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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU) was established under the Hidayatullah National University of Law, Chhattisgarh, Act, (No. 10 of 2003). It is recognized by the University Grants Commission u/s 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 and also by the Bar Council of India u/s 7 (1) of the Advocates Act, 1961. HNLU is the first National Level Institute established in the new State of Chhattisgarh in the year 2003 and the sixth Law University in the country. HNLU Ranked 5th for the Fifth time amongst NLUs in India Today survey in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 and 51-100 on crisis management during COVID by the World's Universities with Real Impact (WURI) Ranking 2021 and 201-300 among the innovative and emerging Universities by WURI is set to scale new benchmarks in the years to come.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice, High Court of Chhattisgarh is the Chancellor of the University. Prof. V.C. Vivekanandan, Former MHRD Chair Professor of IP Law at NALSAR University and Former Dean of the Rajiv Gandhi School of Law, IIT Kharagpur and School of Law, Bennett University is the Vice Chancellor of the University. Dr. Deepak K. Srivastava is the Registrar (I/c) of the University.



THE LEGACY OF MOOTING EXCELLENCE AT HNLU

Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU) has a longstanding tradition of organizing prestigious moot court competitions that exemplify its commitment to academic excellence and the advancement of legal education. Over the years, HNLU has established itself as a leading institution for mooting, with its flagship events - **The Justice Hidayatullah National Moot Court Competition (HNMCC)** and the **Justice Hidayatullah International Moot Court Competition (HIMCC)** - standing as cornerstones of its legacy.

THE HNMCC LEGACY

The Justice Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition was initiated to honor Justice Mohammad Hidayatullah, a luminary in Indian jurisprudence. The HNMCC has grown to become one of the most sought-after moot court competitions in the country, attracting top law schools with its rigorous problem statements and esteemed judging panels.

In its 13th edition in 2023, the HNMCC showcased the legal brilliance of students from 40 participating teams across India. Under the stewardship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, the event celebrated the art of advocacy through its intense rounds of legal debate. Participants competed for coveted titles, including the Justice Hidayatullah Memorial Trophy, as well as awards for the Best Memorial, Best Speaker, and Best Researcher.

THE HNLU-NHRC MOOT COURT COMPETITION

HNLU has also partnered with the National Human Rights Commission of India (NHRC) to organize the annual HNLU-NHRC Moot Court Competition. This initiative provides students with a unique platform to explore the intersection of human rights and advocacy, addressing contemporary issues and fostering critical thinking. The NHRC Moot has gained acclaim for its impactful themes and strong focus on promoting human rights awareness among law students.

THE GLOBAL DIMENSION OF HIMCC

In 2024, HNLU broke new ground by hosting the inaugural Justice Hidayatullah International Moot Court Competition (HIMCC). This historic event introduced a global dimension to the university's moot court culture, attracting teams from international universities to compete alongside the best Indian law schools. The HIMCC elevated HNLU's reputation as a hub for academic excellence and provided participants with unparalleled exposure to international legal systems and practices.

3RD EDITION OF HIMCC (MARCH 2026)

Building on the success of its first and second editions, HNLU is thrilled to announce the **3rd edition of the Justice Hidayatullah International Moot Court Competition**, scheduled to be held on **13th to 15th March 2026**. This edition promises to be even more ambitious, with increased international participation and a problem statement that addresses pressing global legal issues.

The competition will continue to be judged by a distinguished panel, including sitting judges of the High Court of Chhattisgarh, eminent legal academicians, and leading practitioners from top law firms. HIMCC 2026 will feature advanced moot court techniques, robust competition, and unique opportunities for networking and collaboration among the next generation of legal minds.

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

With the HNMCC, HIMCC, and NHRC Moot Court Competitions, HNLU consistently provides a platform for aspiring lawyers to develop their advocacy skills and gain insights from the best minds in the legal field. These competitions not only uphold the university's vision of academic excellence but also prepare students to contribute meaningfully to the global legal landscape.

The 3rd edition of the HIMCC is poised to further HNLU's legacy of fostering legal talent and creating opportunities for transformative advocacy on the international stage.

MODE OF COMPETITION: The event will be in physical format. The University boasts of a world-class infrastructure. The University is equipped with a Master Moot Court Hall and 5 subsidiary Moot Court Hall apart from a 350 seater Auditorium where a Grand Finale takes place. The Campus is well connected with an Airport (Swami Vivekanand Airport Raipur, Chhattisgarh) and Railway Station (Raipur Jn) at a short distance.

