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(Dr. B. R. AMBEDKAR COLLEGE OF LAW)

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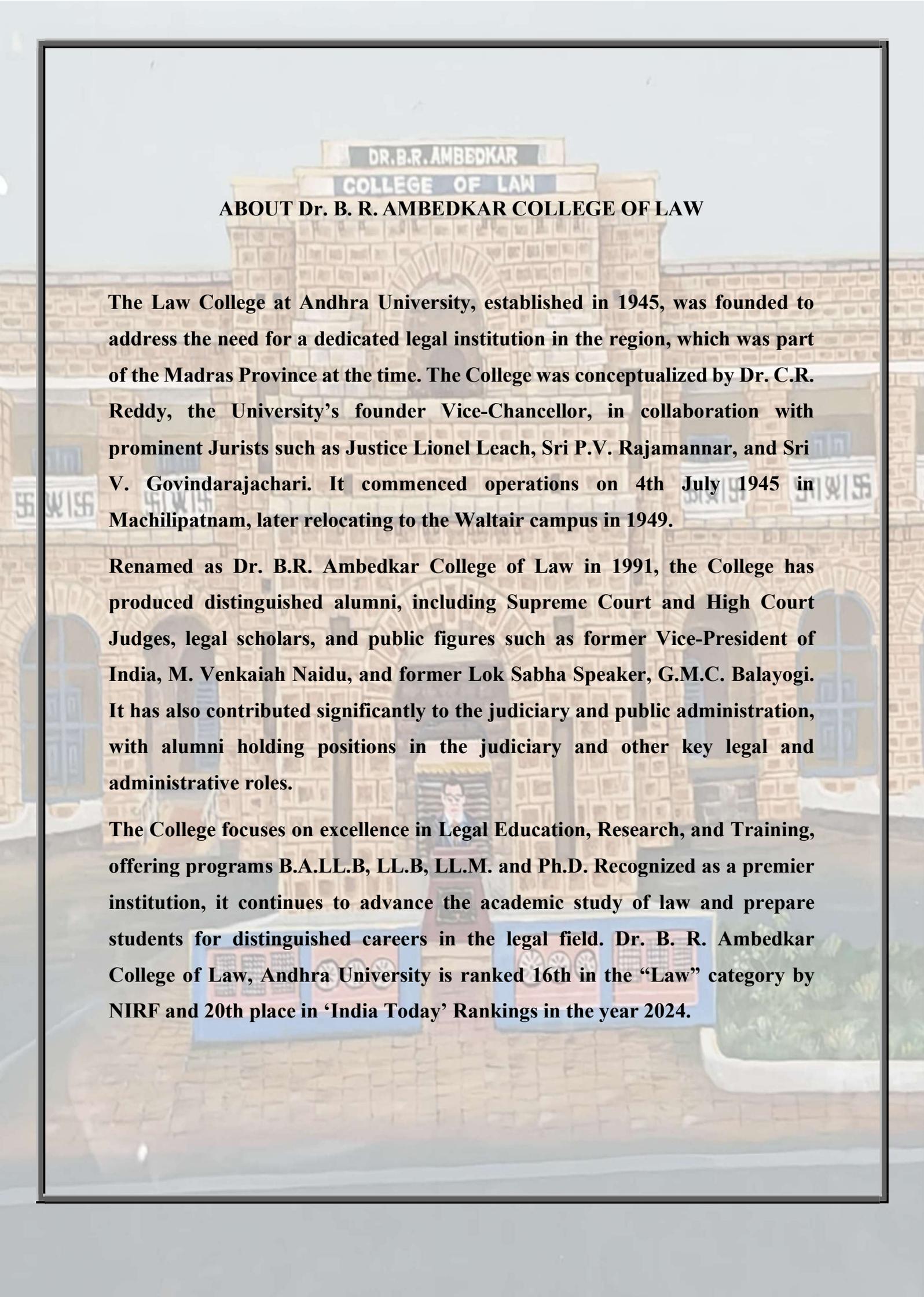


ABOUT ANDHRA UNIVERSITY

Andhra University, established in 1926 under the Madras Act, is one of India's oldest and first residential teaching-cum-affiliating universities, primarily dedicated to postgraduate teaching and research. Sir C.R. Reddy served as its visionary founder Vice-Chancellor, succeeded by prominent leaders like Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan in 1931.

