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THE 2nd NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION,
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*BATTLE OF STUDENTS PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER WITHOUT COLLEGE
NAME TAGS*

MOOT PROPOSITION

1. The Republic of Replemento is the largest democracy in the world with a population of around 140 crores.
2. The Republic of Replemento consists of people from different strata of the society, people from different religions, people from different educational and financial backgrounds, etc. The Republic of Replemento is thus, a secular, socialist, economic and a democratic nation.
3. In the International Nation's Organisation, almost all the countries of the world are member nations and the Republic of Replemento in recent times has gained public popularity in the said organisation, thereby boosting the economy and the image of the country, on an international platform.
4. For many years in the Republic of Replemento, there existed a law which criminalised "unnatural sexual intercourse" irrespective of gender, with or without consent. This was an Anglican law opposed for centuries together by the LGBTQIA+ community. The said law was condemned by various countries and the Republic of Replemento was termed as inhuman and furthermore various countries made public

statements that the said law was against the basic tenets of Human Rights.

5. The Highest Court of the Republic of Replemento thereafter, held the “right to privacy” as a Fundamental Right and furthermore held that as far as the said law criminalises the consensual sexual acts of adults i.e., persons above the age of 18 years, who are competent to consent in private as violative of Articles 14, 15, 19, and 21 of the Constitution. The Court went on to mention an interesting quote from the great German thinker Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, which reads, “I am what I am, so take me as I am”. Thus, by virtue of the said decision, consensual sexual acts of adults were no longer criminal. The said decision was well received by the LGBTQIA+ community.
6. However, in the said decision the civil rights of the LGBTQIA+ community was neither discussed nor upheld. Surprisingly, a few years later, a decision was passed by the Highest Court of the Republic of Replemento dismissing the plea filed for granting civil rights to the members of the LGBTQIA+ community.
7. Thereafter, various Writ Petitions were filed before the various High Courts in the country to read the word “person” as defined under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, and Special Marriage Act, 1954, so as to include people of the same sex. Such Writ Petitions opened floodgates regarding the grant of civil rights to the members of LGBTQIA+ community. The Republic of Replemento filed their reply opposing the same as it is against the “cultures and ethos” of the country.
8. In order to avoid conflicting decisions that may be passed by the various High Courts, the Highest Court of Republic of Replemento became seized of the matter and all the cases stood transferred.
9. Thus, the following issues are to be argued by both the sides wherein,

the Petitioners include members from the Queer community, NGOs, and the Respondent is the Republic of Replemento:

- I. Whether or not the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, and Special Marriage Act, 1954, can be read in a manner to include members from the LGBTQIA+ community?
- II. Whether or not civil rights can be granted to the members of the community?
- III. Whether or not the customs, traditions, rites, rituals, form an exhaustive code as contested by the Republic of Replemento?
- IV. Whether or not members from the said community can be allowed to be married as per the rituals of their respective religions?

The laws of Republic of Replemento are in pari materia with that of the Union of India

Prizes:

1. The **Best Team** shall be awarded with a cash prize of **Rs. 5000/-**.
2. The **first Runners Up** shall be awarded with a cash prize of **Rs. 2000/-**.
3. The team with the Best Memorial shall be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 1000/-..
4. The Best speaker shall be awarded a cash prize of Rs.1000/- .
5. **Certificates of merit and participation shall be dispatched to the addresses of the participants.**

Rules for the Competition:

- I. **Two students from any law college are eligible to form a team for the purpose of participating in this competition.**
- II. Team shall not comprise of a researcher, thus, both the team members are speakers.
- III. Teams shall be known by the names of students alphabetically, for instance, if two students i.e., Mr. Suresh Rana of X Law College, Hyderabad and Ms. Padmavathi Rathore of Y Law College, Delhi choose to form a team, then, the team code shall be Ms. Padmavathi Rathore and Mr. Suresh Rana. Alphabetically meaning P preceded S in the example.
- IV. Students of all years of the Five year and Three year law courses are eligible to participate in this Competition.
- V. It is not mandatory to send in the acceptance email through the official email Ids of the colleges or through Moot Court Society Email Ids, however acceptance emails can be sent through the personal email id of any team member.
- VI. **Any member of a team to send an official mail from their personal email ids with the team code agreeing to participate in the said**

competition on or before 30/04/2021. The said email must provide the postal addresses with pincodes of both the team members, mobile numbers of both the team members, Scanned Copy of College ID Card of both the team members.