IMPORTANT DATES



Release of
Moot Problem
& Opening of
online Registration



Last date
to seek
clarification



Release of
Clarifications



Last Day for
Preliminary
Registration &
Memorial Submission
(Memo Rounds)



Memo Rounds
Results



Last Day for
Final Registration**



Online Draw of
Lots & Memorial
Exchange for
Preliminary Rounds



Competition
(Physically at
HNLU Campus)

*Sharing of Visa-support letter may take 3-4 business days; foreign teams are advised to plan your registration accordingly.

**For teams that do not register by 4pm on allotted day, the slots will be transferred to the wait listed team(s) who shall conclude registration by 4pm on 06.02.2026 (Friday).

Rule-1

Definitions

- 1.1. **Advanced rounds** refers to the Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final rounds of the Competition, which shall be knock-out rounds.
- 1.2. **Bench Memorandum** means the memorandum of law and authorities concerning the Competition Proposition prepared by the University for the exclusive use of Competition judges.
- 1.3. **Competition** refers to 3rd Justice Hidayatullah International Moot Court Competition, 2026. The Competition includes memorial rounds, oral rounds, and researchers' test.
- 1.4. **Competition Proposition or Proposition** means the official proposition of the Competition as supplemented, corrected, and/or clarified.
- 1.5. **Competition Rules or Rules** refers to the rules contained herein and such other notification as the Secretariat or the Organising University may make in respect to conduct of the competition.
- 1.6. **Corrections and Clarifications** means the corrections and clarifications to the proposition, as published pursuant to Rule 7.
- 1.7. **Ex-parte round** means an oral round wherein only one team submits their pleadings, i.e. in the absence of the opposite team.
- 1.8. **Memorials** refers to the written arguments submitted by each team, on behalf of both the Parties, according to the competition rules. A team shall prepare only one (1) memorial for each party to the dispute.
- 1.9. **Memorial Round** refers to assessment of memorials as submitted by the teams.
- 1.10. **Oral rounds** refers to a team's pleadings, comprising of oral submission by the team, in front of the judges, on behalf of one of the parties, against another team representing the opposing party. The competition includes two categories of oral rounds i.e. Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.

- 1.11. **Parties** refers to the parties to the dispute as identified by the moot proposition as Informant/ Appellant and Opposite Party/ Respondent.
- 1.12. **Preliminary rounds** refers to the Oral Rounds which will take place prior to the Advanced Rounds of the Competition for the purpose of determining the teams that will proceed to the Advanced Rounds.
- 1.13. **Raw Scores**
- For Preliminary Round:** The aggregate of the marks obtained in the oral round will constitute the Raw Scores of a team for the preliminary rounds.
- For Advanced Round:** The aggregate of the marks obtained in the said oral round will constitute the Raw Scores of a team for that specific advanced round.
- 1.14. **Recognized Institution** includes a university and its constituent colleges, school, faculty of law, institute, etc. if any, authorized to enroll students for obtaining a bona fide degree in law as per their legal system.
- 1.15. **Scouting** means the act of attending an oral round (except the final round) by any member/coach of a team in which the concerned team is not competing. The clause does not apply to Coaches who have been invited as judge for the specific round that they are judging.
- 1.16. **Secretariat** means the Organising Secretariat or Organising Committee of the competition, as notified by the Organising University.
- 1.17. **Team code** refers to the unique code
- (a) For memorial round, the Code that is made with sequential arrangement of the '*Date of Transaction - Bank Reference Number*' of Preliminary Registration fee. (For instance, for team with **BNR – XYZ123456** paid on **23/12/2025**, the team code shall be **23/12/25-XYZ123456**)
- (b) For oral rounds, as allotted by organisers to each participating team for the purpose of this Competition. The same shall be mentioned in the hard-copy of memorial to be submitted during the time of registration.
- 1.18. **Time zone and Currency** for the purposes of the competition, time zone shall be the Indian Standard Time (GMT +5:30), and Currency shall be the Indian Rupee.
- 1.19. **Organising University** shall mean Hidayatullah National Law University, Nava Raipur.

Rule-2

Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. All students enrolled Bona-fide on a regular basis in any full-time law diploma course at under-graduate or post-graduate level conducted by any recognized institution.
- 2.2. However, only one (1) team shall be eligible to participate, per recognized institution. In a system where a university has constituent colleges/institutes/school/faculty of law/department etc. each such constituent entity can register a team or the university as such can be represented by a team comprising students from different constituent colleges.

Rule-3

Team Composition

- 3.1. Each Team shall comprise of a maximum of three (3) members out of which two (2) members shall be designated as speakers, and one (1) member shall be a researcher.
- 3.2. The teams may choose to participate without a Researcher. However, either of the other two members must appear for the Researcher Test.
- 3.3. Once the team composition is communicated to the Secretariat, no change in team composition shall be permitted unless prior permission has been obtained from the Secretariat.