Initially offering courses in Telugu, History, Economics, and Politics, the University soon expanded to include Science and Technology, pioneering several innovative programs. Distinguished alumni include Nobel Laureate C.V. Raman and renowned statistician Prof. C.R. Rao. The University currently offers 313 courses across five constituent Colleges and four campuses, catering to disciplines such as Arts, Commerce, Science, Engineering, Law, and Pharmacy. Its College of Law is recognized as an advanced center by the UGC, while the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences is the first of its kind in South India. Andhra University also manages 365 affiliated Colleges with an enrolment of approximately 100,000 students.

The sprawling 422-acre campus includes academic and administrative buildings, hostels for over 5,000 students, health centers, canteens, and sports facilities. The School of Distance Education, established in 1972, serves around 80,000 students through UG, PG, and professional programs across 35 study centres. Its alumni hold prestigious positions in government, industry, and academia. Recognized with an 'A++' grade by NAAC and the ISO 9001:2000 certification, the University continues to focus on excellence in education and research, meeting global challenges and regional needs effectively.



ABOUT Dr. B. R. AMBEDKAR COLLEGE OF LAW

The Law College at Andhra University, established in 1945, was founded to address the need for a dedicated legal institution in the region, which was part of the Madras Province at the time. The College was conceptualized by Dr. C.R. Reddy, the University's founder Vice-Chancellor, in collaboration with prominent Jurists such as Justice Lionel Leach, Sri P.V. Rajamannar, and Sri V. Govindarajachari. It commenced operations on 4th July 1945 in Machilipatnam, later relocating to the Waltair campus in 1949.

Renamed as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College of Law in 1991, the College has produced distinguished alumni, including Supreme Court and High Court Judges, legal scholars, and public figures such as former Vice-President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu, and former Lok Sabha Speaker, G.M.C. Balayogi. It has also contributed significantly to the judiciary and public administration, with alumni holding positions in the judiciary and other key legal and administrative roles.

The College focuses on excellence in Legal Education, Research, and Training, offering programs B.A.LL.B, LL.B, LL.M. and Ph.D. Recognized as a premier institution, it continues to advance the academic study of law and prepare students for distinguished careers in the legal field. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University is ranked 16th in the "Law" category by NIRF and 20th place in 'India Today' Rankings in the year 2024.

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ABOUT MOOT COURT COMPETITION-2025:

A Moot Court Competition simulates a court hearing, in which participants analyse a problem, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions, and present oral arguments. Moot problems are typically set in areas of law that are unsettled or that have been subject to recent developments.

Moot Courts usually involve two grounds of appeal, argued by each side. The procedure imitates what is followed in real courts: the judge enters, the mooters and the judge bow to each other, the clerk announces the matter, the mooters give their appearances and are then called on in turn to present their submissions, the judge asks questions to the mooters, the court adjourns, and the judge then returns to deliver a brief judgment and some feedback to the mooters. Mooting is not the same as public speaking or debating, although it shares some common elements with these activities. It is a specialized application of the art of persuasive advocacy. It has been part of the process of training lawyers for centuries and plays an important role in Legal Education.

From AI-generated art and music to autonomous inventions, the legal framework of IPR faces new challenges. Questions of whether can AI be recognized as an author or inventor? Who owns the rights to AI-generated works? Existing IP laws were designed for human creators, but as AI continues to evolve, so must our legal understanding. Balancing innovation with legal protection is crucial in this ever-changing landscape. In this Moot Court Competition – 2025, various teams of mooters will participate from undergraduate programs of Law from different Law Schools across India to share and shape the Legal Scenario shaping the AI and IPR Laws.

RULE BOOK

INTRODUCTORY

1. **Short Title:** These Rules shall be called the “ANDHRA UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025 Rules”, 2025.
2. **Definitions:** Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed here in under as:
 - a. **Competition:** The Competition refers to all the aspects of the ANDHRA UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE - NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025” organised by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University.
 - b. **Organising Committee:** It shall mean the Moot Court Committee of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University.
 - c. **Participating Team:** It means the team which has registered itself for this competition as per the rules of registration.
 - d. **Participating Institution:** It shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating team.
 - e. **Memorial:** It means the written arguments submitted by the team, on behalf of both parties, according to the Rules of the Competition by each team.
 - f. **Oral Rounds:** It refers to the competition rounds during which the teams orally submit their pleadings in front of the judges on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.

