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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 millworkers around Lower Parel, Mumbai.

As a result of consistent efforts of social workers & 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 8th Annual Adv. B. P. Apte Memorial National Moot Court Virtual Competition 2020.

This event is hosted in the fond memory of the 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 & 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**

- India is currently the world's largest democracy. The Constitution of India is the document which came into force on 26th January 1950 and which governs the entire nation. It guarantees Fundamental Rights to all its citizens under Part-III of the Constitution. India is known around the world as the nation having high regard for the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India and the judiciary in India is known as the protector of Fundamental Rights.

- Adv. Ajay Saxena, an advocate practicing in the High Court of Bombay, was designated as a Senior Advocate, by the High Court of Bombay in the year 1999. In January 2020, Adv. Ajay Saxena, in an interview given to a Law Magazine, criticized the functioning of the Registry of the High Court of Bombay, claiming that "the functioning of the Registry is bound to create presumptions in the minds of others of it being corrupt".

- The statements made by Adv. Saxena attracted huge criticism and the High Court of Bombay, taking Suo moto cognizance of the matter, initiated a Criminal Contempt proceeding against Adv. Saxena under sec. 2(c)(i) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

Section 2 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 provides:-

2. Definitions.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

(a)contempt of court means civil contempt or criminal contempt;

(b)civil contempt means wilful disobedience to any judgment, decree, direction, order, writ or other process of a court or wilful breach of an undertaking given to a court;

(c)criminal contempt means the publication (whether by words, spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise) of any matter or the doing of any other act whatsoever which

(i) scandalizes or tends to scandalize, or lowers or tends to lower the authority of, any court; or(ii) prejudices, or interferes or tends to interfere with, the due course of any judicial proceeding; or

(iii) interferes or tends to interfere with, or obstructs or tends to obstruct, the administration of justice in any other manner;

(d)High Court means the High Court for a State or a Union territory and includes the court of the Judicial Commissioner in any Union territory.

- The High Court of Bombay found Adv. Saxena to be guilty under sec.2(c)(i) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. Therefore, the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, under the Bombay High Court (Designation of Senior Advocates) Rules, 2018, referred this matter to the Permanent Committee to review and recall the Designation of Adv. Saxena as a Senior Advocate.

- On the recommendation of the Permanent Committee to withdraw Adv. Saxena as Senior Advocate, the Chief Justice further placed the report, along with the recommendations of the Committee, at the Full Court meeting, and consequently, the Full Court unanimously resolved to recall the decision of the Full Court of the year 1999 to designate Adv. Saxena as Senior Advocate under Rule 7 of Bombay High Court (Designation of Senior Advocates) Rules, 2018.

#### Rule 7 reads as:-

7. Review and Recall. - (a) If it is found that any Senior Advocate has -

(i) committed professional misconduct; or

(ii) shown intemperate behaviour either inside or outside the Court; or

(iii) been found invariably negligent in discharge of professional duties; or

(iv) been found by the Bar Council of India or Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa or the Bar Council of any other State to have committed professional or other misconduct; or

(v) been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or for Contempt of the Court; or (vi) for any other reason lost the privilege to be a Senior Advocate, then, for any one or more of the foregoing reasons, the name of the Senior Advocate will be placed before the Chief Justice for considering the withdrawal of designation of Senior Advocate.

(b) On being satisfied that the matter should be further considered, the Chief Justice shall refer the issue to the Permanent Committee. The Permanent Committee shall give an opportunity to the Senior Advocate to plead his/her case including a personal hearing and thereafter submit its recommendation to the Chief Justice no later than six months from the date of reference to the Committee. The Committee will be free to evolve its own procedure.

(c) If the Committee in its report recommends withdrawal of designation as Senior Advocate, the Chief Justice shall place the report with the recommendation of the Committee at the next Full Court meeting for its consideration.

(d) If a majority of Judges present at the meeting is of the view that the Senior Advocate has forfeited his/her privilege, the Full Court shall recall his/her designation as a Senior Advocate.

(e) The Registrar General shall notify the decision to the Advocate and to the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa who shall delete the name from the list of Senior Advocates maintained by the Bar Council.

(f) Nothing contained in these rules shall stand in the way of an Advocate who has been designated by the High Court of Bombay as a Senior Advocate from submitting an application to withdraw or recall his/her designation as a Senior Advocate. In the event of such an application addressed to the Permanent Secretariat being submitted, the Permanent Secretariat shall place it before the Chief Justice for appropriate orders thereon.

