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THE 5th VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024 **CONDUCTED BY: THOMAS GEORGE & ASSOCIATES,** **HYDERABAD**

MOOT PROPOSITION

1. Indigo is a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic and republican country that operates under a federal system with 28 states and 8 Union territories and the form of governance is parliamentarian.
2. In the country, the Central and state governments are elected by the people. These governments enact various policies and laws to govern their respective jurisdictions. In the country by way of elections, the Central government and the state governments are decided by the people. Various policies and laws are enacted by the central and state governments.
3. In the recent years, state governments have initiated demolition activities of homes under the pretext of illegal acts allegedly committed by the residing citizens.
4. In some parts of the country, governments have resorted to what is termed 'bulldozer justice', demolishing the homes of citizens accused of offences punishable under the law. This approach has been praised by some citizens as a form of speedy justice.

5. In some parts of the country, governments, under the pretext of protecting encroachment of areas around the lakes and water bodies have initiated overnight demolition activities of the houses or buildings built in those areas. The categorisation of such areas are Full Tank Level, Buffer Zones et cetera. The governments on an urgent and immediate basis have demolished houses of a numerous citizens in order to protect the water bodies. The intention of the said governments is to prevent flood -like situations which are increasing over time.
6. Several citizens have approached the Hon'ble High Court having jurisdiction over the said state governments by way of Writ Petitions challenging the demolition activities of the state governments. While, the Hon'ble High Court has intervened in some matters, majority of citizens are put to grave misery by such abrupt, overnight actions of the state governments.
7. The citizens of the country residing in the affected areas have been paying property taxes, electricity bills, water charges to the said state governments regularly. The grievance of the citizens residing in these affected areas is how the governments allowed registration of such lands, granted permission to construct houses, lay roads, lay water pipelines and allow citizens to stay for more than 15 years, only to suddenly decide to demolish their houses overnight.

8. Janata Sangh is a public spirited Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) which has raised various issues for the causes of people in the past.
9. Janata Sangh has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court which is the Highest Court of the land. In the said PIL, the NGO has raised an issue concerning the illegal demolition activities conducted by various state governments. Notices were issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Central government as well as the State Governments have filed their Counters. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has framed the following issues for the purpose of adjudication:
 - A. Whether the action of the governments in providing speedy justice by way of demolition of the houses of alleged criminals, with or without notice, is permissible under the law?
 - B. Whether the action of the governments in demolition of the houses of the citizens in the encroached areas near the water bodies, with or without notice, permissible under the law?

Drafted by Adv. Manav Gecil Thomas, Senior Member TG&A.

Note:

1. The laws of Indigo are *pari materia* to the laws, rules and regulations of enacted from time to time by India.
2. The Petitioner will be *Janata Sangh* and the Respondents will be the Union of Indigo and the different State Governments.
3. The matter is coming up for final hearing.

4. Students cannot frame any additional issues other than the above 2 issues, however, the students are allowed to frame sub- issues. Each speaker must argue an entire issue.
5. All GOs. issued by the State Governments in India can be used while arguing.

Rules for the Competition:

- I. 3 students from a law college are eligible to form a team for the purpose of participating in this competition. One college can send a maximum of 2 teams.
- II. Team shall comprise of 3 members viz., Speaker No. 1, Speaker No. 2 and Researcher.
- III. Teams shall be known by the team codes assigned by the firm.
- IV. Students of all years of the Five year and Three year law courses are eligible to participate in this Competition.
- V. Registration Fees for each team- Rs.750/-. The said amount can be paid via Googlepay on +91 8209156354. In case the students want to pay the fees to a bank account, an email requesting bank details to be sent.
- VI. It is mandatory to send in the acceptance email through the official email Ids of the colleges or through Moot Court Society Email Ids, however acceptance emails can be sent through the personal email id of any team member in case the college does not have any such society.

- VII. A mail agreeing to participate by mentioning the names of the team members and the college name in the said competition shall be sent by the participants on or before 14/11/2024 after paying the registration fees. The said email must provide the postal addresses with pincodes of the team, mobile numbers of the team members, Scanned Copy of College ID Card of the team and Screenshot of the proof of payment of registration fees.
- VIII. For all further correspondences the teams shall communicate using the same email Id used for sending the confirmation email and no communication from new Email Ids will be entertained.
- IX. Each speaker shall speak for 15 minutes subject to extension granted by the judges.
- X. Competition will be held on 14/12/2024 & 15/12/2024. A short Inauguration ceremony shall take place on 14/12/2024 which shall be attended by all participants without fail.
- XI. Steady internet connection to be maintained.
- XII. Cameras to be turned on at all times during the rounds.
- XIII. Judgments referred during arguments can be screened shared online.
- XIV. Breach of deadlines shall entail disqualification.
- XV. In case during the rounds if there is any internet interruption from the side of the participant, then, a 5 minutes extension only will be granted, subject to the discretion of the judge.
- XVI. Feedback after each round shall be provided.

- XVII. All clarifications sought to be sent on or before 24/11/2024 and may go.
- XVIII. Dress Code for Men: White Shirt, Black or Grey Blazer, Black or Grey formal pants. Dress Code for Women: White Salwar Kameez with dupatta or White Shirt, Black or Grey Blazer, Black or Grey formal pants or skirt.
- XIX. Failure to follow the dress code shall entail disqualification subject to the discretion of the Judge.
- XX. The Moot Court Coordinator is Ms. Pranathi G. who can be contacted during working hours i.e., 04:00 PM – 10:00 PM at +91 9959484104. However, all queries to be sent via email only and not whatsapp/text.
- XXI. All email correspondences to be sent to tgacompetitions@gmail.com

Memorial Rules:

1. Each team to prepare a Written Memorials for the side of Petitioners and the side Respondent.
2. Blue Colour Cover Page for the Written Memorial of the Petitioners.
3. Red Colour Cover Page for the Written Memorial of the Respondent.
4. Soft Copies of the Memorials to be sent by 01/12/2024, on or before 5 pm.

5. Memorials shall not exceed 6 A4 size pages of MS Word docx. However, index, index of authorities, facts of the case, issues framed, and prayer shall not be included while arriving at 6 pages.
6. Body of Contents: Font size- 12, Font Style- Bookman Old Style, Line Spacing- 1.5, Paragraph Spacing- 0, Margin- Default as mentioned in MS Word docx.
7. Footnotes: Font size- 10, Font Style- Bookman Old Style, Line Spacing- 1
8. Memorials will be exchanged between the respective teams on 13/12/2024.

Sl. No.	EVENT	DEADLINE
1.	Confirmation Email & Registration Fees	On or before 14/11/2024
2.	Clarifications regarding the Competition and Moot Problem	On or before 24/11/2024
3.	Publication of Clarifications	25/11/2024
4.	Soft Copy of Moot Memorials	On or before 01/12/2024 05:00 PM
5.	Memorial Exchange	13/12/2024

6.	Inauguration & Rounds of the Competition	14/12/2024 & 15/12/2024
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List of prizes for the winners in this edition of the Moot Court:

1. Best team- Rs.20,000/-
2. Runners up- Rs.10,000/-
3. Best Memorial - Rs.5,000/-
4. Best Speaker in Prelims- Rs.5,000/-
5. Best Researcher- Rs. 5,000/-
6. Certificates of merit and Trophies to all the winners by post
7. Certificates of participation for all participants including winners by post.
8. Books to the winners sponsored by Gogia Law Agency, Hyderabad.

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