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DR. A T MARKOSE MEMORIAL TECHNOLOGY LAW  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024  
19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024**



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*CG Car Company and Others v. Union of India*

1. The Republic of Indica (hereinafter referred to as Indica) is a democratic country situated in the Southern part of the Asian Sub Continent. It is the most populous country, the seventh-largest country in the area, and the biggest democracy in the world. It is a pluralistic, multilingual, and multi-ethnic society. The beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century witnessed a boom in Indica in trade and commerce, infrastructural development, education, healthcare, and so on.
2. Indica has become a fast-growing major economy and a hub for information and communication technology (hereinafter referred to as ITC) services, sophisticated healthcare technologies, and the most advanced education systems, thereby proving itself to be one of the fastest-developing countries in the last two decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The foreign investments in Indica rose from USD 2155 million in the year 2000 to USD 84.8 billion in 2022. The GDP increased from USD 468.39 Billion in 2000 to USD 3.5 trillion in 2022.
3. Indica signed various bilateral, regional, and multilateral agreements for the exchange of technology. Indica, being a prominent member of G20 Countries, is set to host the G20 meeting in 2023, and this has provided a notable position among world leaders and global politics.
4. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century also witnessed a number of changes in the social, economic, and legal landscape of Indica. The Parliament of Indica enacted various legislations to regulate the advancements that have occurred because of the changes that are taking place in the country due to its economic policies of liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation, which commenced in the last lap of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. One such prominent legislation was the Information Technology Act in the year 2000 (hereinafter referred to as IT Act, 2000) to provide legal recognition for transactions carried out by means of electronic data interchange and other means of electronic communication. IT Act, 2000 was extensively amended in 2008.
5. The Government of Indica enacted the National Information and Technology Policy in 2015 with the objective to provide a clear ICT legal framework for every citizen and key stakeholder, to enhance the national level of awareness as to the role and potential of ICT, with emphasizes on sustainable development, in the empowerment of people and in enhancing governance.

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6. Indica has made reasonable progress in the last two decades towards the establishment of ICT infrastructure, enhancing the reach of electronic media and, extension of e-services in the finance, health, public distribution, and education sectors to ensure better governance.
7. State of Antartaka, which shares borders with the State of Santhra and the State of Aminadu, is one of the most developed states in the Republic of Indica. The state is famous because of the growth of the Information Technology (hereinafter referred to as IT) sector, especially in cities like Singaluru, which is often referred to as the Silicon Valley of Indica. Professionals from various parts of Indica have migrated to Singaluru and work in the IT sector and have gained the name of the IT capital of Indica. Its well-developed infrastructure, including spectacular tech parks, lavish hotels and restaurants, and huge shopping malls, testify to the genesis of a truly global and innovative metropolis, Singaluru has turned out to be the dream destination of millennials and Generation Z. Singaluru has a rich diversity in terms of language, culture, ethnicity, religion, and so on.
8. On 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2022, at about 7:00 am, a family consisting of a husband, wife, and a minor boy, on vacation, on the way to Sundarpur National Park, which is located at the Antartaka and Aminadu borders, saw a high-end Trudi car stopped on the side of the State Highway No. 106. They saw a body lying in a pool of blood on the road next to the car. The travellers, later identified to be Mr. Parth, an IT professional working with Cipra, along with his wife Jaya, and their 8-year-old son, informed the highway police about what they witnessed on the highway near the Kompala bridge.
9. The police arrived at the spot and after searching the premises and car, understood that the body was of Mr. Anand. The body was lying by the side of his vehicle (Trudi e-tron with registration number SK 47 BH 1234) stopped near the Kompala bridge on State Highway No. 106.
10. On preliminary search, the investigating officers identified that the body was in the *rigor mortis* stage and found a bullet wound on the right side of his forehead and a pool of blood on the floor near his face. The high-end smartphone of Mr. Anand was lying next to the body and there was no sign of the use of force inside the car or outside the car, where the body was lying. The fingerprint experts could not find any suspicious fingerprints from Mr. Anand's car or from his smartphone. After the inquest, the body was sent to the Government Hospital at Singaluru, for *post-mortem* examination.