GENERAL RULES -

- **Dates:** The Competition shall be organized on MARCH 21, 22, & 23rd 2025.
- **Dress Code:** The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.
 - Women Participants: White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes.
 - Men Participants: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.
- **LANGUAGE:** All oral and written submissions are required to be made in English, which shall be the official language of the competition

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1. Eligibility Criteria:** The Competition shall be open to students who are—
 - Pursuing an integrated 5-year Law in India or
 - Pursuing 3-year LL. B in India.
 - 2. Team Composition:** Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members.
 - 3.** where a team consists of three members, then Such team shall designate two of its members as speakers and one as researcher at the time of registration itself.
- ★ Only one team from the same institute can register.

REGISTRATION

Date of Registration: All the participating institutions have to confirm their participation by 20th Feb, 2025 through the mode of filling the online registration form by clicking on the link given below:

<https://forms.gle/bJgw9usADLfYPYMz8>

The Participating team must submit the Authorisation Letter from Head of the Institution.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Registration fees must be remitted online as per the details mentioned below.

Account No: 10428602553

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Registration Fee: 3000 PER TEAM

→ **Allotment of Team Code:** Every team which has successfully registered will be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once the unique code has been allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

→ **Change in Team Composition:** No change in team composition is allowed after registration. Any change, if permitted by the organising committee, must be accompanied with a registration form and an authority letter duly signed by the head of the institution.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

1. Draw of Lots: The matchup of teams will be determined on the basis of draw of lots. After the draw of lots finishes, teams will be intimated regarding their opponents.

2. Rounds: The Competition is divided into—

→ Preliminary Round

→ Octa - Final Round

→ Quarter Final Round

→ Semi Final Round

→ Final Round

SCORING PATTERN

For the Preliminary Round:

- a) There will be two preliminary rounds in which each team must argue once as the petitioner and once as the respondent.

- b) No team shall face the same team more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c) The scores from both preliminary rounds shall be averaged to determine the overall score. In case of a tie the scores of the memorial will be considered.

For the Octa - Final round:

- a) The top scoring 16 teams will be selected for the Final Round.
- b) If there is a tie, The highest scoring speakers' team will prevail to be qualified for the Quarter- Final round.
- c) If there is still a tie, then the team who got a high memorial score will be selected.

For the Quarter-Final Round:

- a) The top scoring 8 teams will be selected for the Final Round.
- b) If there is a tie, The highest scoring speakers' team will prevail to be qualified for the Semi Final round.
- c) If there is still a tie, then the team who got a high memorial score will be selected.

For the Semi- Final round:

- a) The top scoring 4 teams will be selected for the Final Round.
- b) If there is a tie, The highest scoring speakers' team will prevail to be qualified for the Final round.

For The Final Round:

- a) The top scoring two teams will be declared as the winners and the runners based upon the scores.
- b) No memorial score will be added in the Final Round. Final Round scores shall be allotted purely based on the performance of the team.

MEMORIALS

- 1. Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials:** All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same will attract penalty.
- 2. Memorials to be prepared from Both Sides:** Each team must prepare memorials for both sides.
- 3. Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials:**
 - a.** The soft copies of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on aulewmootcourtsociety@andhraUniversity.edu.in in pdf format by 12th March, 2025 before 11.59P.M.
 - b.** Memorials shall be sent via mail in pdf formats as well as Word format (.doc or .docx) for each side and shall be named as TC_NO. PETITIONER OR RESPONDENT. [Ex: TC_08 PETITIONER]
- 4. Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials:**

Participants are required to submit six hard copies of the memorial from each side, i.e., twelve copies in total.
- 5. Penalty for Late Submission:**

A penalty of 2 marks per day per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of soft copy of memorial. The last day for submission of memorial with penalty is 16th march 11.59 PM. Any submission made after the last date will not be considered.
- 6. General Conditions for Memorials:**
 - a.** The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code.

- b. Appellant/Petitioner memorials are required to have a blue cover page and Respondent/Accused memorials are required to have a red cover page.

Memorial Structure: The memorial must have following pages only:

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Synopsis of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

c. **Team Code:** The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared.

d. **Font:** Times New Roman & Font Size–12 points with Line Spacing–1.5

e. **Footnotes:** Font- ‘Times New Roman’ & Font Size–10 points with Line Spacing [Single Spaced]

f. **Pagination:** The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.

g. **Margin:** A margin of one inch on all sides of the memorial should be left.

h. **Citation Format:** The 20th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed throughout the memorial.

