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**DR. P. A. INAMDAR**

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## ABOUT M.C.E. SOCIETY

Maharashtra Cosmopolitan Education Society, Pune (MCES), was established in the year 1948 by Late Adv. Mr. Abdul Kadir Khan and others, with an objective of providing education to the economically, educationally and socially weaker sections of the society. It is both a religious and linguistic minority educational institution as per Article 30(1) of the Constitution of India. It is an educational society



registered under the Society's Registration Act of 1860 and also a Public Trust registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950. It is also registered under section 12(a) of Income Tax Act 1961 and is exempted u/s 80G of the said Act by the Income Tax Commissioner, Pune.

The M.C.E. Society is one of the oldest educational organizations of Pune at Azam Campus & has done pioneering work in the field of education. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. P. A. Inamdar, the M.C.E. Society from a humble beginning of four schools has been transformed into an excellent educational complex of higher, medical, technical and professional academic institutions. The Azam Campus is a conglomeration of various educational institutions catering to the need of thousands of students right from primary school to Post Graduate and Research Level in the field of Arts, Science, Commerce, Computer Science, Education, Law, Pharmacy, Medicine, Dentistry, Management, Architecture, Hospitality, etc. with the modern multi-storeyed buildings designed and constructed to give the best educational atmosphere and hostel complex for boys and girls separately.

## ABOUT M.C.E. SOCIETY'S A.K.K. NEW LAW ACADEMY, PUNE



A.K.K. New Law Academy was established in 1994 and named after Hon'ble Late Adv. Mr. Abdul Kadir Khan. The college, situated at Azam Campus is located at the heart of Pune City with a pleasing surrounding spread over 24 acres. A. K. K. New Law Academy at Azam Campus is enclosed in such ambience as it helps to maintain a congenial environment for study and reflection. The college offers a rich environment for studying law and prepares the students to enter into legal profession. To run the academic programme the college has the best of the infrastructure and well equipped Library with

computer lab having high speed computers and free internet facility.

The college is approved by Bar Council of India and Permanently Affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University. It has been recognised under Section 2(f) & 12(B) of U G C Act, 1956. The college has been reaccredited by NAAC. The College runs LL.B (Three Year) B.A LL.B (Five Year) and LL.M (Two Year) Courses. In addition our College was the first one under Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune for having recognized as a Ph.D Research Centre from the Academic Year 2014-15.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It gives me immense pleasure to present “Dr. P. A. Inamdar National Moot Court Competition on The Rights of Minority Educational Institutions, 2026”. Our commitment has consistently been to cultivate talent among the students which is showcased through this Competition. This reflects our steadfast dedication to quality in legal education. It will not only provide a platform for law students to exhibit their advocacy skills but also gives an opportunity to instill the values of professionalism, analytical thinking, and teamwork.

The Moot Court Competition is scheduled from 26th March to 28th March 2026 on a virtual platform. This competition seeks to raise awareness and prepare aspiring lawyers to comprehend and evaluate the practical elements and complexities of Constitutional Law, particularly the rights of minority educational institutions as outlined in the Indian Constitution.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the participants and organizers for their contribution in organizing this event a reality. I commend A.K.K. New Law Academy for its constant efforts in offering a dynamic academic environment that promotes practical legal education. I am confident that this moot court competition will serve as a milestone in the practicing proficient legal professionals. Wishing everyone a fulfilling and enriching experience!

**Mrs. Abeda P. Inamdar**  
President, M.C.E. Society, Pune

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I take immense pride to host the “Dr. P. A. Inamdar National Moot Court Competition on The Rights of Minority Educational Institutions, 2026”. Mooting is a prime example of our institution's belief that real learning extends outside the classroom. Through this Moot Court Competition, we endeavour to develop future legal leaders by fostering abilities like communication, critical thinking, legal writing, research, and bridging the gap between the theoretical and practical facets of the law. This competition is not merely an academic event; it is a dynamic forum where the legal minds come together to engage in spirited debate, sharpen their advocacy skills, and uphold the principles of the Constitution. This Competition will provide a platform to the participants to engage in pressing issues of the Constitution specially pertaining to the rights of minority educational institutions established under article 30(1) of the Constitution.