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11. Meanwhile, relying on the powers under IT Act under Section 16 read with Section 69, the Central Government of India formulated the rules with respect to the use of cryptographic tools and was notified on 13 August 2022. The Rules mandated that the cryptographic algorithms that were proposed to be used for any purpose by anyone were to be submitted to “The Authority on Control and Regulation of Cryptography” (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) and the prior approval of the Authority was necessary for using the same. The Authority is to be provided with a copy of keys that could be used for decrypting, and they were bound to share the keys with the Government on demand.
12. On inquiry, the investigating officers collected the details of Mr. Anand and understood that he was serving as the Vice President of MATT Private Limited, an IT Firm in the city of Singaluru, and he used to stay alone in a duplex in the First City Residential Colony in Singaluru. His aged parents live in the village of Shankarpur in the State of Santhara and he was legally separated from his wife Niharika in the year 2017 and was not in contact with her thereafter. Mr. Anand was reported to be an introvert with not many friends and maintained a good track record in his professional life.
13. On further investigation, the police took note of the vehicles passed through State Highway No. 106 based on the time of death identified by the police surgeon. Police shortlisted a list of vehicles and concluded that there were not many vehicles that travelled through the highway during the said time period, as the highway led to the Sundarpur National Park, and traffic was not permitted after 6:00 pm to the National Park. The police identified the owners of those vehicles which travelled through the highway after 6:00 pm on 12 August 2022, and decided to investigate more into Mr. Ian, and his brand-new SUV, CG-Metron.
14. The main reason for the suspicion of Mr. Ian was that his vehicle took longer time for covering the distance, compared to the other vehicles. In addition, police could also establish that Mr. Anand and Mr. Ian used to frequent the same eatery, Art Café in Electronics City in Singaluru. However, the staff at the said café disclosed that they had never seen Mr. Anand and Mr. Ian in contact or conversation.
15. Mr. Ian was asked to report to the police station for interrogation. Mr. Ian admitted that he had seen Anand at the Art Café, but did not know any further details and also gave the statement that he was unaware of the car that was used by Mr. Anand, and had not seen him during his drive through the highway on 12 August 2022. Even though the



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explanations given by Mr. Ian were dispelling any doubts about him, police authorities were unwilling to drop the suspicion on Mr. Ian as he could not give a satisfactory reason for his travel through the highway during the specified time. Police confiscated Mr. Ian's car, and identified that the said vehicle had onboard ICT facilities which could show the movement and other details of the vehicle. The incident gathered a lot of media coverage as it was a high-profile case.

16. The automated system used in CG-Metron used blockchain technology for storing data. The same was encrypted using an asymmetric cryptographic technique and the access to the same was using the private key with the owner. The entire system was capable of being operated by the smartphone linked to the same, which was the phone used by Mr. Ian. The electronic modules used in the vehicle recorded information about driving and vehicle conditions, including braking, acceleration, and other related data. These modules also record information about the vehicle's features such as charging events and status, the enabling/disabling of various systems, diagnostic trouble codes, speed, direction, location, etc.
17. The investigating officers identified that the access to data was secured by password and could not be retrieved otherwise. The decryption of data can be made possible only by using the private key, which was in the possession of Mr. Ian. The investigating officers issued notice through proper channels to the manufacturers of the car to provide assistance to decrypt the said protection. Simultaneously, police arrested Mr. Ian and confiscated his smartphone as he was unwilling to cooperate with the authorities for retrieving the data. The CG Car Company, which has its headquarters in Germany, responded by saying that they cannot provide any assistance to the authorities because it was against the security offered by them to the customers and the owner of data in the instant case only Mr. Ian and thereby they do not have any role to play.
18. The investigating authority decided to proceed against the CG Car Company as well as Mr. Ian under section 69 of the IT Act, 2000 for decryption. In addition, police also sought the help of digital forensic experts for overcoming the security features of the CG-Metron, owned by Mr. Ian. They tried to hack into Mr. Ian's smartphone thereby trying to access the private key so as to decrypt the data. However, the digital forensic experts informed that the private key was stored in some other means, which could be accessed only by the owner of the vehicle. It was also communicated to the police that they were unsure of retrieving the data because there was an algorithm within the system

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that was capable of altering the data record if accessed using any means other than the provided security method.