- i. Page Limit:** The memorial shall be of a maximum of 32 pages including the cover page. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be a minimum of 12 pages and maximum of 20 pages.
- j. Plagiarism:** Graduate submissions in the memorials will not be plagiarised. A similarity index of more than 25% considering the standard exclusions is not acceptable
- k. Penalty:** A penalty of 2 mark per violation shall be levied in case of non-adherence with the aforementioned guidelines for formatting.

l. Marking Criteria for Memorials:

SR. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Understanding of law and extent of research	25
2.	Originality, articulation and clarity of analysis	25
3.	Knowledge and integration of facts	20
4.	Clarity, organisation and logical progression	20
5.	Grammar, style and citation	10
	Total	100

ORAL ROUNDS

For Preliminary Rounds:

1. Each team will get thirty (30) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time does not include the time taken in questioning by the judges.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes per speaker.

For Octa - Final, Quarter - Final and Semi-Final Rounds:

1. Each team will get forty (40) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of twenty-five (25) minutes per speaker.

For Final Rounds:

1. Each team will get fifty (50) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
2. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes per speaker.

Marking Criteria for The Oral Rounds:

SR. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of law, identification of legal principles and facts	20
2.	Application of Law to facts	20
3.	Persuasiveness and ability to answer	20
4.	Organisation, Presentation, Clarity and Logical Reasoning of Arguments	15
5.	Time management	15
6.	Style, poise courtesy and demeanour	10

b. **Submission of Authorities:** The teams shall only submit genuine authorities from Journals or other authentic sources, or their xerox. The teams may prepare and submit Compendium of authorities before the beginning of oral arguments to the panel of Judges, otherwise they can only submit authorities with the prior permission of the panel or if demanded by the Judges.

RESEARCHER TEST

The researcher's test is conducted for the assessment of researcher from each team who is required to appear for the same. Researcher test will be conducted in offline mode. It shall be a test of 50 marks. The researcher scoring the highest in researcher's test shall be chosen as the Best Researcher.

If any team fails to appear for the Researcher's Test, they shall be awarded with zero marks.

SCOUTING:

No member of any participating team shall view any other oral rounds while the team is still in the competition. If such an incident comes to the notice of the organizers, then the scouting team shall be subject to disqualification. The decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.

NON – DISCLOSURE OF IDENTITY

Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

COPYRIGHT

The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials.

CLARIFICATIONS

- Participating teams may seek clarifications via mail only.
 - The last date to seek clarifications to the Moot Proposition is 20th Feb, 2025.
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MISCELLANEOUS

Power to Amend or Alter Rules: The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The Organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point of time. All decisions made by Organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation shall be provided by the Organizers to the team members from 20th March, 2025 6.00PM to 23rd March, 6.00PM. All the participating teams must provide their travel and accommodation details and communicate them to their organising committee as early as possible.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

Teams are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Administrators, Organisers, the Judges and any of the other

participants to the competition. The organisers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- **Winners:** The Team winning the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 20,000 (Indian Rupees Twenty Thousand Only).
- **Runners:** The runners up team in the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000 (Indian Rupees Ten Thousand Only).
- **Best Mooter:** The Mooter having the highest score in the competition shall be given the cash prize of INR 5,000 (Indian Rupees Five Thousand Only).
- **Best Memorial:** The team having the highest average memorial score from both sides shall be given the cash prize of INR 5,000 (Indian Rupees Five Thousand Only).
- **Best Researcher:** There shall be researcher test and the best performer shall be given the cash prize of INR 5,000 (Indian Rupees Five Thousand Only).
- **Certificates of merit:** Certificates of merit shall be given to all the teams qualifying or Semi-finals and beyond.
- **Certificate of participation:** Certificate of participation shall be given to all the participating teams.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SR. NO.	EVENT	DATE
1.	Release of Brochure and Commencement of Registration	4th February, 2025
2.	Last Date of Registration	20th February, 2025
3.	Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	23rd February, 2025
4.	Publication of Clarification	26th February, 2025
5.	Last Date for Submission of Soft Copy of the Memorial	12th March, 2025
6.	Last Date for Submission of Soft Copy of the Memorial with penalty	16th March, 2025
7.	Inaugural Ceremony & Orientation	21st March, 2025
8.	Draw of lots & Researcher Test	21st March, 2025
9.	Preliminary Rounds	21st March, 2025
10.	Octa - Final Round Quarter – Final Round	22nd March, 2025
11.	Semi Final Rounds Final Round	23rd March, 2025
12.	Valedictory Ceremony	23rd March, 2025

MOOT PROBLEM

Asgard is a developing nation which is focussing on developing various technological driven innovations and framing its laws and policies which encourages creativity and innovation. In the past decade, the investments have doubled in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and the Government is encouraging the companies and individuals working in the field of Artificial Intelligence to make innovations specifically to address the dissemination of knowledge and access to information. It also encourages to deploy Artificial Intelligence technologies to create inventions that would ultimately in the long run cut down on manufacturing and labour costs so that the Artificial Intelligence would autonomously and independently function and generate outcomes.

