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From the pen of the Noble Founder & Chairman

The Latin phrase “Fiat Justitia Ruat Caelum”, meaning “Let justice be done though the heavens fall”, perfectly embodies the spirit of the Indian Institute of Legal Studies. This reflects our unwavering commitment to justice, the rule of law, and the pursuit of truth, no matter the challenges.

In a rapidly evolving world, where judicial activism and proactive legislation are crucial, we must also ensure a robust and forward-thinking legal education system. The Institute stands as a beacon of legal reform, playing a central role through rigorous research and surveys that help shape new legislation and amend outdated laws to address contemporary challenges.

At the Indian Institute of Legal Studies, we go beyond conventional legal training. Our vision is clear: law should not only serve as a tool for ‘social control,’ but also as a powerful instrument for ‘social change.’

The Institute remains steadfast in its commitment to developing future legal leaders who are equipped to generate insightful research and contribute to meaningful law reforms. Our work is guided by the belief that the future of India relies on scholars and practitioners who will champion the cause of justice, governance, and the Rule of Law. My continuous efforts have been dedicated to making the Indian Institute of Legal Studies a distinguished institution that not only imparts legal knowledge but also instills values of freedom, responsibility, humanity, and humility in our students. It is with immense pride that I extend an invitation to your esteemed institution to participate in the International Moot Court Competition, 2025. I believe this experience will provide participants with the values, skills, and vision to become agents of positive social change. My best wishes go out to all the participants, as they embark on this important journey.

Shri. Joyjit Choudhury,
Founder and Chairman,
Indian Institute of Legal Studies,
Ld. Additional Advocate General,
Government of West Bengal.



Message From The Principal-in-Charge

The lifelong pursuit of excellence as an advocate commences in the classroom and extends throughout the span of one's career. Moot court is a fundamental foundation and an essential component in the development of a student's advocacy skills. It is in this environment that legal writing, the art of structured argumentation, and the ability to think critically, like a lawyer, is nurtured. As students engage in writing moot court briefs and participating in oral arguments, they not only contend with complex legal issues and learn how to resolve ambiguities and legal uncertainties but also to embody professionalism, ethics, and a deep understanding of the law and legal judgement.

At the Indian Institute of Legal Studies, we are dedicated to provide for our students every opportunity to experience and excel in moot court competitions—both inside the classroom and beyond. Through these rigorous exercises, students hone their legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills in a competitive and intellectually elevating environment, preparing them for success in the legal world.

In this regard, the Institute is proud to announce the organisation of the International Moot Court Competition, 2025, which will be held on the 9th, 10th and 11th May, 2025. I extend my best wishes to both the organizers and participants. May this event be a successful and enriching experience."

**Dr. Trishna Gurung,
Principal-in-charge,
Indian Institute of Legal Studies,
Siliguri.**

Invitation

Greetings from the Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Siliguri!

We are delighted to invite your esteemed institution to participate in the International Moot Court Competition, 2025, centered on the theme “Rights of Indigenous People in the Sphere of International Law.” The event will be held in April 2025, providing a global platform for aspiring legal professionals to showcase their skills, exchange ideas, and engage with the legal fraternity. Situated in the scenic town of Siliguri, near the borders of Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, our institute has a proud tradition of hosting prestigious events, including international conferences graced by legal luminaries from across SAARC nations and beyond. This competition is yet another step in fostering academic collaboration and excellence.

We look forward to welcoming your institution to this enriching experience. Please join us in making this event a grand success.

**Mr. Prabhat Kumar,
Student Convenor,
Moot Court Society,
Indian Institute of Legal Studies,
Siliguri.**

Moot Court Competition Organizing Committee(MCS)

Faculty Coordinators for the Moot Court Competition

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION | 7TH FEBRUARY |
| FINAL REGISTRATION STARTS ON | 8TH FEBRUARY |
| FINAL REGISTRATION ENDS ON | 15TH MARCH |
| DEADLINE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATION TO MOOT PROBLEM | 18TH MARCH |
| DEADLINE FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (SOFT COPY) | 20TH APRIL |
| DEADLINE FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (HARD COPY) | 9TH MAY |
| INAUGURATION | 9TH MAY |
| DRAW OF LOTS | 9TH MAY |
| RESEARCHER'S TEST | 9TH MAY |
| PRELIMINARY ROUND I & PRELIMINARY ROUND II | 10TH MAY |
| QUARTER FINAL | 10TH MAY |
| SEMIFINAL & FINAL | 11TH MAY |

RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITION

[1] GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Moot Court society of Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Siliguri shall be the Organizing Body for the International Moot Court Competition, 2025.
2. The MCS is administered by its executive body, which includes faculty convenors, student convenors, and core committee members. The activities of the society are further supported and guided by the Principal-In-Charge, Indian Institute of legal studies, Siliguri.
3. The MCS shall not affiliate with or assist any team registered to participate in the Competition.
4. MCS/Executive Body:
 - a. Has the sole discretion to:
 - i. Enforce all rules;
 - ii. Interpret the Rules;
 - iii. Resolve any disputes that may arise during the Competition; and
 - iv. Answer questions about, and clarify, the moot problem.
 - b. Has the authority to change or supplement the Rules if necessary. Any changes will Be communicated to participating teams promptly, and the updated Rules will be notified through mail and other means.
 - c. May modify the moot problem at any stage, providing prior notice to the teams.
5. The MCS-Organising committee may, at its discretion, disqualify a team if any behavior is considered a serious violation of these Rules or the spirit of the Competition.
6. The Organising Committee will not evaluate any memorials or pleadings submitted by participating teams or the Oral Rounds in the moot.
7. The Student Convenors of the Organising Committee will handle the exchange of memorials, score-sheets, and other transactions to ensure the utmost discretion. However, the entire Organising Committee will be involved in the organisation of the oral rounds.
8. Any questions or inquiries about the Competition shall be made in writing (email is acceptable) to the MCS at email: iils.imcc25@gmail.com. If a question or inquiry affects participating teams, both the question and its answer will be communicated to the teams.
9. Each participating team shall provide one valid e-mail address at the time of registration. All communications with the MCS that a participating team undertakes shall be through this email address only.
10. All the teams shall submit a No objection Certificate which is to be signed and sealed by the Dean/HOD/Principal of the Institution.
11. The MCS can be reached at the following address at iils.imcc25@gmail.com