19. Police proceeded against Mr. Ian as he was unwilling to share the private key. This proceeding was challenged by Mr. Ian under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure before the High Court of Antartaka, as the police tried to illegally hack into his system and for the infringement on his privacy. Mr. Ian also contended before the High Court of Antartaka that Section 69 of the IT Act, 2000 compelled him to do something that defeated his fundamental right against self-incrimination. He pleaded that the breach of security features of his car is violative of his right against self-incrimination under Article 20(3) of the Constitution of Indica.
20. Meanwhile the Head office of CG Car Company in India, located at Esplanade, along with other car manufacturers who manufacture and sell autonomous cars in India, filed a writ petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Indica contending that Section 69 of the IT Act and the Rules made thereunder with regard to the submission of a copy of keys that could be used for decrypting, with the Authority on Control and Regulation of Cryptography, was in violation of the Constitution of Indica. The CG Car Company claimed that if the Government is imposing restrictions like this, it is likely to affect their business in Indica substantially, as the security features they offer to their cars are the feature that mostly attracts their clients. Further, they argued that the mandatory requirement to share the cryptographic techniques used in such vehicles with the Government is too restrictive in nature.
21. The Supreme Court of Indica ordered the transfer of the connected case, *Ian v. State of Antartaka*, from the High Court of Antartaka and decided to hear both the matters, along with the Writ Petition filed by the CG Car Company. The questions related to maintainability has been decided and the Supreme Court identified the following broad issues for consideration:
  1. Whether Section 69 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 is constitutionally valid?
  2. Whether governmental control over the use of cryptographic techniques is too restrictive in nature?

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**Note:**

- The Constitution and laws of the Republic of Indica are in *pari materia* to the laws of India.
- This moot proposition is a work of fiction. Names, characters, businesses, places, events, and incidents are either the product of the author's imagination or used in a fictitious manner. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or actual events is purely coincidental.
- The decisions of the organizers shall be final and binding.

**The moot proposition is drafted by Dr. Veena Roshan Jose.**

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**RULES**

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**I. AIM & PURPOSE**

**The Surana & Surana and CUSAT School of Legal Studies, Dr. A T Markose Memorial Technology Law Moot Court Competition** has been conceived with the aim to

- i Create awareness on Technology Law in a systematic / scientific manner and train participants for effective practice.
- ii Facilitate the evolution of Technology Law through the jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new laws besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.

**II. VENUE AND DATE**

The **4<sup>th</sup> Surana & Surana and CUSAT School of Legal Studies, Dr. A T Markose Memorial Technology Law Moot Court Competition** shall be held virtually from **19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**.

**III. LANGUAGE**

**The competition shall be in the English language.**

**IV. ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open for students who are pursuing LLB three year / five-year course during the current academic year.

**V. TEAM COMPOSITION**

- a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- b. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of the court and National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.
- c. Each team will **be provided a team code** prior to the submission of memorials via e- mail. This team code is only for the memorials. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution in their memorials; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.

**VI. REGISTRATION**

- a. Online registrations are open from **01<sup>st</sup> November 2023** The teams must register online by **20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. Teams will have to register online at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in). **Only 40 teams will be registered to participate in the competition on first-come-first serve basis.**
- b. No temporary registration requests will be entertained. Kindly refrain from sending such

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requests to Surana & Surana or CUSAT.

- c. Participants will receive an automated system generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval as acceptance of their request for participation latest by **22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023** or earlier.

**d. Registration Process**

**Option 1** - The Registration form cum Approval letter as provided in the rules duly signed & sealed by your university / college / moot society.

**Option 2** - Upload both (i) & (ii) as detailed below together **as a single PDF**

(i) The Registration form cum Approval letter (without seal & signature) as provided in the rules duly filled along with

(ii) Scanned copy of authorization letter with sign and seal from your university / college / moot society

**Or**

An email communication from the official id (to be filled as notification email id during online registration process) of the institution, from your university / college / moot society to complete the registration process.