I extend my profound gratitude to the coordinators and the organizing committee comprising of our staff and student volunteers for their tireless efforts to organise this event. I also thank our distinguished panel of dignitaries for their valuable presence in this event.

I extend a hearty welcome to all the participants to this platform to exhibit their advocacy skills and exchange of ideas and take this opportunity to explore their passion for mooting. I convey my best wishes to all participants for this Competition.

**Dr. Saleem M. Shaikh**  
Principal

## ABOUT MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The Moot Court Society at our college i.e. A.K.K. New Law Academy is an integral part of our college. It has distinguished and dedicated group of law students who play a vital role in promoting the art of advocacy skills. The Moot Court Society comprising of faculty and students of our college strive hard to foster excellence, intellectual growth, and practical legal skills among the students. The faculty and dedicated student members from post graduate and undergraduate law courses organise moot court training programmes, intra and inter-collegiate moot court competitions to inculcate the mooting culture among the students.

Moot Court Committee of our College in collaboration with prestigious Law Firm and Institutions such as Surana and Surana International Attorneys, Chanakya National Law University and Aligarh Muslim University had organised National and International Moot Court Competitions for more than a decade in the past.

## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

M.C.E. Society's A.K.K. New Law Academy, Pune is pleased to announce the "Dr. P. A. Inamdar National Moot Court Competition on the Rights of Minority Educational Institutions, 2026", a flagship event that aims to provide a unique forum for law students to showcase their advocacy skills. Through this competition we take honor and pleasure to acknowledge Hon'ble Dr. P. A. Inamdar's profound contributions to the rights of minority educational institutions all over India. Due to his commendable efforts to promote and protect the rights of minority educational institutions as envisaged under the Indian Constitution, he is known as an iconic architect of the Indian Minorities. In organizing this competition we aspire to honor Hon'ble Dr. P. A. Inamdar's legal journey by encouraging the law students to engage in an enriching legal discourse on the rights of minority educational institutions.

## GLIMPSES OF MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025



## RULES & REGULATIONS

### 1. Short Title

These shall be called the rules for the “**Dr. P.A. Inamdar National Moot Court Competition on Rights of Minority Educational Institutions, 2026.**”

### 2. Name of the Organisers

The Competition is being organized by M.C.E. Society’s A.K.K. New Law Academy, Pune. SCC Online is the exclusive ‘Knowledge Partner’ and SCC Times, Live Law, Lawtopus and Law Bhoomi are exclusive ‘Legal Media Partners’ for this Moot Court Competition.

### 3. Date and Mode of the Competition

The Competition shall be held in online mode from 26th - 28th March, 2026.

### 4. Oral Rounds

The Competition shall comprise of four Oral rounds (Online):

- Preliminary Round
- Quarter Final Rounds
- Semi-Final and
- Final Round

The teams the highest score shall proceed to the advance rounds. Top 8 teams from Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds. Top 4 teams will proceed to the Semi-Final Round and 2 teams will proceed to the Final Round.

The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to strictly adhere to the rules and guidelines prescribed herein.

### 5. Team Eligibility

- i. All students who have been duly enrolled and are pursuing a full-time 3-year LL.B. programme or a 5-year integrated LL.B. programme from the Institution/University recognized by Bar Council of India or equally competent authority shall be eligible to participate in the competition.
- ii. Only one team can register from a particular College or Institution for participation.
- iii. Students pursuing Diploma Courses or Certificate Courses are NOT ELIGIBLE to participate in the competition.

### 6. Team Composition

- i. Each team shall comprise a maximum number of three members i.e. two speakers and one researcher.
- ii. In the event any change is required in the name of a participant and/or in his/her designation as a speaker or a researcher, the same shall be communicated to the Organizers via e-mail latest by 15th March 2026, 5:00 P.M. IST.
- iii. Once the competition commences on 26th March, 2026 no interchangeability amongst/between the speakers and/or researcher shall be allowed at any point in the competition unless under exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Organizers.