[2] DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **“Bluebook”** means the 20th Harvard Bluebook citation.
- 2.2. **“Clarifications”** refer to the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Problem issued pursuant to the Rules of the Competition. They shall form part of the Moot Problem.
- 2.3. **“Competition”** means the International Moot Court Competition, 2025.
- 2.4. **“Complainant”** means that Team which argues on behalf of the complainant at any given point in the Competition.
- 2.5. **“Compendium”** means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Oral Pleading Session.
- 2.6. **“Identity”** means any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team and the state or region where such Institution/College/University is located, and includes any identification marks/ seal of the Team or the Institution/ College/University represented.
- 2.7. **“IST”** means Indian Standard Time.
- 2.8. **“Official Website”** means the official website <https://www.iilsindia.com> of the Institution.
- 2.9. **“Oral Pleading Session”** means the oral pleadings before a Panel as explained in the Rules of the Competition.
- 2.10. **“Oral Score”** means the score given by a Panelist in accordance with the Rules of the Competition.
- 2.11. **“Orator”** means any one of the two designated speakers in a Team.
- 2.12. **“Organizing Committee” or “OC”** means the committee, including any other authorized persons, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and of all events leading to the Competition.

2.13. **“Panel”** refers to the Panelists in an Oral Pleading Session collectively.

2.14. **“Rebuttals”** refer to the set of arguments/challenges that the Complainant shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators.

2.15. **“Reply to Rebuttals”** means the defense presented by the Respondent in response to the Rebuttals.

2.16. **“Researcher”** means that member of a Team who is not an Orator.

2.17. **“Researchers’ Test”** means a written test conducted during the Competition in accordance with the Rules of the Competition.

2.18. **“Respondent”** means that Team which argues on behalf of the respondent at any given point in the Competition.

2.19. **“Scouting”** means any person observing the Oral Pleading Session of a Team other than the Team such person is associated with.

2.20. **“Team”** means the registered representatives of any College/Institution/University participating in the Competition and shall include only those members as specified in the Rules of the Competition.

2.21. **“Team Code”** means the code allotted to a Team through a draw of lots.

2.22. **“Waiting Area”** means the area designated by the OC where participants shall report prior to the commencement of each Oral Pleading Session.

2.23. **“Written Submission”** means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per the Rules of the Competition.

2.24. **“Written Submission Score”** means the score determined in accordance with the Rules of the Competition.

[3] PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Eligibility of Participants:

FOR INDIAN STUDENTS: Students pursuing their undergraduate degree in law or either in the 5 year Integrated course or 3 year course and post graduate degree in law in 2 years course or 1 year course from any recognized university, college or institution in India are eligible to participate in the competition.

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Students pursuing a degree, or similar graduate or postgraduate qualification or training in law, or a field related to international law, or in international relations, provided that they have received, or will receive while participating, adequate instruction in international law are eligible to participate in the competition.

2. Limitation in Number of Teams: Every participating institution shall register only **one(1)** team.

3. Team Composition:

- Each team shall consist of three members (two speakers and one researcher).
- The researcher will only be allowed to argue instead of a speaker, with prior permission of the judges.
- No cross institutional teams are allowed.
- Only one team from every institution is allowed.

4. Team Eligibility: Participation of teams are subject to the written authorisation of their respective university, college, or institution and pursuant to their selection by the Organising Committee.

5. Registration: All teams are to register online via the registration form circulated along with the invitation to the competition. The last date for registration would be 15th March. There will be no refund of registration fees. Communication of confirmation will be sent via email: iils.imcc25@gmail.com with the team code.

[4] DRESS CODE

The participants shall be in formals inside the court room.

For female(s): Black salwar and white kurta along with black blazer and black shoes or white shirt and black trouser along with black tie, black blazer and black shoes.

For Male(s): White shirt and black trouser along with black tie, black blazer and black shoes.

[5] LANGUAGE

The language for the Competition shall be **English** only.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION:

- (1) The team shall provisionally register themselves through the official e-mail id i.e. iils.imcc25@gmail.com of the moot court society of Indian Institute of Legal Studies.
- (2) The teams shall mention their names, contact details, addresses, passport details and Institution/ University details during the Registration.
- (3) The Teams shall mail the soft copy of the registration form along with the payment details to iils.imcc25@gmail.com.
- (4) The alteration made in the participants details after the completion of the registration shall not be entertained without the prior approval of the organizing committee.
- (5) The team code shall be allotted to the teams after the submission of the hard copy of the registration form and payment receipt.

NOTE: THE REGISTRATION FORMS AND ACCOUNT DETAILS ARE ANNEXED WITH THE BROCHURE.

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REGISTRATION AMOUNT:

| | INR | USD | KWD | SGD | GBP |
|--|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Early Bird Registration fee (WITH ACCOMODATION) | Rs. 5000 | 57.42 | 17.73 | 78.42 | 46.71 |
| EARLY REGISTRATION FEE(WITHOUT ACCOMODATION) | RS 4100 | 47.08 | 14.54 | 64.31 | 38.30 |
| REGISTRATION (WITH ACCOMODATION) | RS 6000 | 68.90 | 21.28 | 94.11 | 56.05 |
| REGISTRATION(WITHOUT ACCOMODATION) | RS 5100 | 58.57 | 18.08 | 79.99 | 47.64 |

Mode of payment shall be via rtgs/ imps

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR RTGS/IMPS TRANSACTION:

Name: "Tripti Yonzon"

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Note:

1. Registration shall be done via the registration link provided below.
2. The hard copy of the registration form which is attached in annexure ii shall be submitted on the first day of competition to the organizing committee without failure. on 9th may, 2025.