**Note:**

1. Signatories on the registration form should be any of the following: - Faculty-in-charge of MCA / MCS / MCC, Registrar, Dean, Principal, Director, or Vice-Chancellor.
  2. Registration without the scanned copy of the approval letter / an email communication from the college/institution/university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.
- e. Soft copy of the registration and approval letter/ an email communication as a **single PDF** to be sent by email to: [slsmcc@cusat.ac.in](mailto:slsmcc@cusat.ac.in) marked as The **4<sup>th</sup> Surana & Surana and CUSAT School of Legal Studies, Dr. A T Markose Memorial Technology Law Moot Court Competition REGISTRATION** as subject of the mail latest by **01<sup>st</sup> January 2024** . The provisional team code shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host University soon after receiving of registration particulars.
- f. On receiving the provisional team code from moot committee/society of CUSAT you may proceed to pay the registration fees.
- g. **A registration fee of Rs. 2500/- is to be paid online by **23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023****

**To:**

**Coordinator**

**Moot Court Committee**

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**MODE OF PAYMENT: NEFT/ RTGS/ GOOGLE PAY**

Receipt of the online payment to be sent by email to: [slsmcc@cusat.ac.in](mailto:slsmcc@cusat.ac.in).

Fee once paid will not be refunded.

- h. In the event a team drops out of the competition or is disqualified the team next in line as per registration data (When the registration exceeds beyond the permitted 40 teams) will be offered the chance to participate in the competition at short notice. Such teams will have to submit memorials to be eligible at least 3 days prior to the start of the competition.

**VII. ORIENTATION**

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on **19<sup>th</sup> January 2024** followed by a draw of lots and exchange of memorials. Competition team codes and side will be allotted during the orientation only.

**VIII. ROUNDS**

There will be two preliminary rounds, an Octa final, a quarter final, a semi-final and a final round which will be conducted virtually. Octa final will be held if the number of teams participating exceed 32.

**Preliminary Round/ Octa Finals/ Quarter Finals**

- a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, once for petitioner & another for respondent.
  - b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
  - c. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments.
  - d. There will be Registration, Orientation followed by exchange of memorials for the preliminary round 1 on **19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Friday)**.
  - e. Preliminary round 1 will be held on **19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Friday)** while Preliminary round 2 / Octa finals/ Quarter finals will be held on **20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Saturday)**.
  - f. Top sixteen teams/eight teams from the Preliminary rounds will advance to the Octa/Quarter final rounds that will be decided on
    - a. Win points
    - b. Win points + Aggregate raw points
    - c. Win points + Aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)
- NB: Aggregate raw points = oral scores + memorial score.

**Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.**

- g. The dress code shall be advocate's attire (as laid out by the BCI) during orientation, the oral rounds and valedictory ceremony of the competition.

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h. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.

**Advance Rounds:**

Draw of lots / power match will decide the side of the arguments in Octa Finals, Quarterfinals **20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Saturday)**, and Semifinals & Finals will be held on **21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 (Sunday)**, followed by the Finals. The Quarterfinal / Semifinal are knockout rounds. **The schedule is subject to change in case participating teams' number less than 32.**

**IX. RESULTS**

Results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced after the completion of rounds of all the teams. Similarly, the results of the Quarter-Final/Semi-Final Rounds shall be announced after completion of the rounds of all qualified teams of respective rounds. The results of the Final Round shall be announced in the Valedictory Ceremony.

