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26th-28th FEBRUARY, 2021

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Release of Moot Proposition: 17th Jan, 2021

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ABOUT NYAYSHASTRAM

Nyayashastram is a student-run organisation under the Chairmanship of Mr Ratan K Singh, Advocate & Arbitrator, Supreme Court of India along with the aid and advice from eminent Lawyers and Academicians across the nation. The initiative is aimed to foster legal research, writing and presentation by providing a platform to encourage e-learning through various competitions and events conducted utilising the virtual platforms. Through its events, Nyayshastram has hosted various legal and non-legal luminaries including Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, Dr. Pinky Anand, Former Additional Solicitor General of India, Ms. Deepa Verma, Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi and Dr. A.C. Rajvanshi, Sr. Faculty, LNJP National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, Delhi.

ABOUT PRATAP & CO.

Headquartered in New Delhi with offices in Mumbai, Kolkata, Lucknow, & Chandigarh, Pratap & Company is a litigating law firm representing its client across Supreme Court of India, various High courts across India, NCLAT, NCLT, NCDRC, NGT, APTEL managed by Ms. Pallavi Pratap, Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India. The firm actively represent clients in dispute resolution practices spread across litigation, arbitration, and various pre-dispute advisory assignments. Intellectual property services in areas ranging from Copyrights, Trademarks, Patents, Designs as well as Geographical Indicators. The firm has represented a number of private individuals, businesses and also government bodies in civil as well as criminal litigation. Their wide range of services include SLPs, Transfer & Writ Petitions, Matrimonial Disputes & Domestic Violence, Appeals, Recovery Suits, Cheque Dishonour cases and Narcotics Violations. The firm also has experience of working with various multi nationals Advising on necessary licenses, nature of company/liaison office, valuation, preparation for navigating through legal and regulatory environment in India.

ABOUT MEMO PUNDITS

Memo Pundits is India's first Mooting School for law students, founded in 2014 by Mr. Anant Gupta and Mr. Rachnendra Tripathi. It is a unique platform which imparts knowledge in the field of mooting. What sets it apart is its teaching methodology, which is far from traditional Indian online courses. All online courses are based on the Harvard University's "Active Learning" model, which makes sure that learning is always fun. For its courses and mentorship program, Memo Pundits engages professionals from Harvard, Cambridge, Oxford and other Top-tier NLUs and lawyers from international firms like Linklaters and HSF, and national firms like Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, J. Sagar Associates and Khaitan & Co. Memo Pundits is also the official partner of the coveted Mooting Premier League, India's biggest mooting championship run by Legally India.



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ABOUT LEX MACULA

Lex Macula is registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. This is an initiative by students of several premier law colleges coming together to bring a change in the prevailing competitions for the students of the field. Lex Macula stands on the objectives of moulding the system in a way which favours the students and helps them develop their capabilities at an initial stage. The origin of the name “Lex Macula” comes from the Latin language which is deeply rooted in the legal system through maxims, principles and doctrines. Lex Macula essentially meaning “the law’s corner” focuses on the capacity development of young law students so that access to justice can be made meaningful to the public at large.

ABOUT BURNISHED LAW JOURNAL

Burnished Law Journal (ISSN-2582-5534) aims to provide a number of legal journal articles, & practical update of law. They actively invite authors to share their research on contemporary issues of law, so as to enable the growth and understanding of the aspects of the law to each and every individual in the society. The main aim of Burnished Law Journal, includes, promoting research on the topics on socio-legal, socio-economic, or any other related topic of contemporary relevance concerning critical social issues.

ABOUT LEX JURA LAW JOURNAL

The Lex Jura Law Journal is a peer-reviewed law journal published online. The journal is run and published by Vidhivedetta, a partnership firm. The journal not only confines its scope to the latest and contemporary developments in the legal world but also puts light on the legal issues, with scientific research, facts and inside-study backing such information. The aim of this journal is to spread legal awareness and to bring out and propagate the opinion of the legal fraternity so that the developments in the legal field help in imparting justice at every level and to every section of the society.



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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The competition simulates a court hearing in which the participants shall have to analyse a problem, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions, and present oral argument. The moot problem is set in an area of law that is currently, unsettled and is subject to recent developments. There shall be two grounds of appeal to be argued by each side. The competition will have five rounds, viz.

Preliminary Round, Octa-Final Round, Quarter Final Round, Semi Final Round and the Final Round.