- Adv. Ajay Saxena, filed a petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India , challenging the Constitutional validity of Sec. 2(c)(i) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, On the ground of-1) Whether Sec. 2(c)(i) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, is violative of Fundamental Rights guaranteed under Article 14, 19 and 21 of The Constitution of India:

1.1) Whether the impugned Section imposes unreasonable restrictions on the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) and Article 19(1)(g) of The Constitution of India?
1.2) Whether the impugned Section suffers from manifest arbitrariness?

1.3) Whether the impugned Section fails the test of overbreadth and creates a chilling effect on the Freedom of free speech and expression?

The petition is up for the hearing before the Supreme Court of India.

#### DISCLAIMER

- The moot proposition has been drafted solely for academic purposes. All references, actual, deeming, or incidental, are fictional.

- Participants are required to argue on all the issues mentioned above. However, they may add maximum of one new issue apart from the issues mentioned above.

## **RULES FOR CONDUCT OF COMPETITION**

#### **1. GENERAL RULES:**

- 1.1. The Competition shall be an Inter-Collegiate Online Moot Court Competition (hereinafter the Competition) organized by Moot Court Society of PES's Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law.
- 1.2. The Language of the Competition shall be English.
- 1.3. Only Bona Fide under-graduate students who are pursuing 3 years or 5 years LLB course from a Recognized University in India below the age of 25 years as on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 are eligible to participate in the competition.
- **1.4.** The team shall comprise of <u>**TWO**</u> speakers. There will be <u>**NO**</u> researcher in this competition.
- **1.5.** The participants should ensure strict adherence to the rules mentioned herewith. Non-Compliance of the same shall lead to Negative Marking or Disqualification.

#### **1.6.** Dress code:

- *1.6.1.* For Men: Advocate's formal attire.
- *1.6.2.* For Women: Black and White Indian or Western Formal Attire.
- 1.6.3. Use of Advocate's Gowns, Band and Robes are strictly prohibited.

#### **1.7. Registration process** is as follows:

- *1.7.1.* 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.
- *1.7.2.* Prospective participants should fill in all the details properly and submit the same. Only one form per team is to be submitted.
- 1.7.3. The acknowledgement of provisional registration shall be sent within 24 hours. Once acknowledgement is sent to the participants, they will have to make the payment of registration charges within <u>ONE</u> working day and the receipt of same should be emailed to <u>mootabacl@gmail.com</u>. 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.
- *1.7.4.* Registration will be confirmed only after the hosts receive payment advise / confirmation on the email mentioned herewith by way of an email.
- *1.7.5.* Registration Charges of  $\gtrless$  1,500 shall be payable by way of NEFT or IMPS only.

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** 

- *1.7.6.* Only one team shall be allowed to participate per college.
- 1.7.7. After the acknowledgement as mentioned in Rule 1.7.4 is sent to the participants, they will not be able to back out or change the team composition. There shall be <u>NO</u> refund of the registration charges.
- **1.8.** The Organizers shall reserve all rights to change the rules under extra-ordinary circumstances however, if any changes are made the participants shall be notified immediately.
- 1.9. 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 and the participants are required to share their compendiums on that group only as per the rules mentioned herewith.
- **1.10.** The participants should ensure that they do not disclose their college name or team codes to any other participants. The same shall lead to disqualification.

#### 2. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION:

- **2.1.** The Competition is an online Moot Court Competition where the teams will be arguing from the side allotted to them either as a Petitioner or the Respondent.
- 2.2. The competition is divided into four phases namely the Preliminary Round, the Quarter-Final Round the Semi-Final Round, and the Final Round.
- 2.3. The time-table schedule, sides and the team codes will be provided one day prior to the Competition.

#### 3. THE RULES OF EACH OF THE ROUND IS MENTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

#### 3.1. PRELIMINARY ROUND.

*3.1.1.* There will be only ONE Preliminary Round for all teams who have registered for the competition.

- 3.1.2. 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 in time will be at the discretion of the judges.
- 3.1.3. 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 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.
- *3.1.4.* Maximum **FIVE** minutes shall be provided to each team for rebuttal only at the discretion of the judges.
- 3.1.5. Memorial submitted should be compliant to Rule 6 stated below and is compulsory. The team shall be disqualified for non-submission of Memorials
- *3.1.6.* **Top 2 teams** securing the Highest marks from each court room shall qualify for the Quarter-final Round.

#### **3.2. QUARTER – FINAL ROUND**

- *3.2.1.* Top 2 teams securing the Highest marks from each court room in the preliminary round will qualify for this round.
- *3.2.2.* There will be only ONE Quarter Final Round for all the teams who have qualified for this round.
- 3.2.3. 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.
- 3.2.4. 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 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.
- *3.2.5.* Maximum **FIVE** minutes shall be provided to each team for rebuttal only at the discretion of the judges.
- *3.2.6.* **Top two teams** securing the Highest Marks from each court room shall qualify for Semi Final Round.

