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## **ADV. BALASAHEB APTE COLLEGE OF LAW**

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## **ABOUT THE ORGANISATION**

People's Education Society was established in 1933 by the founding trustees of the society, Late Shri. S.K. Patil (eminent social leader), Late Charandas Meghji (industrialist) & Late Dr. D.N. Kale. The society was particularly established for the education of the children of the millworkers around Lower Parel, Mumbai.

As a result of consistent efforts of social workers 7 personalities like Dr. H.J. Bhabha, Shri. B.H. Ranganekar, Prof. V.N. Hatey, Shri. Sayyad Munawwar etc. the society established two schools & later a junior college. As a further natural progressive step, the society has established Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law offering five years degree course and three years degree course.

## **ABOUT THE COMPETITION**

People's Education Society's Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law is proud to present the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Adv. B.P. Apte Memorial National Moot Court Virtual Competition 2021

This event is hosted in the fond memory of Late Sr. Adv. Balwant Parshuram Apte (widely known as Adv. Balasaheb Apte) in order to commemorate his contribution towards the legal fraternity and also to further his dream of attracting law students towards the actual practice of advocacy.

Eminent Judges, Lawyers and Academicians of the highest standing in India, converge to adjudicate the various rounds of the competition. The said event shall be conducted virtually.

## **MOOT PROPOSITION**

KRANTI FOUNDATION & ORS.

V/S

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

1. In the year 2020, a worldwide pandemic broke out due to the contagious SARS-CoV2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2), and the disease caused by contracting this virus is called as COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease). On 11.03.2020, World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared the outbreak of Covid-19 as a global pandemic. It has spread across 170 countries while affecting millions, is still increasing at a staggering rate. Amongst these countries, the Union of Indistan (hereinafter referred to as 'Indistan') also witnessed its first case on 30.01.2020.
2. 'Indistan' is a democratic and republican country in South Asia. With a population of over 1.3 billion, it is the world's second-most populous State. Indistan is primarily known for its diverse culture, languages, and religions. Indistan gained its freedom from British Rule in 1947 and adopted its Constitution in 1950. The robust Constitution has been meticulously safeguarding the Fundamental Rights of its citizens.
3. Indistan reported its first-ever case of COVID-19 in January 2020 and later on witnessed a few more positive cases of COVID-19 in several parts of the country. In March 2020, when the Central Government was yet to take any substantive action to control and contain transmission of the disease, an official statement was issued by the Prime Minister of Indistan declaring that the outbreak has acquired the form of an epidemic in the country and that there exists a dire need to take effective and precautionary measures.
4. Considering the prevailing condition of the outbreak, the Government of Indistan enforced The Disaster Management Act, 2000 to contain the outbreak. Under the Act, the National Disaster Management Authority issued guidelines to be followed by the State Authorities in drawing up the State Plan to deal with the outbreak and imposed a Nation-Wide lockdown for 21 Days. Schools, colleges, universities, were directed to be closed with immediate effect. All other public places of recreation including restaurants, hotels, bars, clubs, gyms, movie theatres, shopping malls, and all places of luxury and entertainment

were directed to be shut until further orders of the Government. Until 15.03.2020, out of the 15,234 tests conducted across the country, 289 were tested as COVID-19 positive.

5. Meanwhile, the State Governments in furtherance of the powers vested in them under the relevant provisions of The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, undertook various measures to contain the spread of the virus in the states. The imposition of restrictions continued in all the States in Indistan as it became one of the worst-hit countries by the Covid-19 virus. The total number of cases by July 2021 was approximately 3,00,00,000 and total deaths had crossed the 4,00,000 mark.
6. The imposition of lockdown resulted in many citizens of Indistan losing their jobs, many industries and start-ups being shut down, and many more losing their livelihoods in some manner or the other. The businesses started facing the ire of lockdown. Many enterprises went out of the market and even the big corporate entities reported their ever-largest losses. The economy was almost on the brink to collapse. Data from the Centre for Monitoring Indistanian Economy (CMIE) showed that the number of employees, both salaried and non-salaried, fell from 398.14 million in March 2021 to 390.79 million in April 2021, in the third straight month of falling jobs. In January, the number of people employed in Indistan was 400.7 million. According to CMIE, the employment rate fell from 37.56% in March to 36.79% in April, hitting a four-month low. The monthly data also showed that the number of people who were unemployed yet not actively looking for jobs has increased from 15.99 million in March to 19.43 million in April. The lockdown had an adverse impact on the financial capability of many households and industries.
7. Furthermore, as the places of worship, across the states in Indistan, were perpetually closed as a consequence of the restrictions imposed, a wave of disappointment spread over the majority of the population. People who used to visit the places of worship regularly were not able to do so. Even though the restrictions were being relaxed in certain states, and places such as malls, cinema theatres, etc. were being allowed to operate, no relaxation was being given with regards to the places of worship. The religious groups, as well as individuals, were claiming such restrictions to be in violation of their 'Right to Worship'.