Rule-4

Team Online Registration

Registration for the competition will happen in two-stages:

4.1. **First Stage (Registration for Memorial Rounds):**

Teams interested in participating in the competition must register for memorial round. The teams shall be required to pay a nominal registration fee of Rs. 2000 (INR Two Thousand Only).

4.2. Second Stage (Final Registration):

- 4.2.a. THIRTY-TWO teams, that qualify the memorial round shall be asked to complete the final registration within prescribed time. Online Registration for the Competition will commence on the date as notified in the brochure. The last date for online registration has been notified in the brochure.
- 4.2.b. For teams that do not register by the notified deadline for registration shall forfeit their slot, and hence the vacant slots concerned will be transferred to the wait listed team(s) who shall conclude registration within time as prescribed. Timelines as notified for registration purposes will not be negotiated.
- 4.2.c. The teams shall be required to pay the nominal registration fee:
- Registration fee (without accommodation) - **Rs. 8000 (Rupees Eight Thousand Only) per team.**
 - Registration fee (with accommodation) - **Rs. 12000 (Rupees Twelve Thousand Only) per team.**

Note:

1. *The accommodation shall be provided at University Hostel (Non-AC, non-attach accommodation with 1 Bed, 1 Mattress, 2 sheets, 1 Blanket, 1 Chair & Table set, 1 set of basic toiletries), for which the participants shall abide by University Hostel Rules. The University provides separate hostels for boy and girl students.*
2. *The registration fee (with accommodation) shall cover lodging from 6pm, 12.03.2026 to 11am, 16.03.2026.*
3. *The Registration fee to include registration kit and meals during the tenure of competition.*
4. *Anyone, who seeks to extend their accommodation shall be levied an additional charge of Rs 360 per person per day. Whereas, Mess shall charge additionally for food as per their prevailing rates.*
5. *Please note that the amount shall be paid in INDIAN RUPEES ONLY.*

4.3. All the fees paid for the purposes of Competition shall be non-refundable.

4.4. The following scanned documents are required to be submitted by the teams at the time of registration:

- The receipt of online payment.
- Letter of approval from the concerned recognised Institution permitting the team to take part in the competition.
- ID Issued by the Recognised Institution the Participant is enrolled with.
- Additionally for International Teams, a copy of passport.
- Whereas, the Organising Institution may seek any other document to verify the identity of a participant.

Rule-5

Judges' Responsibility

Judges shall ensure a thorough adherence to the spirit of judgeship in the competition.

Rule-6

Assistance to a team from any other team(s)

6.1. No Assistance, generally, to be Taken from Non-members:

Every team must research and write its memorial without the assistance of non-members. Teams may receive general advice from their respective Team Coaches. However, such advice must be limited to general advisory on the area of law concerned, the structure of written arguments, and general commentary on the team's arguments. No advice whatsoever may be taken from any member or team coach of another team.

6.2. No Assistance to be Provided to Another Team:

Team Members and Team Coaches from any Team, including Teams that have been eliminated from the Competition, shall not provide assistance in any way to any other Team. Prohibited assistance includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- giving the Team's notes or Memorials to a Team still in the Competition;

- posting the Team's Memorials online so that a person who is not a registered Team Member may access them;
- engaging in practice Moots against a Team with whom their preliminary rounds have been fixed; and
- providing video or audio recordings of previous Moots, whether practice Moots or Competition Moots, to a Team still in the Competition.

The Secretariat may allow for otherwise prohibited assistance if deemed to be in the best interests of the Competition.

6.3. **Use of Bench Memorandum and Other Teams Memorials by Teams:**

The Bench Memorandum shall be confidential at all times. Any team found making use of the Bench Memorandum, however acquired, shall be disqualified. In preparing its Memorials, no team may incorporate arguments or other information from the Memorials of other teams.

Rule-7

Clarifications to the Moot Proposition

Clarifications can be sought, and Corrections may be requested, until the date as notified in the brochure, through a Google Form that can be accessed via link:

<https://forms.gle/18xBYiVuXR9Ji9JN8>

Based upon the requests received from all Teams, Corrections and Clarifications to the Competition Proposition will be published on the date as notified in the brochure. Each Team must ensure that it receives and adequately notes the Corrections and Clarifications in preparation for the Competition.



Rule-8

Rules relating to Memorials

The memorial submission for Preliminary Registration and Memorial Submission (Memo Rounds) must be made via a Google form accessible via:

<https://forms.gle/QDzNwkzKsm3fQGLw5>



8.1 Each participating team is required to prepare a memorial for each party to the case with the following mandatory heads:

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages).
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
- Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
- Final Submission/Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
- The following color scheme should be followed for the cover page of the memorials:
 - PETITIONER – BLUE
 - RESPONDENT – RED.

