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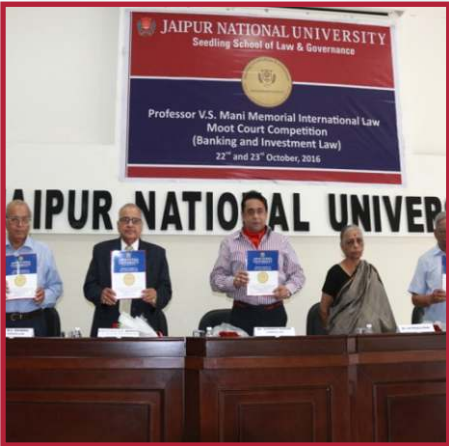
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## 9<sup>TH</sup> PROFESSOR V.S. MANI MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2023



## CORDIAL INVITATION

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

*Greetings from Jaipur National University, Jaipur !*

You will be delighted to know that our Seedling School of Law and Governance (SSLG) is announcing the **9th edition of Professor V.S. Mani Memorial International Law Moot Court Competition during February 23 - 25, 2023.**

The SSLG was founded and established by the internationally renowned legal luminary Late Prof. (Dr). V.S. Mani in the year 2008, who was an expert in the field of International Law. Professor Mani had appeared before the International Court of Justice as an agent and counsel on several occasions. He was Legal Advisor to the Government of the Republic of Nauru in 1981-83 and again in 1985-90. He was directly involved in organising Nauru's case against Australia before the International Court of Justice (1986–93). Under his able stewardship and guidance, the Seedling School of Law and Governance reached to such heights at par with the National Law Schools in India.

SSLG has excelled in academic scholarship and has been successful in building its name as a renowned educational institution in academia over fifteen glorious years of commendable growth journey under the leadership of Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. Sandeep Bakshi. The University was successfully accredited by NAAC in two consecutive rounds for the years 2015-2022 and 2022-2027.

Triggered by the overwhelming response from the student community of the different law schools of India and across the globe, since the inception of Moot Court Competition held in October 2012, we look forward to very warm and enthusiastic response in its' 9th edition again. Needless to mention, in the previous eight editions, the participants included teams from the esteemed Law Schools such as **Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Gujarat National Law University, Gujarat, K.C. Law Collage, Mumbai, National Law University, Assam, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Christ University, Bangalore & Jamnalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies, Banasthali Vidhyapith, Rajasthan**, who have been declared the winners of the Trophy. We look forward to a dynamic participation in the upcoming **Moot Court Competition, 2023** as well.

The paradigm of judging has always been extraordinary, with Judges of Supreme Court, High Courts, Senior Counsels, Corporate Lawyers' and many eminent Academicians, judging the various rounds of Moot Court and augmenting the standard of the competition.

It gives us immense pleasure to most cordially invite your esteemed institution to participate in the 9th edition of Professor V.S. Mani Memorial International Law Moot Court Competition- 2023 being held and hosted by Jaipur National University, Jaipur at its Seedling School of Law and Governance (SSLG) from February 23 - 25, 2023.

The moot proposition so prepared for 9th edition of Professor V.S. Mani Memorial International Law Moot Court Competition- 2023, is with regard to concepts enshrined under Public International Law, with special emphasis on International Environmental Law concerning Trans-boundary pollution and Non-Navigational uses of International watercourse.

All the Law Schools are invited to confirm their participation through email ([mootcourt@jnujaipur.ac.in](mailto:mootcourt@jnujaipur.ac.in)). The hard copy of the registration form duly filled in, complete in all respects containing registration fee and accommodation details mentioned in the brochure.

We look forward to welcoming you for participating in Moot Court Competition at Jaipur, the "City of Arts" and "Craft" as declared by UNESCO. The City is known for its marvelous architecture, royal palaces, forts, historical monuments and apart from this, it is also known for its colorful rural life and for all pomp and pageantry.