## 7. Official Language

The official language of the competition shall be English, for written as well as oral submissions.

## 8. Registration Fee and Payment

- i. Teams are required to register for the Competition by filling the Registration Form. Registration shall not be accepted through any other means.
- ii. In the Registration Form, the participating team shall indicate which member shall be an official point of contact for the organizers and such person shall be responsible for all official communication between the Organizers and the participating team.
- iii. The deadline for final registration form is 7th March , 2026 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- iv. The registration form provided in the ANNEXURE I should be completely filled and uploaded in the online google through the Link or the QR Code.

The Link for Registration

<https://forms.gle/SaHRJLXbLncSeAYC6>



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- v. The registration fees is INR 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) per team.
- vi. In the event a team notifies the Organizers of its withdrawal or absence from participation in the competition, such team SHALL NOT be entitled to refund of the registration fee or any amount which has been paid in the registration process.

## vii. PAYMENT : BANK DETAILS

Name of the Account Holder : MCES A.K.K. New Law Academy, Pune  
Name of the Bank : The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd. Pune  
Bank Branch : Azam Campus Br. Pune -411001  
Account Type : Current  
Bank A/C No : 001911001000491  
IFSC Code : MSLM0000019

## 9. Allotment of Team Code

After successful registration, each team shall be allotted a Team Code which shall be communicated to them via email of the Official Contact Person.

Teams are required to use the Team Code on their memorials and oral submissions to identify themselves.

Use of any other personal identification detail like, name or logo of college or any other insignia, anywhere in the memorials or during the oral submissions shall be penalized accordingly.

## 10. Anonymity of Teams

Teams shall not reveal their identity on the memorial or during oral submissions in any form except by means of their team code allotted to them by the organisers. Any violation of this rule shall attract penalty or disqualification. The decision of the organizing committee in this regard shall be final.

**Note :** No faculty member, observer coach etc. from the side of the participating team will be allowed to join the video conferencing during the competition.

## 11. Dress Code

- i. Participants shall be appropriately attired throughout the conduct of the Competition (Inaugural Ceremony, Oral Rounds, Valedictory Ceremony) in the manner provided below:
- ii. For Men- Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers, black tie and a black blazer)
- iii. For Women- Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers/skirt and a black blazer) or Indian Formals (White kurta, black salwar and black dupatta along with the black blazer)
- iv. Robes and collar bands are not permitted.

## 12. Clarifications :

- i. The teams seeking clarifications regarding the moot problem shall send in their queries on this email mootcourtsocietyakknla@gmail.com only on or before 7th March, 2026, 11:59 P.M. IST : Clarification shall not be entertained on phone. No requests for any clarification shall be entertained post this deadline unless Organizers deems fit to address any such query.
- ii. The Clarification shall be restricted to Moot Proposition and Rules of the Competition.

## 13. Memorial and Marking Evaluation

- i. Each team must prepare Memorials for both sides of the dispute i.e., the Petitioner and the Respondent.
- ii. The Teams are expected to strictly adhere to the rules regarding the submission of Memorial(s). Non-adherence to the same will attract penalties as provided under the Rules.
- iii. The Memorial 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 of the participating team.

The Memorial has to be submitted in soft copy only. Each Team shall submit the soft copy of the Memorial, in “pdf and doc” form on or before 14th March, 2026 by 11:59 P.M. IST via email to mootcourtsocietyakknla@gmail.com

- iv. Each Team has to send four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Memorial for the Petitioner [one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx or .doc) format] and two (2) as Memorial for the Respondent [one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx or .doc) format].
- v. Late memorial submission shall be penalized (1 mark per day).
- vi. The Memorial must contain the following contents in the order as stated below:

**a) Cover Page :** The Cover Page must be BLUE for the Petitioner and RED for the Respondent. A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses the wrong cover page in their Memorial.

**The Cover Page of the Memorial must contain the following information :**

- The ‘Team Code’ in the top right corner.
- The ‘Name’ and ‘Year’ of the Competition.
- The name of the Case (Case Title).
- The ‘Side’ for which the Memorial has been prepared.
- The name of the ‘Forum’ resolving the dispute.

