivedi  
Senior Forensic Medicine Expert  
Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad  
Date: 12.04.2025  
Signature: SD/-

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## CHARGE SHEET

(Under section 193 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023)

In the Hon'ble Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

State of Gujarat v. Ravi Shekhar

1. Name of Police Station: Sola Police Station, Ahmedabad, Gujarat  
F.I.R. No.: 3476/2025  
Year: 2025  
Date: 11.04.2025
2. Charge sheet Number: 231A/2025
3. Date: 18.06.2025
4. Section of Law: 103(1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023
5. Type of Final Report: Charge Sheet
6. If charge-sheeted (Original/Supplementary): Original Charge sheet
7. Name of Investigation Officer: Mr. Nitin Shah
8. Name of Informer: Mr. Raju bhai Patel
9. Details of Property/ Articles/ Documents recovered/seized during the investigation and relied upon:
  - (a) Purple coloured iPhone version 15
  - (b) One black shoe
  - (c) Brown Wallet
  - (d) Aadhaar Card
  - (e) Documents related to the Highway Project
  - (f) A black SUV Mahindra XUV 700 - registration number GJ-01-XU-4567, along with dash cam
  - (g) A black colored iPhone version 16

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## 10. Particulars of the accused person chargesheeted:

|    |                                           |                                                             |
|----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. | Name                                      | Ravi Shekhar                                                |
| b. | Whether verified                          | Yes                                                         |
| c. | Father's name                             | Ashish Shekhar                                              |
| d. | Age/Date of birth                         | 41/15.01.1984                                               |
| e. | Sex                                       | Male                                                        |
| f. | Nationality                               | Indian                                                      |
| g. | Passport details                          | NA                                                          |
| h. | Religion                                  | Hindu                                                       |
| i. | Occupation                                | Entrepreneur/Businessman                                    |
| j. | Address (present)                         | A-24, Shantivan Residency, Thaltej, S.G. Highway, Ahmedabad |
| k. | Whether Verified                          | Yes                                                         |
| l. | Address (permanent)                       | A-24, Shantivan Residency, Thaltej, S.G. Highway, Ahmedabad |
| m. | Provisional Criminal Number               | NA                                                          |
| n. | Regular Criminal Number                   | NA                                                          |
| o. | Whether arrested/on bail/absconding       | On bail                                                     |
| p. | Date of arrest                            | 14.04.2025                                                  |
| q. | Date of release on bail                   | 12.05.2025                                                  |
| r. | Under acts and sections (of charge sheet) | Section 103(1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023             |
| s. | Previous convictions                      | NA                                                          |
| t. | Status of accused                         | Chargesheeted on 18.06.2025                                 |

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11. Particulars of accused person not charge-sheeted : NA
12. A. Particulars of the witness to be examined: As per the list enclosed as Annexure-A.  
B. List of Documents: As per the list enclosed as Annexure-B.  
C. List of Articles: As per the list enclosed as Annexure-C.

## 13. Brief facts of the case:

On 11.04.2025 at about 22:40 hrs, the informant noticed a woman lying in semi-conscious state near the divider of the service road adjacent to Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway near Chharodi, Ahmedabad. He immediately informed the police by dialing 100, following which a PCR van reached the spot and shifted the injured woman to Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad, where she was declared dead at 23:21 hrs. The deceased was identified as Ms. Neha Chopra on the basis of Aadhaar Card found in her wallet.

Initial inspection of the scene suggested a case of hit-and-run accident involving an unidentified vehicle. However, subsequent inquest proceedings, forensic examination, and post-mortem findings revealed blunt force injury to the occipital region, with medical opinion unable to conclusively determine whether the injuries were sustained in a road traffic incident or otherwise..

