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### PST ANNUAL LAW FEST, 2025

### **HYBRID MODE**

MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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ARTICLE WRITTING COMPETITION

### ON 16 AND 17TH AUGUST 2025

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### **ABOUT THE FIRM**

Rana and Rana Associates is a premier legal consultancy firm committed to providing comprehensive legal solutions and trusted advisory services across a broad spectrum of legal domains. With a strong foundation built on integrity, professionalism, and client-centric values, we have established ourselves as a reliable name in the legal landscape.

Our firm offers expert legal services in various fields including Arbitration Law, Company Law, RERArelated matters, Family Law, Commercial and Banking Law, Property and Tax Law, Criminal Law, and more. In addition to our core legal services, we also extend strategic quidance in select financial services to support our clients in making informed decisions. We take pride in our dedicated panel of legal professionals who bring specialized expertise from diverse legal backgrounds, ensuring our clients receive well-rounded and effective representation.

Over the years, Rana and Rana Associates has earned the trust of a wide range of esteemed clients including U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban and Rural divisions), Sunrise Associates, Srinivas University, Arogyyyogshala Wellness Pvt. Ltd., and LG (represented by Mr. Gautam, Vice President, Warehouse Department), among many others.

At Rana and Rana Associates, our mission is to deliver timely, practical, and result-oriented legal solutions while maintaining the highest standards of ethics and confidentiality.

### **ABOUT THE EVENT**

The fest aspires to bring together students, legal This fest stands as a testament to the dynamic practitioners, and scholars in a distinguished celebration of the diverse and evolving discipline of law. It serves as an esteemed platform for scholarly discourse, the presentation of legal research, the cultivation of professional development, and the promotion of a collegial spirit within the legal community.

The principal objective of this fest is to provide a academically stimulating and enriching experience that broadens participants' you. comprehension of legal principles contemporary legal challenges. It endeavours to advance legal literacy through thoughtful discussion, encourage academic inquiry by facilitating research presentations, and foster interuniversity cultural and intellectual exchange.

nature of legal studies and practice, offering attendees the opportunity to refine their legal knowledge and skillset while engaging with a vibrant and intellectually driven legal fraternity. Rana and Rana Associates is honoured to curate this initiative and remains committed to ensuring that the event is both meaningful and enriching for all participants. We look forward to celebrating the pursuit of legal excellence with

### MEDIA PARTNER





## MOOT COURT COMPETITION

### **EVENT 1**

### MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Moot Court Competition hosted by Rana and Rana Associates is a distinguished academic initiative designed to simulate the experience of courtroom advocacy and to foster a deeper understanding of legal principles, judicial reasoning, and procedural nuances among aspiring legal professionals. This competition serves as an intellectual arena where law students from across the country will engage in rigorous legal arguments, drafting of memorials, and articulation of issues before an esteemed panel of judges comprising legal luminaries, academicians, and practitioners. It aims to cultivate advocacy skills, critical thinking, and precision in legal analysis—core attributes essential to the practice of law.

The event is structured to mirror the proceedings of constitutional and appellate courts, thereby offering participants an invaluable opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge in a practical, high-pressure environment. The moot problem is carefully curated to address contemporary and complex legal issues, ensuring a challenging yet educational experience. By bringing together law students, professionals, and scholars, the competition also strives to foster a spirit of camaraderie, academic excellence, and professional growth within the legal fraternity.

Rana and Rana Associates is committed to upholding the highest standards of legal education and is proud to host this prestigious competition. We look forward to witnessing the zeal, intellect, and advocacy of the next generation of legal mind

### **REGISTRATION FEES – 3500 PER TEAM**



**For Registration** 

https://forms.gle/ZaZ5CyXDqtcM2L9q7



For Moot Proposition and Rulebook

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/124Virrl24n1D Q7YIWUhvlQnfexwtE40Y?usp=drive link