The orders of the Government imposing 'lockdown' were challenged in various High Courts via Public Interest Litigations.

8. During the year 2020, various State Governments had set up COVID Care Centers (CCCs) as state-operated isolation and treatment facilities for constant monitoring of Covid positive patients by trained health professionals. Respective State Authorities also Notified the lists of approved Covid-19 Hospitals for the treatment of Covid-19. Civic Bodies across Indistan undertook the delegated responsibilities by the respective State Governments to contain the spread of diseases and bring down the fatality rate reported in the cities. Considering the fact that the virus has a detrimental effect on the elderly population, many Civic Bodies issued a circular and made the 'Institutional Quarantine' a mandate for the Covid positive patients over the age of 50, with or without co-morbidities, irrespective of symptoms, free of cost and, the home isolation was not allowed. Every reported positive patient was required to check into the Covid Care Centres put up across the city and the 24/7 care of doctors and nurses was made available to monitor the vitals of every patient admitted to the center. Furthermore, if such a patient, is found to be a 'fit case' by the doctors at the Covid Care Center, they would be further referred to 'Covid Care Hospitals' for the treatment.
9. Groups of medical experts, expressed their dissent over such circulars, primarily for the reason that such compulsion would imbibe fear in the minds of people and would act as a deterrent for Covid Testing. People would refrain from undergoing the Covid test, due to the fear of compulsory admission to the CCCs. Various High Courts were flooded with petitions challenging such circulars issued by the Civic Bodies, as such mandate, was believed to be against the patients' autonomy and their 'Right to choose the medical treatment'.
10. Meanwhile, to curb the spread of the Covid-19 virus, the Government of Indistan had started its efforts to develop as well as procure vaccines effective on Covid-19 virus. In the month of January 2021, Emergency Use Authorization was granted by the Drugs Controller General of Indistan (DCGI) to vaccines, 'Covifield, from Vaccine Institute of Indistan' and 'Covax from Maharati Biotech'. Many leading news outlets had reported, that Neither

Covifield nor Covax had completed a crucial phase-3 trial, under which a vaccine candidate is administered to volunteers at multiple locations across the country. However, till the mid of August 2021, 40,69,80,329 citizens in Indistan were administered with their first dose of Vaccine, and in total 11,66,90,690 had completed their second dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

11. In furtherance of the discretion given to the State Governments by the Ministry of Home Affairs, to determine and take decisions concerning the imposition or relaxation of restrictions imposed to curb the spread of Covid-19, various State Governments had started to identify such districts and relax the restrictions imposed. However, 'Vaccination' was being considered as a point of distinction. The orders issued by various State Authorities relaxed the restrictions imposed on the public for opening their shops for business, using Public Transportation, entering Public places, malls, restaurants, etc. However, in the interest of health and safety of 'General Public', being 'Fully Vaccinated, and in some cases, 'Partially Vaccinated' was made a mandate in order to avail the relaxations. Therefore, the citizens who were not vaccinated, or who were not willing to get vaccinated could not avail the relaxations. Furthermore, In reply to an RTI application, the Central Government clarified that the vaccination was 'Voluntary'. Many Human Rights Activists and experts came down heavily on such mandates of the State Governments. Many petitions were filed challenging the Constitutional Validity of such orders of the State Governments in respective High Courts claiming the orders to be violative of Fundamental Rights.
12. Kranti Foundation, an NGO working for the protection of Fundamental Rights of the citizens of Indistan, and several other NGOs, filed multiple PILs before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Indistan, addressing all the issues mentioned above. Considering the common questions of law involved in the petitions filed before itself and various High Courts, the Hon'ble Apex Court took up all the matters before itself and issued notices to the Central Government and various State Governments. The Court has decided to hear and determine the following issues:-



