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## 4th SETH JAGANNATH BAJAJ MEMORIAL RNBGU NATIONAL ONLINE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

[From 30 January - 31 January 2021]





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## <u>Awards</u>

Winner Team: Rs. 11, 000 + Certificate

Runner Up Team: Rs. 5,100 + Certificate

Best Memorial: Rs. 2100 + Certificate

**Best Researcher: Rs. 2100 + Certificate** 

**Best Speaker: Rs. 1100 + Certificate** 

Participation Certificate to every participant.

## **INVITATION**

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Invitation to participate in Online  $4^{th}$  RNBGU National online Moot Court Competition, 2021

The School of Law of the RNB Global University, Bikaner [Rajasthan) proudly announces **4**<sup>th</sup> **SETH JAGANNATH BAJAJ MEMORIAL RNBGU NATIONAL ONLINE MOOT COURT COMPETITION**, a <u>Two Days' Online Moot Court Competition</u>, to be held from **30 January to 31 January 2021**.

RNB Global University, Bikaner is established vide Act No. 20 of 2015 in the State of Rajasthan. The University is spread on a vast well-developed campus and offers courses in various disciplines having all modern facilities. **The School of Law of RNB Global University** started in 2016 and has Five Years Law Degree Courses of B.A. LL.B., B.B.A., LL.B. and One Year of LL.M. Course. The teacher-student ratio at present is 1:10. The curriculum for the courses fulfills the requirements of BCI and in compliance with other competitions, like- RJS and Civil services etc.

We strive to provide a platform to the Law Students, on-roll in any Law Institute/College/University/Faculty/Department situated within the State of Rajasthan & all over India for imbibing in them the pragmatic skills of law. This Moot Court is one suchattempt of creating a simulated atmosphere for the future lawyers and judicial officers. The objective, in fact, is to allow the Law Students to delve into intricacies of the given field of law and to provide a real-life experience cum training in doing cutting edge research, presenting groundbreaking arguments and contributing to the development of jurisprudence in concerned areas of law.

We would be glad to receive a positive response about your participation to the email ID: <a href="mailto:mccrnb@rnbglobal.edu.in">mccrnb@rnbglobal.edu.in</a>

The last date for registration is 20th January 2021 and you are requested to send the soft copy of Registration form along with proof of Registration fee.

Thanking You With Warm regards,

**Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Karkara** Dean, School of Law

**Mr. Ashok Prem**Convener

## 1. Aims and Objectives

With successful National Level Moot Court Competitions held during last three years and looking to the demand of Law Centers in the country, RNBGU has undertaken to organize 4th Seth Jagannath Bajaj Memorial RNBGU National online Moot Court Competition. A legal problem facing the country at present has been made a subject to increase the legal acumen of the student of Law. A further objective is to sharpen the academic and professional excellence in the law students. The rights of the citizens of India and the sprit to protect the national interests by moving the judicial tribunals would develop in the legal fraternity. The competition also aims to provide an opportunity for law students to exhibit their skill, increase legal awareness and the skills of advocacy.

## 2. Schedule

EVENT	DATE
LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES (ONLINE)	20 January, 2021
LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATION	22 January, 2021
LAST DATE OF SUBMITTING SOFT COPY OF MEMORIALS	25 January, 2021
DATES OF EVENT	30 January to 31 January, 2021