PAYMENT THROUGH FOLLOWING QR CODE \_



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### **AWARDS**

SI.NO	PRIZE AND AWARD
1	WINNER - 15,000 + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
2	RUNNERS UP- 10,000 + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
3	BEST SPEAKER (APPEALANT): 5,000 + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
4	BEST SEPAKER (RESPONDENT) - 5,000 + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
5	BEST MEMORIAL- 5,000 + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
6	BEST RESEARCHER - 5,000 + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT



### LIST OF DATES FOR MOOT COURT COMPETITION

DESCRIPTION	DATES
RELEASE OF MOOT PROPOSITION AND BROCHURE	5 <sup>™</sup> JULY, 2025
COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION	5 <sup>™</sup> JULY, 2025
LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION	I <sup>ST</sup> AUGUST
SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS	3 <sup>RD</sup> AUGUST
RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS	5 <sup>™</sup> AUGUST
MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (SOFT COPY)	10 <sup>™</sup> AUGUST
RESEARCHER'S TEST	15 <sup>™</sup> AUGUST
DRAW OF LOTS	15 <sup>™</sup> AUGUST
PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND QUARTER FINALS (ONLINE MODE)	16 <sup>TH</sup> AND 17 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST
SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL ROUND (OFFLINE MODE)	31 <sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

NOTES: The offline rounds will be held in Sector 48, Noida. The exact venue details will be shared via email with the selected participants after the declaration of results of the online rounds

# MOOT COURT COMPETITION Rulebook

### **TEAM PRE-REQUISITES**

- 1. There is no limit on the number of teams participating from a single university. However, registration will close once a total of 36 teams have successfully registered. Therefore, entries will be accepted strictly on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 2. Each team shall comprise of either three members (two Speakers and one Researcher) or two members (two Speakers) only.
- 3. No faculty member, coach, observer, or a designated observer or fourth member is allowed to accompany the team, and neither will be allowed to join the teams during oral rounds.
- 4. The language for the Competition shall be English only.
- 5. Participation is restricted to bona fide law students either enrolled in the 3-year law course or the 5-year integrated law course.
- 6. The rounds shall comprise of Preliminary rounds and Quarter finals (Online Rounds) & Semi-finals and Final Rounds (Offline Rounds)

### **REGISTRATION**

- 1. The teams should register through https://forms.gle/ZaZ5CyXDqtcM2L9q7
- 2. Only 36 teams will be registered to participate in the competition on first-come- first serve basis.
- 3. Registration Fee for the competition is Rs 3500/- (Non-refundable) for each participating team and it has to be paid only through the QR mentioned in the brochure.
- 4. The screenshot the of payment along with the duly filled registration form (attached with the brochure) should be sent on or before 31st July, 2025, via e- mail- contact.ranaassociates@gmail.com
- 5. After the Quarter Final Round, Top 4 teams shall qualify for Semi-finals Rounds. (No additional fees for the offline rounds).
- 6. No stay shall be provided by the organizers for Offline rounds. The teams who qualify for offline rounds shall make their own arrangements of stay and transport

### **DRESS CODE**

The dress code for the oral rounds shall be advocate's attire, i.e., Black and White combination, including Blazer/ Tie and black shoes (Name of the team/college should not be displayed)

### **MEMORIAL**

- Each team must send its Memorial by 10<sup>th</sup> of August 11 Pm IST. Memorials submitted beyond the deadline shall incur a penalty of 2 Marks for each day of delay.
- The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorials must contain only the Team Code and the sides should be represented in the following format: e.g., (for Team Code: 10) P10 or R10, 'P' being for "Petitioner" Memorial and 'R' for "Respondent" Memorial and so forth.
- Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute. The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non- conformities of which will lead penalty points:
- a. The Cover Page of the memorials for the Prosecution shall be in Blue, and the Defense shall be in Red.
- b. Late submissions will result in a 02-point penalty per team per day per side.
- c. The written memorials shall conform to the standards mentioned below:
  - i. Written submissions shall be on white A4 size.
  - ii. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in Times New Roman, 12-point and footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10.
  - iii. The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5-line spacing except the text of foot notes and headings, which shall be single-spaced.
  - iv. The arguments with appropriate citations shall be contained in the pleadings. The teams shall follow the 21st Edition of the Bluebook mode of citation.
  - v. The Written Submission/memorial should not exceed the maximum limit of 35 Pages (including Cover Page and Table of Contents). The Pleadings (Arguments Advanced) shall not exceed 20 pages.
  - vi. Memorials must have a one-inch margin on all sides of each page.
  - vii. The memorials must contain:
    - A. Cover Page
    - B. Table of Contents
    - C. Index of Authorities
    - D. Statement of Jurisdiction
    - E. Statement of Facts (Argumentative statements of facts would attract penalties)
    - F. Questions of Law
    - G. Summary of Arguments
    - H. Arguments Advanced
    - I. Prayer