(Penalty: (A) For failure to Comply with Page Limits: 1 Mark per extra page & (B) Exclusion of items mentioned: 2 Marks per specification)

8.2 Teams shall cite authorities following the Uniform citation method using footnotes in accordance with the 21st Edition of Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation.

(Penalty: Failure to comply with rule - 0.25 per violation, with a maximum of 5 Marks per memorial).

8.3 The Cover Page of each memorial must contain only the following information:

- The Team Code (as per rule 1.17) in the upper right corner of each memorial
- The name of the authority
- The name of the Competition
- The Cause Title
- The party on behalf of which the memorial is prepared.

(Penalty: Failure to comply with the rule - 0.25 Marks per specification with a maximum of 5 marks per memorial.)

8.4 Memorials submitted twelve (12) hours after the memorial submission deadline, will not be accepted and such teams shall be disqualified from the Competition.

(Penalty: 1 marks (each memorial), for every hour after the deadline.)

8.5 A memorial once submitted will be considered final and cannot be revised.

8.6 The name of the “.pdf” file that is being submitted as memorial in the above google form shall be in the name of the party it represents (For instance, ‘Petitioner.pdf’).

8.7 All teams are required to submit ten (10) sets of hard copies for each side of the memorials to the Organizing Committee, upon their arrival at the venue of the Competition. The memorials shall be collected by the Registration-Team designated by the Secretariat during the on-site registration of the respective teams. NO on-site registration shall be allowed without the submission of hard-copies as required under this rule.

8.8 All parts of the memorial (including headers, footers and headings) shall be typed on A4-sized paper/format, with the following formatting specifications:

- Font Type: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Margins: 1 inch on each side

8.9 For footnotes, the formatting specifications are

- Font Type: Times New Roman

- Font Size: 10
- Single Spacing between lines
- Margins: 1 inch on each side
- Speaking footnotes or endnotes are not allowed.

(Penalty: Inclusion of speaking footnote/endnote - 0.5 Marks per footnote/endnote)

- 8.10 The memorials shall be spiral-bound / soft bound.
- 8.11 The memorials shall not contain any annexure, photograph, graph, diagram, or any other representation of such nature.
- 8.12 The hard copies of the memorials must be identical to the soft copies submitted by the team. In case of any violation of this rule, the team shall incur a penalty, subject to the decision of the Organizing Secretary. In case of non-identical submissions, the prior submission shall be final.
- 8.13 A Team may prepare a compendium of cases, though the same shall not be a part of the memorial or be used for memorial evaluation purposes.
- 8.14 The Secretariat reserves the right to disseminate and reproduce the memorials for the purposes of the Competition. The Secretariat will not be responsible for any mistakes or errors that are a part of the memorial.
- 8.15 There will be a maximum cap on the penalties which may be imposed for the violations mentioned in the table:
- For late submission of memorials, a maximum deduction of 12 marks will be imposed as a penalty.
 - For failure to comply with the formatting specifications prescribed above along-with speaking footnotes and endnotes, a maximum deduction of 20 marks will be imposed as a penalty.
 - There will be no cap on imposing penalties for all other specifications save and except those mentioned above.

Scoring Criteria

9.1 Memorial Scoring Criteria

The marks distribution for the memorial shall be as follows:

S No.	Criterion	Marks
1	Application of Facts	25 Marks
2	Reasoning	25 Marks
3	Use of authorities and precedents	20 Marks
4	Understanding Law and procedure	20 Marks
5.	Formatting	10 Marks

9.2 Qualification of Teams

The Thirty-two highest scoring teams shall be eligible to participate in the oral rounds of the competition. In case of a tie between the aggregate memorial scores of two or more teams, the highest-scoring team will be decided in the following order:

- On the basis of aggregate marks obtained under the head ‘Reasoning’.
- The final decision will be made on the basis of a Coin Toss.

Whereas, a tentative waitlist comprising of five teams will also be released, who shall be called upon in case of failure of registration by the qualified teams.

Organising secretariat reserves the right to change number of teams who shall be eligible to participate.

9.3 Anonymity:

There should be no indication of (a) the institution which the team represents, (b) the name of the members, (c) their nationality, or any other information that may reveal the identity of the team or its members, in the memorials or any other material carried inside the courtroom. The teams must also not disclose, or attempt to disclose, any such information at any stage of the Competition to the Judges, Court clerks, Opposite team, or any other person otherwise involved or interested in courtroom proceedings.

Organizing secretariat may impose a Penalty (up to and including disqualification) against any Team that intentionally or inadvertently discloses its school, Jurisdiction, or country of origin to a judge during a Round, whether or not such disclosure occurs during a Moot. All instances of disclosure during a Round shall be reported to the Organizing Secretariat.

