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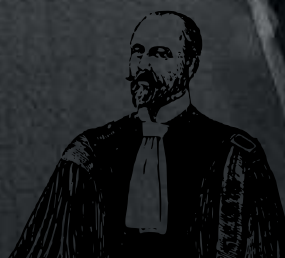
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MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION

2025

HYBRID MODE

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# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Graphic Era Hill University (GEHU) is a premier institution with three vibrant campuses in Dehradun, Bhimtal, and Haldwani. Each campus is designed to provide a world-class academic environment, fostering innovation, research, and holistic growth.

The Dehradun campus, located in the cantonment area, sits along the scenic Rajaji National Park, offering breathtaking views of the Shivalik Hills. It provides an ideal setting for academic excellence, personal development, and intellectual exploration. The campus is equipped with state-of-the-art computer centers and laboratories, spacious temperature-regulated classrooms, modern lecture theatres, and seminar halls. Students also benefit from well-furnished accommodation, advanced medical facilities, and even an in-house radio station.

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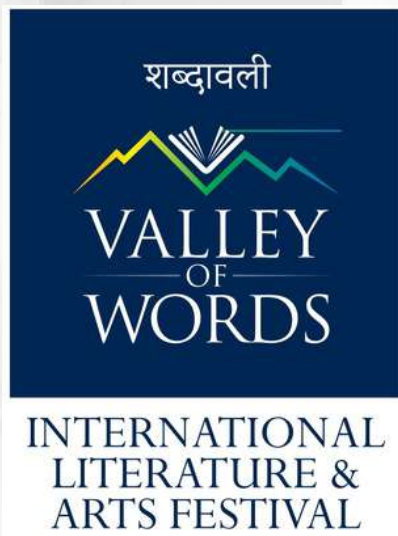
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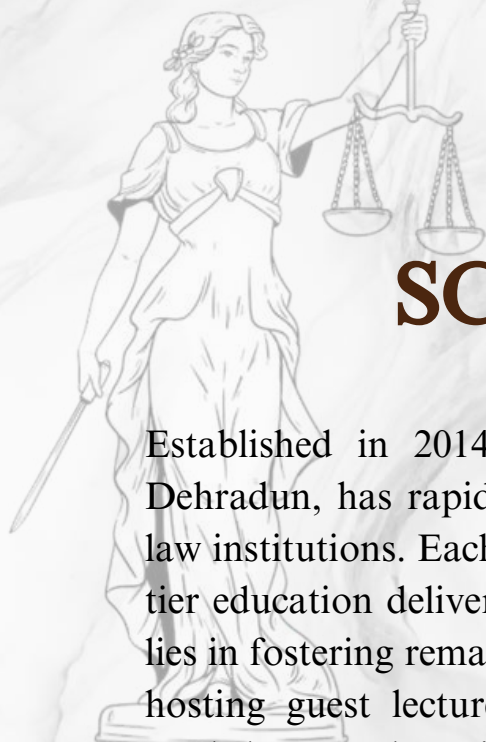
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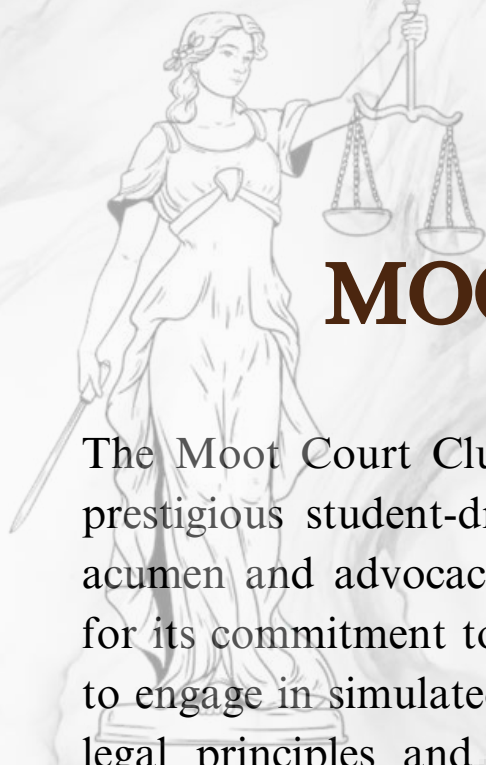


# ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

Established in 2014, the School of Law, Graphic Era Hill University, Dehradun, has rapidly gained recognition as one of Uttarakhand's premier law institutions. Each day, it strives to elevate its standards, emphasizing top-tier education delivered by the exceptional faculties. The Department's forte lies in fostering remarkable personality development, collaborative programs, hosting guest lectures, providing career coaching, and organizing diverse workshops and seminars. Moreover, it actively welcomes students from all around the globe, nurturing an international community.