During investigation, it was revealed that the deceased was heading the technical evaluation committee that had rejected the bid of Shekhar Infra Pvt. Ltd. on 03.04.2025. On 05.04.2025, the accused had threatened the deceased at her workplace. Further, electronic evidence revealed repeated phone calls and a WhatsApp message sent by the accused to the deceased on the evening of the incident, expressing grievance over the rejection, besides evidence of some colleagues. Further investigation revealed circumstantial and electronic evidence linking the accused to the vicinity of the crime scene, and conduct inconsistent with innocence, thereby establishing a prima facie case of murder.

14. Charges: Section 103(1), Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023
15. Dispatched on: 18.06.2025

(Deemed to be properly signed/sealed)  
Signature of the Investigating Officer

Date: 18.06.2025

Place: Ahmedabad, Gujarat

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

Committal Order

In the Hon'ble Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Case No: 341/2025

In the matter between:

The State of Gujarat.....Complainant

v.

Ravi Shekhar.....Accused

## COMMITTAL ORDER

(Deemed to be proved and taken on record)

Whereas information has been laid before me and on the consideration thereof, I have reasons to believe that the accused, Ravi Shekhar, is alleged to have committed the offence of Murder of one Ms. Neha Chopra on the night of 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 2025. Since it's an offence under Section 103(1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, it is exclusively triable by the Court of Sessions at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

I hereby give notice that the accused, Ravi Shekhar, has committed an offence under section 103(1) of BNS, 2023, and I hereby instruct the Public Prosecutor to conduct the prosecution of the said case.

(Deemed to be properly signed and sealed)

Signature and Seal of the Court

Signature of the Judge: SD/-

Seal:

Date: 22.08.2025

R.K. Raj

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## FRAMING OF CHARGE AND PLEA OF GUILT

In the Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Case No: 341/2025

In the matter between:

The State of Gujarat.....Complainant

v.

Ravi Shekhar.....Accused

Order

I, Vinod Jha, Additional Sessions Judge, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, hereby charge you accused Ravi Shekhar as follows:

That you, accused Ravi Shekhar, on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 committed culpable homicide amounting to murder by committing an act which is immensely dangerous, without any reasonable excuse, and thereby committed an offence punishable under section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and within the cognizance of this court.

And I hereby direct you to be tried by this Court on the aforesaid charge.

The content of the charges has been read over and explained to the accused and following questions were asked:

Q. Mr. Ravi Shekhar, have you heard and understood the content of the charges framed against you? Ans. Yes.

Q. Do you plead guilty for the same or claim to be tried?

Ans. I'm innocent and I have been falsely implicated. I plead not guilty and wish to be tried.

(Deemed to be properly signed and sealed)

Signature and Seal of the Court

Signature of the Judge: SD/-

Seal:

Date: 23.09.2025

Vinod Jha

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## Annex-A

### STATEMENT OF MS. ANANYA MEHTA U/S 180 BNSS, 2023

PW 1: Ms. Ananya Mehta

Age: 30 Years

Occupation: Senior Consultant, InfraZone Consultants Pvt. Ltd.

Address: 203, Godrej Apartments, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

#### Statement:

1. I am Ms. Ananya Mehta, daughter of Mr. Suresh Mehta, aged about 30 years, working as Senior Consultant, at InfraZone Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad. I live at 203, Godrej Apartments, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
2. I have been working with InfraZone Consultants Pvt. Ltd. for the past four years and have been closely associated with Ms. Neha Chopra in relation to consultancy work for infrastructure and road construction projects. Ms. Neha Chopra was a Senior Associate in the organisation and was heading the technical evaluation committee constituted for advising the State authorities on the construction of a six-lane highway project in Ahmedabad district. I was also a part of the team assisting the said evaluation committee and regularly worked under the supervision of Ms. Neha Chopra.
3. In the course of the evaluation process, bids from several infrastructure companies were examined, including the bid submitted by Shekhar Infra Pvt. Ltd. During the evaluation of the bid submitted by Shekhar Infra Pvt. Ltd., several issues relating to design compliance and safety standards were raised by Ms. Neha Chopra in internal discussions. Ms. Neha Chopra was firm in her view that the bid submitted by Shekhar Infra Pvt. Ltd. did not meet certain mandatory technical and safety requirements and that such deficiencies could not be overlooked. Due to these objections, the evaluation committee recommended rejection of the said bid, and the same was communicated to the concerned authorities.
4. After the rejection of the bid, I observed that Ms. Neha Chopra appeared to be under considerable professional pressure, as there were repeated communications from representatives of Shekhar Infra Pvt. Ltd. questioning the evaluation process. Mr. Shekhar, in particular, started directly communicating with Ms. Chopra and would accuse her on calls of taking away the project from him. She had shared with me that she was unwilling to dilute or modify her technical opinion, as she believed that the evaluation had been conducted fairly and in accordance with established norms.