Registration form:



Online payment scanner:



NOTE: ONLINE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS ACCOMODATION IS RS. 900/ \$ 10

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION



1. The Competition shall be conducted for a period of 3 days (9th, 10th and 11th May, 2025)
2. The Inaugural Ceremony, Orientation of Participants, draw of lots/power matchups and Researchers' Test shall be conducted on the day of 9th May, 2025.
3. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the Competition.
4. The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions:
 - a. **The Preliminary Rounds;**
 - b. **The Quarter-Final Rounds;**
 - c. **The Semi-Final Rounds; and**
 - d. **The Final Round.**
5. The Teams participating in the rounds will be provided with a copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session. The said copies must be returned to the Organizing Committee in their original condition after the Oral Pleading Session.

EVENT DETAILS

INAUGURATION

The competition shall commence with an inauguration ceremony on the first day of the event, followed by the exchange of memorials. All participants are required to report to the venue according to the time schedule mentioned in ANNEXURE IV.

PRELIMINARY ROUND AND QUARTER – FINAL ROUND

Preliminary round will be held on 10th May, 2025. The top 8 (Eight) teams will qualify for the Quarter Finals. Quarter Final Round would be held on 10th May, 2025 itself.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

The Semi-Final Rounds will be held on 11th May, 2025. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Final Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots/power matchups. The top 4 teams from the Quarter-Final rounds will appear in the Semi-Final rounds.

FINAL ROUND

The Final Rounds will be held on 11th May, 2025. The top 2 teams qualifying from the Semi-Final Rounds would appear in Final round.

ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD

- a. **Accommodation and meals** will be provided by **Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Siliguri**, to the registered participants opting for 3 nights accommodation. The meals will be provided accordingly.
- b. For the participants not opting for accommodation and meals, only lunch will be provided during the official hours of the competition.
- c. If teams would arrive a day prior to or before the final event dates, arrangement for accommodation and meals must be borne by the team itself.
- d. The teams shall make their own arrangements to reach at the accommodation venue, from Airport/Railway Station/ Bus Stands.

Transportation: Pick and drop facility would be duly informed within due time via mail.



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ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

1. Teams shall not reveal their Identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code assigned to them in accordance the rules of the Competition.
2. Teams shall not, in any way, reveal their identity in the Written Submissions or in the course of the Oral Pleadings Session.
3. The Written Submissions shall not bear the logo, name, etc. of the Team, its members or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.
4. Any material, including the Compendium, books, legal texts, or any other reference material, carried into the courtroom for the Oral Pleading Session, whether presented to the Bench or not, shall not reveal the Team's Identity and will be devoid of any identification marks/ seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented.
5. If anything on the material carried into the courtroom reveals the Team's Identity, the Team shall render the same unrecognizable to the satisfaction of the OC prior to leaving the Waiting Area.
6. Any violation of the Rules of the Competition may attract disqualification of the Team from the Competition or any other penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.
7. Any attempts by a Team or a member of the Team to contact, either directly or indirectly, the drafter of the Moot Problem for any reason whatsoever after the release of the Moot Problem and before the Competition closes shall lead to the disqualification of such Team from the Competition.

MOOT PROPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

THE REPUBLIC OF WAKANDA V. THE KINGDOM OF RONGTON

1. The Fuscima Belt, a rainforest of unmatched beauty and biodiversity, is located in the centre of Kingsvalley. Native American populations have inhabited this vast tract of verdant land for millennia, coexisting peacefully with the environment, maintaining their customs, and protecting the fragile ecosystem. However, a growing dispute between the Kingdom of Rongton and the Republic of Wakanda has put their way of life in jeopardy. This conflict has attracted international attention and sparked serious debate about how to strike a balance between environmental preservation and human rights.

2. On January 2023, the Republic of Wakanda unveiled an ambitious project known as "Project Evergreen." Combating forest destruction, restoring the rainforest, and establishing Wakanda as a global leader in climate action were the objectives of the initiative. Key components include reforestation, preservation of endangered species, and advanced monitoring systems to prevent illegal logging and poaching. The project introduces large-scale tree planting efforts using a mix of native and fast-growing non-native species to accelerate forest recovery. Planting over 500 million trees by 2030, focusing on a mix of species to stabilize soil and revitalize ecosystems. Establishing wildlife corridors to support endangered species' migration and breeding. Deploying AI and drone technology for real-time surveillance of illegal activities. Empowering forest rangers with advanced training and equipment to enforce conservation laws. Building alternative settlements for displaced tribes, featuring housing, healthcare facilities, schools, and vocational training centers. Promoting integration by providing opportunities for displaced communities to participate in environmental conservation and national projects. Wakanda commits to allocating 10% of its GDP to environmental sustainability programs over the next decade. With promises of replanting and the preservation of endangered species, the program was praised internationally as a daring move towards sustainability. Project Evergreen's implementation immediately caused controversy when it was revealed that native tribes were asked to move from their ancestral grounds.

3. Wakanda's reasoning for the displacement of indigenous communities emphasizes the necessity of temporarily relocating these tribes to achieve a larger ecological restoration. The degradation of the Fuscima Belt has reached a critical point, necessitating immediate and large-scale interventions. Indigenous practices, while sustainable in the past, have become insufficient in the face of modern challenges like illegal logging and climate change. Temporary resettlements offer better living conditions and modernization opportunities while allowing Wakanda to rehabilitate the forest effectively. Displacement is seen as a calculated and unavoidable step to ensure long-term benefits for both the indigenous tribes and the environment.