RevolAI is a technology-oriented corporation incorporated in the country Genosha. The corporation is specialized in providing Artificial Intelligence technology solutions which focusses on content generation, summarization and further dissemination to the public. The corporation undertakes the compilation, summarization, generation of new content in the form of articles, reviews, etc. with the help of an Artificial Intelligence Model named "GenovAI". The Corporation operates this GenovAI with its data centers situated in Genosha. The training of the GenovAI is effectuated with various data sources available publicly all over the world for gathering the information. It uses diverse datasets comprising of newspapers, magazines, independently uploaded articles, digital media information, videos, and other publicly available information and archives. The GenovAI works on a pattern where it doesn't store the data or identically reproduces the data used for training, but adds its own independent functionality and generates a new content which is easily comprehensible by the readers and understand without any difficulty. Thus, the output of the GenovAI published on

the website www.genovaiinfo.com, is unique in nature. RevolAI has thus become a renowned information provider with more than 100 million subscribers all over the world.

Prasar is a renowned newspaper publisher having presence both in print as well as electronic media industry. Prasar is registered and has headquarter in the state of Titan, in the Country Asgard. Prasar is well known publisher in Asgard having subscriber base around 70%. It has been functioning in Asgard for past ten decades and is renowned for its effective news delivery, real time updates, ethical journalism practices, relevant and updated editorials, etc. Thus, it has earned a great goodwill in Asgardian citizens. Prasar also has specific online website, where premium content and news analysis is uploaded on www.prasarpremium.com. Various statistical information, socio-political, legal analysis, write-ups by renowned personalities, high quality content, professional user interface, etc., are few features of the content uploaded on the website. This content is only accessible to the subscribers who pay an amount of Rs.850 for half-yearly access and Rs.1200 for yearly access in Asgard. They maintain a highly secured encryption and access mechanisms and technological protection measures to prohibit any kind of unauthorized access. Certain limited content with the same interface is freely available to the public where the same has been published in the newspapers.

It was found by Prasars' Intellectual Property team that similar content that was published in www.prasarpremium.com was identified in www.genovaiinfo.com. The data, that was identified was the news summaries which were published by Prasar, had striking similarities with what was published by RevolAI. The phrases, sentence construction, etc., were moderately paraphrased and published by RevolAI. The content was further investigated by their technical team and they

were surprised to see that most of the statistical analysis, editorial reflections, etc., were reproduced in an unauthorized manner and no attribution was mentioned as to the source of the content. They immediately sent a legal notice to cease and desist from publishing the content and not train the GenovAI on the basis of the content that was published in Prasar and also claimed for Rs.25 crores compensation. RevolAI refuted the notice and stated that there were no violations and no unauthorized use, as the training of GenovAI did not involve any information that was available on Prasar as they had blocked the servers to access the content that is available in Asgard. It further stated in the reply that they do not adopt any practices that are against the intellectual property considerations and do not store the data that is used for training. The GenovAI only updates the data on the basis of available information and transformatively generates the content. In addition to that, they also contend that GenovAI is a Highly advanced system which generates outputs with no human involvement and publishes it on the website. So, the independent and autonomous nature of the Artificial Intelligence will not bind the RevolAI in any manner.

Aggrieved by the reply, Prasar approached the High Court of Titan alleging infringement of their copyrights. On the other hand, RevolAI is contesting the jurisdiction of High Court of Titan as it is not having any direct commercial interest and presence in Asgard. The case gained global attention and Artificial Intelligence Association, a non-profit organization impleaded into the dispute citing the relevance of Artificial Intelligence's independent and autonomous nature in generating outcomes requiring it a separate personality. It seeks for directions from the High Court of Titan regarding having the distinct identity to ascertain and simplify rights and obligations in the cases of infringement which is refuted by Prasar stating that, RevolAI shall be responsible for infringement.

