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## 13<sup>TH</sup> NYAYAVALOKAN NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2024-25



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### RULES OF THE COMPETITION

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PRAVIN GANDHI COLLEGE OF LAW



**RULES FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> NYAYAVALOKAN NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND  
JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2024-25**

**1. ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL RULES**

The name of the Competition is the '*13th Nyayaavalokan National Trial Advocacy and Judgment Writing Competition, 2024-25*' ("The Competition").

**1.1 IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES**

Rules and Procedures contained in this document shall be applicable to all participating teams. In relation to the practice and procedure of the Competition, the final interpretation in case of any conflict lies with the Moot Court Society ("MCS"). The decision of the MCS shall be final and binding.

**1.2 ELIGIBILITY**

1.2.1 The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis pursuing their bachelor's degree in law (LLB, BCL, JD or equivalent) from any University, College, and Deemed University, National Law Schools or Institution imparting legal education.

1.2.2 The first 24 teams shall be allowed to participate on a first-come-first-serve basis.

1.2.3 Considering the limit in the number of teams, each University / College are permitted to be represented by **ONE TEAM ONLY**.

**1.3 TEAM COMPOSITION**

1.3.1 Each participating team shall consist of **three** or **four** members. In the three-member team composition, two members will be designated as the Speakers and one member shall be the Researcher and the team comprising of four member, two members will be designated as the Speakers and two members shall be the Researcher.

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- 1.3.2 Only the Researcher will participate in the Judgment Writing Competition. For teams comprising of four members, either one out of the two researcher(s) shall participate in the Judgment Writing Competition. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- 1.3.3 In each of the oral rounds, two members of the team will be the Oralists.
- 1.3.4 Only those participants registered as Oralists in the form, shall be allowed to speak.
- 1.3.5 Once registered, a team will not be permitted to vary the composition of the team in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the MCS.
- 1.3.6 Any changes with respect to the contact details shall be notified to the MCS with immediate effect.

**2. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language for the Competition shall be English only. Use of vernacular language or words by the participants during the said competition is prohibited.

**3. DATE AND VENUE**

The said Competition shall be held from **06<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 to 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2025** at the SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mithibai College Campus, 8th Floor, Vile Parle (W), Mumbai – 400 056.

**4. REGISTRATION**

- 4.1 Each institution must, first, provisionally register itself for the Competition by sending an Official Provisional Registration mail at [nyayaavalokan@gmail.com](mailto:nyayaavalokan@gmail.com)
- 4.2 Only upon the confirmation of the provisional registration by the MCS, the team shall register for the Competition by filling “**REGISTRATION FORM**”. The “**TRAVEL FORM**” required to be fill in the **REGISTRATION FORM** has been uploaded on our website.
- 4.3 Team members' names shall be clearly written / typed on the form(s), with detailed

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attention given to the spelling of each team member's name. The names on the Certificates shall appear in the same manner as provided in the form(s).

**(NOTE: - No pickup drop services will be provided by the host college except from the place of accommodation to the college premises)**

#### 5. FEES

5.1 Registration fee for the said competition is **Rs. 6000/-** (Rupees six Thousand Only) without accommodation. (Non-Refundable)

5.2 If paying by cheque, it should be payable to “**SVKM's PRAVIN GANDHI COLLEGE OF LAW**” and mailed to: [geeta.kubsad@pgcl.ac.in](mailto:geeta.kubsad@pgcl.ac.in) and cc to: [nyayaavalokan@gmail.com](mailto:nyayaavalokan@gmail.com)

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If paying by Demand Draft, it should be payable to “Pravin Gandhi College of Law” payable at “Mumbai”.