**Kind regards,**

**Prof. R.L. Raina**

Vice-Chancellor

Jaipur National University,

Jaipur

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## ABOUT SEEDLING SCHOOL OF LAW & GOVERNANCE



The School was inaugurated on  
8th December, 2007  
by Hon'ble (Mr.) Justice P. P. Naolekar,  
Judge of the Supreme Court of India



Justice P.P. Naolekar  
releasing the Brochure of  
Law School with the  
Hon'ble and distinguished dignitaries



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**JAIPUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

## IN THE MEMORY OF LATE PROF. (DR.) V.S. MANI



Late Prof. (Dr.) V. S. Mani was an internationally renowned legal scholar and an expert in the field of public international law. He served as the Founder director of the Seedling School of Law and Governance of Jaipur National University, Jaipur between 2008-2016. Formerly he was Professor at Centre of International Legal Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Director of its Human Rights Teaching and Research Programme. He was also the founder-Director of the prestigious Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, India. Professor Mani had appeared before the International Court of Justice as agent and counsel on several occasions. He was Legal Advisor to the Government of the Republic of Nauru in 1981-83 and again in 1985-90. He was directly involved in organising Nauru's case against Australia before the International Court of Justice (1986–93). He was a member of the Indian legal team to the ICJ led by India's Attorney-General, Mr. Soli J. Sorabji, in Pakistan's case against India (the *Atlantique* case) in 1999-2000. He was involved in the drafting of pleadings in at least four cases before the World Court. He has authored/edited seven books and more than 98 research articles, some published in international journals and books, including one published in a book on *Essays in International Law* published by the United Nations Office of the Legal Affairs. In 2003, he was elected Executive President of the Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi. On 1st September, 2013, the Indian Association of Law Firms (President Mr. Lalit Bhasin) conferred on Professor Mani the 'Professor N.R. Madhava Menon Best Law Teacher 2013' Award.

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## ABOUT THE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The annual event of the esteemed Moot Court Competition started in the year 2012 in the name of “**International Banking and Investment Law Moot Court Competition**” (IBAIL), resulting into the organizing of 5 successful editions until 2016. In the same year, with the sad demise of International Law expert Late Prof. (Dr.) V.S. Mani on 22.08.2016, the Moot Court Competition was renamed as “**Professor V.S. Mani Memorial International Law Moot Court Competition**” and we are proudly announcing its **9th edition** in the year 2023 (February 23-25).

### GLIMPSES OF THE PREVIOUS EDITIONS

EDITION	YEAR	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	BEST MEMORIAL	BEST ADVOCATE
8th	2019	University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab	Symbiosis Law School, Noida	Tamil Nadu National Law University	Ms. Naomi Almeida, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad
7th	2018	Jamnalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies, Banasthali Vidhyapith, Rajasthan	HNLU, Raipur	Lloyd Law College, Noida	Ms. Komal, UILS Punjab
6th	2017	Christ University, Bangalore	RGNUL, Patiala	RMLNLU, Lucknow	Mr. Varun Kalway, Symbiosis Law School, Noida
5th	2016	University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab	RGNUL, Patiala	RGNUL, Patiala	Mr. Parth Agarwal, Symbiosis Law School, Noida
4th	2015	National Law University, Assam	NUALS, Kochi	HNLU, Raipur	Ms. Subornadeep Battacharjee, NLU Assam
3rd	2014	K.C. Law College, Mumbai	UPES, Dehradun	Nirma University, Ahmedabad	Mr. Aman Singhania, GNLU, Gujarat
2nd	2013	GNLU, Gujarat	UILS, Punjab	CNLU, Patna	
1st	2012	Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore	Symbiosis Law School, Noida	Army Institute of Law, Mohali	Ms. Kalika Mehta, RGNUL, Patiala



**8th Edition, 2019  
UILS, Punjab**



**7th Edition, 2018 - JBSLS,  
Banasthali Vidhyapith, Rajasthan**



**6th Edition, 2017  
Christ University, Bangalore**



**5th Edition, 2016  
UILS, Punjab**



**4th Edition, 2015  
NLU, Assam**



**3rd Edition, 2014  
K.C. Law College, Mumbai**



**2nd Edition, 2013  
GNLU, Gujarat**



**1st Edition, 2012  
Faculty of Law, NUS, Singapore**

## MOOT PROPOSITION

### Case concerning Responsibility for Transboundary Pollution

Republic of Indiya

v.