## 3. Moot Proposition

## XXX v. State

- 1. An appeal by Special Leave was filed before the Supreme Court to challenge the common judgment and order dated 12.10.2015 passed by the High Court in Criminal Appeal No. 21 of 2015 and Criminal Confirmation Case No.1 of 2015 affirming the judgment and order dated 14.07.2015 passed by the Trial Court of 2013 and confirming the Death Sentence awarded to the Appellant on two counts i.e. under Section 302 and under Section 376A of IPC.
- 2. In the present case on 11.02.2013, at about 7:30 p.m. when the victim, a girl of two and half years of age, was with her grandfather at their residence, was taken away by the Appellant, the maternal uncle of the victim, on the pretext that the father of the victim, who has gone at a programme of Mahaprasad at a Temple in the village for taking meals at about 7.00 pm, had asked the Appellant to bring the victim. There was forceful sexual assault on the victim, and her death was caused due to an injury (Injury No.17) in the nature of multiple lacerations over vaginal and anal region; and merging of vaginal and anal orifices. The victimwas taken to a doctor for medical attention, but she was already dead and there were marks of bites on her body.
- 3. The Appellant was tried by the Trial Court and heldguiltyfor having committed offences punishable under Sections 376(1)(2)(f)(m), 376A, 302 of IPC and under Section 6 of the POCSO Act. The Trial Court by its order passed on the same day awarded Death Sentence to the Appellant on two counts, i.e., under Section 302 of IPC and under Section 376-A of IPC; Rigorous Imprisonment for life under two counts, i.e. Section 376(1)(2)(f), (i) and (m) of IPC and under Section 6 of POCSOAct. The matter concerning confirmation of Death Sentence and the substantive appeal by the Appellant against his conviction were dealt with together and by its judgment and order presently under appeal, and the conviction and sentence passed by the Trial Court were affirmed by the High Court.
- 4 The established circumstances before the Supreme Court are:
  - a) The victim was in the custody of the Appellant, from the time she was taken from her grandfather till she was found lying in the premises of Anganwadi; where the Appellant was also found lying next to her.
  - b) The victim, who was hale and hearty when she was taken by the Appellant, had number of injuries on her body when she was found next to the Appellant. The injuries on the body of the victim show that she was abused and sexually exploited.
  - c) The sexual assault was so forceful that the victim, a two-and-a- half-year-old girl suffered, among other injuries, Injury No. 17. Injury No. 17 was so severe that there was merging of vaginal and anal orifices. The victim died because of this Injury.
  - d) The Appellant had an injury on his private parts corresponding to the period when the victim was in his custody. He was found to be capable of having sexual intercourse. The trousers of the Appellant had blood stains, the DNA profiles of which, matched with that of the blood of the victim.

These circumstances stand proved beyond any doubt and by themselves constitute a conclusive and consistent chain excluding every other hypothesis except the guilt of the Appellant.

- 5. As the Death Sentence and life imprisonment have been awarded on two counts each, the statutory changes that the concerned provisions of the IPC and POCSO Act have undergone may briefly be adverted to:-
  - The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013 (No.13 of 2013), (hereinafter referred to al as the Amendment Act) received the assent of the President and was published on 02.04.2013 but was given retrospective effect from 03.02.2013. Section 9 of the Amendment Act inter alia substituted Sections 375, 376 and 376A of IPC as under:-
    - "375. A man is said to commit "rape" if he-(a) penetrates his penis, to any extent, into the vagina, mouth, urethra or anus of a woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person; or (b) ..... (c) ..... (d) ..... under the circumstances falling under any of the following seven descriptions: -First. - Againsther will. Secondly.- Without her consent. Thirdly. - ..... Fourthly. -.... Fifthly. ..... Sixthly.-With or without her consent, when she is under eighteen years of age. Seventhly.- .... Explanation 1..... Explanation 2..... Exception 1..... Exception 2..... **376.** (1) Whoever, except in the cases provided for in sub-section (2), commits rape, shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than seven years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine. (2) Whoever, -(a) ..... (b) .... (c) ..... (d) .... (e) .... (f) being a relative, guardian or teacher of, or a person in a position of trustor authority towards the woman, commits rape on such woman; or (h) ..... (i) commits rape on a woman when she is under sixteen years of age; or (j) (k) .... (l) (m) whilecommitting rapecauses grievous bodilyharm ormaimsordisfiguresor endangers the life of a woman; or shall be punished with rigorousimprisonment for a term which shall not beless than ten years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life and shall also be liable to fine. Explanation. - ..... **376A.** Whoever, commits an offence punishable under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 376 and in the course of such commission inflicts an injury which causes the death of the woman or causes the woman to be in a persistent vegetative state, shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than twenty years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment
      - for the remainder of that person's natural life, or with death."
  - b) While repealing the Ordinance, Section 30 of the Amendment Act states as under: -
    - "30. (1) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 is hereby repealed.