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5. On or around 05.04.2025, there was discussion within the office regarding an incident where Mr. Ravi Shekhar had come to the office premises in an agitated manner and had created a disturbance, which was later controlled by the security staff. Following this incident, Ms. Neha Chopra appeared disturbed and concerned about the aggressive conduct displayed at the office, though she continued to carry out her professional responsibilities.
6. On 11.04.2025, Ms. Neha Chopra remained in the office till late evening hours and appeared preoccupied with work relating to the highway project. During the course of the day, I observed that she received multiple phone calls, which she did not answer in my presence. Before leaving the office on that day, she mentioned that she was mentally exhausted but intended to complete her work responsibly. I had no further contact with her after she left the office on 11.04.2025. On the next day, I came to know that Ms. Neha Chopra had been found dead near the Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway.

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

STATEMENT OF MR. SUNIL RAJU U/S 180, BNSS, 2023

DW 1: Mr. Sunil Raju

Age: 43 years

Occupation: Automobile Service Engineer

Address: 23, Ser Mohalla, Kalupur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Statement:

1. I am Mr. Sunil Raju, son of Mr. Suresh Raju, aged about 43 years, my occupation is automobile service engineer, and presently employed at Umiya Maa Auto Garage, Thaltej. I live at 23, Ser Mohalla, Kalupur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
2. That I have been working as an automobile service engineer for the past eighteen years and have experience in inspecting and assessing damage to motor vehicles involved in accidents and mechanical failures.
3. On 15.04.2025, I inspected a black Mahindra XUV 700 vehicle bearing registration number GJ-01-XU-4567, which was brought to the service centre for inspection. Upon examination of the said vehicle, I did not observe any damage to the front bumper, bonnet, grille, headlights, or windshield of the vehicle. Also, the frontal portion of the vehicle did not show any deformation, paint transfer, or impact marks typically associated with collision with a pedestrian or hard object.
4. However, certain minor dents were observed on the rear bumper of the vehicle, which in my experience could occur due to low-speed contact or parking-related incidents. No mechanical defect or damage was observed which would indicate that the vehicle had been involved in a high-impact collision. But I would like to state that my inspection was limited to the physical condition of the vehicle, and I did not examine or opine upon any injuries sustained by any person.