Bangala

1. Republic of Indiya (hereinafter "Indiya") and Bangala are both low-income countries located in the Continent of Asia. Indiya and Bangala both are neighbouring countries, sharing a border of 750 square kilometres (hereinafter sq kms). A part of their border, i.e. 200 sq kms) is a river shared by both the countries. The river name Mother is considered the lifeline of both the countries. It was historically known for its rich biodiversity and ability to clean itself. It serves as a source of food, water, transportation and economy for millions of people in both the countries. Indiya is the upper riparian country for the river and Bangala is the lower riparian country. The river flows from Indiya to Bangla. It originates in India, flows in India for 350 sq kms, then is shared by Indiya and Bangla for 200 sq kms, then flows in Bangala for 150 sq kms.
2. In past five decade, Indiya has rapidly industrialised and globalised its economy by licensing large scale industries on the banks of River Mother. The industries use the water and biodiversity of the river to produce commercialised goods. Most of these industries are high carbon emitting industries, use a lot of energy and dump more than 200 billion litres of untreated toxic waste in the river. Most clothing, textile and leather industries on the river bank use coal and oil to run, emitting high level of greenhouse gases. The leather industry in the River Mother region also utilised the Muggers (Crocodylus palustris). The leather from Muggers is high in demand globally and Indiya received good revenue by exporting the leather from the Muggers. The residents of Bangla have reported poachers from Indiya, hunting and killing the Muggers in Bangla. The Muggers are believed to be locally extinct because the local residents have not reported their sighting for a year.
3. Bangala is an agrarian economy and has not used industrialisation as a route towards development. Its greenhouse gas emissions are negligible. Since two decades, its fertile plains have reduced in productivity. The fertile plain once known as the grain bowl of the region, is now facing an unprecedented loss of fertility. In 2019, the Friends of Farmers, released a report citing "pollution from industries in Indiya" as one of the major reasons for decrease in fertility of the Agricultural lands in Bangala. The Indigenous Population Group of Bangala, however, have cited local extinction of the Muggers as the cause of decrease in fertility of the lands. Culturally, Bangalan people have worshipped the Muggers as the God of virility and productivity of the agrarian lands. The people believe that the fertility of land is lost with the Muggers.

4. After the 2019 report, the Bangalan Government send a diplomatic note to the Indiyen Government, requesting them to inspect the pollution caused by the textile, clothing and leather industries located on the banks of the River Mother. The Government of Bangala, on 16th June 2019, sent a note stating that "...the fertile lands in Bangala around the river Mother are turning into barren lands. The toxicity level of the lands has increased significantly in the past. Additionally, there are evidences of solid and plastic waste flowing to Bangala, negatively impacting the land topography. There are private reports which link the degradation of fertility of lands in Bangala to the pollution from industries in Indiya. In the light of this information. the Government of Bangala, requests the Government of the Republic of Indiya to inspect, and consequently regulate the industries around River Mother. Under international law, it is the duty of a state to be due-diligent of activities within its territory. Additionally, it is the duty of a state not to cause a trans-boundary harm in another state under Convention of Biological Diversity (1982) Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (1997) and customary international law. If the Government of the Republic of Indiya fails to check the industries within its jurisdiction and the consequent pollution, the Government of Bangala may have to approach a dispute resolution forum."
5. The Government of the Republic of Indiya responded on 18th July, 2019, stating that "... Indiya is taking all appropriate measures within its capacity to ensure that activities within its jurisdiction does not cause any trans-boundary harm or pollution. Indiya has stringent national laws for licensing. The government and its departments conduct extensive environmental impact assessment to evaluate the environmental and social impacts of industries within its territory. While the Government of Indiya understands the concerns of the Government of Bangala, please be assured that we have conducted our due-diligence and we are complying with both conventional and customary international law..."
6. In October, 2019, the Government of Indiya proposed a draft law in its country allowing establishment and operation of a wide range of industries, including many chemical industries, without a prior authorisation or license from the government. The draft law 2019 stated that an industry can obtain licenses within 2 years of establishment and operationalisation. This law received heavy criticism from environmentalists and conservation groups across the globe. Many independent reporters produced reports predicting harmful impacts of this law on the already heavily impacted natural resources within the region, especially the River Mother.
7. Soon after this draft law was published in 2019, a global lockdown due to coronavirus pandemic was instituted. The law was buried and never approved by the Government of Indiya. Two years later, in June 2021, the Bangala Broadcasting Company, released a report citing 1000 new industries were approved in Indiya during the lockdown between 2019 and 2021. 700 of these new industries have been operational on the banks of River

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Mother and 200 of these industries are leather industries dependent on the Muger. The report predicted that the operationalisation of these 1000 industries will be detrimental to the resources of the region and includes resources of Bangala.