### **COMPENDIUM**

- Submission of a compendium is not mandatory. If a team decides to share a compendium, they must adhere to the following guidelines:
- The Compendium can be shared by sharing the screen only through the researcher of the team during the rounds at the discretion of the Judges.
- The compendium for the book/case or any other resource shall be cited on the first page of the source and the relevant pages only. For instance, for citing a paragraph(s) from a case X v. Y, the first page of the case, followed by relevant pages, shall be cited for this part of the compendium.
- The responsibility of creating a comprehensive, accessible compendium folder lies with the teams.

  Teams must also provide an index for their compilation.
- In the interest of ensuring anonymity, the material shared as a compendium must not contain any sign, symbol, or text that reveals the identity of the team.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR MEMORIAL**

S.NO	PARAMETERS	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES AND JURISDICTION	15
2.	INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF LAW TO FACTS	15
3.	KNOWLEDGE OF LAW AND RESEARCH SKILLS	15
4.	ORGANISATION OF ARGUMENTS	15
5.	CLARITY OF THOUGHT	10
6.	ORIGINALITY AND INNOVATION	10
7.	GRAMMAR AND PRESENTATION STYLE	10
8.	APPROPRIATE FOOTNOTING	10
9.	RELIEF SOUGHT	5
	TOTAL	100

### STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION AND RULES FOR ORAL ROUND

- 1. The Moot court competition shall consist of following rounds:
  - a) Preliminary round 1 & 2
  - b) Quarter-Final Round
  - c)Semi-final round
  - d) Final round
- 2. In Preliminary round, each team is required to argue from both sides Petitioner and Respondent. The side allocation shall be such that if a team presents arguments as the Petitioner in Preliminary Round I, they will argue as the Respondent in Preliminary Round II, and vice versa.
- 3. The Sum of Prelims-1 and Prelims 2 shall be added to decide the teams qualified for the next round.
- 4. The Oral pleadings shall be conducted in English and there shall be no deviation from the language.
- 5. Before the commencement of the pleading, the team shall inform the court master of the time allocated between the speakers and the time reserved for rebuttals. No changes in these timings shall be entertained.
- 6. Each team shall be given 25 minutes for each round. The time includes the time reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals, which can only be extended at the discretion of the judges.
- 7. The division of time per speaker is at the speakers' discretion but one speaker cannot speak more than 15 minutes.
- 8. The researcher shall be present with the speakers during the oral rounds, however, is not allowed to plead or speak. Provided if the judges allow otherwise.
- 9. Each team shall have a total 20 minutes for arguments. They shall divide the time in between the two speakers and shall specify the same to the court master before the commencement of the oral round.
- 10. After completion of an oral round of arguments from both the teams, there shall be 5 minutes for each team for rebuttal. Only one speaker from each team shall speak at the rebuttal round.

### **RESEARCHER'S TEST GUIDELINES:**

The researcher's test for the competition shall be conducted on 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025. The Researcher's test shall be conducted in online mode. Only the Researcher's is supposed to give the test.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS**

S.NO	PARAMETER	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	KNOWLEDGE OF LAW AND FACTS	30
2.	APPRECIATION AND APPLICATION OF FACTS	20
3.	INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF LAW	20
4.	USE OF AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCE TO MEMORIALS	20
5.	ORGANIZATION AND FLOW OF ARGUMENT	20
6	REBUTTLE AND SURREBUTTLE	20
7.	CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION	20
8.	INGENUITY AND ABILITY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS	20
9.	ARGUMENTATIVE SKILLS, CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION	20
10.	STYLE, POISE, DEMEANOR AND COURT MANNERISM	10
	TOTAL	200