The moot proposition will prima facie present a matrimonial dispute, however, the scope shall be kept broad to inculcate a multi-disciplinary understanding of the subject.

Nyayshastram invites UG students currently enrolled in their 3-years or 5-years integrated law degree to participate in Nyayshastram-Pratap & Co. National Matrimonial Moot Court Competition, 2021 (Virtual).



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RULES & REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open for students who are enrolled in the three year or five-year course from any law school recognised by the Bar Council of India.

There is no limit on the number of teams participating from one institution.

Cross University teams are not allowed.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members in which two members shall be designed as the "Speakers" and one member shall be designated as the "Researcher". No shuffling shall be allowed without prior permission from the Organisers. In case of a two-member team, one of the Speakers shall act as the Researcher, whenever necessary.

Each team will be provided with a Team Code after successful registration of the team.

REGISTRATION

There shall be a registration fee of INR 1200 per team for taking part in the competition and is payable through transferring the amount to bank account ONLY.

Account Holder's Name: ANIKET DUTTA

Account Number: 917301763148

IFSC Code: PYTM0123456

Alternatively, a team may also pay the registration fee via UPI transfer using the following credentials:

UPI ID: nyayshastram@ybl

[NOTE: For UPI transfers, kindly mention "Moot Registration" as message while transferring the amount]

After the payment of registration fee, the participants are required to complete the registration by filling this form: <https://forms.gle/F9WESh71tFwzHrdk9>

DRESS CODE

As per Advocates Act, 1961 (Without Band & Gown)

ORAL ROUNDS

There shall be 5 oral rounds: Preliminary Round, Octa-Final Round, Quarter Final, Semi Final Round and Final Round.

The oral arguments need to be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.



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PRELIMINARY ROUND

There will be one preliminary round of arguments per team, either as the Petitioner or the Respondent. The fixtures for the same shall be prepared on the basis of the order of registration in the following manner: First Team to Register vs Last Team to Register and likewise.

The Top scoring team from each Court Hall shall qualify to the Octa-Final Round. Only the speakers' scores shall be considered for the purpose of qualification, however, in case of a tie, the memorial score shall be referred to for tie-breaker.

Time Frame: Each team will get a maximum of 15 minutes to present the oral arguments. The time split should be such that no individual Speaker takes more than 8 minutes. The time to be reserved for rebuttals or sur-rebuttals is at the discretion of the teams, however, the same will have to be informed to the court officer before the commencement of the round.

The Speaker with the highest individual score in the Preliminary Round will be declared the “BEST SPEAKER”.

NOTE: The fixtures for this round are subject to change depending on the total number of teams that will register and the updated rules with respect to the same shall be communicated to the participants after the last date of registration. Such updated rules shall have an overriding effect on procedure mentioned in the brochure

OCTA FINAL ROUND

There will be one octa-final round for the 16 qualifying teams from the Preliminary Round. This round will be a knockout round. The team scoring higher against the opponent team will qualify to the Quarter Final Round.

Time Frame: Each team will get a maximum of 15 minutes to present the oral arguments. The time split should be such that no individual Speaker takes more than 8 minutes. The time to be reserved for rebuttals or sur-rebuttals is at the discretion of the teams, however, the same will have to be informed to the court officer before the commencement of the round.

QUARTER FINAL ROUND

There will be one quarter-final round for the 8 qualifying teams from the Octa Final Round. This round will be a knockout round. The team scoring higher against the opponent team will qualify to the Semi Final Round.

Time Frame: Each team will get a maximum of 15 minutes to present the oral arguments. The time split should be such that no individual Speaker takes more than 8 minutes. The time to be reserved for rebuttals or sur-rebuttals is at the discretion of the teams, however, the same will have to be informed to the court officer before the commencement of the round.



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SEMI FINAL ROUND

There will be one semi-final round for the 4 qualifying teams from the Quarter Final Round. This round will be a knockout round. The team scoring higher against the opponent team will qualify to the Final Round.

Time Frame: Each team will get a maximum of 15 minutes to present the oral arguments. The time split should be such that no individual Speaker takes more than 8 minutes. The time to be reserved for rebuttals or sur-rebuttals is at the discretion of the teams, however, the same will have to be informed to the court officer before the commencement of the round.