4. The government of Wakanda defended these regulations as essential to protecting the rainforest from illicit activities like logging and poaching. Strict legislation named "Fuscima Belt Ecological Restoration and Conservation Act, 2023" (*attached herein with the Moot proposition*) was passed on 25th January 2023 to stop encroachments, and armed forest rangers were sent out on February 2023. It outlines the framework for biodiversity restoration, enforcement measures, and community resettlement programs while asserting Wakanda's commitment to global environmental leadership. These actions, however, were disastrous for the native populations that had lived in the Fuscima Belt for many years. Families were split apart, entire communities were destroyed, and holy places were desecrated. These acts were denounced by indigenous leaders as flagrant infringements on their basic rights to self-determination, culture, and territory.

5. The issue quickly spread to Wakanda's neighbour, the Kingdom of Rongton. The two countries' borders are shared by the Fuscima Belt, and Rongton has historically had strong cultural and economic ties to the local indigenous populations. In order to enable the ethical collection of resources while maintaining the ecology, the Rongton government worked with these people on sustainable forestry projects for many years. By sharing their understanding of the country and its delicate balance, the indigenous tribes were instrumental in these endeavours.

6. The economy of Rongton is closely linked to that of the Fuscima Belt. The pharmaceutical sector in Rongton is booming thanks to the sustainable harvesting of medicinal plants from the rainforest. Furthermore, ecotourism has grown to be a substantial source of income due to the region's unique biodiversity and cultural legacy. A sense of shared heritage between Rongton and the indigenous populations has been fostered by the tribes' traditional traditions, which include ceremonies, painting, and storytelling. These practices have drawn both tourists and scholars.

7. Concern was raised by Rongton officials as Wakanda's Project Evergreen got underway. Rising tensions were reported from their side of the border, as displaced tribes sought safety and related tales of devastation and bloodshed. Economic losses resulted from disruptions to Rongton companies that depended on cross-border collaboration with these tribes. Because residents sympathised with the displaced, the uprooting of indigenous populations not only jeopardised Rongton's economic stability but also undermined its social cohesion.

8. In June 2023 when a group of refugees entered Rongton's territory in search of asylum, tensions reached a breaking point. They brought terrifying stories of family members being arrested for opposing forced evictions, holy sites being desecrated, and bulldozers tearing through their towns. As he described the devastation of his village and the death of his wife, a spiritual leader who was imprisoned for defending their sacred grounds, Zemanía, a tribe elder, came to represent their grief.

9. The government of Rongton recognised these refugees' right to safety and dignity and awarded them sanctuary. Under the pretence of environmental preservation, it denounced Wakanda's efforts as systematic ethnic cleansing with the goal of destroying the tribes' traditional and spiritual identity. Wakanda responded by accusing Rongton of harbouring insurgents who aimed to destroy Project Evergreen and meddling in its internal affairs. Diplomatic ties quickly soured, and tensions along the border turned into clashes between security personnel.

10. Indigenous communities on both sides of the border were disproportionately affected by the conflict as it worsened. Families fled into the thick rainforest in Wakanda to avoid persecution, leaving communities abandoned. Many died of exposure, illness, and famine, and the government chose to overlook their plight. As armed rangers patrolled the forests and forcibly removed anyone who refused, those who stayed risked violence.

11. The refugee crisis put a strain on Rongton's resources, resulting in overcrowded shelters, restricted access to food and healthcare, and rising anger among the local populace. Tales of terrifying treks surfaced, with families navigating perilous rivers, battling untamed creatures, and going days without food in order to get to safety. In one especially sad instance, a group of kids died trying to cross a flooded river, and Rongton rescue crews found their bodies days later.

12. The refugee problem quickly escalated into a humanitarian calamity. Relief organisations found it difficult to deliver aid, and some claimed Wakanda intentionally blocked refugee routes to keep tribes from applying for asylum. According to Rongton officials, there is proof that Wakandan forces have planted landmines close to border crossings, putting humanitarian workers and refugees in danger. As wounded migrants arrived in critical condition, many with symptoms of physical abuse, hospitals in Rongton's border towns were overloaded.

13. The world took note. Human rights organisations denounced Wakanda's activities, emphasising the breach of international treaties protecting indigenous rights and the destruction of cultural property. Despite their support for conservation initiatives, environmentalists criticised Wakanda's methods, contending that genuine sustainability cannot be achieved at the expense of human suffering. The situation was presented by the media as a moral conundrum that pitted ecological preservation versus human dignity.

14. Major cities around the world saw protests as campaigners called for solidarity with the displaced tribes and responsibility from Wakanda. Activists brandishing signs that read "Forests Without People Are Empty" and "Conservation Without Humanity Is Destruction" intensified their demonstrations outside Wakandan embassies.

15. Rongton, meanwhile, urged the UN to conduct an unbiased inquiry, claiming that it was the duty of the international community to safeguard the Fuscima Belt and its people. Notwithstanding Rongton's diplomatic endeavours, Wakanda rejected these appeals, characterising them as attempts to damage its standing internationally. Representatives of Wakanda contended that the problem was being blown out of proportion in order to threaten the country's environmental projects and sovereignty.

16. In defense of its actions, the Republic of Wakanda claimed that Project Evergreen included provisions to accommodate displaced indigenous communities in alternate settlements. The government asserted that these settlements were designed to provide modern facilities such as housing, healthcare, and education, which they argued would improve the quality of life for the displaced tribes. Official statements emphasized that these measures were part of a comprehensive plan to integrate indigenous communities into the broader national framework while preserving their cultural identity. Resettled families lamented the lack of opportunities to continue their traditional practices, such as subsistence farming, herbal medicine preparation, and cultural ceremonies, which were integral to their identity.

17. One particularly concerning account came from Kira, a young tribal leader, who described the resettlement area as a "cultural desert." He noted that the lack of sacred spaces and resources necessary for traditional rituals led to a spiritual disconnection among his people. "We were promised a new beginning," he said, "but all we found was a hollow place where our spirits feel lost."

18. Critics of the initiative argued that these settlements were an attempt to assimilate indigenous communities into Wakanda's dominant culture, eroding their distinct identity under the guise of progress. This narrative gained traction when investigations revealed that the displaced tribes had little to no input in the planning and implementation of the resettlement program, violating their right to free, prior, and informed consent under international standards.