- b) **List of Abbreviations :**
- c) **Index of Authorities :** The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the memorial.
- d) **Statement of Jurisdiction :**
- e) **Statement of Facts :** The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts to the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts. Argumentative facts are prohibited. The Statement of Facts shall not exceed 2 pages. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each exceeded page.]
- f) **Issues Raised :**
- g) **Summary of Arguments :** The summary of arguments should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not merely be the production of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The Summary of Arguments shall not exceed 2 pages. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark for each exceeded page.]
- h) **Pleadings/Arguments Advanced :** All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced must not exceed 20 pages. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 2 marks for each exceeded page.]
- i) **Prayer :** The Prayer shall not exceed 1 page.
- j) **Team Code :** The Team Code must be ascribed to the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be succeeded by the side for which the Memorial is prepared. For example if Team Code being TC-10, the team must write “TC-10 P” in the case of Memorial for ‘Petitioner’ and “TC-10 R” in the case of Memorial for ‘Respondent’.
- k) **Margin :** The Memorial must maintain an equal margin of 1 inch on all sides.
- l) **Basic compliance for Memorial :** The Memorial (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications: Paper size: A4, Font type: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, Line spacing: 1.5, Body of text: Justified. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 2 marks for each side of the Memorial.]
- m) **Footnotes :** The footnotes must be in font type: Times New Roman, Font size: 10, Line spacing: 1.0, Paragraph spacing: 0, no additional space between 2 footnotes and body of text and Justified with a Uniform Style of Citation (Bluebook, 21st Edition) to be strictly followed throughout the Memorial. [Note: Non-compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page.]
- n) **Header and Footer :** The font used for the header/footer, if any, shall be Times New Roman, size 10 with single spacing.
- vii. **Marking criteria for the Memorial(s) submitted by the Teams:**

Memorial from each side shall carry a total of 100 marks. The Memorials shall be marked on the parameters which are laid down as under :

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>
1	Evidence of Original Thought	20
2	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
3	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
4	Structure, Language and Grammar	10
5	Extent and Use of Research	20
6	Correct Format and Citation	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

#### **14. Compendium**

- i. All relevant case laws and statutory material and other evidence-based on which the participants are going to present and substantiate their arguments may be submitted in the form of a ‘Compendium’ in soft copy in “pdf and doc” along with their memorial.
- ii. Submission of ‘Compendium’ is at the discretion of the teams, the same is not compulsory to be submitted by all the participating teams.

#### **15. Exchange of Memorials**

- i. The Exchange of Memorial shall take place prior to the commencement of the rounds.
- ii. Teams are prohibited from making any remarks on the opponent’s Memorial, i.e. the exchanged memorial. Teams are also prohibited from making any copies of the opponent’s Memorial, electronically or otherwise.

#### **16. Researcher’s Test**

- i. The Researcher’s Test for the Competition shall be conducted on 26th March 2026 in online mode.
- ii. The link, timings, durations, and other instructions shall be notified to the teams well in advance of the date of the test through whatsapp group.
- iii. It is mandatory for the researchers of all the participating teams to participate in the Researcher’s Test.
- iv. Only the ‘Researcher’ is supposed to give the test. In case any team consists of only 2 members participating as speakers, then none of such speakers will be allowed to give the Researcher’s Test.
- v. The Researcher’s Test shall consist of 30 objective-type questions.
- vi. In case two or more students score the same aggregate marks in the Researcher’s test, higher rank will be awarded to the student who submits the test first. If the tie still subsists the student of the respective team scoring higher marks in the written submission i.e. the memorials will be awarded higher rank.