FINAL ROUND

The final round will be between the 2 qualifying teams from the Semi Final Round. The team scoring higher against the opponent team will be declared the ‘WINNER’ of the competition and the team losing in this round shall be declared the ‘RUNNERS-UP’.

Time Frame: Each team will get a maximum of 20 minutes to present the oral arguments. The time split should be such that no individual Speaker takes more than 12 minutes. The time to be reserved for rebuttals or sur-rebuttals is at the discretion of the teams, however, the same will have to be informed to the court officer before the commencement of the round.

GENERAL RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS

1. The fixtures for the Octa Final, Quarter Final, Semi Final and Final Rounds will be prepared on the basis of a power match-up, that is, the team getting highest score versus the team getting the lowest score and likewise.

2. Allocation of Sides: The side to be argued during the oral rounds will be allocated in the following manner:

Octa-Final: Rank 1 to Rank 8 – Respondent; Rank 9 to Rank 16 – Petitioner

Quarter Final: Rank 1 to Rank 4 – Petitioner; Rank 5 to Rank 8 – Respondent

Semi Final: Rank 1 to Rank 2 – Respondent; Rank 3 to Rank 4 – Petitioner

Final Round: Rank 1 – Respondent; Rank 2 – Petitioner

3. Any extension of time is at the discretion of judges.

SCORING PARAMETER

Knowledge of Law & Facts and their application	5
Articulation, use of language, logical & persuasive arguments	5
Court room etiquettes	5
Addressing questions from the bench	5
Time management	5
TOTAL	25



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SCALE OF MARKING

Very Poor	Poor	Average	Very Good	Excellent
1	2	3	4	5

MEMORIAL

i) Each team needs to prepare memorial from both the sides i.e., Petitioner and Respondent. The last date to submit the memorials is 21st February 2021, 11:59 PM. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.

The memorial has to be typed on an A-4 size paper and must contain:

Cover Page

Table of Contents

List of Abbreviations

Index of Authorities

Statement of Jurisdiction

Statement of Facts

Statement of Issues

Summary of Arguments

Arguments Advanced/ Pleadings

Prayer

ii) Cover page, Table of Contents, List of Abbreviations, Statement of Jurisdiction, Statement of Facts, Statement of Issues, Summary of Arguments and Prayer should not exceed 1 page each, respectively.

iii) The Arguments Advanced/Pleadings should not exceed 10 pages.

iv) The memorial should not exceed 20 pages overall.

v) The cover page should mention the team code on top right corner, name of the court approached, nature of case/petition, jurisdiction and name of parties. Blue cover page for the Petitioner and Red cover page for the Respondent.

vi) Formatting: -

Font style: Times New Roman

Font size: 12 pts (For footnotes, 10 pts)

The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.

Line spacing: 1.5 pts (For footnotes, 1 pts)



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Citations: Only footnotes are allowed. The Standard Indian Legal Citation (SILC) method should be followed uniformly throughout the memorial.

The page numbering should be on the bottom right side of each page.

Plagiarism beyond 25% (Software: Plagiarism Checker X) shall be penalised up to a maximum penalty of 10 marks.

vi) A delay in submission of the memorials will attract penalty of -2 marks per day. However, the memorials will not be considered for evaluation after 23rd February 2021.

viii) Compendiums are not necessary. However, if a team wishes to use a compendium then they must send them along with the memorials on the due date. Presenting the compendium during virtual hearing will not be allowed. The page limit for such compendiums is 5 pages ONLY.

ix) Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The Organisers' decision shall be final.

SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS

Memorials for the Petitioner have to be submitted on:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1O5XKfYv3q1aUqQp7Gzgvkh5wB1GS1D8vXNSy-wH8Hik/edit?usp=sharing>

Memorials for the Respondent have to be submitted on:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TcwRsVFPmjB9AHwJKjOhsee2nanVZC_6qRKOYWKD1_8/edit?usp=sharing

SCORING PARAMETERS

Coverage of all issues raised in the case and supported by authorities with appropriate citations	10
Well-structured and consistent presentation	10
Clear, concise and reasoned expression	10
Free from grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors	10
Overall formatting	10
TOTAL	50

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Very Poor	Poor	Average	Very Good	Excellent
1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10

RESEARCHER'S TEST

There shall be a Researcher's Test the format for which will be a timed quiz with multiple choice questions (MCQ) carrying 1 mark each. Only the Researcher from each team can take part in the test. The Researcher scoring highest in this quiz shall be declared the "BEST RESEARCHER". In case of a tie between two or more Researchers, the Researcher who had submitted the quiz first will be declared the winner.