19. While Wakanda maintained that these efforts were a necessary compromise for the greater good of environmental conservation, the harsh realities faced by the resettled communities fuelled international outrage and intensified scrutiny over the government's true intentions.

20. The Republic of Wakanda, assured the international community and indigenous leaders that the displacement of communities from the Fuscima Belt was a temporary measure. The government declared that the indigenous people would be reinstated to their ancestral lands once the project's objectives were achieved. Wakanda emphasized that Project Evergreen was designed to rehabilitate the rainforest, combat deforestation, and restore biodiversity, ensuring a sustainable future for both the environment and its inhabitants.

21. Government officials outlined plans to rejuvenate the ecosystem, promising that once the forest reached a stable and thriving state, indigenous communities would be allowed to return and resume their traditional way of life. Wakanda's Ministry of Environment stated, "This is a short-term sacrifice for long-term preservation. The Fuscima Belt belongs to its people, and they will return to a revitalized and protected home."

22. However, skepticism arose regarding the sincerity and feasibility of these promises. Indigenous leaders expressed distrust, citing the lack of concrete timelines, transparency, and mechanisms to ensure their eventual return. They argued that forced displacement, even if temporary, disrupted their cultural continuity and spiritual connection to the land. Furthermore, environmental experts questioned whether the measures employed under Project Evergreen—such as large-scale planting of non-native species—could truly replicate the complex biodiversity of the original rainforest.

23. Despite assurances from Wakanda, many displaced families feared that they would be permanently severed from their heritage. Zemanía, a prominent tribal elder, voiced his concerns, saying, "They tell us we will go back, but every tree they plant takes us further away from our home. The forest is not just trees; it is our history, our spirits, and our ancestors."

24. These promises of reinstatement, while presented as a balancing act between conservation and human rights, did little to ease tensions, as the ongoing hardships in resettlement camps and the lack of meaningful dialogue with the tribes continued to fuel international criticism of Wakanda's approach.

25. In January 2024, Rongton activists crossed the border into Wakanda to document alleged abuses under Project Evergreen. During their activities, the activists entered restricted no-entry zones within the Fuscima Belt, violating Wakanda's conservation laws. Armed with drones and cameras, they collected unauthorized footage of security installations and ongoing ecological restoration projects. Wakandan authorities accused the activists of espionage, trespassing, and disrupting forest restoration efforts. The activists' actions led to skirmishes with forest rangers, resulting in damage to surveillance equipment and injuries on both sides. This incident further strained relations between the two nations and brought international attention to the escalating conflict.

26. A violent confrontation between Wakandan security forces and a group of Rongton activists who had infiltrated the Fuscima Belt to chronicle alleged human rights abuses marked the peak of the crisis. International indignation was heightened by the episode, which resulted in the deaths of multiple campaigners and the imprisonment of others. The United Nations Human Rights Council issued a statement condemning the violence and urging immediate action to de-escalate tensions.

27. Beyond the immediate humanitarian and environmental issues, the Fuscima Belt catastrophe has far-reaching ramifications. With human rights groups, environmentalists, and world leaders demanding immediate action, the international community has become sharply split. Since ecotourism and sustainable cross-border trade are essential to both countries, Wakanda's actions have had a significant negative economic impact. The pharmaceutical sector in Rongton, which depends on the sustainable collection of medicinal plants from the Fuscima Belt, has seen severe losses, which have led to a decline in exports and strained ties with foreign markets.

28. Both the Kingdom of Rongton and the Republic of Wakanda are independent nations that are members of the United Nations (UN), which is governed by the values set forth in its Charter. Both countries have pledged to respect international law and advance sustainable development, human rights, and peace. Both Wakanda and Rongton are expected to respect and uphold the rights of indigenous communities and make sure that environmental conservation efforts do not compromise human dignity as parties to a number of international treaties, such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Both Wakanda and Rongton have ratified the Statute of the International Court of Justice and submitted declarations under Article 36, recognizing the Court's jurisdiction. This mutual consent forms the legal basis for the ICJ to adjudicate the Fuscima Belt dispute.

29. Furthermore, the conflict has threatened regional stability by straining Wakanda-Rongton diplomatic ties. This has consequences for greater regional peace and cooperation in addition to the particular communities concerned. Social instability has also resulted from the relocation of indigenous communities in Rongton, where residents are becoming more outspoken about the moral ramifications of aiding refugees who have experienced cultural erasure and displacement.

30. The international investment community has responded quickly, with some imposing restrictions on additional financial support and others removing funds from Wakanda's environmental programs. As there is increasing agreement that Wakanda's actions are incompatible with international standards of environmental stewardship and human rights, NGOs and advocacy groups are stepping up their campaigns to impose trade sanctions and demand a boycott of Wakandan goods.

31. Additionally, the media has been instrumental in influencing public opinion around the world. Protests and demands for accountability around the world have been stoked by reports and documentaries that show the suffering of indigenous populations. The demonstrations outside Wakandan government buildings and embassies highlight the rising realisation that Wakanda must take responsibility for its activities on the international scene.

[2] QUESTIONS OF LAW

The Kingdom of Rongton, unable to resolve the matter diplomatically, filed a case with the International Court of Justice (ICJ). The case raised fundamental questions of international law:

- 1. DO THE ACTIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF WAKANDA IN THE FUSCIMA BELT AMOUNT TO VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES?**
- 2. HAS WAKANDA FAILED TO UPHOLD ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL TREATIES PROTECTING CULTURAL HERITAGE AND THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES?**
- 3. DOES THE ACT OF RONGTON ACTIVIST WHO ENTERED THE TERRITORY OF WAKANDA TO DOCUMENT ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION UNDER “THE FUSCIMA BELT CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2023 CONSTITUTE A BREACH OF WAKANDA’S SOVEREIGNTY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW?**
- 4. DOES THE KINGDOM OF RONGTON’S PROVISION OF REFUGE TO DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS CONSTITUTE A BREACH OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN WAKANDA’S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS?**

This case requires participants to analyze the following instruments and principles:

- *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which establish the fundamental rights to life, liberty, and cultural expression.*
- *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which affirms the rights of indigenous peoples to their land, resources, and cultural practices.*
- *The Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, which emphasizes the importance of preserving cultural heritage sites.*
- *Customary international law.*

[3] CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

Teams may seek Clarifications via e-mail to iils.imcc25@gmail.com latest by **15th March(11:59p.m. IST)**.All Clarifications shall be posted on the Official Website by **15th March**.