- (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done, or any action taken under the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done ortaken under the corresponding provisions of those Acts, as amended by this Act."
- c) By virtue of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 25 of 2019) which came into effect on 16.08.2019, sub-Clause (iv) was inserted in Clause (j) of Section 5 as under: -

"(iv) causes death of the child; or"

Further, Section 6 was substituted as under: -

- **"6. Punishment for aggravated penetrative sexual assault. -(**1) Whoever commits aggravated penetrative sexual assault shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than twenty years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of natural life of that person, and shall also be liable to fine, or with death
- (2) The fine imposed under sub-section (1) shall be just and reasonable and paid to the victim to meet the medical expenses and rehabilitation of such victim."
- 6. Two issues are framed beforethe Supreme Court:
  - (1) In the instant case, the offence was committed on 11.02.2013 when the provisions of the Ordinance were in force. However, the Amendment Act having been given retrospective effect from 03.02.2013, the question arises whether imposition of life sentence for the offence under Section 376(2) could "mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life".
  - (2) In the present case, since the victim was about two and half years of age at the time of incident and since it was the Ordinance, which was holding the field, going by the provisions of the Ordinance, Clauses (f), (h) and (l) of Section 376(2) would get attracted. The comparable provisions of Section 376(2) as amended by the Amendment Act would be Clauses (f), (l) and (m) respectively. As the substantive penal provisions under the Clauses (f), (h) and (l) as inserted by the Ordinance and Clauses (f), (i) and (m) as inserted by the Amendment Act are identical, no difficulty on that count is presented. But the sentence prescribed by Section 376(2) as amended by the Amendment Act, has now, for the first time provided that the imprisonment for life "shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life". This provision comes with retrospective effect and in a situation where such prescription was not available on the statute when the offence was committed; the question arises whether such ex-post facto prescription would be consistent with the provisions of sub-Article (1) of Article 20 of the Constitution.

This Moot proposition has been formulated solely for the purpose of this competition for furthering the academic exercise.

## 4. Registration Form

The Registration form completed with all Team Details and Registration Fee must be submitted online on or before  $20^{th}$  January 2021. No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except under exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the Organizers.

## 4.1 Details of the Institution

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION		
ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION		
CITY	STATE	
POSTAL CODE		
CONTACTNUMBER1		
CONTACTNUMBER2		
NAME		
YEAR/SEMESTER		
CONTACT NUMBER		Latest Photo
EMAIL ID		Self-Attested
SIGNATURE		

B. SPEAKER 2	
NAME	
YEAR/SEMESTER	
CONTACT NUMBER	Latest Photo
EMAIL ID	Self-Attested
SIGNATURE	
C. RESEARCHER	
NAME	
YEAR/SEMESTER	
CONTACT NUMBER	Latest Photo
EMAIL ID	Self-Attested
SIGNATURE	

## 4.3 Payment details

(Demand draft drawn in favour of "RNB Global University" payable at Bikaner)

MODE OF PAYMENT (Tick Mark)	DD NEFT	RTGS	OTHER
IF OTHER PLEASE SPECIFY			
DD/RTGS/NEFT NUMBER			
BANK DETAIL			
BRANCH			
DATE			
AMOUNT:			

SIGNATURE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS

## **Bank Details for payment of registration fees**

Name of A/c Holder: RNB GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, payable at Bikaner (Raj.),

A/c No: 61276471798

Bank: SBI

IFSC Code: SBIN0031725

## 4.4 Undertaking

I/WE do hereby declare that I/we have read and understood all the above-mentioned information and agree to:

- Maintain proper discipline during the competition.
- Abide by all the rules, regulations and marking criteria.
- Bind ourselves in considering the decision of judges as final in matter of evaluation.

**SIGNATURE OF ALL TEAM MEMBERS** 

## **Rules & Regulations**

### L Aims and Objective

The principal objective of the 4<sup>th</sup> SETH JAGANNATH BAJAJ MEMORIAL RNBGU NATIONAL ONLINE MOOT COURT COMPETITION is to provide a real-life experience cum training in doing cutting edge research and to give exposure to students pursuing the law course to the environment of the court system in India and enhance their advocacy skills by presenting groundbreaking arguments.

### IL Date and Venue

The 4<sup>th</sup> SETH JAGANNATH BAJAJ MEMORIAL RNBGU NATIONAL ONLINE MOOT COURT COMPETITION will be held Online from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at Google meet platform.

#### **III.** Dress Code

Inside the Court Room the participants shall be in Formal Attire:

**Girls:** White Salwar Kurta or Black Pant and White Shirt with Black Tie along with Black Shoes and Black Blazer

Boys: White Shirt, Black Trousers with Tie, Black Blazers and Black Shoes

### A. Language

The language for the Moot Court Competition shall be English only.