Only the Researcher's will get the link to the quiz. The participants are required to make appropriate arrangements including a stable high speed internet connection. Failing to submit the quiz for whatever reasons will not hold the Organisers liable. No queries with respect to the Researcher's Test shall be entertained once the test has commenced. The syllabus for the same will be around the theme of the moot proposition. The participants are required to prepare accordingly.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

All the teams need to make sure that they have the required software and hardware, including a stable Internet connection.

The speakers are not allowed to share their screen or present any other materials at any stage unless asked by the judges.

During the Oral Rounds the camera of both speakers and the researcher should be kept on failing which will attract penalty.

All the participants in the hearing should have their microphone muted unless they are speaking.

Where a speaker is unable to join or facing difficulty then the Researcher can be asked to substitute for the role and continue on behalf of that speaker. A time frame of 5 minutes will be given in case of such glitches beyond which the round will proceed ex-parte.

The participants are expected to have a sound and stable 4G internet connection. The participants are required to join the rounds using laptops/desktops. A buffer time of 5 minutes in total has been given to adjust with the connectivity issues if any. An extension of the prescribed time limit shall be on the discretion of the judges.

The participants shall refrain from using any unprofessional/ unparliamentary language during the rounds or otherwise indulging in a conversation with the OC, non-adherence to the same shall amount to disqualification of the team and reporting of the same to the concerned team's institution.



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The score sheet of the respective court halls shall be released after all the rounds are finished. The participants are expected to join the round 5-10 minutes prior to the allotted time or as and when communicated by their respective court officers via E-mail.

Implementation and interpretation of rules regarding the practice and procedures, the final decision lies with Nyayshastram.

The rounds may be recorded for documentation purpose and for posting on Nyayshastram's YouTube channel the copyright of which shall solely remain with Nyayshastram. The rules governing the Competition should be strictly adhered to, and any deviation thereof will attract penalties or disqualification in the manner prescribed.

The registration fee is non-refundable.

NOTE: Violation of any of the provision will extract up to 20 points penalty to be imposed by the organisers proportionately with the severity of the violation.

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PRIZES

WINNERS: Cash Prize + Medals + Internship Opportunity at Pratap & Co. + Coupon worth INR 1,000 to each participant by Memo Pundits + Blog Publication Opportunity in Lex Jura Law Journal + E-Certificate of Merit.

RUNNERS-UP: Cash Prize + Medals + Internship Opportunity at Lex Jura Law Journal + Blog Publication Opportunity in Lex Jura Law Journal + E-Certificate of Merit.

BEST MEMORIAL: Cash Prize + Medals + E-Certificate of Merit.

BEST SPEAKER: Cash Prize + Trophy + E-Certificate of Merit.

BEST RESEARCHER: Cash Prize + Trophy + Free Publication Opportunity in Burnished Law Journal + E-Certificate of Merit.

2ND BEST MEMORIAL: E-Certificate of Merit.

2ND BEST SPEAKER: E-Certificate of Merit.

2ND BEST RESEARCHER: E-Certificate of Merit.

SEMI FINALISTS: Coupon Worth INR 1,000 each to the two losing teams in the Semi Final Round, respectively by Lex Macula.

QUARTER FINALISTS: E-Certificate of Merit.

E-Certificates of Participation to all the registered participants shall be provided.

INR 200 off for all the participants of the competition on any of the courses provided by Memo Pundits.

[Note: The terms & conditions of using the coupons provided by Memo Pundits and Lex Macula shall be provided to the concerned participants via email after conclusion of the event]



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Researcher's Test	25th Feb
Oral Rounds	26th-28th Feb
Prelims: 26th Feb	
Octas & Quarters: 27th Feb	
Semis & Finale: 28th Feb	
Valedictory & Announcement of Results	28th Feb

ANY CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION OR REGISTRATION CAN BE SOUGHT BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO events.nyayshastram@gmail.com



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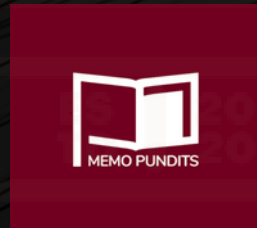
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