#### **17. Oral Submissions**

- i. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds which shall be conducted online:
  - Preliminary Round
  - Quarter-Finals
  - Semi-Finalist

- Finals
- ii. All oral rounds shall be conducted virtually by way of video conferencing, the details of the platform will be given to the teams before the competition.
- iii. The Preliminary Rounds and the Quarter Finals shall take place on 27th March 2026.
- iv. The Semi Finals and Final Round shall take place on 28th March 2026.
- v. Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Memorials.
- vi. The use of electronic gadgets during the Oral Rounds is strictly prohibited.
- vii. Participants may use their own bare acts, print outs and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.
- viii. The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at the discretion of the Judges.
- ix. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final and binding.
- x. Teams shall notify the Court clerks of the division of time between the 2 Speakers (including time reserved for Rebuttal & Sur-rebuttal) 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the Rounds.
- xi. If Speaker 1 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved by Speaker 2. Similarly, if Speaker 2 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals/Sur-Rebuttals, as the case may be. However this rule may not be followed if the additional time is awarded at the discretion of the Judges.
- xii. While granting additional time, if the additional number of minutes granted is not specified by the Judges, it shall be presumed that the additional time granted is 2 minutes.
- xiii. The finality of the decision as to the time structure and the right to Rebut or Sur-rebut shall vest with Judges.

### **Preliminary Rounds**

- i. Each team shall argue once from the side as per the draw of lots.
- ii. Each side shall get a maximum time of 15 minutes to present their arguments. There shall be no Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals during this round.
- iii. Best Speaker shall be determined on the basis of the individual aggregate score of the speaker taken only from the preliminary rounds.
- iv. Top 8 Teams having highest scores from preliminary rounds shall qualify to the Advanced Rounds (Quarter Finals).
- v. In case of a tie in the scores calculated of the preliminary round, the team with the higher score in the written submission shall proceed to this round.

### **Quarter-Final Rounds**

- i. Each Team shall argue once from the side as per the draw of lots
- ii. Each side shall get a maximum time of 20 minutes to present their arguments. 5 minutes shall be for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals. The division of time between the 2 Speakers is left to the discretion of the teams.

iii. Top 4 Teams having highest scores from quarter-final rounds shall advance to the Semi-final round.

### **Semi-Final Rounds**

- i. Each Team shall argue once from the side as per the draw of lots.
- ii. Each side shall get a maximum time of 25 minutes to present their arguments. 5 minutes shall be for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals. The division of time between the 2 Speakers is left to the discretion of the teams.
- iii. Top 2 Teams having highest scores from semi-final rounds shall advance to the Final round.

### **Final Rounds**

- i. Each Team shall argue once from either side as per the draw of lots.
- ii. Each side shall get a maximum time of 30 minutes to present their arguments. 5 minutes shall be for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals. The division of time between the 2 Speakers is left to the discretion of the teams.

### **Marking criteria for Oral Submissions/Arguments**

Oral Submissions/Arguments from each side shall carry a total of 100 marks. The following will be the marking criteria for the oral arguments/pleadings for the Speakers:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>
1	Appreciation and application of facts	10
2	Application of legal principles	10
3	Use of authorities and precedents	10
4	Presentation skills	10
5	Clarity of thoughts and structure of arguments	10
6	Poise and demeanour	05
7	Court Mannerism	05
8	Strategy & Time Management	10
9	Knowledge of laws	10
10	Response to Forum questions	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## 18. AWARDS:

**Winner :** The Team shall be awarded with cash Prize of **Rs. 40,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Thousand only), along with Certificates of Excellence. The team shall also be awarded Three (3) one year subscription to SCC Online Web Edition, each worth **Rs. 32,000**. The Total Value of **Rs. 96,000/-**

**Runner up :** The Team shall be awarded with cash Prize of **Rs. 20,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Thousand only); along with Certificates of Excellence.

**1st Best Memorial :** The Team having the highest aggregate Memorial scores from both sides shall be rewarded with the cash prize of **Rs. 10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with a Certificates of Excellence.

**2nd Best Memorial :** The Team having the 2nd highest aggregate Memorial scores from both sides shall be rewarded with the cash prize of **Rs. 5,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with a Certificates of Excellence.

**Best Researcher :** The Researcher scoring the highest score in the Researcher's Test shall be rewarded with the cash prize of **Rs. 10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with a Certificate of Excellence.

**1st Best Speaker** from the Preliminary Round shall be rewarded with the cash prize of **Rs. 10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with a Certificate of Excellence.