## **B.** Eligibility

Each law college / University in India shall be eligible to send one team of its regular students. The competition is open for bonafide students pursuing three-year LL.B. or five-year integrated law course and they must carry their ID cards and all other necessary documents to justify their eligibility.

### C. TEAM COMPOSITION

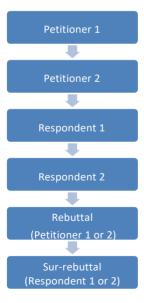
- a. Each team shall comprise of two speakers and one researcher.
- b. Students from all law colleges/institutions/universities across the country recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to take part in the competition.
- c. All participants must be currently pursuing their bachelor's degree in Law, i.e., either 3 year or 5-year courses.
- d. Only one team per college shall be allowed to participate.
- e. The official language of the competition shall be English.

### D. ROUNDS

- a. The Rounds will be held in three stages, that is Preliminary, Semi-Final and Final.
- b. The side to be represented (petitioner/respondent) shall be decided by draw of lots at different Stages during the competition.
- c. Orientation and draw of lots will be on 29th January 2021.
- d. On  $30^{th}$  January 2021 at 10 AM there will be the online inauguration followed by the preliminary rounds.
- e. Top 4 teams will qualify to the semi-finals which will be held on 31st January 2021.
- f. The qualification to the knockout stage (Semi- Finals) will be based on the win points. In case of tie, teams with the highest aggregate of scores in the preliminaries (Inclusive of Memorial) will qualify to the Semi- Finals.
- g. The Semi Final will be a knock-out round which will be evaluated only on the basis of oral arguments.
- h. The Final will be held on 31 January 2021.

### **Oral Rounds**

- a In each oral round a team will be represented by two speakers who will present arguments. The researcher will not participate in the argument but will be seated along with the speaker during argument.
- b Passing of any notes (oral or written) to the speaker by researcher is permitted to the minimal extent. However, for doing so the Court mannerism must be followed. Otherwise, there will be negative marking for the same.
- c The order of the pleadings in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be:



### **Preliminary Round**

a. Each team will get Thirty (30) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals. *The time excludes questioning by judges.* 

- *b.* The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to maximum of 18 Minutes per speaker. The division of time must be informed to the court officers / clerks before the beginning of rounds.
- *c.* Oral rounds need not to be confined to the issue presented in the memorial.
- d. The Team member delivering rebuttal or sur-rebuttal must be one of the two team members who argued during the team's main argument, the team need not indicate prior to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which of its two eligible members will offer rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
- e. A team's oral pleadings shall not in any way be limited to the scope of the team's memorial. The scope of the Petitioner's rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Respondent's sur-rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Petitioner's rebuttal. If the Petitioner waives the rebuttal, there shall be no sur-rebuttal. No legal issues which were not addressed in the primary pleadings may be raised in the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

### **Semi-Final Round**

- a. Four teams shall advance to the semi-final rounds based on the selection criteria specified for the preliminary round.
- b. Teams arguing on the petitioners and respondent's sides will be decided by draw of lots on 30 January 2021 and the semi-final round shall take place on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
- c. Individual WhatsApp groups shall be created for each team to ensure rapport with the organizers. The entire team (including the researcher) shall be present at the virtual oral presentations. Teams advancing to the semi-finals shall present their case before judges.
- d. The platform for conducting semi-final rounds shall be Google Meet.
- e. Each team shall be given 15 minutes for oral presentations.
- f. Teams are at liberty to divide the allotted time between Speaker1, Speaker2. An extra 5 minutes will be given for Rebuttal/Sur rebuttal. The same must be intimated prior to the rounds.
- g. The time allotted to the teams shall be overseen by a Court Officer, who shall also pass information to the teams regarding the time left for presentation.
- h. Additional time shall be granted at the discretion of the judges. Further information regarding this round shall be intimated through the above-mentioned WhatsApp groups.
- i. In case teams intend to make reference to Compendiums submitted, teams are expected to intimate the same to the concerned court officers prior to the commencement of the session. The researcher during the course of presentation may use the "Present Screen" option" available in Google Meet platform to refer to the concerned page of the compendium.

- j. Evaluation of teams shall be purely based on oral arguments alone.
- k. In case of tie of marks memorial marks from the preliminary round shall be taken into consideration and a final decision shall be made.

Rest of the rules for this round will be same as of the preliminary round.