#### 3.3. SEMI – FINAL ROUND:

- *3.3.1.* Top 2 teams from each court room in the quarter-final round will qualify for this round.
- *3.3.2.* There will be only ONE Semi Final Round for all the teams who have qualified for this round.
- 3.3.3. 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.
- 3.3.4. 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 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.
- 3.3.5. Maximum **FIVE** minutes shall be provided to each team for rebuttal only at the discretion of the judges.
- *3.3.6.* The teams securing highest marks from each court room in Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the Final Round.

#### 3.4. FINAL ROUND:

- *3.4.1.* The teams securing highest marks from each court room in Semi-Final Round will compete against each other in Final Round.
- *3.4.2.* The draw of lots regarding side and opponent will be held 1 hour before the start of the proceedings.
- 3.4.3. 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.
- 3.4.4. 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 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.
- *3.4.5.* Maximum **SEVEN** minutes shall be provided to each team for rebuttal only at the discretion of the judges.
- 3.4.6. The winner of this round shall be adjudged as the winner of this competition.

#### 4. MARKING SCHEME:

4.1. Following Parameters shall be considered while assessing 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

#### 5. CONDUCT OF COMPETITION:

- 5.1. The Competition will be conducted by using video- conference platform i.e. Zoom
- **5.2.** 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.
- **5.3.** 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.
- **5.4.** 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.
- **5.5.** 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.
- **5.6.** 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.
- **5.7.** The participants should only use their team code as their username while joining meeting room.
- **5.8.** 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.

- 5.9. All participants should be online on time which is mentioned in the invitation link mail.
- 5.10. Following is the system requirement that is mandatory to participate in the competition:
  - 5.10.1. E-mail account.
  - 5.10.2. Computer/Laptop/ Mobile Phone with a well configured web cam.
  - 5.10.3. Min of 2 GB RAM
  - 5.10.4. Internet Connection with speed more than 5 Mbps.
  - 5.10.5. Headphones or Earplugs that have a working microphone.
- *5.11.* Any participant who is unable to fulfil criteria mentioned in Rule 5.10 will be ineligible to participate in the competition.
- **5.12.** 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.
- **5.13.** The participants should keep their Audios Mute and Cameras off during the course of the proceedings otherwise as mentioned above.
- **5.14.** 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.
- 5.15. 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.
- **5.16.** In case internet connection of Speaker 2 is lost or if that Speaker faces any other difficulty in connecting, a maximum of 20 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.

- 5.17. Any other queries will be solved by Round in Charge with the consultation of the Faculty in Charge. Any reference of problem should be made by the MRC to Round in Charge. The participants should only report to the MRC before the round starts.
- 5.18. In any case whatsoever, the decision of the Principal shall be final.
- 5.19. 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.
- 5.20. In case of any queries regarding the Moot Proposition, the same should be emailed or sent to the concerned person, the details of which are given below before 7<sup>th</sup> September **2020.** All the Clarifications shall be emailed to all the teams on or before **9**<sup>th</sup> September 2020

#### 6. SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL AND COMPENDIUM:

- 6.1. Memorials for both sides should be submitted by the participants in a PDF format only.
- 6.2. Memorial should be made for both the sides, i.e. the Petitioner and the Respondent.
- 6.3. Format of the Memorial
  - 6.3.1. Cover must be placed on brief as follows:

#### Petitioners: Blue Colour Respondents: Red Colour

Cover page shall include name of the case, parties on behalf of whom written submissions are made, name of the forum approached for dispute resolution and year.

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- Prayer
  - 6.3.2. Memorial general format

#### Font and spacing:

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, 10 points for the foot notes
- Line spacing: 1.5