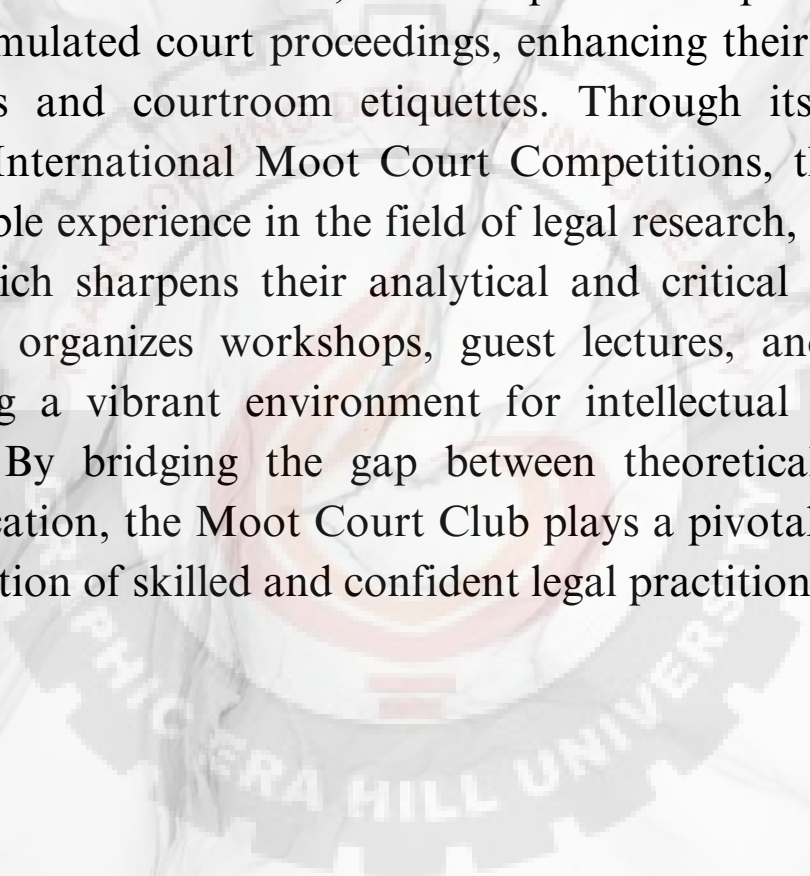
The School of Law, Graphic Era Hill University, Dehradun, actively encourages students' participation in IMUNs, Youth Parliaments, Debate Competitions, Industrial Visits, Experts Talks, Jail Visits, Workshops, FDPs and Sporting Events. Additionally, it engages in initiatives such as offering Legal Aid and adopting Uttarakhand villages and contributing significantly to the community. Through radio sessions and outreach drives, the department also offers Legal Counselling and enhances public awareness. At the core of these initiatives is a dedicated team of faculty members, each driven by diverse backgrounds but sharing the unified ambition of making law school the pinnacle of excellence. redo this and add that we offer BALLB and BBALLB with 120 seats each along with LLM and PhD and LLM have 3 specialization i.e. criminal , corporate and constitutional law