# TRIAL PROPOSITION

## STATEMENT OF MR. BRIJPAL SINGH U/S 180, BNSS, 2023

DW 2: Mr Brijpall Singh

Age: 54

Occupation: Security Guard

Address: 13/2, Chandlodiya Road, Ahmedabad

### Statement:

1. I am Mr. Brijpall Singh, s/o Kantilal Singh, aged about 54 years, occupation Security Guard, presently employed at Shantivan Residency, Thaltej, S.G. Highway, Ahmedabad. I live at 13/2, Chandlodiya Road, Ahmedabad.
2. I have been working at the said residential society for the past five years and am assigned to night shift duty from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM.
3. On 11.04.2025, I was on night duty at the main entrance gate of Shantivan Residency. As part of my routine duty, I record vehicle entries and exits and ensure security at the gate.
4. At approximately 10:45 PM, I observed a black Mahindra XUV 700 vehicle bearing registration number GJ-01-XU-4567 entering the society premises. The said vehicle is known to me as it belongs to resident Mr. Ravi Shekhar, who resides at A-24 in the said society.
5. The vehicle entered through the main gate, and I allowed entry after verifying the registration number. I did not stop the vehicle for detailed checking as it was a regular resident vehicle.
6. I would like to state that the window glasses of the said vehicle were tinted, and I could not clearly see the person driving the vehicle at that time. Due to the tint and lighting conditions at night, I am not in a position to state with certainty whether Mr. Ravi Shekhar himself was driving the vehicle or whether any other person was inside the vehicle.
7. After the vehicle entered the premises, I did not observe it leaving the society again during my shift hours. I have no personal knowledge about where the vehicle had been prior to entering the society at around 10:45 PM.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Procedures contained in this document shall be applicable to all participating teams. With reference to the application and interpretation of the Competition procedures, the final decision lies with the Organizing Committee. The decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

## TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each Team shall consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
2. In a team of 3 members, of which TWO members shall perform the role of 'Speakers' and ONE member shall assist the speakers and assist in briefing of the witness.

## DATE AND VENUE

1. The competition shall be held in offline mode from 28th- 29th March 2026 at the School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies, National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar Campus, Sector 9, Gandhinagar, Gujarat- 382007.

## DRESS CODE

1. Advocate's Attire is compulsory, along with a black blazer and black tie for all the participants.
2. **For Female Participants:** Black coloured trousers or salwar, white coloured kurta or shirt and black shoes.
3. **For Male Participants:** Black coloured trousers and a white coloured shirt and black shoes.
4. The above-mentioned dress code extends to the inaugural and valedictory ceremony as well.
5. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements regarding the dress code. Not abiding by the said rules can lead to direct disqualification, and the Organizing Committee will have complete discretion regarding the same.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This competition is open to all students currently enrolled in any three- or five-year courses of the law degree, police university and academies and forensic science course. Students from any recognized college/university in India are eligible to participate.

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## LANGUAGE

1. The official language of the Competition shall be English. Use of vernacular language by the participants during the said competition is prohibited.
2. All oral rounds, including the memorials, shall be in English only.

## WITNESS

1. The Organizing Committee will provide witnesses to the participants. The Witnesses will be generally briefed and assigned by the Organizing Committee. However, each team will have an opportunity to specifically brief their witnesses for 15 minutes, prior to the commencement of the respective rounds.
2. The assigned witnesses may or may not remain with that team during the other rounds. All the participating teams will ensure that the witnesses are deposed only in the English language.
3. The Prosecution and Defence will examine/Cross-Examine two (2) witnesses in order to prove their hypothesis. However, the order in which witnesses are to be examined shall be determined by the concerned team taking Examinations.
4. The team conducting examination-in-chief of their witnesses or the team Cross-Examining the witnesses will resist from arguing with the witnesses.
5. Once the witnesses are provided for the rounds, no request for any change shall be entertained. The witnesses will remain a part of the round until the same ends.
6. The witnesses will have their own individual freedom to answer the questions posed to them.

## ANONYMITY AND SCOUTING

1. Student Counsel may introduce himself/herself to the court in the usual manner and state their speaker code. However, the team's college name shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.
2. Further, all team members/coaches/advisors/observers shall refrain from identifying any team's law school/college/university at any time and in any manner, including but not limited to wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as books with a college logo or seal etc.).
3. The teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams shall result in disqualification.
4. The researchers will sit with the speakers during oral rounds and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team throughout the said Competition.
5. Each team will have a Team Code. Teams should not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city, etc., under any circumstances, and such disclosure shall invite penalties, including direct disqualification from the Competition. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

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## MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