- What is the standard of judicial review to be applied while testing the Constitutional validity of Covid-19 related restrictions such as ‘lockdown’, etc.?
- Whether the Circulars issued by the Civic Bodies, mandating admission of a Covid positive patient aged above 50, to ‘Covid Care Center/hospitals’ are constitutionally valid?
- Whether the orders issued by the State Authorities, mandating full/partial vaccination to avail transport services/enter malls/restaurants, etc., or to avail of any other services, public or private, are constitutionally valid?

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**NOTE**

- Participants shall strictly argue only on the issues mentioned above. No additional issues are allowed to be raised by the participants; However, they may frame relevant sub-issues of the issues provided.
- Laws of Indistan are *pari materia* to the laws of ‘India’.
- The Moot Proposition is purely a work of fiction and created solely for the purpose of a Moot Court Competition. The characters, institutions, organizations, and events depicted in this Moot Proposition are purely fictional. Any similarity or resemblance to actual persons or actual events is purely coincidental and unintentional. The contents of the Moot Proposition do not intend to defame/ denigrate/ hurt the sentiments of any person(s), institution, communities, groups, or class of persons.

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## **RULES FOR CONDUCT OF COMPETITION**

### **PART I**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. The Competition shall be an Inter College Online Moot Court Competition (hereinafter referred to as “the competition”) organized by PES’s Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law.
2. The language of the competition shall be English.
3. Only Bona Fide under-graduate students who are pursuing 3years or 5 years LLB course from a Recognized University in India below the age of 25 years as on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 are eligible to participate in the competition.
4. The team shall comprise of **TWO speakers** and there shall be **NO researcher** in this competition.
5. The participants should ensure strict adherence to the rules mentioned herewith and non-compliance of the same shall lead to negative Marking or Disqualification.
6. Dress Code:
  - a. For Men: Advocate’s Formal Attire.
  - b. For Women: Black and White Indian or Western Formal Attire.
  - c. Use of Advocate’s Gowns, Bands and Robes is strictly prohibited.

### **PART II**

#### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

7. Only one team shall be allowed to participate per Institution.
8. The provisional registration shall take place via Google Forms the link of which shall be uploaded on the Invitation Page and in the Rule Book.
9. Prospective participants should fill in all the details properly and submit the same. Only one form per team is to be submitted.
10. The acknowledgement of the provisional registration shall be sent within 24 hours. Once acknowledgement is sent to the participants, they will have to make the payment of the registration charges within **ONE** working day and the receipt of same should be emailed to [mootabacl@gmail.com](mailto:mootabacl@gmail.com). No extension of time shall be granted for payment of

registration charges. Non-Payment of Charges within stipulated time will lead to cancellation of provisional registration.

11. The participants shall attach an authorization letter in the google form as provided. The authorization letter shall be on the Letter head of the respective Institution and contain confirmation regarding the following:
  - a. Bona-fide status of the participants.
  - b. Academic year and age of the participants.
  - c. Authorization to represent the institution in the Competition

Further, the authorization letter shall bear the signature of either the faculty in charge or the principal of the respective Institution.

12. Registration will be confirmed, only after the hosts receive payment receipt / confirmation on the email mentioned herewith, by way of an email.
13. Registration Charges of Rs. 500 for the Memorial Round shall be payable by way of NEFT/IMPS or through UPI (for example Google Pay) by scanning the QR Code provided at the end of this Rule Book.
14. The Top 32 teams that will be selected as per Rule 34 shall be provisionally registered for the Oral Rounds. The registration shall be confirmed subject to the payment of requisite registration fee for the Oral Rounds by the selected teams, within **24 hours** after declaration of the results for the Memorial Round.
15. Registration Charges of Rs. 1000/- for the Oral Rounds shall be payable by the selected Top 32 teams by way of NEFT, IMPS or through UPI (for example Google Pay) by scanning the QR Code provided at the end of this Rule Book. No extension of time shall be granted for registration and non-payment of charges within stipulated time will lead to cancellation of the provisional registration.
16. Registration for the Oral Rounds will be confirmed, only after the hosts receive payment receipt / confirmation on the email mentioned herewith, by way of an email.
17. Registration Charges should be transferred to the following Account:  
Account Name: **Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law**  
Bank: Janata Sahakari Bank Limited (Dadar West Branch)

Account Number: **017220100041377**

IFSC Code: **JSBP0000017**

UPI ID: **abacl@jsb**

18. After the payment of Registration Charges as mentioned in Rule 12 and 14 is made by the participants, they will not be able to back out or change the team composition. There shall be **NO** refund of the registration charges.

