



# DR. B.S. GOEL MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025

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## CONCEPT NOTE:

The 6<sup>th</sup> Dr. B.S. Goel Memorial National Moot Court Competition invites aspiring legal minds to engage with one of the most pressing challenges of our times — environmental degradation amidst rapid industrial growth. The moot problem, set in the fictional Republic of Indica, brings to light critical constitutional questions arising from unchecked urbanization, industrial pollution and improper biomedical waste management. Participants will explore the legal contours of Article 21 (Right to Life), Article 19(1)(g) (Right to Practice Any Profession), and the government's obligations under Articles 48A and 51A(g) of the Constitution. The dispute centers on the legality of emergency environmental regulations and the effectiveness of statutory frameworks.

In an era where global warming, climate change, and public health emergencies have become existential concerns, this moot problem mirrors the real-world complexities of balancing economic development with environmental responsibility. Rising air pollution levels, deteriorating public health, and governmental accountability are not just legal issues but moral and global imperatives. This competition provides a platform for law students to delve into judicial activism, public interest litigation, and the evolving jurisprudence of environmental law, empowering them to think critically and advocate for sustainable legal solutions in a rapidly changing world.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Open to all students enrolled in a 3-year or 5-year law degree course in any recognized Law College/University in India.
- Each team shall consist of 2 Speakers and 1 Researcher.
- A maximum of 2 teams per institution are allowed.

## STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

The Competition will be structured as per the following format:

1. Preliminary Rounds
2. Quarter Final Rounds
3. Semi Final Rounds
4. Final Round

## LANGUAGE:

The language of the Competition shall be English.

## DRESS CODE:

The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

- **Girls:** White salwar and kurta or white shirt and black trousers along with black coat and black shoes.
- **Boys:** White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

**Note: The participating teams shall also adhere to the above mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.**

## MEMORIALS:

All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules of the Competition. Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s) and one on behalf of the Respondent(s).

**The following content specifications must be strictly adhered to:**

- Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts
- Line Spacing (General) - 1.5 lines
- Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts
- Line Spacing (Footnotes) - Single line
- Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides
- The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.
- The citation should be in compliance with the Bluebook 20th edition. Speaking footnotes or Endnotes are not allowed.

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- Further each team has to submit 4 hard copies of the Memorials from each side. Non-compliance will entail a penalty of 2 point per copy not submitted. Hard copies of the memorial must reach the organizers by post on the postal address provided at the end of the brochure latest by 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, failing which, the same shall not be considered and would lead to disqualification.
  - Petitioner memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.
  - The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification. A penalty of 5 marks shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team.
  - The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page.
  - The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.
  - Evaluation Criteria for Memorial-

S. No.	Evaluation Parameter	Marks Allotted
1	Evidence of Original Thought	20 marks
2	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20 marks
3	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20 marks
4	Correct Format and Proper Citation	20 marks
5	Extent and Use of Research	20 marks
	Total	100 marks

## ORAL ROUNDS

### Draw of Lots:

- The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.
- Draw of lots and Memorial Exchange shall take place on August 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 after the Inaugural Ceremony.

### Preliminary Rounds :

- The Preliminary rounds shall comprise of Two Rounds of oral arguments subject to the allotment of team codes. In the preliminary rounds, each team shall have to argue twice, once as a petitioner and the other as a respondent.
- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)). The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject with a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and not more than 15 minutes per speaker. Rebuttals can be assigned a time period of not more than 2 minutes.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. The researcher may sit with the speakers during the oral rounds.
- The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms.
- No two Teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- Use of abusive language, violent gestures, and prohibited words will amount to disqualification.
- The winners of the preliminary rounds, i.e. total eight teams (8 teams) shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter Finals, the number of rounds won by the team shall be considered as first criteria. In case there is a tie, the winning difference of their respective rounds shall be taken into consideration. Further, in case of tie after taking winning scores into consideration, the decision shall be taken on the basis of the Memorial marks.