The laws of Asgard and Genosha are in Pari Materia with India and the United States respectively. Any other laws or directives in other countries can also be used which can have persuasive value.

The issues in the above cases are including but not limited to:

1. Whether the High Court of Titan has jurisdiction?
2. Whether copyright exists in the content generated by Prasar and RevolAI?
3. Whether RevolAI is liable for infringement?
4. Whether a separate personality can be attributed to Artificial Intelligence?

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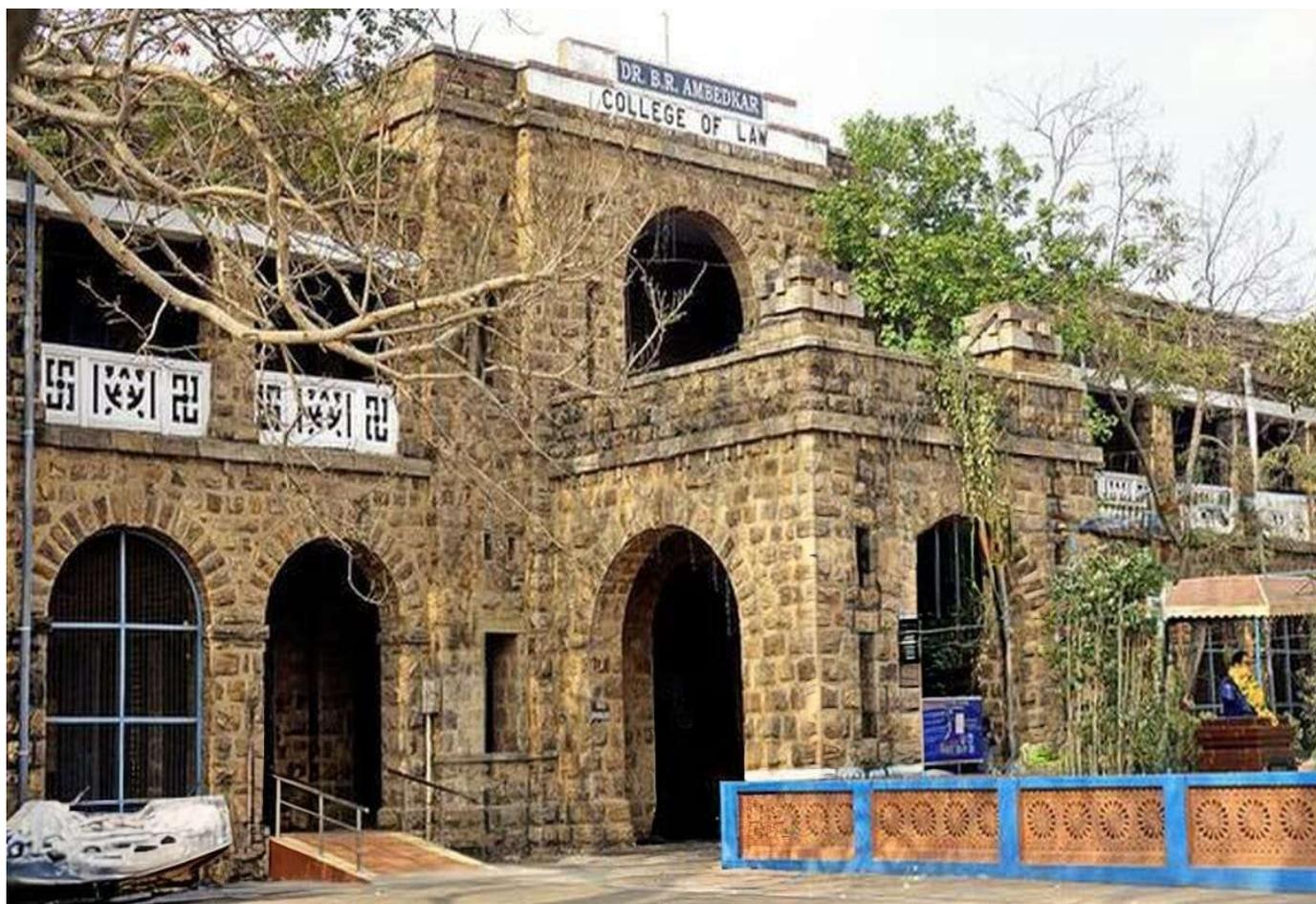


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