### **CONDUCT OF COMPETITION:**

- 1. Participants are required to make all necessary arrangements of a laptop/computer with a well configured and stable internet connection. Camera shall be kept on throughout the round
- 2. Participants are expected to maintain the decorum during the rounds. They shall be seated at a place free from disturbances.
- 3. All participants shall be present at least 15 minutes before the commencement of the oral round.
- 4. Participants shall unmute themselves while presenting an argument or while responding to questions. Please use headphones/earphones for the same.
- 5. Participants shall disclose only their team code throughout the competition and revelation of identity in any way whatsoever is strictly prohibited.
- 6. There shall be 2 minutes of buffer time in case of loss of connectivity on either side. For further loss of connectivity on the side of the participants, organizers shall not be liable.

7 .No additional information sharing, screen sharing (except for sharing the compendium) or chatting
features shall be used by the participants.
8. Participants are expected to maintain full decorum throughout the proceedings and practice of any unfair
means, any unprofessional, abusive behavior would attract disqualification.
9. The organizers reserve the right to modify, repeal any of the rules as may deem appropriate.
All registered participants will be granted a Certificate of Participation
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# MOOT COURT COMPETITION MOOT PROBLEM

### **MOOT PROBLEM**

- 1. Deshpur recognized as the world's largest democracy, possesses a rich and multifaceted legal system that reflects a harmonious blend of its ancient traditions and contemporary legal principles. Rooted in the common law framework inherited from British colonial rule, the legal system functions under the aegis of the Constitution of Deshpur, which stands as the supreme law of the land. The judiciary, functioning independently, plays a pivotal role in upholding the rule of law and maintaining a system of checks and balances among the executive and legislative branches of government.
- 2. Mr. Aarav Malhotra, a 30-year-old corporate employee working with a reputed multinational company in Jhalimpur, first met Ms. Diya Sharma, a 26-year-old postgraduate student in psychology, at a legal-literary fest organized at their common alma mater in June 2024. The two remained in contact through social media, and within months, developed a romantic relationship. Aarav, who was perceived by Diya and her family as a successful, well-settled, and progressive individual, would frequently visit Diya at her university campus and later at her residence in Rewasa.
- 3. On October 5<sup>th</sup> 2024, when a few of Aarav's friends teased him about delaying marriage and joked that he might not find anyone willing to marry him, Aarav, in a moment of frustration, introduced Diya to them as his fiancée. Diya liked this gesture, which created in her mind the impression that Aarav was serious about marrying her. However, Aarav later felt that this might have been inappropriate, given that their relationship was only three months old at the time.
- 4. The following day, he visited Diya at her residence to apologise and clarify that his remark was made impulsively and out of frustration, without any real intent behind it. To his surprise, Diya was not offended. Instead, she praised Aarav's assertiveness in silencing his friends and found the moment endearing and romantic. This conversation deepened their emotional connection, leading to a shared moment of intimacy, during which they engaged in sexual intercourse.

- 5. On December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, Aarav went to a party where he met his old schoolmate, Suman. During the party, Suman offered him a drink laced with a substance that left Aarav heavily intoxicated. In that state, Suman confessed that she used to have feelings for him. The conversation took a romantic turn, and they ended up kissing. Later, a mutual friend, Rakesh, informed Diya about the incident. Upset and disappointed, Diya confronted Aarav, calling him disloyal and emotionally distant, saying he wasn't serious about their relationship.
- 6. Aarav defended himself, saying he was drunk and didn't remember anything. He insisted that if anything did happen, it wasn't voluntary and reaffirmed that he is serious about his relationship with Diya and sees a future with her. Although she was deeply hurt, Diya chose to forgive Aarav. As they talked, emotions ran high, Diya gently kissed Aarav, and gradually the moment turned romantic, leading to them engaging in sexual intercourse.
- 7. Even though the incident continued to weigh heavily on Diya's mind, causing the once soft-spoken and cheerful girl to become increasingly irritable and emotionally distant, she still frequently visited Aarav's place, and they continued to engage in sexual relations.
- 8. Aarav was initially drawn to Diya not merely for her outward charm, but for what he perceived to be her deeply compassionate and empathetic nature. What particularly captivated him was her evident respect and care for the elderly. On several occasions, Diya had posted heartfelt videos on social media, showcasing her voluntary work at local old-age homes, feeding residents, engaging them in conversations, and organising small cultural activities to uplift their spirits.
- 9. These gestures left a profound impression on Aarav, who believed that such acts reflected genuine moral grounding and emotional maturity. Her consistent demonstration of kindness towards the elderly resonated with his own values, fostering in him a sense of admiration and emotional attachment.