**X. Memorials**

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalised:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Petitioners and Respondent).
- b. The soft copy of the Memorials for the Petitioner and the respondent should be mailed to [slsmcc@cusat.ac.in](mailto:slsmcc@cusat.ac.in) with copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) on or before **05<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Thursday), 11.59 pm**. Late submission will be penalized by two points each per memorial for every day of delay after due date. **Memorials beyond a delay of five days will not be accepted.** This will by default disqualify you from participating in the Competition. Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted, **no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.**
- c. Soft copy of the memorials should be emailed with the subject as “Team Code- Memorial Submission”. The memorials shall be submitted in **Word format**. The file shall be named as “**Team Code- Memorial for Petitioner**” and “**Team Code- Memorial for Respondent**” respectively. The memorials for the two sides shall be attached as two separate attachments in the same email communication.
- d. The memorials have to be on A 4 size paper **printed both the sides** and must contain:
  - The table of contents
  - The index of authorities
  - The statement of jurisdiction
  - The statement of facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
  - The statement of issues
  - The summary of arguments (not more than 1 page)
  - The arguments advanced (not more than 15 pages)

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- The prayer
- e. The font size should be 12 (double space) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single space) & single space is to be adhered to between two-foot notes. Footnoting must conform to the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA), 4th Edition.
- f. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- g. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.
- h. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:  

**Petitioner: Light Blue Color; Respondent: Light Red Color.**
- i. The cover page of the memorial must state the following :
  - a. Team code (on the top right corner)
  - b. The cause title.
  - c. Identify brief as Petitioners & Respondents as is applicable.
- j. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The National Administrator's decision shall be final.
- k. The teams may share a separate paper book (compendium) of not more than 50 pages, which will carry all the annexure and case laws that have been referred to in the memorial. The paper book will have a white cover. The teams may submit through screen sharing with judges or submitted during virtual registration before commencement of the Competition as advised by the organisers. Any identifying marks/seal of the college/university shall attract severe penalties including disqualification.

## **XI. ORAL ROUND**

### **Preliminary Round, Octa finals & Quarter finals**

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10+ minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- e. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

### **Semifinal & Final**

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case that will include rebuttal time
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, with a minimum of 15 minutes per speaker.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.



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- d. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

## **XII. Scouting**

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification. Scouting could occur due to oversight, technical issues. Participants are to immediately leave the Court Room and login afresh in any such eventuality.

## **XIII. Scoring**

### **A. Orals**

The parameters for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:

- a. Knowledge of facts
- b. Logic and reasoning
- c. Organisation and clarity
- d. Persuasiveness
- e. Deference to the court
- f. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
- g. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
- h. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted.
- i. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of national law
- j. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

### **B. Written Submissions (Memorials)**

1. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.
2. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the National Administrator.
3. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
  - a. Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
  - b. Logical progression of ideas
  - c. Effective use of headings to outline arguments.
  - d. Understanding essential legal issues presented
  - e. Focus on essential (not collateral) issues.
  - f. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
  - g. Forceful and persuasive presentation
  - h. Integration of facts into legal argument
  - i. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
  - j. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
  - k. Understanding and analysis of authority

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- l. Proper use of citations and citation form
- m. Effective use of authority to support arguments
- n. Ability to distinguish adverse cases.

#### **XIV. AWARDS**

i. Winning team:	Rs. 20,000
ii. Runner up team:	Rs. 15,000
iii. Best Memorial:	Rs. 5,000
iv. Second Best Memorial:	Rs. 2,500
v. Best Student Advocate:	Rs. 5,000
vi. Second Best Student Advocate:	Rs. 2,500

In addition to the above awards, plaques and certificates will be given to other categories of winners. All participants will be awarded participation certificates.

#### **XV. ANONYMITY**

- a) Student counsel may introduce her/himself to the court in the usual manner and may also state her/his names. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the awards ceremony.
- b) Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as clothing, ties, patches, or pins or displaying identifying material with a college logo, seal, emblem, colour or similar identification.

#### **XVI. POLICY FOR VIRTUAL ROUNDS**

- a) The Oral Rounds for the competition will take place virtually via **Google Meet** platform.
- b) It would be the responsibility of every team to ensure a stable internet connection. The audio and video of every member of the team should be clear. Every team must ensure a proper background. The organisers will under no circumstances be obligated to provide the participants with any such facility.
- c) All participants should mandatorily join with their laptops or desktops and other forms of device are to be avoided.
- d) **The link or the ID and password for the room on Google Meet will be conveyed to the participating teams before the oral rounds.**
- e) Each participating member of every team is advised to install the Google Meet platform on their devices well in time.
- f) Each team is required to join the room at least twenty minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of the oral rounds.