- Alignment: Justified
- Page Number: Bottom of the page in the Centre.
- Margin: 1 Inch from all sides.
- *6.3.3.* Headings of each point should be in bold and should have the same font and size as the body. Written submission should contain a border. Memorials should not contain more than 15 pages.
- 6.3.4. Teams should adhere to Blue Book 20<sup>th</sup> Edition for Citations.
- 6.3.5. Hosts reserve rights to disqualify memorials for plagiarism
- 6.4. Marking for Memorials
  - 6.4.1. Memorials shall be marked out of 100 and the marks will be referred to select the best memorial
- 6.5. Memorials should be submitted on the day specified in the timetable uploaded with the Rule book. No extension would be granted for submission of memorials.
- 6.6. Format of the Compendium:
  - 6.6.1. Whole Judgement should be uploaded in the compendium.
  - 6.6.2. The Judgement should be downloaded from a recognized website and should be in pdf format only.
  - 6.6.3. Relevant paragraph should be marked in the judgement.
  - 6.6.4. The pdf of the judgements should be compiled in one document and page numbers for the compiled document should be marked properly.
  - 6.6.5. For any queries regarding the Compendium, participants should connect with the Hosts.
  - 6.6.6. Once, compendiums are sent to the hosts, it cannot be amended unless the team qualifies for further rounds.
- **6.7.** Submission of the Compendium should be done ONE day prior to the competition on WhatsApp group which is specially made for this purpose by respective MRCs.
- **6.8.** Participants should ensure that the Memorials and Compendiums do not contain any reference to their college name and the same shall lead to disqualification.

#### In case of any queries, participants can contact:

1) EVENT CONVENOR: Prof. Prajnee Sahoo: +91 99878 15779

2) Mr. Nikhil Nishikant Shirsekar: +91 88984 52713

#### In Case of any queries regarding Registration, participants can contact:

1) Ms. Shreevidya Nargolkar: +91 88503 09372

2) Mr. Ishaan Paranjape: +91 88791 53960

#### In case of any queries regarding Moot Proposition:

1) Mr. Atharva Date - +91 97029 72636

#### Participants can email all the queries to the following email address:

#### " mootabacl@gmail.com "

#### 7. RESULTS

- 7.1. Results of all the rounds shall be posted on the college website "www.abalawcollege.edu.in"
- 7.2. All the participants shall be provided with a "E-Certificate"
- 7.3. The winning team shall be provided with a "E-Certificate" and Prize of ₹ 10,000\*.
- 7.4. The runner up team shall be provided with a "E-Certificate" and Prize of ₹ 7,000\*.
- 7.5. Best speaker shall be declared on the basis of highest marks secured by speaker in Final Round and shall be awarded the "E-Certificate" and Prize of ₹ 5,000\*.
- 7.6. Best Memorial shall be declared on the basis of highest marks secured by the memorial and shall be awarded the "E-Certificate" and Prize of ₹ 3,000\*.

\*Subject to tax deducted by respective governments from time to time if any.

#### 8. CERTIFICATES:

- **8.1.** The E-Certificates shall be emailed to the Participants on the email id provided by them at the time of registration.
- 8.2. Any requests for correction in the E-Certificates should be raised within 24 hours of the E-Certificate being issued. No requests shall be entertained thereafter.
- **8.3.** All the Monetary Prizes shall be transferred to the participants' bank accounts.

# LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES:

LIST OF EVENTS	DATE
DATES FOR REGISTRATION	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 to 07 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING MOOT PROBLEM	07 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
LAST DAT <mark>E FOR SUBMIS</mark> SION OF COMPENDIUMS	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
DATES OF COMPETITION	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2020

# LINK OF REGISTRATION FORM:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxivQYkbmv3OD\_74grcQMXrb kXZf3RoSdjmzv5A1wHUe2r7Q/viewform

A.B.A. COLLEGE OF LAW

### **GLIMPSES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMPETITION, 2019:**

The 7th Annual B. P. Apte Memorial National Level Mock Trial, Moot Court, and Judgment Writing Competition was conducted between 20th to 22nd September 2019. The premise of the Competition this year was based on conducting a trial under and challenging the vires of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. The preliminary rounds were judged by Adv. Prakash Salsingikar, Adv. Ashish Chavan, Adv. Priyanka Patil, Adv. Bhushan Deshmukh, and Adv. Shantanu Phanse. The semi-final rounds were adjudicated by Adv. S.G Deshmukh, Adv. R. Sathyanarayanan, Adv. Sanjeev Kadam, and Adv. Ayaz Khan.

The final round was judged by Hon'ble Smt. Justice Revati Mohite Dere and Hon'ble Shri Justice Prakash Naik, of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay.



Government Law College, Mumbai's team, comprising of Mr. Vasudev Kashyap and Ms. Khubi Agarwal emerged the winners, while the team from Nari Gurusahani Law College, of Mr. Sumedh Modak and Ms. Sparsh Khanchandani were declared as the Runner-up Team. Ms. Abha Pendse of SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law won the Judgement Writing Competition, and Mr. Vasudev Kashyap of GLC, Mumbai was judged the Best Speaker of the competition. The said competition was organised by collaborative efforts of the Moot Court Society of Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law, Mumbai, and its students.



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