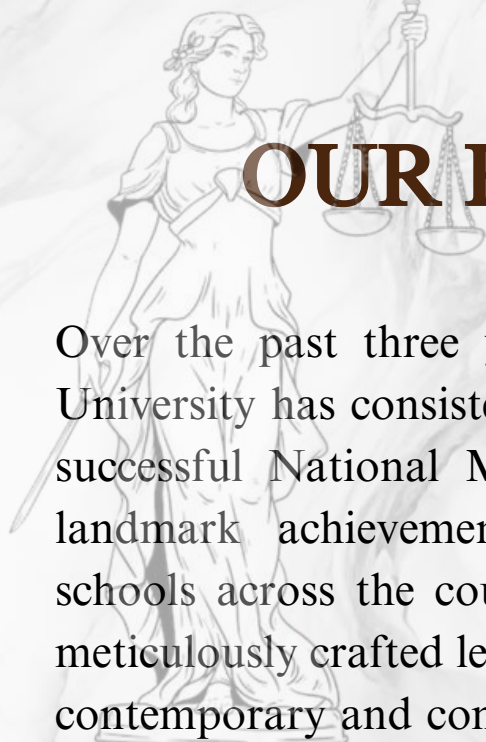




# ABOUT MOOT COURT CLUB

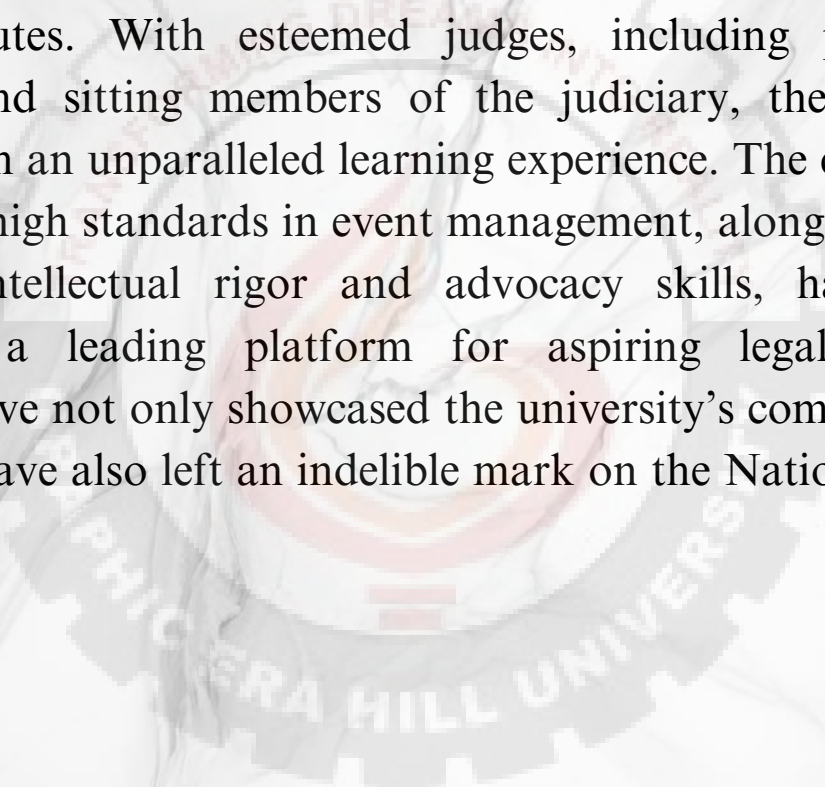
The Moot Court Club of Graphic Era Hill University is a dynamic and prestigious student-driven initiative that fosters the development of legal acumen and advocacy skills among aspiring law professionals. Renowned for its commitment to excellence, the club provides a platform for students to engage in simulated court proceedings, enhancing their understanding of legal principles and courtroom etiquettes. Through its participation in National and International Moot Court Competitions, the members have gained invaluable experience in the field of legal research, drafting, and oral arguments, which sharpens their analytical and critical thinking abilities. The club also organizes workshops, guest lectures, and intra-university events, creating a vibrant environment for intellectual growth and peer collaboration. By bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, the Moot Court Club plays a pivotal role in nurturing the next generation of skilled and confident legal practitioners.





# OUR PREVIOUS EVENTS

Over the past three years, the Moot Court Club of Graphic Era Hill University has consistently demonstrated its excellence by organizing three successful National Moot Court Competitions. Each event has been a landmark achievement, attracting participation from prestigious law schools across the country. The competitions have been lauded for their meticulously crafted legal problems, which challenge participants to address contemporary and complex legal issues, ranging from constitutional law to corporate disputes. With esteemed judges, including prominent legal professionals and sitting members of the judiciary, the events provide participants with an unparalleled learning experience. The club's dedication to maintaining high standards in event management, alongside its emphasis on fostering intellectual rigor and advocacy skills, has solidified its reputation as a leading platform for aspiring legal minds. These competitions have not only showcased the university's commitment to legal education but have also left an indelible mark on the National Moot Court Circuit.





# RULES & REGULATIONS

## VENUE AND DATE:

4th Graphic Era Inter University Moot Court Competition, 2025 shall be held in a hybrid mode through online mode from 18.04.2025 - 19.04.2025 and at GEHU, Dehradun, Uttarakhand campus from 25.04.2025 - 26.04.2025

## LANGUAGE :

The language of the competition shall be English.