ANNEXURE I

The Fuscima Belt Conservation and Development Act, 2023

Preamble

An Act to provide for the conservation, restoration, and sustainable development of the Fuscima Belt rainforest, to regulate human activities therein, and to ensure ecological balance while promoting socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.

Chapter I: Preliminary

1. Short Title, Extent, and Commencement

- (1) This Act shall be called the Fuscima Belt Conservation and Development Act, 2023.
- (2) It extends to the entire territory of the Republic of Wakanda.
- (3) It shall come into force on 31st January 2023.

2. Definitions

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Fuscima Belt" means the rainforest region designated under this Act for conservation and development purposes.
- (b) "Indigenous communities" refer to the native tribes historically residing within the Fuscima Belt.
- (c) "Project Evergreen" refers to the initiative undertaken by the Government for the conservation and restoration of the Fuscima Belt.
- (d) "No-Entry Zone" means areas within the Fuscima Belt designated as restricted for human activities under this Act.
- (e) "Displacement" refers to the relocation of persons or communities from their habitual residence as mandated by this Act.

Chapter II: Conservation Measures

3. Declaration of Protected Areas

The Government shall notify specific regions within the Fuscima Belt as protected areas, including no-entry zones, wildlife corridors, and reforestation zones.

4. Restrictions on Activities

- (1) No person shall engage in logging, poaching, or any other activity detrimental to the environment within the protected areas.
- (2) Exceptions may be granted by the Ministry of Environment for scientific research, conservation projects, or other purposes consistent with the objectives of this Act.

5. Enforcement Mechanisms

- (1) The Government shall establish a Forest Conservation Force empowered to enforce the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The Force shall be equipped with modern surveillance technologies, including drones and AI systems, to monitor activities within the Fuscima Belt.

Chapter III: Displacement and Resettlement

6. Displacement of Indigenous Communities

- (1) The Government may displace indigenous communities residing in protected areas if such displacement is essential for implementing conservation measures.
- (2) Displacement shall be carried out only after issuing prior notice and conducting consultations with the affected communities.

7. Resettlement Provisions

- (1) Displaced individuals shall be resettled in government-developed communities equipped with modern amenities, including housing, healthcare, education, and vocational training.
- (2) The Government shall ensure adequate compensation for displaced persons, including financial aid and opportunities for livelihood generation.

Chapter IV: Penal Provisions

8. Penalties for Violations

- (1) Any person found engaging in prohibited activities within the Fuscima Belt shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, a fine not exceeding 100,000 Wakan Asha, or both.
- (2) Repeat offenders shall be subject to enhanced penalties, including imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years.

9. Liability for Activist Violations

- (1) Any activist or group engaging in unauthorized activities within the Fuscima Belt or interfering with conservation measures shall be subject to penalties under this Act.
- (2) Foreign nationals involved in such activities shall be subject to deportation in addition to prescribed penalties.

Chapter V: Miscellaneous

10. International Collaboration

The Government shall collaborate with international organizations, research institutions, and other countries to further the objectives of this Act.

11. Power to Make Rules

The Government may, by notification, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Act.

12. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising under this Act shall be adjudicated by a Special Tribunal established for this purpose.

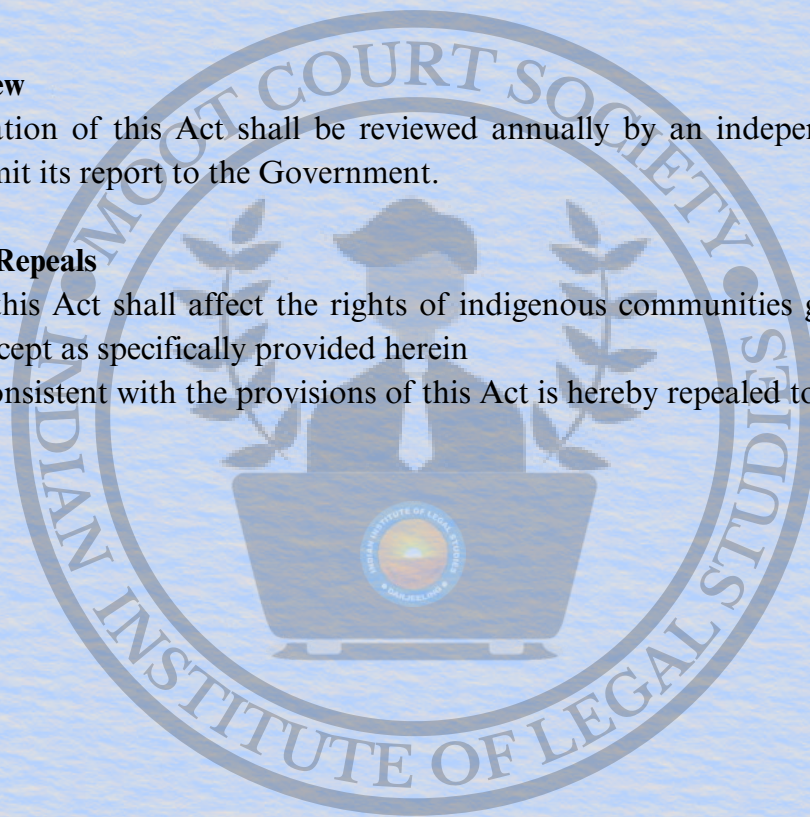
13. Annual Review

The implementation of this Act shall be reviewed annually by an independent committee, which shall submit its report to the Government.