### PART III

#### FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

19. The Competition is an online Moot Court Competition where the teams will be arguing from the side allotted to them either as Petitioners or Respondents.
20. The competition is divided into Five phases **namely the Memorial Round, the Preliminary Round, the Quarter-Final Round, the Semi-Final Round and the Final Round.**
21. The time-table and schedule will be provided one day prior to the Competition.
22. A Meeting Room Co-ordinator (hereinafter referred as **MRC**) will be assigned to each Meeting Room (a Virtual Court Room) and is equivalent to a Court Room Officer. The MRC will keep the time and will maintain decorum in the Meeting Room. Every team will be informed of their MRC at least 2 days in advance of the competition. The MRC will form a team wise WhatsApp group of the participants where they can co-ordinate with the MRC.
23. The participants should ensure that they **do not disclose their college/institution name and identity to any other participants and judges.** The same shall lead to disqualification.
24. The speakers shall be marked out of a total of 100 marks
25. The following shall be the criteria for evaluation of the speaker:

Description	Marks
Court Room and Video Call Etiquettes	20
Understanding of problem	20

Arguments advanced and Citing relevant case laws	20
Knowledge of law	20
Answering judge's questions	20
Total	100

#### PART IV

### MEMORIAL ROUND AND SUBMISSION (INCLUDING FORMAT OF COMPENDIUM)

26. Each team shall prepare Memorials for both sides i.e. Petitioners and Respondents

27. A soft copy of both the memorial (i.e. Petitioners and Respondents) in Word format and PDF format must be emailed to [mootabac1@gmail.com](mailto:mootabac1@gmail.com) latest by 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021 with the subject "Memorial for Team Code (the respective team code)". The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorial must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g. (For Team Code 10) 10P and 10R, "P" being for "Petitioners" and "R" being for "Respondents" Memorial and so forth.

28. The Memorial for each side should be submitted as one single file and not in multiple files. Any violation of this rule shall invite a penalty in accordance with Rule 30

29. Format of the Memorial

#### A. Cover must be placed on brief as follows:

- i. Petitioners: Blue Colour Respondents: Red Colour
- ii. Cover page shall include name of the case, parties on behalf of whom written submissions are made, provisional team codes, name of forum approached and year.

#### B. Table of Contents.

- List of abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts (Not exceeding 1 page)

- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments (Not exceeding 2 pages)
- Arguments Advanced (Not exceeding 15 pages)
- Prayer

**C. Memorial general Format:**

- i. All written submissions shall be typed on A4 size paper in the following format:
  - Font Type: Times New Roman
  - Font Size: 12 points for the body and 10 points for the foot notes
  - Line Spacing: 1.5
  - Alignment: Justified
  - Page Number: Bottom of the page in the center
  - Margin: 1 inch from all sides
- ii. Headings of each point should be in bold and should have the same font size as the body. Written submissions shall contain a border.
- iii. Teams should adhere to Blue Book 20<sup>th</sup> Edition for Citations.
- iv. Hosts reserve the rights to disqualify memorials for plagiarism.