10. However, after the incident there was a change in Diya's behaviour. During an unplanned visit to her residence, Aarav overheard a heated argument between Diya and her parents. To his disbelief, Diya was heard shouting at them in an aggressive tone, interspersed with language that he found shockingly disrespectful and abusive. This unexpected display of hostility towards her own parents starkly contrasted with the image she had previously projected. The incident left Aarav emotionally disturbed and disillusioned, as he struggled to reconcile the compassionate image he had fallen for with the anger and verbal aggression he had just witnessed.

11. The incident left Aarav not only disturbed but also deeply reflective about the future. Witnessing Diya's aggressive outburst towards her parents forced him to question the authenticity of the persona he had cultivated on social media. What once appeared to be genuine compassion now seemed to him a carefully curated image rather than a reflection of her true character. Aarav began to feel a growing sense of unease, particularly concerning the well-being of his own aging parents.

12. He had always envisioned a partner who would treat his family with care and respect, especially in their vulnerable years. The stark contrast between Diya's public display of empathy and her private conduct raised serious doubts in his mind about whether she would be able to offer the kind of supportive environment he had hoped for his parents. This concern began to weigh heavily on Aarav, casting a shadow over their relationship and sowing seeds of apprehension about their compatibility in the long term.

13. In April 2025, Aarav began distancing himself from Diya, citing increased work pressure and family issues. Diya got to know from a mutual acquaintance that Aarav's family had initiated talks for his arranged marriage with another woman from a politically influential family in the capital. Aarav allegedly stopped responding to Diya's messages and calls altogether in May 2025. On 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, Diya received a wedding invitation in Aarav's name and confronted him. Aarav reportedly admitted that the relationship was a "phase of exploration" and he does not feel the same for her anymore.

- 14. Feeling used and deeply disappointed, Diya lodged an FIR at the nearest police station under Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), alleging that Aarav had engaged in sexual intercourse with her on the false promise of marriage. The police investigation unearthed several WhatsApp messages in which Aarav used the term "WIFEY" while addressing Diya. However, Aarav, while denying the charge, claimed that the relationship was consensual, the promise of marriage was made in good faith, and that the eventual fallout was due to irreconcilable personal and family differences.
- 15. Aarav argued that no deceitful means were used and that the application of Section 69 in such a context would criminalize the breakdown of private relationships and compromise personal liberty.
- 16. The Court of Session convicted Aarav under Section 69, BNS. Aggrieved by the decision, Aarav appealed the decision of court of session in the High Court of Rewasa. The High Court dismissed the appeal of Aarav and upheld the order of Court of Session.
- 17. Aarav filed a Special leave before the Supreme Court of Deshpur, raising substantial questions of fact and law. Issues before the Supreme Court are:
  - 1. Whether the SLP is maintainable?
  - 2. Whether Section 69 of BNS is Constitutionally valid?
  - 3. Whether Aarav is liable under Section 69 of BNS?

### Note:

This Moot Problem is purely intended for the Moot Court Competition and educational purpose amongst law students.

- 1. The laws of Union o fDeshpur are pari materia to the laws of India and no such fact is pari materia to any country.
- 2. This Moot Proposition is purely a work of fiction and resemblance to any such incidence shall be purely co-incidental.
- 3. The participants are required to prepare their submissions from each side of the case. They are not allowed to add a new issue.