5.3 Account Transfer:

Name of the Account- **SVKM's PRAVIN GANDHI COLLEGE OF LAW**

Name of the Bank- **HDFC BANK**

Account Number- **03210330000171**

Branch- **JVPD SCHEME, M-56**

Type of Account- **CURRENT ACCOUNT**

IFSC Code- **HDFC0000321**

## 6. WITNESSES

- 6.1 The MCS will provide the witnesses to the participating teams. The witnesses will be generally briefed and assigned by the MCS. However, each team will have an opportunity to specially brief their witnesses. The witnesses to be briefed will be assigned to each team prior to the commencement of the respective rounds. All the participating teams will ensure that the witnesses depose only in English Language.
- 6.2 It is mandatory for the Prosecution and the Defence to examine ALL the witnesses and dropping a witness will result in loss of marks. However, the order in which witnesses are to be examined shall be determined by the concerned team taking examination in chief.
- 6.3 The team conducting examination in chief of their witnesses or the team cross-examining the witnesses will desist from arguing with the witnesses.
- 6.4 It will be the responsibility of the participating teams to brief the concerned witnesses on the mode and manner of tendering relevant documents, i.e. the Annexures and the Exhibits attached with the Trial Problem.

## 7. EXHIBITS

The Participants are required to prove the Recovery Panchnama (by Prosecution) and the Jeweller's Bill (by Defence). Participants are put on notice that 15 marks are specially assigned for this purpose.

The prosecuting teams should be proficient in knowing the mode and manner of proving a Recovery Panchnama under Sec. 23(2) BSA and take in evidence only that portions of the Panchnama which are admissible under law. The prosecuting teams will be required to point out the admissible portions of the Panchnama to the Judges.

The prosecution team will also be required to know how to prove the recovered property i.e. the gold chain through the relevant witness. The sealed parcel containing the gold chain shall be handed over to the prosecution teams before each round.

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The defence teams will be required to prove the Jeweller's Bill as given in the Trial Proposition and must know who is the correct defence witness through which the same may be proved.

The opposing teams must know how to take proper objections at the right time along with the reason for objecting, as provided under the BSA. This will be taken into consideration by the Judges when allotting marks for judging the ability to conduct examination-in-chief and cross-examination.

**N.B. As required under Sec. 105 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, the participants will not challenge that the recovery proceedings and every panchnama as mentioned in the Trial Proposition were recorded by audio-video electronic means and the participants shall not ask that the same be produced.**

**8. DRESS CODE**

Advocates attire (including neckband and gown) is compulsory. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements regarding the same. Not abiding by the said rule can lead to direct disqualification and the MCS will have complete discretion regarding the same.

**9. ANONYMITY AND SCOUTING**

9.1 Student Counsel may introduce himself/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their speaker code. **However, the team's college name shall not be indicated to the Judges at any time.**

9.2 Further, all team members/coaches/advisors/observers shall refrain from identifying any team's law school/college/university at any time and in any manner, including but not limited to wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as books with a college logo or seal etc.).

9.3 The teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. **Scouting,**



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**i.e. interacting with the Judges in any manner before declaration of the results of every round, is strictly prohibited.** Scouting by any of the teams shall result in disqualification.

9.4 Any team can file a written complaint with the MCS, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the MCS shall be final.

9.5 The researchers will sit with the speakers at the time of oral rounds and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team throughout the said Competition.

## **10. ORAL PLEADINGS AND PROCEDURE**

The Trial Proposition for all the rounds shall be the same. The teams will be arguing from both the sides, throughout the Competition.

### **10.1 DATE OF ROUNDS**

10.1.1 Inauguration & Draw of Lots for the Preliminary Round will be held on 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 and Draw of Lots for the subsequent rounds shall be on the day of the round.

10.1.2 The Preliminary Rounds will be held on 07<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.

10.1.3 The Quarter Final Round will be held on 08<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.

10.1.4 The Semi-final Round will be held on 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 in the morning session.

10.1.5 The Final Round will be held on 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 in the afternoon session.

10.1.6 A proper schedule with the timings of the Rounds shall be released in due course of time.

**ATTENDANCE OF EVERY TEAM ON THE DAY OF THE INAUGURATION i.e. 06<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025 IS MANDATORY.**

### **10.2 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

10.2.1 In the Preliminary rounds, each of the 24 teams shall be arguing from both the sides, once as the Prosecution and once as the Defence.

10.2.2 The teams that shall be arguing against each other and the side to be argued

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by the teams shall be determined through the process of Draw of Lots that will take place on 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 after the Inauguration.