## ELIGIBILITY:

The competition is open for the students who are pursuing L.L.B. three/five-year courses during the current academic year.

- Each team should consist of three members. However, a two-member team may be allowed to participate.
- There shall be two speakers and one researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of the organizers in case of illness of the designated speakers.
- Teams should not disclose their identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the organizers.
- No additional team member other than the above three shall be entertained.
- Each team shall be assigned with the Team Code. Teams shall use only their Team Code for identification purposes. Names of participants may not appear on or within the written submissions.
- Teams willing to participate in the “4th Graphic Era Inter University Moot Court Competition, 2025” are required to register on the link given : <https://forms.gle/yVhqPL1wib5dPtyp6>

# REGISTRATIONS

- a) Interested teams must fill out the Google registration form by 13.04.2025, using the provided link
- b) There is no limitation on, how many teams can be registered by a particular University.
- c) A registration fee is mandatory, with two options: **INR, 3600/-** and additional **INR, 1200/-** for offline rounds which includes accommodation if opted.
- This shall be considered as the final registration of the participating institution. Accordingly, each participating team shall be provided with a Team Code.
  - All the registered teams will have to send the soft copy of their memorials (on behalf of both the Petitioner and Respondent) by 15.04.2025 via mail: (MCC.SOL@gehu.ac.in.)

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# DRESS CODE

The teams should adhere to the Dress Code of the competition:

- **Female Participant(s)**: Formals i.e., white shirt and black trousers, blazer and tie **OR** Indian Attire i.e. White/Black Salwar and Kurta.
- **Male Participant(s)**: Formals i.e., white shirt and black trousers, blazer and tie.
- **Use of ID cards and other Disciplinary Requirements:** Each participant will be issued an ID card at the time of entry into the University Campus. It shall be mandatory for all participants to wear the ID card at all times inside the Campus. Furthermore, it shall be mandatory for each participant to adhere to all the rules and regulations of Graphic Era Hill University at all times.



# ACCOMMODATION FOOD & TRAVELS

- Participants will be provided accommodation in the University Hostel.
- Travel facilities will be provided from the accommodation to the University in the morning, and then from the University to the hostels in the evening. Participants who fail to avail the travel services at the allotted time have to make their own travel arrangements. Participants will be provided bus pass at the time of registration and entry into the campus, which must be presented to get entry into the bus for travel purposes.
- Participants will be provided breakfast, lunch, high tea and dinner on both days of the competition. For getting the packed meals, food coupons will be issued at the time of registration and entry into the campus. To get their meals, lunch, and high tea, presenting the food coupon will be mandatory.



# STRUCTURE

The competition will be held over a period of four days, i.e., 18.04.2025 & 19.04.2025 - 25.04.2025 & 26.04.2025. The competition shall consist of Six (6) rounds; 2 Preliminary Rounds, Octa-Finals, the Quarter-Final Rounds, the Semi-Final Rounds, and the Final Round.

**Draw of Lots:** The Draw of Lots will determine the side from which the participating team will first present their argument i.e., Petitioner or Respondent. The Draw of Lots will also decide which team they will be competing against (There will be no pre-decided fixtures). This shall be conducted on 18.04.2025. The Team Codes will be provided to teams before the draw of lots but their sequence of participation will be decided thereon.

**Preliminary Rounds:** In this round, each team shall present their arguments from one side, i.e., either the Petitioner's side or the Respondent's side, as determined under the Draw of Lots. The top sixteen teams based on their Total Preliminary Score in the Preliminary Round shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds. The total Preliminary Score does not include the Memorial Score.

**Octa-Finals:** The top sixteen teams from the Preliminary round shall proceed to the octa-finals. This will be a knockout round; hence winners will be decided based on courtroom win. The sides of the teams will be determined by the Draw of Lots, which will be done on the morning of 25.04.2025. The Draw of Lots will also decide which team you will be competing against (There will be no pre-decided fixtures).

**Quater-Finals:** The top eight teams from the Octa Finals shall proceed to the quarter-finals. This round again will follow the knock-out round. The sides of the teams will be determined by the Draw of Lots held on 25.04.2025. The Draw of Lots will also decide which team they will be competing against (There will be no pre-decided fixtures).