1. Each team must prepare Memorials for the Prosecution and the Defence side.
2. The soft copies of the memorials must be submitted to the Google drive link ,which shall be provided to the participants by the organizing committee in the due course on or before 11:59 P.M. IST, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
3. The soft copy of the memorial for each side shall be a single file (All parts of each memorial must be in a single document, i.e., Separate Ancillary Pages and Arguments Advanced are NOT allowed), and should be sent in both PDF (\*.pdf) and MS-Word (\*.doc/\*.docx) versions.
4. The name of the file during submission shall be the side of the memorial, followed by an underscore and the accompanied with the respective team code. For instance, if it is the prosecution's memorial of team having team code 1, then the name of the file shall be **Prosecution\_01**. Failure to abide by this rule shall cost the participants a penalty of 1 mark.
5. The Soft copy of the Memorials submitted after the stipulated time will attract a penalty of Five (5) marks for the delay of each day till the submission of the memorials.
6. The 'Arguments Advanced' and the 'Prayer' in each memorial should not exceed 7,500 words, excluding Footnotes.
7. The memorials should not contain the Name of the participating Law College/School/University, the name of the participants or any identification in any part thereof. No logo or any mark of identification should be made in the memorials. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to immediate disqualification.
8. The memorials must contain the following:
  - a) Cover Page
  - b) Table of Contents
  - c) Index of Authorities
  - d) Statement of Facts
  - e) Issues Presented
  - f) Summary of Arguments
  - g) Advanced Argument
  - h) Prayer

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9. The Cover Page of the Memorial must have the following colour scheme:
- a) Blue: Prosecution Cover Page
  - b) Red: Defence Cover Page
10. The memorial shall not contain Annexures / Sketches / Photographs / Exhibits / affidavit.
11. All memorials shall be prepared with the following specifications:
- a. **Length:** The total length of each Written Submission/ Memorial should not be more than 7500 words of written arguments inclusive of prayer.
  - b. **Written submission/ Memorial:** It must be typed and submitted on standard A4 size paper sheets, with equal margins of 1 inch on all sides, and must be printed on the double side of the A4 sheet paper.
  - c. **Cover Page:** The font for the Cover Page shall be 14 in Bookman Old Style.
  - d. **Text and Spacing:** The font for the Written Submission/Memorial should be Bookman Old Style, Size 12 for the main body, and Bookman Old Style size 10 for the footnotes. The main body of the Written Submission/Memorial should be in 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes and headings must be in single-line spacing. There should be double spacing at the beginning of the submission of each issue raised.
  - e. **Quotations:** The Sources having 50 or more words in any part of the memorial must be block quoted and indented.
  - f. **Citations:** Harvard Blue Book Citation- 21st Edition method should be uniformly followed while citing the footnotes.
  - g. **Header and Footer:** The full name of the competition shall be aligned to the top left side of the header whereas the team code assigned shall be aligned to the top right side of the header.
12. The memorials will carry a maximum of 100 marks each. The marks scored by the teams in the memorials will be added only to their preliminary rounds. The weightage of Memorial Marks shall be 30% of the Total Scores in each Preliminary Round.

## CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF ORAL SUBMISSION

1. The oral rounds shall be judged by industry professionals having experience in the field of criminal law, and the judges shall be made well aware of the procedure and rules of the competition.

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2. The criteria for assessment shall include but are not limited to the following and shall be out of a maximum of 100 marks:
- a) Knowledge of facts.
  - b) Logic & clarity in reasoning.
  - c) Persuasiveness and deference to court.
  - d) Proper, articulate and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
  - e) Understanding of the relevant Laws.
  - f) Ability to successfully conduct chief/cross-examination within the allotted time.
  - g) Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses or deal with unreceptive, argumentative witnesses.

## ORAL PLEADING AND PROCEDURE

1. The Trial Proposition for all the rounds shall be the same.
2. Each speaker must conduct an Examination-in-Chief or Cross Examination of at least one witness in each round. This rule shall apply to all the Rounds. Each speaker shall deliver either the opening statement or the final argument in each round.

## PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

1. The Preliminary Rounds shall consist of Preliminary Round – I (“Prelims –I”) and Preliminary Round – II (“Prelims – II”). Each team shall argue in both rounds, once as Prosecution and once as Defence. No team shall face the same bench or team more than once in the preliminary rounds. The teams that shall be arguing against each other and the side to be argued by the teams shall be determined through the process of ‘Draw of Lots’ that will take place prior to the preliminary rounds.
2. The total time allocated for each side shall be 20 minutes, [excluding the time of briefing to the witnesses] divided as follows:
  - Opening Statement: 1 minutes
  - Examination-in-chief: 6 minutes
  - Cross-Examination: 11 minutes
  - Closing Statement: 2 minutes

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## QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS

1. The Top 8 teams from the Preliminary rounds shall advance for the Quarter Final rounds. Selection shall be based on the marks received by the teams during the Preliminary Rounds.
2. The Draw of Lots for the Quarters will held prior to the Quarter Final Rounds.
3. Each of the top 8 teams shall be arguing from the side of either the Prosecution or the Defence, depending on the Draw of Lots.
4. The total time allocated for each side shall be **45 minutes**, [excluding the time of briefing to the witnesses] divided as follows:
  - **Opening Statement:** 2 minutes
  - **Examination-in-chief:** 10 minutes
  - **Cross-Examination:** 30 minutes
  - **Closing Statement:** 3 minutes
5. This round shall be a knock-out round.

## SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS

1. The Draw of Lots for the Semi-Final Round will take place on prior to Semi-Final rounds.
2. The total time allocated for each side shall be **45 minutes** [excluding the time of briefing to the witnesses] divided as follows:
  - **Opening Statement:** 2 minutes
  - **Examination-in-chief:** 10 minutes
  - **Cross-Examination:** 30 minutes
  - **Closing Statement:** 3 minutes
3. Each of the 4 teams shall be arguing from the side of either the Prosecution or the Defence, depending on the Draw of Lots.
4. This round shall be a knock-out round.

## FINAL ROUND

1. The Draw of Lots for the Final Round will take place after the Semi-Final Round on 29th March 2026.
2. Each of the top 2 teams shall be arguing from the side of either the Prosecution or the Defence, depending on the Draw of Lots.
3. The total time allocated for each side shall be **60 minutes** [excluding the time of briefing to the witnesses] divided as follows:
  - **Opening Statement:** 5 minutes
  - **Examination-in-chief:** 15 minutes
  - **Cross-Examination:** 35 minutes
  - **Closing Statement:** 5 minutes

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## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Case laws that the teams wish to rely on at the time of arguments shall be carried by the participant teams, numbering **five (5)** in copies in Hard Copy.
2. Judges are at liberty to ask questions to the Participants on relevant points of law that may arise from the problem or relevant provisions of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023; and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023, arising during conducting the trial, in order to test the Participant's knowledge of the relevant provisions relating to penal laws.
3. In the event there is any contradiction between the evidence recorded in court and the Statements recorded under section 180 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the participants must be aware of the procedure to deal with such contradiction.
4. The closing statements shall be strictly based on the testimonies of witnesses and the statements examined during the same round. No new arguments or evidence shall be introduced at this stage.
5. All participating teams must be conversant with the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023; and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 whilst taking evidence and advancing arguments for the Prosecution and the Defence.
6. We are at the stage of the trial; no applications shall be entertained. All parties are required to proceed with the trial based on the evidence and witnesses presented.
7. The teams are requested to check regularly the Social Media handles at the Link provided herein - [bit.ly/4i5hBSE](https://bit.ly/4i5hBSE) . All the updates regarding the trial (inclusive of Witness Statement, necessary videos, etc.) will be through Social Media handles.

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## CERTIFICATES

1. Certificates will be awarded only to the participants present in the Valedictory Ceremony, and under no circumstances will they be sent by the Organizing Committee, acknowledging their participation through post or parcel if they fail to attend the valedictory ceremony.

## ACCOMMODATION

1. The Registration amount of Rs 3000/- is inclusive of the Registration Amount and Accommodation. The Accommodation shall be provided to the participants from 28th March 2026 (Morning) to 30th March 2026 (Morning).
2. Respective teams who wish to arrive a day before the event begins or leave a day after the event ends need to pay for their additional stay.