14. Savings and Repeals

(1) Nothing in this Act shall affect the rights of indigenous communities guaranteed under existing laws, except as specifically provided herein

(2) Any law inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency



Disclaimer:

The moot problem attached herein is fictitious and the MCS along with the organizing committee would not be held responsible for any discrepancies regarding the same. If there is any resemblance in the names of the same it'll be just a matter of coincidence.

RULES REGARDING MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorial must be strictly followed.

[1] GENERAL RULES

- A. Each team must prepare memorials for both the sides.
- B. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed.
- C. One advance soft copy in PDF format must reach the organizers latest by **20th April, 2025** on **iils.imcc25@gmail.com**
- D. **12 hard copies (6 copies from each side)** of the memorials should reach the Organizing Committee latest by **(9th May, 2025)** at the aforementioned address.
- E. Identity of the Institution should not be revealed anywhere in the memorial as well as in any Annexure. Violation of this provision will result in penalty including disqualification. The Organizer's decision shall be final in this regard.
- F. There should be no deference between Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Written Submission: The hard copy of written submission must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers.
- Any deference in the same will result in non-evaluation the memorial disqualification from the Competition.
 - Plagiarism of only up to 15% is allowed, exceeding which can lead to negative marking.

Note: Soft copy of Memorials submitted after 20th April, **2025** shall not be considered for evaluation.

[2] FORMAT OF MEMORIALS

A. Written submissions shall be printed on white standard **A4** size paper.

B. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in **Times New Roman**, size **12** & line spacing **1.5**. The font of the footnotes shall be in **Times New Roman**, size **10**.

C. Memorials should have **one inch margin** on all sides of each page.

D. The Colour of the cover page must be **Blue** in case of Appellant/Petitioner and **Red** in case of Respondent.

E. Body of Memorial shall include:

(I) The Cover Page: The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the written submission, Name & Year of competition, and team Code on top right corner;

(II) Table of Contents

(III) List of Abbreviations

(IV) Index of Authorities

(V) Statement of Jurisdiction

(VI) Statement of Facts

(VII) Statement of Issues

(VIII) Summary of Arguments

(IX) Arguments advanced/detailed arguments.

(X) Prayer

(XI) Compendium, if any

(XII) Exhibits (Optional)

F. Memorials should be in spiral binding.

G. Pages should be numbered at the bottom middle.

H. The memorial shall not contain any photographs/sketches.

[3] FOOTNOTES AND CITATIONS

1. Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes following the 20th edition Harvard Bluebook citation.
2. Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments.

Example: Acceptable footnote: Panel Report, United States—Sections 301–310 of the Trade Act of 1974, WTO Doc. WT/DS152/R (adopted Jan. 25, 2000) [hereinafter Section 301 Panel Report].

Unacceptable footnote: Panel Report, United States—Sections 301–310 of the Trade Act of 1974, WTO Doc. WT/DS152/R (adopted Jan. 25, 2000) [hereinafter Section 301 Panel Report] (holding that quantitative restrictions are against GATT).

3. The Written Submission shall not contain any annexure, photograph, diagrams, or other representation of like nature.

The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:

- a. Page size: A4
- b. Font type: Times New Roman
- c. Font size: 12
- d. Line spacing: 1.5
- e. Body of text: Justified
- f. Margin: 1 inch on all sides
- g. No borders

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a. Font type: Times New Roman
- b. Font size: 10
- c. Line spacing: 1.0
- d. Paragraph spacing: 0
- e. No additional space between 2 footnotes
- f. Body of text: Justified

[4] MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE MEMORIALS

1. Every participating team shall be marked on a total of 100 marks. There shall be separate marking for the Petitioner and Respondent memorials.
2. The following shall be the marking criteria and the allocation of marks to each category:

| SL. NO. | MARKING CRITERIA | MARKS |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS AND LAW | 25 |
| 2. | EXTENT AND USE OF RESEARCH | 25 |
| 3. | PROPER AND ARTICULATE ANALYSIS | 20 |
| 4. | CLARITY AND ORGANIZATION | 10 |
| 5. | CORRECT FORMAT AND CITATION | 10 |
| 6. | GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE | 10 |
| | TOTAL | 100 |

Note: All memorials received within time schedule will be evaluated by the Memorial Evaluation Committee (MEC) to be constituted by the Convenors of the Moot Court Competition and Principal, Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Siliguri Campus.

RULES REGARDING ORAL ROUNDS

The following requirements for oral rounds must be strictly followed.

[1] GENERAL PROCEDURE

- A. The Researcher needs to be present with the speakers during all the rounds.
- B. 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. Such notes shall be passed through the court room officers present in the court room.
- C. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadget is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds, subject to the discretion of the judges.
- D. Participants may use their own bare acts, printouts and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.
- E. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final and binding.
- F. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:
- Preliminary Round (Two);
 - Quarter-finals;
 - Semi-finals;
 - Final.

[2] PRELIMINARY ROUND(s)

- A. Registration, Orientation and Draw of Lots will be held on 9th May, 2025 and the teams are requested that in all probability to kindly report the venue in time as per the time schedule provided in ANNEXURE IV. Moot Court Society (MCS) retains the right to choose if the team is not present during registration.
- B. The two preliminary rounds will be held on 10th May, 2025.
- C. Every team shall argue twice in the Preliminary Rounds: once as the Petitioner and next, as the Respondent.
- D. Speaker 1 and Speaker 2 shall remain the same throughout the competition.
- E. In the Preliminary rounds, each team will be given 20 minutes of speaking time, where a minimum of 8 minutes of speaking time to each speaker is mandatory.
- F. Time for Rebuttals in Preliminary rounds shall not exceed 2 minutes and no sur-rebuttals would be allowed.
- G. Top eight teams shall qualify to the Quarter- final rounds.