**Semi-Finals:** The top four teams from the Quarter Finals shall proceed to the semi-finals. This round again will follow the knock-out round. The sides of the teams will be determined by the Draw of Lots held on 26.04.2025. The Draw of Lots will also decide which team they will be competing against (There will be no pre-decided fixtures).

**Final Round:** The winner of each courtroom fixture, i.e., two teams from the semi-final round shall proceed to this round. The sides of the teams will be determined by the Draw of Lots held on 26.04.2025.



# MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

Each Team is required to prepare their Written Submissions for both sides, i.e., the Petitioner/Plaintiff and the Respondent/Defendant of the case.

The Written Submissions shall only be identified by the Team Codes assigned to the Teams. The submissions shall not, in any way, disclose any of the facts that can either reveal the identity of the team members or the institution they belong to.

One soft copy (only in PDF format) must be emailed to (**MCC.SOL@gehu.ac.in**) latest by 15.04.2025 (23:59 Hours IST) with the subject "Memorials for TC \_\_\_\_".

The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorials must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g. (for Team Code 15) 15P or 15R, "P" being for "Petitioner" Memorial and "R" for "Respondent" Memorial and so forth.

At the time of the Inauguration Ceremony on 25.04.2025, each team will be required to also submit four hard copies of their memorials prepared from both sides, i.e., Four copies from the petitioner's side and Four copies from the respondent's side. The hard copies must be spiral bound and must adhere to all the guidelines mentioned below. Memorial Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:



# MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

## **Content of the Memorial:**

- a. Cover Page
- b. Table of Contents
- c. List of Abbreviations
- d. Index of Authorities (with the page number of authorities cited)
- e. Statement of Jurisdiction
- f. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
- g. Statement of Issues
- h. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
- i. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 15 pages)
- j. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

## **The cover page of the written submissions must contain the following details:**

- a. The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner.
- b. The name and place of the jurisdiction.
- c. The provision under which the case is filed.
- d. Name of the Parties and Status.
- e. The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared -  
Memorial filed on Behalf of the Petitioner/Respondent.



# MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

**Furthermore, the participants must follow a uniform formatting style in their memorials:**

- a. Font Type: Times New Roman
- b. Font Size: 12
- c. 1.5 Line Spacing
- d. Margin: One inch on each side