8. After the release of the report, The Government of Bangala approached the International Court of Justice under Article 33(2) of the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (New York, 1997), requesting the Court to (i) declare that the Government of Indiya has caused a trans-boundary harm by allowing its territory to be used for polluting industries. Under the rules governing the responsibility of a state, Indiya should compensate Bangala with 10 billion US dollars and conduct restitution of River Mother and the land in Bangladesh.
9. The Government of Indiya has raised a preliminary objection to the institution of the claims by the Government of Bangala. Indiya claims that the Court does not have jurisdiction under Article 33(2) of the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (New York, 1997) because the elements of the article are not fulfilled by the Government of Bangala.; (ii) Indiya has acted in accordance with international law and has fulfilled its duty to prevent a transboundary harm under international law, which is a duty of conduct and not a duty of obligation.; (iii) Alternatively, Indiya, requests the ICJ to establish a Fact-finding Commission under Article 33(4) of the Convention on the Law of the Non- navigational Uses of International Watercourses (New York, 1997).

### **ANNEXURE I: Article 33(2) of the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses**

#### Article 33 (2) Settlement of disputes

(.....) 2. If the parties concerned cannot reach agreement by negotiation requested by one of them, they may jointly seek the good offices of, or request mediation or conciliation by, a third party, or make use, as appropriate, of any joint watercourse institutions that may have been established by them or agree to submit the dispute to arbitration or to the International Court of Justice. (.....)

### **ANNEXURE II: Article 3 of the Convention on Biodiversity, 1992**

States have, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law, the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental policies, and the responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.

**Note\*:** The participants are allowed to use other treaties and treaty provisions relevant to the moot problem with an assumption that both Indiya and Bangla have signed and ratified major multi-lateral treaties and convention, except the core human rights treaties.

**\*\*Participants** may also draw from other sources of International Law apart from the Conventions and treaties.

# RULES OF THE COMPETITION

## Rule 1: Eligibility for Participation

1. The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate Law course (5 years integrated Law course / 3 Year L.L.B Course) or its equivalent conducted by any recognized Institution/College/University of any country.
2. No Institution/College/University shall enter the Competition with more than one team.
3. A cap of 50 teams is reserved for the Competition, and teams will be selected by first come first serve basis.
4. Each Team shall comprise of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. In a Team comprising of two members, both the members shall be designated as Speakers. In a Team comprising of three members, the third member of the team shall be designated as Researcher.
5. Any additional member or team coach of any team shall not formally be recognized and will not be entitled to a certificate from the University.

## Rule 2: Language

The language of the Competition shall be English.

## Rule 3: Clarifications to the Case

Teams may request for clarifications via e-mail to [mootcourt@jnujaipur.ac.in](mailto:mootcourt@jnujaipur.ac.in), latest by January 3, 2023 (11.59 P.M. IST).

## Rule 4: Anonymity of Teams

1. Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition.
2. The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name etc. of the University represented.
3. Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification marks / seal of the Team. If any such mark / seal exists, it shall be rendered unfair means.
4. Any violation of Rule 4.2 and 4.3 shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Moot Court Committee. The decision of the Moot Court Committee in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

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## **Rule 5: Dress Code**

1. All Participants (Both Male and Female) shall wear Black Blazer, Black Trouser, White Shirt, Black Shoes with Black Socks and Black Tie.
2. Non-Compliance of Clause (1) will lead to penalty.