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- g) The participants' camera and microphone shall be firmly positioned throughout the oral rounds so as to show speakers and to ensure their voices are clearly audible.
- h) All participants must keep their cameras on at all times during the rounds. Camera to be switched off in case of technical glitches with the permission of the bench.
- i) At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she or the entire team to which such participant belongs may be disqualified upon the discretion of the bench.
- j) Each participant is responsible for finding a suitable venue and background to participate. The venue must be a quiet location and one which has adequate and reliable internet connectivity and has a desk and chairs for the oralist. Locations in open spaces or hallways or cybercafes or similar areas are NOT permitted.
- k) Participants are cautioned to ensure that all equipment has a power supply sufficient to last for at least two hours without interruption.
- l) In case of a loss in internet connection, each team will be given a reasonable time to reconnect. If the problem still persists the decision made by the organisers shall be final and binding.
- m) In the event where one or both of the speaker could not join due to connectivity issue, the team may be disqualified from the competition and at no circumstances can other member of the team be allowed to switch roles.
- n) Where a team does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time for the round, the round shall proceed as ex-parte.
- o) Compendium & memorials shall be mailed to [sismcc@cusat.ac.in](mailto:sismcc@cusat.ac.in) along with the team competition codes on completion of the Orientation as directed by the organisers.
- p) Any compiled Research Material (Compendium) or other supplementary documents may be, as per the discretion of the bench, presented by the team by using the "screen sharing" option given they have fulfilled the preceding sub-clause.
- q) Participants will not be allowed to use the feature of personal chat on Google Meet to communicate with their team members or members of the opposing team.
- r) Teams shall not use internet or any other devices during the rounds for anything, except participating in the rounds.
- s) Participants can only sip water on screen during the competition. Consumption of other beverages or eatables is not permitted. Non-Speakers are to switch off video before drinking water.
- t) Participating speakers and researcher are permitted to join for the Virtual Competition from the same premises/room. However, the screen space shall be independent and the speakers, researcher to represent before the bench through individual/separate devices.
- u) Appropriate court room demeanor is to be maintained. This is mandatory.

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v) Participants are expected to cooperate with the organisers and the judges, in case anyone faces any issue.

w) The organizers shall take best available measures to resolve or mitigate any connectivity issues

that may arise. However, in cases where that is not possible, the organizer cannot be held responsible for the unforeseen issues which includes (but are not limited to) – Software failure and connectivity issues.

The decision of the Organizers in consultation with the judges shall be final and binding.

**XVII. DECISION OF THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL**

**XVIII. COPYRIGHT**

- a. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in, SLS, CUSAT, Kochi and Surana & Surana International Attorneys Chennai. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
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## XIX. ORGANISING TEAM

(Dr.) Hari Govind P C , Director, School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT), Cochin-682022 will be the National Administrator.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Commencement of Online Registration</b>	<b>01<sup>st</sup> November 2023</b>
<b>Last date for Online Registration</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>Last date for seeking clarifications of Problem</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>Last date for payment of registration fee</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>Last date for receiving soft copies of Reg. Form / Approval letter and payment particulars</b>	<b>01<sup>st</sup> January 2024</b>
<b>Last Date for Submission of Memorials (Soft Copy in word format only)</b>	<b>05<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
<b>Registration and Draw of Lots &amp; Orientation &amp; Preliminary Round 1</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> January.2024</b>
<b>Oral Rounds – Preliminary Round 2, Octa Finals &amp; Quarter finals</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January.2024</b>
<b>Oral Rounds – Semifinals, Finals, Valediction &amp; Prize distribution</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> January.2024</b>

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Date:

**Registration form/ Approval letter**

(Please fill in capital letters)

**Undertaking**

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
2. We certify that the materials submitted/to be submitted are prepared by us and agree to indemnify the organizers, i.e., the Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai, and the School of Legal Studies, CUSAT for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All particulars must be given)

**Name & Address of the participating Institution:**

**Notification Email:**

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year / Semester	Signature

<b>Primary Team Telephone Number</b>	
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Seal & signature of the  
Head of the Institution