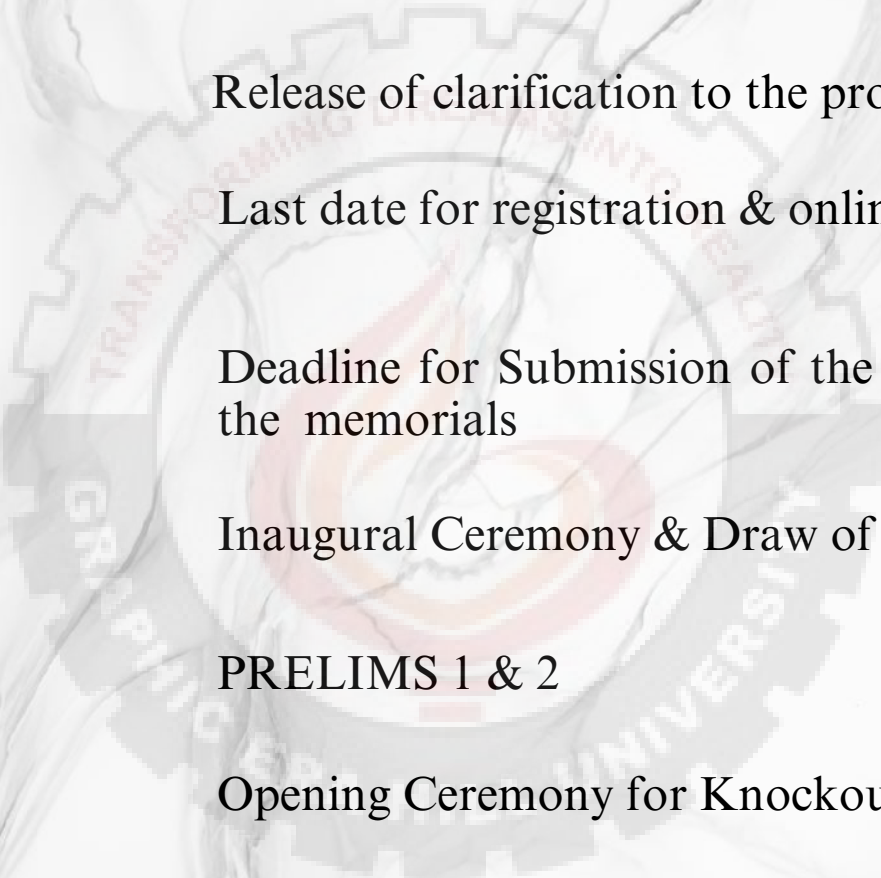
## **Footnotes**

- a. Font type: Times New Roman
- b. Font Size: 10
- c. Single Line Spacing

It is further clarified that the Organizers reserve the right to refuse the acceptance of any memorial that violates any of the above-mentioned norms. The team shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the Harvard Bluebook 21st Edition. The colour of the cover page must be Blue in the case of the Petitioner and red in the case of the Respondent.



# IMPORTANT DATES



|            |                                                           |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 07.04.2025 | Deadline for clarification to the proposition             |
| 09.04.2025 | Release of clarification to the proposition               |
| 13.04.2025 | Last date for registration & online payment               |
| 15.04.2025 | Deadline for Submission of the soft copy of the memorials |
| 18.04.2025 | Inaugural Ceremony & Draw of lots                         |
| 19.04.2025 | PRELIMS 1 & 2                                             |
| 25.04.2025 | Opening Ceremony for Knockouts                            |
| 25.04.2025 | Octa Rounds & Quarter Round                               |
| 26.04.2025 | Semi Final & Final Round                                  |
| 26.04.2025 | Valedictory Ceremony                                      |

# MISCELLANEOUS

## **COMPENDIUM:**

All participating teams at their option can prepare a compendium as a supplement to their memorial submission. The compendium may contain all relevant provisions of law and important judgments cited if any. There can be no arguments/argumentative interpretation of facts/judgments in the compendium. Any such arguments will be disregarded and shall result in penalization. The compendium may be presented to the judges for further reference and clarity of argument presented by the speaker.

## **PLAGIARISM:**

Participants must refrain from plagiarism of any kind. Only 15% of plagiarism is allowed. Any use of publicly available information must be accompanied by proper citations. Failure to comply with this rule may result in being debarred from the 4th Graphic Era Inter University Moot Court Competition, 2025.

## **CHANGES IN HARD COPY:**

An attempt at sending a different or shortened or corrected version of your pleadings as hard copy will result in disqualification from the selection process for the competition.



# MISCELLANEOUS

## **CONDONATION OF DELAY:**

Delay in the submission of the memorials will not be condoned on grounds like connection failure, network issues, etc. However, the Organizers shall have final discretion in case of application for condonation of delay. Decisions may vary from full condonation to reduction of marks as the Organizers may deem fit.



# CRITERIA OF EVALUATION

Speakers would be adjudged under the following categories during their Oral Presentation:

| S.NO        | Criterion                    | Marks |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1.          | Knowledge of facts           | 25    |
| 2.          | Advocacy Skills              | 25    |
| 3.          | Analysis & Authorities Cited | 25    |
| 4.          | Response to judges questions | 15    |
| 5.          | Court Mannerism              | 10    |
| GRAND TOTAL |                              | 100   |

Scoring of Rounds shall be based on the oral presentation done by the teams. However, in case of a tie between two teams, the team with the higher memorial score will be allotted a higher rank.

# CLARIFICATIONS

Participating teams may request clarifications to the official moot problem by sending an email to (MCC.SOL@gehu.ac.in.) by 07.04.2025 (23:59 Hrs IST). The full list of clarifications will be released on 09.04.2025.

Note: Clarifications through any medium other than emails will not be entertained and taken into account.

## SCOUTING

Teams shall not be allowed to observe the Oral Rounds of another team unless they have been officially knocked out of the Competition. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any team shall entail immediate disqualification.

## IMPORTANT

The Rules governing the conduct of the Competition should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties or disqualifications at the sole discretion of the Organizers.

The Organizers reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules Governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period of time.