## **Rule 6: Registration of teams**

1. Each team shall complete the registration within the stipulated time. The registration is a two-step process comprising of filling up of the registration form and payment of the registration fee as provided in Rule 7.
2. Registration will be open till January 17, 2023 (11:59 P.M. IST). The registration form can be downloaded from the official website of the University ([www.jnujaipur.ac.in](http://www.jnujaipur.ac.in)).
3. The Teams are required to send a bona-fide letter issued by the appropriate authority of their College or University along with the duly filled registration form.

## **Rule 7: Registration Fee**

1. The Registration Fee is INR 4,000/- Indian teams.
2. All other Teams shall pay US \$ 100 or its equivalent excluding service charge (if any) in Euro as registration fee.
3. Payment of Registration Fee:
  - (a) Indian Teams must make payment by Online Payment/Demand Draft. The procedure for the same has been provided in the Annexure to the Competition Rules.
  - (b) Payment by all other teams must be made by Online Payment/Bank Transfer. The procedure for the same has been provided in the registration form.
  - (c) All the formalities concerning the registration process should be completed by January 17, 2023. The decision of the Director shall be final in this regard.
  - (d) Once the Team is registered after completing the formalities, a Team Code shall be assigned to it by January 21, 2023.
  - (e) A Team that has registered pursuant to Rules 1.4 may change its composition only after informing the Moot Court Committee of such change. Any changes with respect to the contact details shall be notified to the Moot Court Committee with immediate effect. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition.

## **Rule 8: Written Submission**

1. Each Team is required to submit Memorial and Counter Memorial on behalf of both the Applicant and the Respondent respectively.

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2. Each Team shall send one (1) soft copy of the written Submission for each side in MS Word Document 2007 or 2010 (.docx) format only, via E-mail, on or before January 31, 2023 to mootcourt@jnujaipur.ac.in. Format for the same is mentioned in Rule 8.7.
  3. Each Team shall send one (1) hard copy of each Memorial and Counter Memorial to the Moot Court Committee on or before February 10, 2023 to the address below. Submission beyond this date would be subject to the discretion of the organizers and will be subject to penalty.

**Director,**

**Seedling School of Law and Governance,**

**Jaipur National University, Main Campus, Jaipur Agra By-pass, Near New RTO Office, Jagatpura, Jaipur Rajasthan-302017**

4. Each Team shall carry with them four hard copies of the Memorials for each side [four for the Applicant and four for the Respondent] on their arrival.
5. The hard copies must be the exact print out of the soft copy; else the team will entail disqualification from the competition.
6. The Written Submission and Counter Memorial shall consist of the following mandatory heads:
  - (a) Title Page;
  - (b) Table of Contents;
  - (c) List of Abbreviations;
  - (d) Table of Authorities;
  - (e) Questions Presented;
  - (f) Fact Highlights, which may creatively and persuasively state the facts of the problem in support of the positions argued in the Written Submission. The Statement of Facts should remain faithful to the official facts and present them in a reasonable way, but not a true copy of it.
  - (g) Summary of Arguments;
  - (h) Argument including footnotes; and
  - (i) Final Submissions to the Tribunal.



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7. The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages) and soft copy submission shall be typed on A4-sized paper, with the following formatting specifications:

- (a) Font type: Times New Roman
- (b) Font size: 12
- (c) Line spacing: 1.5
- (d) Body of text: Justified

For Footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- (a) Font type: Times New Roman
- (b) Font size: 10
- (c) Single spacing
- (d) Paragraph spacing: 0
- (e) No additional space between 2 footnotes
- (f) Body of text: Justified

8. Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations, Table of Authorities, Section Headings and footnotes shall be typed Single-spaced.

9. Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorials using footnotes following Harvard Bluebook 21st Edition.

10. Footnotes should be limited only to citations and must not contain extra information or arguments.

11. The Written Submission shall not contain any annexure, photographs, graphs, diagrams or any other representation of like nature.

12. Memorials should be preferably spiral bound. Comb / staple or any other form of binding will be considered improper. Kindly avoid plastic sheet separators.

13. Memorials shall not in any way identify the Team, its members, the law school, faculty, university or other participating institution except with the Team Code as assigned by the organizers. The electronic version of memorials shall not have any electronic identification of the Team.