The penalties may include:

- Deduction of 25% of obtained marks from memorial score, if the violation is found in memorial as shared by the team during the memorial round;
- Deduction of 25% of obtained marks by speakers individually and team particularly in oral rounds, if the violation is found at any stage during the tenure of competition;
- Disqualification of team from the competition.

Merely posting pictures of a participating Team or Team Member(s) on social media or a publicly available website, absent other facts, does not ipso facto constitute a violation of this Rule.

Rule-10

Format of the Competition

10.1 Rounds

The Moot Court Competition shall consist of Memorial Round, Preliminary rounds and Advanced rounds. Each team will argue in two (2) preliminary round, once on behalf of each Party. In the Advanced rounds, the teams would represent only one side in each round.

10.2 Researchers Test:

A Researcher Test shall be conducted for adjudicating the “Best Researcher” on 13th of March 2026. The Speakers shall not be eligible to participate in the test. However, in the case of a two-member team, one of the speakers shall be eligible to appear for the Researcher Test and the same shall be notified by the team to the Organisers at the time of Formal Registration.

10.3 Oral Rounds:

(A) **General:** The mode of communication for the Competition shall be English only. The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the Competition is-

- Ladies: Courtroom Formals.
- Gentlemen: Courtroom Formals.

(B) Format:

- The matchup of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of a draw of lots which will be held online as per the notified date.
- The team with the higher Raw Score in a round will be deemed to have won a round.
- In a situation where after the preliminary rounds, there exists a tie in the number of wins of two or more teams, it will be decided in the following order:
 1. On the basis of marks obtained under the head 'Reasoning in the Application of Principles'.
 2. The final decision will be made on the basis of Researcher Test scores.

The marks breakup for the Oral Rounds shall be as follows:

S.No.	Criterion	Marks
1.	Response to Questions and Articulation	25 Marks
2.	Reasoning and Application of Principles	25 Marks
3.	Use of Authorities and precedents	20 Marks
4.	Application of Facts	20 Marks
5.	Advocacy Skill, Court Craft and Demeanour	10 Marks

(C) Bench strength:

The Bench for the purposes of the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of two judges. For the Advanced Rounds, three-judge bench for Quarterfinals & a four-judge bench for Semi Finals and a Five-judge bench for the Final Rounds. Organising secretariat reserves the right to change number of judges per bench.

(D) Communication between members of the team:

The members of a team are allowed to communicate among themselves during the Oral Rounds. However, the same must be in written form only and must not be in violation of general courtroom practices.

(E) Electronic devices inside the Courtroom:

During oral rounds of the competition, oralists at the podium and Team Members seated at counsel table may operate, only for purposes directly relating to the said oral round- laptop, tablet, mobile phone, PDAs, etc., provided such devices are not internet-enabled or data-capable, or have instant messaging capabilities.

Violation of the said rule shall lead to disqualification from the concerned oral round.

(F) Time keeping devices inside courtroom

The official time of the match shall be indicated by the bailiff. No one other than the bailiff may display timecards or otherwise signal to the oralist how much time is left.

(G) Scouting:

There are two types of scouting, both of which are prohibited. “Direct Scouting” occurs when a Team attends a Moot involving one or more Teams against which it will compete in a future Moot.

“Indirect Scouting” occurs when a Team attends a Moot involving two Teams against which it is not scheduled to compete in the Preliminary Rounds, or when a Team, through any other means, obtains or attempts to obtain information about another Team regardless of whether the Team seeking the information will compete against the Team(s) for which information is sought.

The decision of Organizing secretariat shall be final with regard to any penalty against team for violation of rules under this clause. The penalties may include:

- Deduction of 25% of obtained marks from memorial score, if the violation is found in memorial as shared by the team during the memorial round;
- Deduction of 25% of obtained marks by speakers individually and team particularly in oral rounds, if the violation is found at any stage during the tenure of competition;
- Disqualification of team from the competition.

(H) Duration:

- For the Preliminary Round, each team will be allotted a total of thirty (30) minutes to present their arguments. No speaker shall be allowed to plead for more than twenty (20) minutes. Each team is entitled to reserve a maximum of five (5) minutes, out of the total thirty (30) minutes, for rebuttals and sur- rebuttals.
- For Advanced Rounds, each team will be allotted a total of forty-five (45)

minutes to present their arguments. No speaker shall be allowed to plead for more than twenty-five (25) minutes. Each team is entitled to reserve a maximum of five (5) minutes, out of the total forty-five (45) minutes, for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

- The teams are to arrive at the designated Courtroom fifteen (15) minutes before the Round is supposed to start. In case the team fails to report to the designated Courtroom within ten (10) minutes of the starting of the Round, the team will be deemed to have forfeited the Competition and the Round will continue as an ex-parte round.