**2nd Best Speaker** from the Preliminary Round shall be rewarded with the cash prize of **Rs. 5,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with a Certificate of Excellence.

**E-Certificate of Merit** shall be given to all the Teams qualifying for the Quarter-Final Round and Semi Final Rounds.

**E-Certificate of Participation** shall be given to all the teams participating in preliminary rounds. Along with One month access to the SCC Online Web Edition to all participants valued at **Rs. 3,100/-** each.

[Note 1: Names on all certificates shall be written in accordance with the names mentioned in the Registration Form.]

## 19. MISCELLANEOUS

### 1. General Etiquette

- I. Teams are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Administrators, Organizers, the Judges and any of the other participants of the Competition.
- ii. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.
- iii. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to. The Organizers in consultation of the Administrators, reserve the right to disqualify Team(s) for deviating from these Rules. The Organizers in consultation with the Administrators will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances.
- iv. The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final.
- v. These Rules are not exhaustive.

## 2. Interpretation of Rules & Regulations

- i. All interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents or other decisions in the administration of the Competition are at the complete discretion of the Organizers in consultation with the Administrators.
- ii. Any decision made by the Organizers shall be final and binding on all participating Teams.

### TIME LINE

Sr. No.	Event	Date
1	Deadline for Registration	7th March
2	Deadline for seeking clarifications	7th March
3	Deadline for Memorial Submission	14th March
4	Orientation	26th March
5	Inauguration Ceremony	26th March
6	Researcher's Test	26th March
7	Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials	26th March
8	Preliminary Rounds	27th March
9	Quarter-Final Rounds	27th March
10	Semi- Final Rounds	28th March
11	Final Rounds	28th March
12	Valedictory & Prize Declaration	28th March

## OUR INSPIRATION



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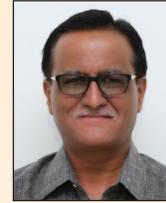
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## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Sahil Shaikh | Sherebano Nurani

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name of the University/Institute : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Head of the Institution : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address & Contact No. of the Institution.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of the Mooter 1 :** \_\_\_\_\_

Gender : \_\_\_\_\_

Course & Year (Studying in) : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No. & Email : \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of the Mooter 2 :** \_\_\_\_\_

Gender : \_\_\_\_\_

Course & Year (Studying in) : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No. & Email : \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of the Researcher :** \_\_\_\_\_

Gender : \_\_\_\_\_

Course & Year (Studying in) : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No. & Email : \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payment / Registration Details**

Account Holder's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

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## MOOT PROPOSITION

### **JEEJEEBHOY DORABJI UNIVERSITY AND ORS VS NITESH MOHTA AND ORS**

1. Republic of Indus is a country in South Asia known for its geographical diversity, rich cultural heritage, and historical significance. It is often called a land of unity in diversity due to its varied landscapes, languages, traditions, and beliefs that coexist harmoniously.
2. Republic of Indus was under the British colonial rule for nearly 200 years. The population of Indus is predominantly Sindus and the religious minorities include Sulemans, Catechists, Pershies, Sukhis, Boddhas and Digambaras.
3. Pershies is one of the community whose literacy rate was significantly low and lagged behind the national average, reflecting a broader trend of educational marginalization. Several reform movements emerged to provide modern education to the Pershie masses.
4. The district of Mazda is located in the western region of the state of Attar Prant. During the Colonial Era, Mr. Jeejeebhoy Dorabji, an Indian Pershie reformer, philosopher, and educator, played a leading role in the founding of Ardeshir College at Mazda in Attar Prant in 1875. It was established to provide contemporary scientific education.
5. During the colonial period the Universities were established either by the Imperial Legislative or the Provincial Legislative Councils. Many Universities were established by both the Councils respectively. Jeejeebhoy Dorabji University (hereafter referred to as JDU) was established in 1920 by the Imperial Legislative Council of British Indus by the enactment of Jeejeebhoy Dorabji University Act 1920. The Ardeshir Anglo College founded by the Pershies was incorporated into Jeejeebhoy Dorabji University.
6. Indus got independence from British rule and Independent Indus's Constitution came into effect in 1950. The Republic of Indus is a Union of States with a federal structure. Post independence Sindus continue to be as majority population and Sulemans, Catechists, Pershies, Sukhis, Boddhas and Digambaras as religious minorities.
7. The Constitution of Indus enshrines various Fundamental Rights which are available against the State. The Cultural and Educational Rights of the Minorities is one such right which guarantees to all religious and linguistic minorities the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.
8. The Parliament amended the JDU Act in 1951 to which the Petitioner's argued that it infringed upon their minority status. The Jeejeebhoy Dorabji University approached the Apex Court in 1967 against the amendment and contended that they have the right to administer the University under Article 30(1) of the Indus Constitution, however the Apex Court denied this right to JDU as it was established by the Legislature and held the amendment as Constitutionally valid.
9. Due to intense pressure from the Pershie community the Parliament of Indus passed the JDU (Amendment) Act, 1981, which redefined the university as an institution "established by the Pershies of Indus" to restore its minority character. However JDU (Amendment) Act, 1981 was challenged by Mr Nitesh Mohta in the Shahabad High Court as unconstitutional, questioning the minority status of JDU as it was established by the Act of Legislature. The High Court decided on the lines of the Apex Court judgment of 1967 denying the minority status to JDU under the Constitution.
10. In 2024 through a larger bench, the minority status of JDU was again raised in the Apex Court wherein the Apex Court overruled its earlier decision of 1967 and ruled that an educational institution