14. Following color scheme shall be followed for the cover page of the Written Submission:

- (a) Applicant: **BLUE**
- (b) Respondent: **RED**

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## Rule 9: Oral Pleading

1. Any form of scouting during the completion is strictly prohibited and shall entail instant disqualification of the Team.
2. The proceedings and method of presentation of oral arguments shall be, to the extent possible, in alignment with the procedure adopted by the International Court of Justice.
3. The order in which Teams shall submit their Oral Pleadings throughout the Competition shall be:  
  
Speaker 1 for Applicant, Speaker 2 for Applicant; Speaker 1 for Respondent, Speaker 2 for Respondent.
4. In case of any Team fails to appear in an oral round, the round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter team had been present and arguing.
5. Before the start of the oral rounds, each Team shall inform the Court Officer regarding the order of speaking as well as allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for Rebuttals.
6. If a Speaker speaks for more than the time reserved for him/her, the extra time used by such Speaker shall be deducted from the time allotted to the second Speaker of that team. If the second Speaker exceeds the time allotted to him/her, such time exceeded shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals.
7. Compendium can be submitted to the Court Officer prior to the oral rounds which will be submitted to the judges at their discretion. Any further material may be passed at the discretion of the Panel. Team members can pass research materials to the speaker in a discreet manner.
8. Any team which violates any of the Rules with respect to the oral rounds may be penalized. The decision of the panel shall be final in this regard.
9. During the oral rounds, Speakers at the podium and participants seated at counsel table shall not operate, for any purpose, Mobile Phones, Laptop Computers, iPad, or any other computer or electronic devices which internet are enabled or has instant messaging capabilities.
10. A Team that violates Rule 9.9 forfeits up to six (6) Oral Round marks. The Moot Court Committee shall determine a penalty that corresponds to the severity of the violation.

## 11. Preliminary Rounds/Quarter Finals:

- (a) Each oral round will be for a period of 60 minutes, (inclusive of Rebuttals), wherein each Team will be allotted 30 minutes including the time for Rebuttals. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.
- (b) No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.
- (c) No Researcher of any Team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team member in a discreet manner.

## 12. Semi Finals:

- (a) Each oral round will be for a period of 80 minutes, (including Rebuttals), wherein each Team will be allowed 40 minutes. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.
- (b) No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.

## 13. Finals:

- (a) Each oral round will be for a period of 90 minutes, (including Rebuttals), wherein each Team will be allowed 45 minutes. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Panel.
- (b) No Team shall reserve more than 7 minutes for Rebuttals.

### Rule 10: Evaluation Criteria for Written Submission

1. The Memorial marks of each Team in the preliminary rounds shall be awarded by a discrete Panel other than the Oral Pleading Sessions Panel.
2. Every Written Submission will be marked on Scale of 100 and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

S.No.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks Allocated
1	Knowledge of fact & Law	20
2	Application of Law & Facts	20
3	Use of Authority / Precedents	20
4	Organization of Arguments and Clarity of Thoughts	20
5	Mode of Citation of source	10
6	Presentation Style	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### Rule 11: Evaluation Criteria for Oral Pleading

1. The Oral Pleading Session would be marked on scale of 100 per Panelist and would be evaluated on the following grounds-

S.No.	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks Allocated
1	Knowledge of Law & Facts (K.L.F)	10
2	Use of Facts in Arguments (U.F.A.)	10
3	Interpretation of Law and its Application to Facts (I.L.A.F)	20
4	Use of Authorities (U.O.A)	10
5	Response to Questions (R.Q.)	10
6	Organization of Arguments and clarity of thought(O.A.C.T)	20
7	Argumentative Skills and Creativity (A.S.C)	10
8	Court Mannerisms (C.M.)	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

- The decision of the Panel regarding the allocation of marks shall be final. Each panelist shall give his/her score separately. All scores of panelists of a panel shall than be added up and divided by the number of panelist in order to get the final score.