(I) Advanced Rounds:

- The party to be represented by the teams in the Advanced Rounds shall be decided by way of draw of lots / coin toss.
- Qualification in the Advanced Rounds will be determined by win/loss in the respective Advanced Round.

Rule-11

Awards and Trophies

All participants (including participants in the memo rounds) will receive a 'Certificate of Participation'. Special awards will be distributed in the following categories:

11.1 Teams

- The team which wins the final round will be adjudged as the 'Winner of the 3rd HIMCC 2026' and will get an amount of ₹2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Only) and a trophy.
- The team which secures second place will get the title of 'Runners-up' and ₹1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand only) as cash prize and a trophy.

11.2 Best Memorial

The team with the highest memorial score (aggregate) will get the 'Best Memorial' prize along with a cash prize of ₹75,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Five Thousand Only) and a trophy.

In case of a tie between the aggregate memorial scores of two or more teams, the winner will be decided in the following order:

- On the basis of aggregate marks obtained under the head 'Reasoning'.
- The final decision will be made on the basis of a Coin Toss.

11.3 **Best Speaker**

The speaker who secures the highest score (aggregate) at the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds will get an award for the 'Best Speaker' with a cash prize of ₹75,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Five Thousand Only) and a trophy. It is necessary to argue for both parties in order to be eligible for the 'Best Speaker Award'.

In case of a tie between the aggregate oral scores of two or more speakers, the winner will be decided in the following order:

- Based on aggregate marks obtained under the head 'Reasoning in the Application of Principles'.
- The final decision will be made on the basis of a Coin Toss.

11.4 **Best Researcher**

- The researcher with the highest score in the Researcher Test will get the 'Best Researcher' prize along with a cash prize of ₹50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) and a trophy.
- In case of a tie between the marks obtained by two or more Researchers, the winner will be decided on the basis of:
 - memorial score of the teams which the researchers represent;
 - If the tie persists, then coin toss.

Rule-12

Power to Promulgate Additional Measures

The Organizing Secretariat may promulgate any other measures for the orderly conduct of the Competition or to correct deficiencies in the Competition. It is anticipated that additional measures will be adopted when Team Registration has been completed.

Rule-13

Exemplary Power clause

- 13.1 The Secretariat reserves the right to make changes in the rule if situation so warrant.
- 13.2 Scores obtained by the teams/participants shall be kept confidential with Organizing University, whereas upon receiving official written request from statutory authorities of a participating institution, the Organising Secretariat may disclose the results of their team to the requesting institution. Such request shall be made within 7 days of the completion of the event, after which no such requests shall be entertained.

Rule-14

Finality

In case of any dispute arising in the interpretation of the rules, or otherwise, the decision of the Organizing Secretary in consultation with the Organizing Committee would be final and binding.

Code of Conduct

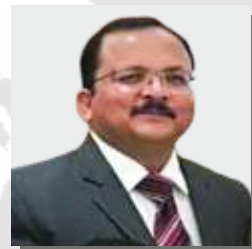
- A violation of the prescribed Code of Conduct will invite sanctions which will be decided by the Organizing Secretary.
- Teams are expected to behave with other team members and the Judges / Organisers / Volunteers in a dignified manner.
- Teams should not attempt to influence Judges / Organisers in any manner.
- Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the courtroom during the Competition and to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- The teams should not engage in any form of unethical, unprofessional, or wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Competition.
- Participants should not indulge in the consumption / carrying of drugs / alcohol / arms or ammunition / immoral / illegal activity or any other form(s) of taste/addiction during the course of the Competition.

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MOOT PROPOSITION

BEFORE THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF BHARNESIA, VARUNA PRASHTHA
CITY

WRIT PETITION 1 OF 2025

BETWEEN

1. Centre for Clean Energy and Mitigation of Effects of Climate Change, an NGO represented by its President Mr. Ramaswami
2. Sesha Ramaswami, Bharanesian National, A Resident, 7, First Street, Keeladi, Prakrith Nadu, Bharnesia

... PETITIONER

AND

1. Union Of Bharnesia (UOB) Department of Energy
2. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
3. Prakrith Nadu Electricity Board
4. Department of Non-Conventional Energy, (UOB)
5. Statutory Electricity Boards of Bharnesia