10.2.3 The Prosecution will get a total of 94 minutes and the Defence shall get a total of 94 minutes. The bifurcation of 94 minutes is as follows:

- a) Opening Statement (i.e. submissions on charge) on behalf of the Prosecution- 1 minute.
- b) Opening Statement (i.e. submissions on charge) on behalf of the Defence- 1 minute.
- c) Examination- in- Chief of Prosecution Witnesses - 15 minutes for each witness.
- d) Cross Examination of Prosecution Witnesses - 15 minutes for each witness.
- e) Examination-in-chief of Defence Witnesses - 12 minutes for each witness.
- f) Cross examination of Defence Witnesses -12 minutes for each witness.
- g) Final Arguments on behalf of the Prosecution- 12 minutes.
- h) Final Arguments on behalf of the Defence- 12 minutes.

10.2.4 **Each speaker shall have to conduct Examination-in-Chief and Cross Examination of at least one witness in each round. This rule shall apply to all the Rounds. Each Speaker shall deliver either the opening statement or the final argument in each round.**

### 10.3 QUARTER FINAL ROUND

10.3.1 The Top 8 teams from the Preliminary rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Final rounds. Selection shall be based on the marks received by the teams during the Preliminary Rounds.

10.3.2 The Draw of Lots for the Round will take place 07<sup>th</sup> February after the Preliminary Rounds.

10.3.3 Each of the top 8 teams shall be arguing from the side of either the Prosecution or the Defence, depending on the Draw of Lots.

10.3.4 The Prosecution and the Defence shall have 94 minutes for each side. (**Kindly**



*refer to Rule 10.2.3 and 10.2.4)*

#### 10.4 **SEMI FINAL ROUND**

- 10.4.1 Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Final Round on a knock out basis i.e. the winner of each Quarter Final Round shall qualify to the Semi Final Round.
- 10.4.2 The Draw of Lots for the Semi Final Round will take place on 08<sup>th</sup> February after the Quarter Final Rounds.
- 10.4.3 The Prosecution will get a total of 125 minutes and the Defence shall get a total of 125 minutes. The bifurcation of the 125 minutes are as follows:
- Opening Statement (i.e. submissions on charge) on behalf of the Prosecution - 5 minutes.
  - Opening Statement (i.e. submissions on charge) on behalf of the Defence - 5 minutes.
  - Examination- in- Chief of Prosecution Witnesses - 20 minutes for each witness.
  - Cross Examination of Prosecution Witnesses -20 minutes for each witness.
  - Examination-in-chief of Defence Witnesses - 15 minutes for each witness.
  - Cross examination of Defence Witnesses -15 minutes for each witness.
  - Final Arguments on behalf of the Prosecution- 15 minutes.
  - Final Arguments on behalf of the Defence - 15 minutes.

#### 10.5 **FINAL ROUND**

- 10.5.1 Two (2) teams shall qualify for the Final Round on a knock out basis i.e. the winner of each Semi Final Round shall qualify to the Final Round.
- 10.5.2 The Draw of Lots for the Round will take place after the Semi Final Round on 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.
- 10.5.3 Each of the top 2 teams shall be arguing from the side of either the Prosecution or the Defence, depending on the Draw of Lots.

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10.5.4 The Prosecution and the Defence shall have a total of 220 minutes. (*Kindly refer to Rule 10.4.3 and 10.2.4*)

**Note: For all the rounds, the Participants are requested not to continue the Examination-in-Chief or the Cross Examination of any witness whilst the Judges are dictating the evidence to the typist.**

## **11 CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

11.1 The Oral Rounds shall be judged by professionals having experience in the field of Criminal Law and the Judges shall be made well aware of the Procedure and Rules of the Competition.

11.2 The Criteria for assessment shall include but are not limited to the following and shall be out of a maximum of 100 marks:

- a) Knowledge of facts.
- b) Logic & clarity in reasoning.
- c) Persuasiveness and deference to court.
- d) Proper, articulate and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
- e) Understanding of the relevant Laws.
- f) Ability to successfully conduct chief/cross examination within the allotted time.
- g) Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses or deal with unreceptive, argumentative witnesses.
- h) Proving Recovery Panchnama (by Prosecution) or Jeweller's Bill (by Defence) to the Society and the Police.