### **Rule 12: Structure of the Competition**

- The Competition Rounds shall be held over a period of 2 days from 23rd to 25th Febraury, 2023. The Memorial Exchange will take place in the afternoon of 23rd February, 2023.
- The Competition shall consist of four (4) Rounds:
  - The Preliminary Rounds;
  - The Quarter Finals;
  - The Semi Finals; and
  - The Final

#### **3. Preliminary Rounds:**

- In the Preliminary rounds, each Team shall argue once as Applicant and once as Respondent. The Team which argues for the Applicant in the first Preliminary Round shall argue for the Respondent in the second Preliminary Round, and vice-versa.
- At the end of both preliminary rounds, the top eight teams will qualify for the quarter finals on the basis of their wins in both Preliminary rounds.
- A team shall be credited with a win if its total marks in the respective session are higher than its opponent team. The total scores for the preliminary rounds shall be out of 200.
- In case of a tie, the marks of the memorials will be considered in addition to the scores of preliminary rounds. The team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals.

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- (e) The Teams are required to return the hard copy of their opponent's Written Submission to the Moot Officers soon after the Oral Rounds.

#### **4. Quarter Finals:**

- (a) The quarter finals will be knock-out rounds. A Team will be credited with a win in the quarter finals if their total marks, are higher than its opponent's Teams.
- (b) In case of a tie, the total oral marks of the Teams in the previous round(s) will be considered. The Team with the higher score will win.
- (c) If the situation of tie still persists, then it would be resolved through the toss of coin.
- (d) The Teams are required to return the hard copy of their opponent's Written Submission to the Moot Officers soon after the Oral Rounds.

#### **5. Semi Finals:**

- (a) The semi-finals will again be knock-out rounds. A Team will be credited with a win in the Semi-finals if their total marks, are higher than its opponent's Teams.
- (b) In case of a tie, the total oral marks of the Teams in the previous round(s) will be considered. The Team with the higher score will win.
- (c) If the situation of tie still persists, then it would be resolved through the toss of coin.
- (d) The Teams are required to return the hard copy of their opponent's Written Submission to the Moot Officers soon after the Oral Rounds.

#### **6. Final:**

Winner of the Final will be decided on the basis of Oral Arguments only.

### **Rule 13: Reporting of Results**

1. Cumulative Memorial Score of each team will be notified to them after the finals.
2. A Copy of Oral Score-sheet of the Preliminary, Quarterfinal, Semi-final and Final Rounds will be notified soon after the end of respective rounds.

### **Rule 14: Awards**

1. The Winning Team shall be awarded with Trophy and a **cash prize of 27000/- INR.**
2. The Runners-up Team shall be awarded with Trophy and a **cash prize of 18000/- INR.**
3. The Best Written Submission/Memorial shall be awarded with Plaque and a **cash prize of 6000/- INR.**
4. The Best Speaker/Advocate shall be awarded with Plaque and a **cash prize of 5000/- INR.**
5. The Best Researcher shall be awarded with Plaque and a **cash prize of 4000/- INR.**

**Note:** The Prize Money can be increased depending upon the sponsorship.

## Rule 15: Interpretation of Rules

The **MOOT COURT COMMITTEE** shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of these Rules.

## Rule 16: Complaint procedure

1. If a Team believes that violation of the Competition Rules has taken place at any stage of the Competition, the Team(s) within half an hour after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint in writing with the Director. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Panel with any complaints.
2. Teams may approach to Moot Court Committee for redressal of their complaint which shall be in writing. Complaint shall clearly describe the violation and the parties involved in the violation. The Team shall not directly approach the judges regarding a violation of these Rules.
3. Moot Court Committee will have a final say on the Complaints made by a Team.

## Rule 17: Penalties

1. Penalty points may be deducted only by the Director. In no instance shall judges themselves deduct from the scores of the Speakers any Penalty points. Judges shall score the Oral Rounds as if no violation occurred.
2. Any Memorials violating any of the specified rules mentioned under Article 10 will be penalized according to the following scheme:

S.No.	Scheme of Deduction	Marks Deducted
1	Non-Compliance with Rule 5.2 (Dress Code)	2 Marks
2	Non-Compliance with Rule 8.2 (Written submission of soft copy)	2 Marks
3	Non-Compliance with Rule 8.6 (Presentation of Written Submission)	3 Marks
4	Non-Compliance with Rule 8.7 (Formatting of Written Submission)	3 Marks
5	Non-Compliance with Rule 8.8 (Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations, Table of Authorities etc.)	1 Marks
6	Non-Compliance with Rule 8.9 (Uniform mode of Citation)	2 Marks
7	Non-Compliance with Rule 8.12 (Staple Bound)	4 Marks
8	Non-Compliance with Rule 8.12 (Reveal of identification of teams)	3 Marks

## Rule 18: Miscellaneous

1. Accommodation shall be provided only to the participants during the days of the Competition. Teams who intend to arrive prior to or leave after the specified dates may be provided accommodation subject to availability and upon payment of requisite charges.