# PENALTIES

|                                                                                             |                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wrong File Name                                                                             | 1 Marks per memorial       |
| Failure to submit memorial as one file                                                      | 1 Marks per memorial       |
| Exceeding Page limit<br>(Refer to Memorial Rules)                                           | 1 Marks per exceeding page |
| Failure to include important provisions of law in the memorial<br>(Refer to Memorial Rules) | 3 Marks per Section        |
| Failure to use the correct colour                                                           | 2 Marks per Memorial       |



# AWARDS



WINNER

₹ 51,000



₹ 31,000



# AWARDS

BEST SPEAKER

₹ 10,000



BEST MEMORIAL

₹ 10,000



RUNNER UP SPEAKER

₹ 5,000

# MOOT PROPOSITION

- The Republic of Mystic Falls has three major criminal laws which govern the criminal law system in the country which are – The Basinview Nayaya Sanhita, 2023, The Basinview Nagrika Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, The Basinview Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 which came into force on 1.07.2024 and are pari materia to the three criminal laws applicable in India, – The Bharatiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023, The Bharatiya Nagarika Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023. The Republic of Mystic Falls has enshrined the fundamental rights of its citizens in The Constitution of Mystic Falls, which is pari materia to The Constitution of India.
- This is a case of diabolic and ghastly filicide and uxoricide, committed stealthily, by inflicting induced Cobra bites causing fatal envenomation, with extreme wickedness, to disguise it as death due to accidental Cobra bite. The accused, Daemon, married Elena, a specially abled lady, on 15/08/2018. Deamon was a staunch worshipper of Lord Shiva and was seen by the neighbors on multiple occasions feeding milk to the Snake. Since his childhood, he used to worship Lord Shiva dedicatedly. Thereafter, a child was born in the wedlock just after five months of the marriage on 22/01/2019, the accused became apprehensive of the fact that the child was not the legitimate child of Elena. On being confronted, she confessed to having an affair before marriage, and the child was the child of her paramour. Since then, the accused developed malice towards his wife and child. However, he did not divorce her or leave her because she was the sole successor of her parent's large estate. He contrived a plot to get rid of her and her child by causing their death in a manner without causing suspicion to her relatives, so that he would continue to get financial assistance from the family of Elena and he would be able to retain the gold ornaments, with which she was adorned and the cash gifted to her at the time of her marriage.
- In prosecution of the said evil design to cause death of Elena, the accused planned to commit her murder by causing a venomous snake bite to her. Henceforth, the accused got acquainted with the behavior of venomous snakes by surfing the Internet and YouTube and got acquainted with a snake charmer, who had expertise in handling and capturing venomous snakes. On 26/02/2020 the accused purchased a viper, a venomous snake from the charmer for 10,000/- rupees and took it in a plastic container to his house .

- On 27/02/2020 he kept the viper in the staircase and sent Elena upstairs to take his mobile phone with the intention that Elena will be bitten by the viper but failed in the attempt since Elena saw the snake and raised alarm calls, then the accused skillfully captured the viper and carefully put it into a sack and kept it.
- After one failed attempt, the accused did not do anything to cause the death of Elena and thought of forgiving her of the fact that she concealed her pre-marital pregnancy with him. But still, in the back of his head he had this thought that the child was not his flesh and blood. He was never able to accept the child as his own. But to save his marriage with Elena, he legally never took any action. In all the documents of the child, he was the “FATHER” or the “LEGAL GUARDIAN” of the child and was fulfilling his duties as a father out of his marital obligations to Elena.
- However, the accused still could not accept the fact that he was nurturing an illegitimate child. Thereafter on 24/05/2024 at 11.40 a.m., the accused purchased a venomous cobra from another snake charmer for 7,000/- rupees and clandestinely took it to his house and kept it hungry for a few weeks. On 29/06/2024 he took the cobra in a plastic jar kept in a bag, to the room of Elena’s child. Thereafter, on the same day before going to sleep he gave sedative tablets to their child mixed in juice and after being convinced in the night hours that he was fast asleep, he took out the cobra and with intent to cause death of the child, caused it to bite on his left arm twice and ensured his death by envenomation. Then he stealthily took the snake and left it in his backyard to escape. Meanwhile, Elena came and saw her child lying motionless with a snake bite, she screamed but no one came for help. Just then she realized, she had seen a series on Showflix “THE JUNGLE BOYS” wherein, the venom could be removed by sucking it from the blood. So she started sucking the venom from the wound, but the snake was so poisonous that in the process she also swallowed some of the venom and became unconscious due to the effect of the venom of the snake.
- The accused came and saw his wife lying unconscious. He did not intend to cause the death of Elena and wanted to save her, since he became apprehensive that he might get charged for the double murders of Elena and her child. So he decided to take her to the nearest Hospital. On reaching the hospital, he discovered that there was no doctor available in the emergency ward. Hence, he googled the closest hospital to his location and decided to take his wife there. He started his car and turned on the google maps.

