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CONCEPT NOTE:

The **1st Dr. B.S. Goel Memorial International Moot Court Competition** seeks to provide an intellectually stimulating platform for aspiring legal professionals to engage with some of the most complex and evolving legal challenges of the digital age. The moot proposition is situated at the intersection of **Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence, Internet Ethics, and Constitutional Governance**, reflecting the realities of a rapidly digitising society.

Set in the fictional Republic of Indica, the problem addresses critical constitutional and criminal law questions arising from **cyber harassment, online impersonation, misuse of personal data, and cross-border digital offences**. Participants are invited to examine the expanding contours of **Article 21 (Right to Life, Privacy, and Dignity)**, the scope of **Article 19(1)(g)** in the digital economy, and the extent of State obligations in safeguarding fundamental rights in cyberspace.

The proposition further explores issues relating to extraterritorial jurisdiction under cyber laws, admissibility of electronic evidence, data protection principles, and the balance between individual freedoms and technological regulation. By integrating elements of **criminal law, constitutional law, cyber law, and international legal principles**, the moot problem aims to foster critical thinking, legal research, and advocacy skills among participants.

Through this competition, the organizers endeavor to encourage nuanced legal discourse on emerging digital threats while emphasizing the role of law in ensuring accountability, justice, and ethical governance in an increasingly interconnected 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.

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 20th July, 2026, 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 06th August 2026 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 07th August 2026.
- 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
Last Date of Registration	30 th June 2026
Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	15 th July 2026
Memorial Submission (Hard Copy)	20 th July 2026
Draw of Lots	06 th August 2026
Oral Rounds	7 th - 8 th August 2026

REGISTRATION:

- Registration Fee: **₹3300 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 present matter is listed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Indica through a Special Leave Petition (Criminal) under Article 136 of the Constitution of India, read with a Writ Petition (Criminal) under Article 32, challenging the final judgment and order dated 12 March 2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Madho Pradesh, which affirmed the conviction and sentence awarded by the Court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, City of Rudrapur. The Petitioner has invoked the extraordinary jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court on grounds of substantial questions of constitutional importance, involving interpretation of Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution, extraterritorial application of cyber laws, admissibility of electronic evidence, and protection of fundamental rights in the digital ecosystem.

The Republic of Indica is a digitally progressive State with widespread internet penetration and a rapidly expanding cyber ecosystem. Alongside digital growth, the State has witnessed a steep rise in cyber-enabled offences, particularly those targeting women through impersonation, online harassment, and circulation of obscene material. Ms. Kavya Sharma, aged 24 years, is a postgraduate student of Sociology at a reputed government university in Madho Pradesh. She belongs to a conservative middle-class family and maintains a limited digital presence, primarily for academic purposes. Her social media accounts were private and accessible only to a restricted group. The Accused, Mr. Arjun Mehra, aged 28 years, is a diploma-holder in computer applications and works as a freelance software technician. He possesses advanced technical knowledge of email servers, proxy networks, anonymisation tools, and social media algorithms.

In May 2023, the families of Ms. Kavya Sharma and Mr. Arjun Mehra were introduced through a distant relative for the purpose of considering a matrimonial alliance. During this period, the accused gained access to the complainant's email address and limited social media information. After several meetings, on 20 June 2023, Ms. Kavya Sharma clearly communicated her unwillingness to proceed with the alliance. While the accused initially accepted the rejection, he continued to contact her through emails and messaging applications. Between July and August 2023, the accused sent repeated messages from different phone numbers, ranging from apologetic requests to veiled threats, warning that the complainant would "face consequences" for rejecting him. In September 2023, the complainant began receiving unsolicited calls from unknown persons making sexually explicit remarks and claiming that her profile was listed on online forums advertising escort services. In October 2023, Ms. Kavya Sharma discovered a fake email ID and social media accounts created in her name using her photographs, which had been unlawfully extracted from her private account.

Obscene messages and sexually explicit content were posted on multiple online discussion forums falsely portraying her as soliciting sexual services. Her phone number and residential locality were also disclosed. Morphed images of the complainant were circulated through encrypted messaging platforms, causing severe mental trauma, reputational harm, and social ostracisation.

The complainant alleged that her personal data, including photographs, contact details, and identifiers, were processed without consent, violating her right to informational privacy and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution. The accused was alleged to have unlawfully retained and misused personal data obtained during matrimonial negotiations, amounting to identity theft and violation of privacy under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Investigation revealed that several obscene posts were hosted on platforms whose servers were located outside India, including jurisdictions in Southeast Asia and Europe. The fake email account impersonating the complainant was registered with a foreign-based service provider governed by foreign data protection laws. The Cyber Crime Cell invoked Section 75 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, asserting extraterritorial jurisdiction on the ground that the victim was located in India and the harm occurred within Indian territory. The accused contested jurisdiction, arguing that Indian courts lacked authority over foreign intermediaries and that evidence obtained without compliance with international data protection standards was inadmissible.

On 5 January 2024, Ms. Kavya Sharma lodged a formal complaint before the Cyber Crime Cell, Madhya Pradesh. Search and seizure were conducted at the accused's residence, and his laptop, mobile phones, and external storage devices were seized pursuant to a warrant. Forensic analysis revealed deleted folders containing draft obscene messages, morphed images, and browser history linking the accused to the fake accounts. The accused alleged violation of privacy, claiming that investigators accessed unrelated personal data, thereby breaching principles of data minimisation and due process. A certificate under Section 63(4)(c) of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 was produced to authenticate electronic evidence, which the accused disputed.

The Trial Court convicted the accused under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the Information Technology Act, 2000. The Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh, in Criminal Appeal No. of 2025, upheld the conviction and sentence, holding that the electronic evidence was admissible and that Indian courts possessed jurisdiction despite foreign servers being involved. Aggrieved by the concurrent findings of the courts below, the Petitioner has approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Petitioner has challenged the impugned judgment on the grounds that the findings of the courts below suffer from errors of law, constitutional infirmities, and procedural violations, particularly with respect to:

- Admissibility and collection of electronic evidence
- Extraterritorial jurisdiction under cyber laws
- Violation of the right to privacy and due process
- Proportionality of punishment

The Respondent State has opposed the petition, asserting that the conviction is lawful, evidence was properly obtained, and the State has a constitutional obligation to protect women from cybercrimes.

The matter now is laid before the bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. All laws pari materia to India shall apply.

ISSUES RAISED:

- Whether the electronic evidence relied upon by the prosecution is admissible before the court in compliance with the requirements of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023?
- Whether Supreme Court of India have the jurisdiction to adjudicate cyber offences involving foreign servers and intermediaries under Section 75 of the Information Technology Act, 2000?
- Whether the search, seizure, and forensic examination of the accused's digital devices violated the accused's fundamental right to privacy and due process under Article 21 of the Constitution of India?
- Whether the conviction and sentence imposed upon the accused by the courts below are legally sustainable and proportionate in light of the fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution of India?

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