30. The following shall be the penalties regarding submission of Memorials:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Marks deducted
1.	Late Submission	2 marks per hour after the deadline of submission. Disqualification beyond 24 hours.
2.	Wrong File Name	5 Mark per Memorial
3.	Failure to submit Memorial as one File for each side	5 Mark per Memorial

4.	Exceeding Page Limit [Refer to Rule 29B]	5 Marks per page
5.	Failure to comply with general format	2 Marks per violation

31. Marking of Memorials

- i. Memorials shall be marked out of 100 and the marks will be referred to select the Top 32 teams and further to decide the winner of the “Best Memorial”
- ii. The following shall be the criteria for evaluation of the memorial:
  - a. Knowledge of law and facts: 20 marks
  - b. Proper and Articulate Analysis: 15 Marks
  - c. Depth and use of research: 15 Marks
  - d. Organisation, Presentation and Overall Formatting: 15 Marks
  - e. Grammar and Language: 10 Marks
  - f. Novelty of Arguments: 15 Marks
  - g. Clarity of thought and originality: 10 marks

32. Memorials should be submitted on the day specified in the timetable uploaded with the Rule book failing which will invite the appropriate penalties as mentioned in Rule 30.

33. There shall be a Memorial Elimination Round subsequent to the submission and evaluation of the Memorials

34. The top 32 teams shall be selected based on their Memorial scores. Only these 32 teams shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds of the Competition.

35. The Top 32 teams which are selected will be provided with new permanent team codes for the Oral Rounds which the participants shall use wherever necessary and required.

36. A standby list shall be created consisting of the teams securing the 33<sup>rd</sup> position and higher.

37. If any of these Top 32 teams fails to register as provided in Part II of the rules, the

teams as mentioned in the standby list shall take their place and the team replacing the Top 32 team shall be given 24 hours to complete the registration process for the Oral Rounds as mentioned in Part II of the rules.

38. The result of the Memorial Round shall be notified to the teams latest by 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.
39. There shall be an exchange of Memorials online between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as notified and the procedure as mentioned in the rules of the respective Oral Rounds.
40. The participants during their oral round will be permitted to share their screen to rely on their compendium as and when necessary.
41. The format of the Compendium is as follows:
  - i. The whole judgement should be uploaded in the compendium.
  - ii. The judgement should be downloaded from a recognized website and should be in PDF format only.
  - iii. Relevant Paragraph should be marked in the judgement.
  - iv. The PDF of the judgements should be compiled in one document and page numbers for the compiled document should be marked properly.
  - v. For any queries regarding the Compendium, participants should connect with the Hosts.
  - vi. Participants should ensure that the Memorials and Compendiums do not contain any reference to their college/institution name or identity as the same shall lead to disqualification.

## **PART V**

### **PRELIMINARY ROUND**

42. There will be only **ONE** Preliminary Round for all teams who have registered for the competition.
43. The Preliminary Round shall be held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.
44. The day prior to the Preliminary Round (i.e. 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021) the draw of lots for the



Preliminary Round shall be conducted and accordingly the memorial exchange will be carried out.

45. Every team shall be given a time of **25 minutes** to argue upon their sides. No speaker shall be allowed to speak for more than **15 minutes**. Any extension of time will be at the sole discretion of the judges.
46. The distribution of time between the speakers should be intimated by the team to the MRC prior to the start of the round. The MRC shall interrupt (by using the “raise hand” feature) the meeting to give a reminder to each speaker at the end of 10 minutes for each team and a final reminder will be given at the end of the time of each speaker as provided by the teams.
47. Maximum **FIVE** minutes shall be provided to each team for rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges.
48. Memorial submitted should be compliant with Part IV of the Rules and compliance with the same is mandatory.
49. Top 2 teams securing the Highest marks from each court room shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Round.

## PART VI QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

50. Top 2 teams securing the Highest marks from each court room in the preliminary round will qualify for this round.
51. There will be only ONE Quarter Final Round for all the teams who have qualified for this round.
52. The Quarter Final Round shall be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.
53. The day prior to the Quarter-Final Round (i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021), once the results of the Preliminary Rounds is announced, the draw of lots for the Quarter-Final Round shall be conducted and accordingly the memorial exchange will be carried out.
54. **Every team** shall be given a time of **30 minutes** to argue upon their sides. No speaker shall be allowed to speak for more than **20 minutes**. Any extension in time will be at

the discretion of the judges.

55. The distribution of time between the speakers should be intimated by the team to the MRC prior to the start of the proceedings. The MRC shall interrupt (by using the “raise hand” feature) the meeting to give a reminder to each speaker at the end of 15 minutes for each team and a final reminder will be given at the end of the time of each speaker as provided by the teams.
56. Maximum **FIVE** minutes shall be provided to each team for rebuttal only at the discretion of the judges.
57. **Top two teams** securing the Highest Marks from each court room shall qualify for Semi Final Round.