- He was following the Google Maps, wherein he realized that the flyover that was suggested by the Google Maps was under construction and broken. He tried to pull the brakes of the car but could not control it. So, he jumped out of the moving car and saved himself. However, Elena, who was lying unconscious, could not jump out of the car and was still inside the car while it fell into the river below. The next morning, her dead body was discovered floating on the river by the local fishermen. On her postmortem, it was found that she died by drowning in the water and her head hitting a rock, however, there were traces of poison in her blood.
- Also, the next morning, when the mother of Elena visited her house, she found the child unconscious and lying motionless on the cot, and raised alarm calls, hearing which her brother and father rushed to the bedroom. Thereafter, the child was taken to the St. Joseph's Mission Hospital wherein he was declared dead. The Casualty duty doctor of the said hospital confirmed the death of Elena's child, and since the death was not natural, and a medico-legal case, the body of the child was sent for the postmortem. On the same day itself, the medical experts conducted post-mortem examination of the child and gave a preliminary opinion that the cause of death of the child was due to snake bite and forwarded the viscera for chemical analysis.
- The brother of Elena lodged the F.I.R on 02.07.2024 at the police station for unnatural death of Elena and her child. The accused was questioned regarding the same and he told the police, "I brought the snake to my house to please Lord Shiva and used to pray to the snake for the well being of my wife and my child. That fateful night, the snake somehow escaped and bit the child. I am not responsible for either of these deaths.
- After the completion of investigation, the police filed Final Report against the accused alleging commission of offences u/s 100, 107, 116 B.N.S and also certain sections of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The accused was charged with the double murder of the child and Elena. Simultaneously, the accused also filed a case against the State authorities and Google for negligence on their part in suggesting the fly, which was broken, and also for keeping such flyovers functional, which caused the death of Elena in the District Court. However, dismissed his compensation claim.
- On the other hand, the Trial Court sentenced him to an imprisonment for the remainder of his natural life and a compensation of Rs 5,00,000. He was also charged a fine of rupees 50,000 for violating the provisions of The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 of the Republic of India.

- An appeal was filed by the accused in the High Court which was decided against him in both the cases. Therefore, the accused filed this SLP before the Hon'ble Supreme Court against the judgement of the High Court praying that the High Court has erred in convicting him on the following grounds-

1. That the testimony or disclosure which was made by the police was against the will of the accused and was made due to custodial torture by the police and is therefore inadmissible. Moreover, the accused is protected under Article 20(3) of the Constitution of Mystic Falls, which provides him protection against self incrimination.
2. That the death of Elena was caused by drowning and her own actions of sucking the venom from the snake's bite and the accused is in no way responsible for the same. The responsibility for the death of Elena lies on Google and the State Authorities, for which he had already filed a separate case for compensation.
3. That the cause of death of the child was the snake bite, and the accused did not know that a snake had bitten the victim. The act of the accused is in no way a proximate or direct cause of the death of the child.
4. That convicting the accused under the various sections of Basinview Nyaya Sanhita and The Wildlife Protection Act inflicts "double jeopardy" on the accused and he is protected under Article 20(2) of the Constitution on The Mystic Falls.

The Supreme Court has clubbed both the cases of the double murder and the accused's case of negligence against the State Authorities and Google. These cases are now listed on the next date for final arguments on the following issues

- Whether the High Court erred in convicting the accused for the double murder of Elena and her child under The Basinview Nayaya Sanhita, 2023.
- Whether the confession of the accused, allegedly obtained under duress, is admissible under the criminal jurisprudence of Mystic Falls, considering Article 20(3) of the Constitution of Mystic Falls, which protects against self-incrimination.
- Whether convicting the accused under both the criminal provisions of the Basinview Nayaya Sanhita and the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, violates the principle of double jeopardy under Article 20(2) of the Constitution of Mystic Falls.
- Whether the accused's claim for compensation from state authorities and Google Maps is legally tenable given the circumstances of the case.

(The participants are free to frame any additional issues along with the abovementioned issues.)

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