2. The Moot Court Committee reserves the right to modify any of the Competition Rules at any point of time. The Director shall communicate any changes made in the Competition Rules to the Teams.
3. The Moot Court Committee reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the Director shall be final and binding.
4. The Moot Court Committee reserves the right to interpret any of the Competition Rules. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.

Communication at the counsel table between Team Members may only be in writing to prevent disruption. Teams and team-affiliated spectators shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behavior which distracts from the argument in progress.

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## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE PART-A

### A. Institution Registration Form:

The number of participants in a team shall be three. Information required herein is mandatory. A bona fide certificate issued by an appropriate authority of the institution/college/university must be sent along with this registration form.

#### Institution/College/University Information:

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#### Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Team Registration Form:

#### Speaker 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Degree Pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Speaker 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Degree Pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Researcher:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Degree Pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_



## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE PART-B

### C. Mode of Payment:

The mode of payment will be **Demand Draft / Online Payment**. The deadline for payment of the Registration Fee is **17th January, 2023**.

#### C1. Demand Draft (Only for Indian Teams)

Demand Draft of **INR 4,000/-** in favor of **"JAIPUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY"** payable at **"JAIPUR"** enclosed:

**Bank DD Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of issue:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### C2. Bank Transfer (Only for Foreign Teams)

For Foreign Teams

Bank Transfer Details for US \$ 100

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Currency Used:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Transfer Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Receipt No. or Transaction ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTES:

1. The fee for Indian Nationals:- 4000/- Rupees and for Foreign Nationals:- \$100
2. **NAME:** JAIPUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
**BANK:** PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK  
**BRANCH:** JAWAHAR NAGAR, JAIPUR  
**IFSC:** PUNB0224600  
**Account No.:** 2246002100023655
3. Please send the scanned copy of the Demand Draft / Transaction Receipt (Indian Teams) and Bank Receipt (Foreign teams) with this form while you send the soft copy of this registration form. However, this does not confirm the registration until the hardcopy is received.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>01.12.2022</b>	<b>RELEASE DATE OF MOOT PROBLEM</b>
<b>01.12.2022</b>	<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b>
<b>03.01.2023</b>	<b>LAST DATE OF CLARIFICATIONS</b>
<b>10.01.2023</b>	<b>RELEASING OF CLARIFICATIONS</b>
<b>15.01.2023</b>	<b>RELEASING OF ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS</b>
<b>17.01.2023</b>	<b>LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION</b>
<b>31.01.2023</b>	<b>SOFT COPY SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS</b>
<b>10.02.2023</b>	<b>HARD COPY SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS</b>
<b>23.02.2023</b>	<b>ORIENTATION, REGISTRATION, DRAW OF LOTS &amp; MEMORIAL EXCHANGE</b>
<b>24.02.2023</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ROUNDS &amp; QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS</b>
<b>25.02.2023</b>	<b>SEMI FINAL ROUNDS, FINAL ROUNDS &amp; VALEDICTORY FUNCTION</b>

## ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNUS



Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, alumnus of Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur National University, Jaipur had successfully completed his Ph.D. under the able guidance of **Late Prof. (Dr.) V.S. Mani**. He is currently serving as the Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Member of National Security Advisory Board of India and has been elected to the **International Law Commission** for a five-year term starting from **January 1, 2023** in an arduous election at the United Nations.

Professor Bimal Patel from India topped the Asia-Pacific group with 163 votes in the UN General Assembly out of 192 members present and voting during the election to International Law Commission.

He is an esteemed educationist, jurist and administrator and during his professional career of over three decades, he has served in various roles such as the Director at the Gujarat National Law University and member of the 21st Law Commission of India.



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