- VII. **For all further correspondences the teams shall communicate using their email Id used for sending the confirmation email and no communication from new Email Ids will be entertained.**
- VIII. **There is no limit for the number of teams from each institution.**
- IX. Each speaker shall speak for 15 minutes subject to extension granted by the judge.
- X. The link for the competition will be sent to the email ids from which the soft copy of the memorials are sent.
- XI. **Competition will be held on 29/05/2021 and the qualifying teams will contest in the further rounds on 29/05/2021 and 30/05/2021. A short Inauguration ceremony shall take place on 29/05/2021 which shall be attended by all participants without fail.**
- XII. Steady internet connection to be maintained.
- XIII. Cameras to be turned on at all times during the rounds.
- XIV. **Compendiums to be sent online only by 26th May, 2021 before 5 pm.**
- XV. Breach of deadlines shall entail disqualification.
- XVI. In case during the rounds if there is any internet interruption from the side of the participant, then, a 5 minutes extension only will be granted, subject to the discretion of the judge.
- XVII. Feedback after the rounds shall be provided.
- XVIII. All clarifications sought to be sent on or before 1st May, 2021.
- XIX. Dress Code for Men: White Shirt, Black or Grey Blazer, Black or Grey formal pants.

- XX. Dress Code for Women: White Salwar Kameez with dupatta or White Shirt, Black or Grey Blazer, Black or Grey formal pants or skirt.
- XXI. Failure to follow the dress code shall entail disqualification subject to the discretion of the Judge.
- XXII. The Moot Court Coordinator is Ms. Anjali Nishtala who can be contacted during working hours i.e., 11 am - 6pm at +91 9553887452. No contact shall be made on Public Holidays and Sundays.
- XXIII. **All email correspondences to be sent to nationalmootcourttga2021@gmail.com**

Memorial Rules:

1. Each team to prepare a Written Memorials for the side of Petitioners and the side Respondent.
2. Blue Colour Cover Page for the Written Memorial of the Petitioners.
3. Red Colour Cover Page for the Written Memorial of the Respondent.
4. **Soft Copies of the Memorials to be sent by 16th May, 2021, before 5 pm.**
5. **Hard Copies of the Memorials to be sent by 18th May, 2021, before 5 pm.**
6. **Memorials shall not exceed 4 A4 size pages** of MS Word docx. However, index, index of authorities, facts of the case, issues framed, and prayer shall not be included while arriving at 4 pages.
7. Body of Contents: Font size- 12, Font Style- Bookman Old Style, Line Spacing- 1.5, Paragraph Spacing- 0, Margin- Default as mentioned in MS Word docx.
8. Footnotes: Font size- 10, Font Style- Bookman Old Style, Line Spacing- 1

9. Memorials will be exchanged between the respective teams on 27/05/2021 at 10:00 AM.

DEADLINES:

Sl. No.	EVENT	DEADLINE
1.	Confirmation Email	On or before 30/04/2021
2.	Clarifications regarding the Competition and Moot Problem	On or before 01/05/2021
3.	Soft Copy of Moot Memorials	16/05/2021 (05:00PM)
4.	Hard Copy of Moot Memorials	18/05/2021 (05:00PM)
5.	Compendiums to be sent online	26/05/2021 (05:00PM)
6.	Memorial Exchange	27/05/2021 (10:00AM)
7.	Inauguration & Rounds of the Competition	29/05/2021 & 30/05/2021

THE ENTIRE MOOT PROBLEM IS COMPLETELY BASED ON FICTION AND HAS NO RESEMBLANCE TO ANY HAPPENING OF ANY EVENT IN ANY COUNTRY AND IT IS NOT AIMED AT HURTING ANY SENTIMENTS. THE SAID COMPETITION IS ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES ON ENHANCING THE LITIGATION SKILLS OF LAW STUDENTS.