### **Final Round**

- a. Two teams shall advance to the final rounds based on the selection criteria specified for the semi-final round.
- b. Teams arguing on the petitioners and respondent's sides will be decided by drawof lots.
- c. Teams advancing to the finals shall present their case before judges. Platform for conducting final rounds shall be Google Meet.
- d. Each team shall be given 20 minutes for oral presentations.
- e. Teams are at liberty to divide the allotted time between Speaker1, Speaker2. An extra 5 minutes will be given for Rebuttal/Sur-rebuttal. The same must be intimated prior to the rounds.
- f. The time allotted to the teams shall be overseen by a Court Officer, who shall also pass information to the teams regarding the time left for presentation.
- g. Additional time shall be granted at the discretion of the judges.
- h. Evaluation of teams shall be purely based on oral arguments.

### E. REGISTRATION

- 1. Registration Fee-Rs. 1000 (Rupees One thousand only)
- 2. The registration fees can be paid through Demand draft or online transfer. The draft should be drawn in the favour of RNB GLOBAL UNIVERSITY Payable at BIKANER. Registration fees can also be deposited online in the account of university. Account detail is –

Name of A/c Holder: RNB GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, payable at Bikaner, A/c No: 61276471798, Bank: SBI, IFSC Code: SBIN0031725

- **3.** The registration form completed with all team details must be submitted online on or before 20th January 2021.
- **4.** No subsequent change in the team composition shall be permitted unless any unavoidable circumstance demandso.
- **5.** In case the number of participating teams falls lesser than 12, the Moot Court Competition may not be held, and in such an event, the registration fee of all the registered teams will be returned. Decision in this regard is the sole prerogative of the Organizing Committee.

### F. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. Each team will be designated a team code after theregistration.
- 2. Teams shall not disclose their identity or name of their institution or city etc.
- 3. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- 4. All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

### G. MEMORIALS

- 1. Each team must prepare memorials from both the sides to the case.
- 2. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or addition will be allowed.
- 3. Soft copy of the memorials from both the sides must be sent through the email to\_\_ MCCRNB@RNBGLOBAL.EDU.IN, latest by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- 4. Late submission of memorial will attract (-1) point penalty for each delay for each memorial.
- 5. Memorials must be submitted on typed A 4 size paper with 1.5 space in 11-point Times new Roman, and must contain:
  - Cover Page
  - Table of Contents
  - Index of Authorities
  - Statement of Jurisdiction
  - Statement of Facts (2 page only and submission of argumentative statement of facts will attract penalty)
  - Statement ofissues
  - Summary of Arguments
  - Arguments Advanced (15 Page)
  - Prayer
  - The argument must not exceed fifteen (15) pages.
- 6. Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.
- 7. Sides must be mentioned in the memorial in the header.
- 8. Paper Cover must be placed on brief with relevant information.
- 9. The memorial from petitioner's side must be having blue colored coverpage and Red in case of respondents.
- 10. The cover page must state the following
  - o Name of the Court
  - Name and year of the Competition
  - o Cause Title
  - o Identify Brief (i.e. "Memorial for the Appropriate Side of the Case)

### H. CITATION FORMAT

1. The Memorials shall use *Standard Indian Legal Citation*, for formatting of all cited authorities. Speaking Footnotes or endnotes are not allowed.

## I. DISQUALIFICATION AND PENALTIES

### a. Cheating, Intimidation and Misconduct

- 1. Cheating or using of unfair means of any kind is strictly prohibited and if found to be indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the team.
- **2.** Intimidation in any form is prohibited, and if found to be indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the entire team.
- **3.** Misconduct, whether behavioral or otherwise, is not allowed, and if found to be indulged in, shall result in disqualification of the entire team.

## b. Court Manners (Oral Arguments)

- 1. Any form of communication found to be between the Bar table and any person other than those on the Bench is prohibited, and if indulged in, will result in a penalty point.
- 2. Submission of any written material other than the memorials, compendium and any other documents related to the proposition in hand to the Bench prior to, during or after the oral arguments, is not allowed, and if found to be indulged, in will result in a penalty point.
- 3. Failure to deliver an oral argument shall be considered to be a disqualification.