... RESPONDENTS

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Union of Bharnesia (UOB) is an emerging superpower in the South Asian region, whose Constitution, statutes, economic, social indices and governing systems are substantially similar to those of the Union of India. Prakrith Nadu is a constituent state within the Union of Bharnesia. Its people are deeply passionate about their ancient linguistic traditions and cultural practices. In many ways, this State is different from the rest of Bharnesia. The State of Prakrith Nadu is among the relatively better-developed States of the Union of Bharnesia and leads in some of the important social parameters, such as adult literacy, healthcare delivery, reduction of urban–rural disparities, and a higher level of industrialization. It is one of the important producers of paddy and coconut in the country.
2. During 2022–2023 the Union of Bharnesia, depended on the following types of energy to meet its ever-increasing energy consumption:

Thermal energy (coal)	61%
Hydro energy	15%
Renewable energy	12%
Natural gas	9%
Nuclear energy	1%
Micro/Nano Hydel Energy	2%

3. In the Renewable Energy segment (12% of UOB's power generation) the shares of different components are as under:

Solar energy	57%
Wind energy	32%
Micro/nano-hydro power	3%
Biomass co-generation	7%
Waste-to-energy	1%

4. The Installation cost of producing different types of power in UOB during 2021-22 was as under

Type of Power	Capital Cost (Rs. crore per Megawatt)
Thermal power	8.34 crore per Megawatt
Hydro power	7–20 crore per Megawatt
Solar power	4.5–6 crore per Megawatt
Wind energy	4.5–6.5 crore per Megawatt
Biomass energy	3–6 crore per Megawatt
Nuclear power	11.7–14.2 crore per Megawatt

OPERATING COST

Biomass energy	Rs. 3–6 per kWh
Thermal energy	Rs. 3–6.9 per kWh
Fossil fuel energy	Rs. 5.3–5.4 per kWh
Nuclear energy	Rs. 3.83 -4 per kWh

5. Sesha Ramaswami is a Keeladi based justice delivery professional who is deeply committed to clean energy choices and environmental protection. He is actively involved in efforts to mitigate the effects of global warming and climate change. He is also the founder-trustee of the Centre for Clean Energy and Mitigation of Effects of Climate Change. This NGO does not receive any type of foreign or government funding. The Centre is actively involved in empowering small and marginal farmers, who voluntarily contribute 1% of their increased earnings generated through the NGO.
6. The State of Prakrith Nadu has implemented the Land Reforms Law of the Union of Bharnesia in full. The beneficiaries and partners of the Centre for Clean Energy (CFCE) are reasonably literate, skilled, small and medium farmers. They are above the poverty line but by no means rich. Because of the work/efforts of Mr. Sesha Ramaswamy and his trust, the living standards and social conditions of the people in Prakrith Nadu have improved considerably. Owing to this, Mr. Ramaswamy commanded great respect among the local community. The farmers were willing to accept many of his well-meaning, income-improving suggestions. In order to improve the productivity and profitability of coconut and paddy cultivation common in Prakrith Nadu—here most farmers own at least one acre of homestead land—Mr. Ramaswamy proposed the establishment of biomass gasification plants to generate electricity. Each unit was designed to operate as a 10-kWh nano-power plant, using locally available agricultural by-products as feedstock.
7. The basic raw materials used for the production of biogas were rice bran and coconut shells briquettes. The residue from rice bran plants produced high-quality silicon, while the coconut shell briquettes yielded activated charcoal. The NGO devised an elaborate network to collect these residues/sludges periodically, so that they would acquire the required scales to become credible suppliers of these high-value by-products. The NGO provided technical assistance to the farmers, on the condition that the carbon credits earned from their production of clean power would vest in the NGO. Bharnesia's Energy Law, permitted energy producers who operate 100 kWh power plants to accumulate and assign carbon credits to NGOs or commercial entities of their choice for a price. But many of the members of the NGO could not avail this benefit as their production/installed capacities seldom exceeded 10 to 30 Kwh of power. Many of them had solar plants in addition to biomass gasification plants. The NGO had 7500 households that had installed biomass gratification plants and another 12500 members had shown interest in installing these units in their homesteads. In fact, the NGO had persuaded its prosperous supporters to establish paddy/rice bran briquetting plants. But, because of lack of timely disbursement of subsidies, many farmers were unable to put up these plants, though they had the skills needed to do so. While other clean energy producers received substantial power production subsidy for partially meeting the cost of energy production units, biomass gasification power production units did not receive such a subsidy. They barely got 10–15% of the construction cost excluding civil works, whereas wind and solar energy producers got 25–40% of the costs of construction, including civil works.