- Evaluation criteria for Preliminary Rounds

S. No.	Criteria	Marks Allotted
1	Knowledge of Facts and Law	20 marks
2	Application of Legal Principles	20 marks
3	Clarity and Structure of Arguments	15 marks
4	Courtroom Etiquette & Demeanor	10 marks
5	Response to Questions from Judges	15 marks
6	Advocacy Skills & Persuasiveness	10 marks
7	Time Management	10 marks
	Total	100 marks

## GENERAL RULES:

- In case of evaluation of all the Rounds, the Memorial Marks shall not be included to decide the merit.
- But in case a tie takes place in the Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final Rounds, the marks of the Preliminary Rounds shall be the basis for deciding the winner.
- The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

## SCOUTING:

Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team, unless they have been officially knocked-out of the competition. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

## RESEARCHER'S TEST:

- The "Researcher Test" shall take place on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
- Only the Researcher, as indicated in the team registration form, shall take the researcher test.
- The test shall be limited to general understanding of law and to the moot proposition.



# IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Activity	Date
Release of Moot Problem	25th June, 2025
Last Date of Registration	27th July, 2025
Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	17th August, 2025
Memorial Submission (Hard Copy)	26th August, 2025
Oral Rounds	29th- 30th August, 2025

# REGISTRATION:

- Registration Fee: ₹3000 per team
- Mode of Payment: Online

Register via this link:

<https://registrations.ipemgzb.ac.in/court-competition/registration>

# AWARDS:



Winner Team



Runner-Up Team



Best Memorial



Best Speaker



Best Researcher

# Cash Prize Amount:

Winner team	₹21,000
Runner Up	₹12,000
Best Memorial, Researcher & speaker	₹3100

## MOOT PROBLEM:

- The Republic of Indica is facing a severe environmental crisis due to rapid industrialization and urban expansion. Deltorra, a major commercial and industrial City in Indica, has been at the center of this crisis. The area houses numerous industries, varying from small-scale manufacturing units to large factories, many of which release significant air pollutants. Additionally, traffic congestion and unregulated vehicular emissions have further deteriorated air quality, raising concerns among environmentalists and residents alike.
- Within the same commercial hub, Saftel Health Institute (SHI), a large multi-specialty government hospital, has been under scrutiny for its improper biomedical waste disposal practices. Reports have surfaced indicating that hazardous medical waste, including syringes, contaminated gloves, and expired medicines, is being dumped on the streets and into open drainage systems, leading to severe sanitation issues. Several roads near SHI are often clogged with biomedical waste, causing inconvenience to local businesses and commuters. The hospital administration, however, claims that the issue stems from a lack of adequate waste disposal infrastructure and an overburdened healthcare system rather than negligence on its part.
- Meanwhile, the Indica Air Quality Management Authority enforced Grade III and IV restrictions under the GRAP Regulations, 2024, to curb pollution levels. These regulations include suspension of construction activities, restrictions on vehicular movement, and temporary industrial shutdowns in highly polluted zones. Industry owners and small business traders have raised objections, arguing that these measures violate Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution, which protects the right to practice any profession or business. The government defends the regulations, citing the state's responsibility under Article 21 to ensure public health and environmental sustainability.
- Mr. Montaro, a long-time resident of Deltorra, filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court under Article 32, challenging the government's failure to maintain environmental standards. While his personal health has not been directly affected, he asserts that the degradation of air quality and the unhygienic conditions caused by biomedical waste disposal infringe upon the fundamental rights of citizens, particularly the right to a clean and safe environment under Article 21.



- While initial investigations it was found that several industries operating in Deltorra had previously obtained Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) clearances, but an independent inquiry done by a NGO, Green Fund Foundation has revealed discrepancies in their approval process. Some clearances were allegedly granted under procedural lapses or potential political influence, raising concerns about the legality of these approvals. While some industries claim they complied with all regulatory requirements, environmental activists argue that the lack of a transparent EIA process has contributed to unchecked pollution in the area.
- In response to these developments, the government and industry representatives have opposed Mr. Montaro's petition on grounds of maintainability, locus standi and need for balance between freedom of trade and right to clean air.
- The matter now is laid before the bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

All the laws pari material to India applies.

## ISSUES RAISED:

- Whether the writ petition under Article 32 is maintainable before the Hon'ble Supreme Court?
- Whether the GRAP III and IV Regulations, 2024, imposing restrictions on trade, construction, and industries, violate Article 19(1) (g) of the Constitution?
- Whether the improper disposal of biomedical waste by Saftel Health Institute violates the Environmental Protection Act, 1986, and Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016, and what legal remedies are available?
- Whether the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) clearances granted to industries in Deltorra were legally valid or require reconsideration due to alleged lapses?
- Whether the state's inaction in regulating environmental pollution constitutes a violation of its duties under Article 48A and Article 51A (g) of the Constitution, thereby warranting Supreme Court intervention?

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