### c. Scouting

- 1. Speakers, a reserve or persons affiliated with the team, will not be permitted to observe the arguments in any court room in which the team is not one of the contesting teams whilst the team is still in the competition. Scouting by any team will result in disqualification.
- **2.** Any team can file written complaint with the Organizing Committee, regarding a case of scouting and this committee's decision will be final and binding.
- **3.** The researcher will be seated with the speakers at the time of arguments and shall not attend the court session of other teams participating in the competition.

### I. MARKING CRITERIA

## Oral Round (For Mooters)

The judges would assign marks to each individual speaker out of Hundred (100) marks. The team score would be the average of the total marks for oral presentations of the 2 speakers out of Hundred (100) marks. The following shall be the Marking Criterion and the Marks allocated to each category

## 1. Knowledge of Law (30)

Excellent (25- 30 pts); Very Good (21- 24 pts); Good (16- 20 pts); Average (10- 15 pts); Poor (Below 10 pts.)

### 2. Application of Law to Facts (25)

Excellent (21-25 pts); Very Good (18-20 pts); Good (15-17 pts); Average (10- 14 pts); Poor (Below 10 pts.)

## 3. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions (30)

Excellent (25- 30 pts); Very Good (21-24 pts); Good (16-20 pts); Average (10- 15 pts); Poor (Below 10 pts.)

## 4. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor (10)

Excellent (9- 10 pts); Very Good (7- 8 pts); Good (5-6 pts); Average (3-4 pts); Poor (Below 3 pts.)

## 5. Time Management and Organization (5)

Excellent (5 pts); Very Good (4 pts); Good (3 pts); Average (2 pts); Poor (1 pt.)

### For Best Memorial

The memorials shall be assessed by a Committee of Judges and every memorial will be marked out of total Hundred (100) marks and the Team Memorial will have the average total of both the sides (Petitioner/Respondent). The Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each Category are listed:

- Knowledge of facts and law (Max 20pts).
- Presentation and Organization (Max 20pts)
- Depth and use of research (Max20pts)
- Clarity of thought &Originality (Max 20pts)
- Citation of sources (Max 10pts)
- Grammar and Style (Max 10pts)

## For Best Researcher:

Best Researcher will be decided based on following:

RESEARCHER INTERVIEW

- There will be an interview to select the best and second-best researcher of the moot court competition.
- For the Best and Second-Best Researcher, the judging criteria shall be inclusive
  of the marks secured for the memorials added to the average of marks they
  secure during the interview.

#### K. AWARDS

• Winner Team: Rs. 11,000 + Certificate

• Runner Up Team: Rs. 5100 + Certificate

Best Memorial: Rs. 2100

• Best Speaker: Rs. 1100 + Certificate

Best Researcher: Rs. 1100 + Certificate

Note: The Cheque of the Prize Money of the winning Teams will be sent to the Head of the institution. If Participant teams are less than 16(Sixteen) than the competition shall be stand cancelled.

### L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

- The results of the preliminary round shall be announced shortly after the rounds on 29th January 2021.
- The results of the Semi- Finals shall be announced shortly after the rounds on 30th January 2021.
- The Winners of the competition will be announced during the Award Ceremony (Valedictory Function) on 31st January 2021.

#### M. ANONYMITY

- Student council may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the team's law college, affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before award ceremony.
- Further all team member, coaches, advisors and observers shall refrain from identifying team's school/college at any time in any manner including, but limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as, badges, blazers, or pins carrying identifying material (such as books with college logo or seal)

#### N. COPYRIGHT

The copyright over the memorial submitted for the participation in the competition is assigned by the participant and also vest and fully in the RNB Global University. The participant shall certify in writing the originality of the material contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out the further use and exhibition of these materials.

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### O. CONNECTIVITY ISSUES

- Teams advancing to semifinal rounds and final round are advised to use a stable internet connection for ensuring smooth presentations.
- The host institution shall not be held responsible for any connectivity or network issues that might arise during the course of oral arguments.
- In case of unprecedented connectivity issues such as abrupt internet failure, taking the best interests of the teams into consideration 5 minutes shall be allotted for rejoining the interrupted session. Such contingencies must be intimated to the organizers through WhatsApp immediately by the researcher of the concerned team.
- In case the contingency is not mitigated, teams shall be awarded marks based on the arguments submitted till the point connections were lost. Owing to such contingency, one team completes oral arguments, and the opposite team cannot begin their oral arguments, the team that completed oral arguments shall advance to the next round by default.

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