## PART VII

### SEMI-FINAL ROUND

58. Top 2 teams from each court room in the quarter-final round will qualify for this round.
59. There will be only ONE Semi Final Round for all the teams who have qualified for this round.
60. The Semi-Final Round shall be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 in the first half.
61. The day prior to the Semi-Final Round (i.e. 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021), once the results of the Quarter-Final Round is announced, the draw of lots for the Semi-Final Round shall be conducted and accordingly the memorial exchange will be carried out.
62. **Every team** shall be given a time of **30 minutes** to argue upon their sides. No speaker shall be allowed to speak for more than **20 minutes**. Any extension in time will be at the discretion of the judges.
63. The distribution of time between the speakers should be intimated by the team to the MRC prior to the start of the proceedings. The MRC shall interrupt (by using the “raise hand” feature) the meeting to give a reminder to each speaker at the end of 15 minutes for each team and a final reminder will be given at the end of the time of each speaker as provided by the teams.

64. Maximum **FIVE** minutes shall be provided to each team for rebuttal only at the discretion of the judges.
65. The teams securing highest marks from each court room in Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the Final Round.

## **PART VIII**

### **FINAL ROUND**

66. The teams securing highest marks from each court room in Semi-Final Round will compete against each other in Final Round.
67. The draw of lots regarding side and opponent will be held 1 hour before the start of the proceedings.
68. The Final Round shall be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 in the second half.
69. Once the results of the Semi-Final Round is announced, the draw of lots for the Final Round shall be conducted and accordingly the memorial exchange will be carried out.
70. **Every team** shall be given a time of **40 minutes** to argue upon their sides. No speaker shall be allowed to speak for more than **25 minutes**. Any extension in time will be at the discretion of the judges.
71. The distribution of time between the speakers should be intimated by the team to the MRC prior to the start of the proceedings. The MRC shall interrupt (by using the “raise hand” feature) the meeting to give a reminder to each speaker at the end of 20 minutes for each team and a final reminder will be given at the end of the time of each speaker as provided by the teams.
72. Maximum **SEVEN** minutes shall be provided to each team for rebuttal only at the discretion of the judges.
73. The winner of this round shall be adjudged as the winner of this competition.

## PART IX

### CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION

74. The competition will be conducted by using video-conferencing platform i.e. **Zoom**
75. To ensure the smooth functioning of the competition in adherence to the rules of Social Distancing and Government Guidelines, all participants will participate from their respective homes. No team shall be seated together for the purpose of the competition.
76. An Invitation link of the meeting will be sent to participants on their respective email ids submitted by them in Registration Form and in the WhatsApp, group formed by the respective MRC one day prior to the competition.
77. The Participants are expected to be seated in a quiet room free from any echo and isolated from any form of disturbance by any other person.
78. The Participants should make sure that the Background is plain and sober which does not disturb the judges. The participants should prefer a White background. The participants should also ensure that their appearance should be same as a Passport size photo, i.e. only their head and shoulders should be visible, and that the participant should be visible in Portrait Mode / Vertical Manner.
79. The participants should make necessary preparations before entering the meeting room i.e. downloading the required Application and ensuring that their device is compliant to the terms mentioned.
80. The device specifications required for smooth functioning of the competition are listed on this [LINK](#)
81. Any participant who is unable to fulfil the criteria mentioned in Rule 80 will be ineligible to participate in the competition.
82. The participants should only use their team code as their username while joining meeting room.
83. In case participants have not signed up beforehand, then they should click on the link sent to them on email and enter the Meeting Room as Guest only. They should put their respective team code and speaker number as the login id / username. For instance, Team A1 for First speaker of team A and Team A2 for second speaker of team A. The

respective MRC can be consulted for any issue that the participants may face.