**Note: Both the teams must be aware of procedure for taking contradictions, omissions, objections and proving documents as mentioned in 11.2 h) above.**

## 12 CERTIFICATES

- 12.1 Certificates will be awarded only to the participants present in the Valedictory Ceremony and under no circumstances will they be provided to any of the participants who are absent for the ceremony. In the event that the participants fail to collect their certificates, no mail will be sent by the MCS acknowledging their participation.
- 12.2 No team shall be receiving the certificate if they fail to participate in the Judgment Writing Competition.

## 13 ACCOMMODATION

- 13.1 The information regarding the accommodation shall be intimated to the registered teams by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024. Accommodation fees will be Rs. 12,000/- (Rupees Twelve Thousand Only). (Non-Refundable)
- 13.2 Accommodation shall be provided to the participants from 06<sup>th</sup> February (12:00 p.m.) to 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 (11:59 a.m.).

**Note: Drinking and Smoking is strictly prohibited at the place of accommodation as well as on the College campus. Non-compliance of this rule will lead to disqualification and the MCS shall institute a strict action against the team found violating this rule.**

## 14 MISCELLANEOUS

- 14.1 Case laws that the teams wish to rely on at the time of final arguments shall be submitted to the MCS in three copies (Two for the judges, one for the other side) on 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 in Hard Copy.
- 14.2 Opening Statement of the Prosecution will require the prosecutor to address the judges on the Charge it wishes the Court to frame. It shall be necessary to point out the supporting material from the charge sheet provided, to sustain the charge and not simply state the facts of the Trial Proposition. As far as the Defence is concerned, the opening address shall require them to point out if there is any

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Charge which the Court ought not to frame as there is no material in the charge sheet provided, to support the same.

14.3 Judges are at liberty to ask questions to the Participants on relevant points of law which may arise from the problem or relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita & Bharatiya Sakshiya Adhinyam, arising during conducting the trial, in order to test the Participant's knowledge of the relevant provisions relating to penal laws.

14.4 All exhibits in the chargesheet are assumed to be exhibited in accordance with the Bharatiya Sakshiya Adhinyam, and the same shall be taken as being duly proved, except as mentioned in Rule 7 above.

14.5 The Judges will be recording the evidence for both the prosecution and defence as taken by participants in the said Competition.

14.6 In the event there is any contradiction between the evidence recorded in court and the Statements recorded under Sec.180 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, the participants must be aware as to the procedure to deal with such contradiction.

14.7 After completion of evidence, the participants will be given notes of evidence of prosecution and defence recorded by the court. A fifteen (15) minutes break will be given to the participants for the perusal of the said notes. The participants will have to advance Final Arguments only on the basis of notes of evidence and the exhibited documents so provided to them.

14.8 All participating teams must be conversant with the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita & Bharatiya Sakshiya Adhinyam, whilst taking evidence and advancing final arguments for the Prosecution and the Defence.

14.9 Last date for seeking clarification with respect to the said competition is 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024. Clarifications can only be sought via email on [nyayaavalokan@gmail.com](mailto:nyayaavalokan@gmail.com). Answer to clarifications will be released by 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

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### **RULES FOR THE JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2024-25**

The Judgment Writing Competition shall be held on 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 during the Semi Final round and is mandatory for all the teams to participate in the same. The participants will be divided into two Court Rooms. Pursuant to the Semi Final round, each participant of the Judgment Writing Competition will be provided with a computer for the Judgment Writing Competition. The top scorer from both the court rooms will get the award for 'Best Judgment'.

#### **Note:**

1. The clarifications will only be sought via e-mail on **nyayaavalokan@gmail.com**.
2. The railway stations nearest to the college premises are Dadar, Andheri, Bandra, Borivali and Lokmanya Tilak Terminus.
3. Nearest Airport is the Chhatrapati Shivaji Domestic Airport, Mumbai. Kindly mention the airport (International or Domestic) while travelling to Bombay.
4. The Organisers reserve a right to change any date in case of any contingency and the same shall be duly informed to the participating teams.

**The decision of the MCS for the application of the Rules and Regulations mentioned hereinabove shall be final and binding.**

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**For any further clarifications, kindly contact:**

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1.	Dr. Geeta Kubsad	Faculty In-Charge	98202 54446
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