8. The Prakrith Nadu Electricity Board (PNEB) was sympathetic to the demands of the Centre for Clean Energy and Mitigation of Climate Change (CCE&MCC). But, they could not influence the Union Ministry of Rural Development and Non-Conventional Energy who were in charge of fixing the subsidy account and its disbursement] to be favourable to CCE&MCC. Prakrith Nadu's peak electricity demand occurred between 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. The farmers generated power and accumulated it in their battery charging units. The Electricity Board withdrew power from these farmers during peak-consumption hours. Despite being classified as Domestic Family Consumers, most of them paid between ₹9 and ₹14 per unit for their own electricity consumption. To meet the shortfall during the peak hour surge demand, the Electricity Board resorted to spot purchase, often paying ₹18 to ₹22 per unit to super thermal power plants who relied on expensive imported coal.
9. Both the spot purchase of power and import of coal provided significant opportunities for political and bureaucratic power centres, creating avenues for substantial illegal gratification. Such a possibility did not exist when the power boards dealt with farmers or NGOs. Mr. Sesha Ramaswami, had made several representations which did not evoke any satisfactory resolution of the issues. Furthermore, the Electricity Boards drew power only during peak hour demand. For the rest of the time, they depended on ultra/super thermal power plants. This also hampered the small producers' ability to increase the quantum of power sales.

Hence, Mr. Sesha Ramaswami and the Centre for Clean Energy have approached the Supreme Court of Bharnesia, Varuna Prashtha Bench, seeking appropriate relief through the following writ petitions:

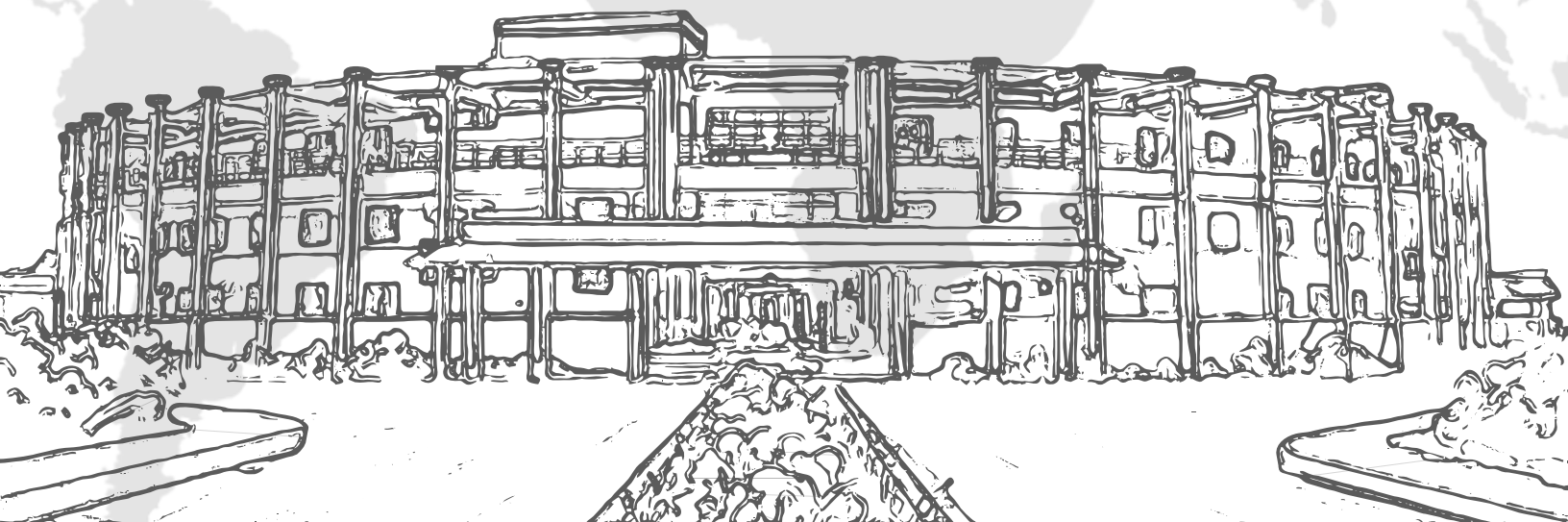
- I. Writ of Mandamus - To evolve a policy of power purchase that is fair and not arbitrary, by treating all clean energy producers equally and by granting subsidies to such power producers on an equal basis, thereby guaranteeing the right to equal protection of laws for biomass power plants in comparison with solar and wind energy power producers.
- ii. Writ of Certiorari - Seeking the quashing of the circular that restricted the capacity of power producers to transfer their earned carbon credits to purchasers of their choice; (which is right now available only for power producers with a capacity of 100 kWh).
- iii. Writ of Declaration - that all biomass energy producers are entitled to parity with other clean energy producers (solar and wind energy) in terms of purchase price, subsidy, regular, predictable ability to supply power throughout the day and their ability to dispose of the earned carbon credit.

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1. Union of Bharnesia (UOB) has signed and ratified the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Accord.
 2. The above moot court problem was conceived and written by R. Muralidharan, a Justice Delivery Professional based in Bangalore.



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