84. All participants should be online on the time which is mentioned in the invitation link mail.
85. The participants should unmute their mic and switch on the camera when it is their turn to present their arguments, speak or when asked by the judge or the MRC to do so. In case the participants intend to raise any query, they should do so before the round starts.
86. The participants should keep their Audios Mute and Cameras off during the course of the proceedings otherwise as mentioned above.
87. The participants should not use group text feature of the organizer's hosting platform to communicate with one another. However, they are free to use any other mode of communication.
88. In case internet connection of Speaker 1 is lost or if that Speaker faces any other difficulty in connecting, a time limit of 10 minutes will be given to that speaker to reconnect. After 10 minutes are over, Speaker 2 will take over to put forth his arguments. In the meanwhile, Speaker 1 should try to reconnect. However, even after completion of arguments of Speaker 2, if Speaker 1 has not reconnected, the team shall be marked on the basis of arguments put forth by Speaker 2 and Speaker 1 only if he has put forth any arguments before disconnection.
89. In case internet connection of Speaker 2 is lost or if that Speaker faces any other difficulty in connecting, a maximum of 10 minutes will be given to reconnect. If that Speaker fails to reconnect, the team shall be marked only on the basis of the arguments put forth by Speaker 1 and Speaker 2 if he has put forth any arguments before disconnection.
90. Any other queries will be solved by the MRC with the consultation of the Faculty in Charge. Any reference of problem should be made to the MRC. The participants should only report to the MRC before the round starts.
91. In any case whatsoever, the decision of the Organizers shall be final.
92. The organizers shall have the rights reserved over all the audio, video or submitted memorials and compendium and the organizers are free to use or dispose them off in the manner they deem fit including recording the same.

93. In case of any queries regarding the Moot Proposition, the same should be emailed or sent to the details provided in Part XI of the Rules before **15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. The Clarifications shall be emailed to all the teams on or before **16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

## PART X

### RESULTS AND CERTIFICATES

94. Results of all rounds shall be posted on the college website i.e. [www.abalawcollege.edu.in](http://www.abalawcollege.edu.in)
95. All the participants shall be provided with an “E-Certificate”
96. The winning team shall be provided with an “E-Certificate” and a Prize of **Rs. 10,000/-**
97. The runner-up team shall be provided with an “E-Certificate” and a Prize of **Rs. 7,000/-**
98. The best speaker shall be declared on the basis of the highest marks secured by a speaker in the Final Round and shall be provided with an “E-Certificate” and a Prize of **Rs. 5,000/-**
99. Best Memorial shall be declared on the basis of the highest marks secured for the Memorial and shall be provided with an “E-Certificate” and a Prize of **Rs. 3,000/-**
100. The E-Certificates shall be emailed to the Participants on the email id provided by them at the time of registration
101. Any requests for correction in the E-Certificate should be raised within 24 hours of the E-Certificate being issued. No requests shall be entertained thereafter.
102. All the Monetary prizes shall be transferred to the participants’ bank accounts.

## PART XI

### MISCELLANEOUS

103. The decisions taken by the organizers shall be final and binding on all participants
104. If any participant is found using unfair means in the competition, they may be disqualified from the competition or penalized as the organizers may deem fit.
105. The results declared for the competition by the Organizers shall be final and binding on all the participants and no request for revision of points will be entertained.
106. The Organizers reserve the rights to alter/change/amend the rules at any point of the competition under extra-ordinary circumstances. However, notice of such

alteration/change/amendment (whenever possible and necessary) shall be provided to the participants.

107. In case of any queries regarding Registration, participants can Contact:

- i. Mr. Atharva Date: +91 97029 72636
- ii. Mr. Ishaan Paranjape: +91 88791 53960
- iii. Ms. Rijuka Jain: +91 97572 93533/70215 31651

108. In case of any queries regarding Moot proposition:

- i. The participants shall email all the queries to:

“mootabacl@gmail.com”

109. In case of any further queries, participants can contact:

- i. Prof. Prajnee Sahoo (Event Convener): +91 99878 15779
- ii. Mr. Atharva Date (Chairman- Moot Court Society): +91 97029 72636



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## LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES

LIST OF EVENTS	DATES
LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION	15 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021
LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING MOOT PROPOSITION	15 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021
ISSUANCE OF CLARIFICATION	16 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021
LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS	23 <sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021
DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF THE MEMORIAL ROUND	28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021
DATES OF COMPETITION	8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021 TO 10 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021



LINK FOR REGISTRATION FORM

<https://forms.gle/V2RaxR9h6UakteM8>

QR CODE FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION CHARGES