established by a minority community does not lose its minority status just because it was established by a statute. However the factual determination of the minority status of JDU has been referred to a regular bench.

11. State legislatures of republic of Indus are empowered to establish Private Universities through an enactment. As such the State Legislature of Saher Pradesh had passed The Saher Pradesh Private Universities Act, 2019 (hereafter referred to as 2019 Act) with the objective to provide for establishment of new Private Universities and incorporation of existing Private Universities in the State of Saher Pradesh for imparting higher education and to regulate their functions. The Private Universities incorporated under the 2019 Act retained their minority character guaranteed under Article 30 (1) of the Constitution of Indus.
12. Similarly the State Legislature of Shastra enacted the Shastra Private Universities Act, 2023 (hereafter referred to as Shastra Act 2023) which aimed to unify, consolidate and amend the laws relating to private universities in the State of Shastra and to provide for establishment, incorporation and regulation of self-financed private universities in the State for development and advancement of higher education in the State.
13. The Private Universities sponsored by both the minorities and non minorities which were established by separate Acts of State Legislature were unified under the Shastra Private Universities Act, 2023. Dr Paul University was established under the Shastra Act 2023, which is sponsored by Catechist Minority Society. This society is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and a Public Trust registered under the Shastra Public Trusts Act 1950. However the Shastra Private Universities Act, 2023 had no provision to protect the right of the minority educational institutions as guaranteed under the Constitution of Indus.
14. Dr Paul University along with the other Private Universities in the State of Shastra established or incorporated which were sponsored by minorities challenged the Shastra Act 2023 as unconstitutional as they contended that the Shastra Act 2023 lacks the provision to protect their minority character as it is guaranteed in other state laws. The matter is pending in the High Court of Shastra. The Apex Court withdrew and transferred the case from High Court of Shastra to itself to be decided along with the minority status of Jeejeebhoy Dorabji University.

#### **ISSUES :**

1. Whether Private Universities sponsored by minorities, established under Central or State Private Universities Acts before or after the commencement of the Constitution of Indus can claim the right under Article 30(1) of the Indus Constitution.
2. Whether Private Universities sponsored by minority community established or incorporated by state law can claim equal protection at par with the other State laws in recognition of their minority character.
3. Whether the JDU (Amendment) Act, 1981 is constitutionally valid to supersede a judicial decision of the Apex Court.
4. Whether right to speedy justice is affected if a larger bench of the Apex Court remands a case to a regular bench for fact finding.

#### **DISCLAIMER :**

- This moot proposition is created solely for academic purposes
- This moot proposition shall have laws pari materia with Indian law, and all constitutional, statutory, and judicial principles applicable to India shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Republic of Indus.