### NOTE: -

1. The travel form shall be sent after the Registration Form. The Bonafide Travel Form and Clarifications will only be sought via e-mail at [mootcourtcommittee@nfsu.ac.in](mailto:mootcourtcommittee@nfsu.ac.in).
2. The railway stations nearest to the college premises are Gandhinagar Capital Railway Station (Gandhinagar), Sabarmati Railway Station and Ahmedabad Railway Station.
3. The Nearest Airport is the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad. Kindly mention the airport (International or Domestic) when travelling to Gandhinagar.
4. The Nearest Bus Stands are Pathika Ashram Bus Stand and Geeta Mandir Bus Stand (Ahmedabad).
5. Pickup and drop services will be provided by the college from the place of accommodation to the college premises.
6. Drinking and Smoking are strictly prohibited at the place of accommodation as well as on the College campus. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to disqualification, and the Organizing Committee shall institute strict action against the team found violating this rule.
7. The decision of the Organizing Committee for the application of the Rules and Regulations mentioned herein above shall be final and binding.

RELEASE OF TRIAL  
PROBLEM &  
COMMENCEMENT OF  
REGISTRATIONS

**11.02.2026**

# Event Timeline

**25.02.2026**

THE LAST DATE FOR  
SEEKING  
CLARIFICATIONS

RELEASE OF  
CLARIFICATIONS

**02.03.2026**



**11.03.2026**

REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE

LAST DATE OF MEMORIAL  
SOFT COPY SUBMISSION

**20.03.2026**



**28.03.2026**

PRELIMINARY &  
QUARTER FINAL  
ROUNDS

SEMI-FINAL & FINAL  
ROUND

**29.03.2026**



# Queries & Clarification

In case of any questions related to the problem or clarification regarding the competition, feel free to contact the following.

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Registration Deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

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ALL THE PARTICIPANTS MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW  
THE BELOW LINK FOR ALL THE NECESSARY  
UPDATES AND VIDEOS

**[BIT.LY/4I5HBSE](https://bit.ly/4i5hbse)**

# PRIZES

|                               |                                             |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Winning team</b>           | <b>Rs. 50,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |
| <b>Runner-up team</b>         | <b>Rs. 25,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |
| <b>Best Chief Examination</b> | <b>Rs. 15,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |
| <b>Best Cross Examination</b> | <b>Rs. 15,000/-, Trophy and Certificate</b> |

**HAPPY MOOTING!**

**PS: THE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS AND WHEN REQUIRED AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, BUT THE SAME SHALL BE NOTIFIED AND COMMUNICATED TO ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS.**



# REGISTRATION DETAILS

Procedure for Registration: The procedure for registration for the competition is as follows:

- For the 2nd National Trial Advocacy Competition, interested teams are required to register themselves to participate in the Competition by filling a registration form on this link - [Trial Advocacy Competition Link](#)
- Deadline for the online Registration - March 11th, 2026 (Till 11:59 P.M. IST).
- Registration Fee - INR 3,000/- [Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only (Per Team)]. The Registration fee is not refundable.
- Each Team shall consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- The Registration confirmation will be notified to the teams by the Organizing Committee, after the completion and verification of the Registration formalities. The teams will be provided with a Team Code and in any stage of the Competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team code.
- All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their Institution at any time and in any manner during their participation in the Competition.
- Non-compliance with this rule shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Administrators.

# PAYMENT DETAILS

**NAME OF ACCOUNT : NFSU SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENTS ACTIVITY**

**BANK NAME : PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, GANDHINAGAR**

**IFSC CODE : PUNB0460100 (FIFTH CHARACTER IS 'ZERO')**

**BANK ACCOUNT NO. : 4601000100075086**

**BRANCH ADDRESS : JALSEVA BHAVAN BRANCH, SECTOR-10  
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