QUALIFICATIONS TO THE QUARTER FINALS ROUNDS:

(I) On the basis of Total Aggregate Score in the preliminary rounds.

- The top eight teams with higher aggregate score in the preliminary rounds will qualify for the quarter final rounds.
- The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of-Oral Score of Speaker 1; and Oral Score of Speaker 2 in the:

a. Preliminary round- I

b. Preliminary round-II

(II) In case of a tie in score, memorial marks of two teams will be considered.

(III) Further, in case of a tie in score, the marks of the Researchers' test would be considered.

(IV) In the exceptional case of a tie in all the above, the qualification of team will be based on draw of lots/ by toss of coin.

[3] QUARTER FINAL ROUND

A. Quarter Final Round shall take place on 10th May, 2025.

B. The Quarter-final will be conducted after the completion of the preliminary rounds.

C. The teams will be provided with their opponent's memorial after the declaration of preliminary results and the draw of lots for the Quarter Final Round.

D. The team will be given 20 minutes of speaking time, where a minimum of 8 minutes of speaking time to each speaker is mandatory. The pairing of Teams for the Quarter-Final Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots/power matchups.

E. For Quarter-finals, rebuttals shall not exceed 5 minutes, including sur-rebuttals, if any.

F. The division of time shall be informed by the team to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.

G. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Oral Rounds.

H. Extension of time will be allowed only at the Judges' discretion.

I. Quarter Final Round shall be knock out round.

J. The Winners of the Quarter-final shall advance to the Semi-finals.

[4] SEMI FINAL ROUND

- A. The Semi Final Round shall be held on 11th May, 2025.
- B. The top 4 teams from the Quarter-Final rounds will appear in the Semi-Final rounds.
- C. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Final Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots/power matchups.
- D. Semi Final Round shall be knock out round.
- E. Each team will get a total of 40 minutes to present their case. Further 5 minutes for rebuttal and sur- rebuttal will be allotted. (Total time for each team = 40 +5 minutes)
- F. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 16 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.
- G. Extension of time will be allowed only at the Judges' discretion.

[5] FINAL ROUND

- A. The Final Round shall be held on 11th May, 2025.
- B. Final Round shall be knock out round.

The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the same as in the Semi-finals. The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the Winner of the Competition.

NOTE:

- I. Teams will be provided with their opponent team's memorials after the conclusion of draw of lots. Return of the other side's memorial immediately after the completion of the rounds to the Court room officers is compulsory.
- II. The Best Speaker Award will be awarded on the basis of the scores awarded to the individual Speakers in the Preliminary Rounds. Individual Aggregate Score shall be determined on the basis of the score of Speaker in Preliminary Rounds.

[6] TIME SCHEME FOR ORAL ROUNDS

At the commencement of each session the team shall notify the Court room officers as to the division of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal) 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the Rounds.

[7] RESEARCHER'S TEST:

The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on 9th May, 2025.

Instructions for Researchers :

1. Researcher from each team would have to attend a researcher's test, the marks of which would be added to the marks of the team in the preliminary round.
2. The researcher's test will be conducted on the day of the oral rounds as to be decided by the MCS and organising committee.
3. The duration of the Researcher's test is 60 minutes.
4. This is a closed book test.
5. Researchers are not allowed to access any print or electronic material during the test. Read the questions carefully.
6. No questions or clarifications can be sought during the test period, answer as it is. Write answers in the answer sheet provided.
7. Each question carries 1 mark.
8. There is no negative marking. In case of a tie, the further procedure would be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
9. In a team consisting of three members, the member designated as Researcher shall take part in the test.
10. The Researcher's Test shall be objective as well as subjective with the questions based on the applicable law, precedents and facts pertaining to the Moot Problem.
11. Participants are requested to write only the Team Code on the question paper.
12. The Winner of the Test shall be determined on the basis of highest score attained.
13. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets/written material is strictly prohibited during the Researcher Test.

Awards

| AWARDS | INR | USD | KWD | SGD | GBP |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|  WINNER TROPHY AWARD | Rs 1,00,000/- with trophy | 1147.94 | 354.57 | 1568.15 | 934.20 |
|  RUNNER UP TROPHY AWARD | Rs. 50,000/- with Trophy | 573.97 | 177.29 | 784.08 | 467.10 |
| Best Speaker Award | Rs. 15,000/- with Trophy | 172.19 | 53.19 | 235.20 | 140.13 |
| Best Researcher Award | Rs. 15,000/- with Trophy | 172.19 | 53.19 | 235.20 | 140.13 |
| Best Memorial Award | Rs.10,000/- with Trophy | 114.79 | 35.46 | 156.80 | 93.42 |

Awards for Winners from our Knowledge Partners - Manupatra

1. One free Manupatra Academy course of choice for the winning team.
2. A 75% discount on any one Manupatra Academy course for the runners-up team.
3. A 50% discount on any one Manupatra Academy course for the second runners-up, Best Speaker, Best Memorial and Best Researcher.
4. Additionally, all other participants can avail a 15% discount on any one course from Manupatra Academy.

Also, Special Training Session on "How to Use Manupatra for Moot Success" for all participants, ensuring they can make the most of the resources for their legal research.

Each team members shall be awarded with trophy as a token of appreciation.

All the Participants will get participation certificates post the Valedictory Ceremony.

[8] MARKING CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS

Maximum scores for the court rounds will be 100 marks per speaker. The court rounds will be judged on the following parameters:

| SL. NO. | MARKING CRITERIA | MARKS |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| 1. | KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS AND LAW | 25 |
| 2. | APPLICATION OF LAW TO FACTS | 15 |
| 3. | EXTENT AND USE OF RESEARCH | 15 |
| 4. | INGENUITY AND ABILITY TO ANSWERS QUESTIONS | 10 |
| 5. | GRAMMAR, STYLE, POISE, COURT ETIQUETTES AND Demeanor | 10 |
| 6. | PROPER AND ARTICULATE ANALYSIS | 10 |
| 7. | TIME MANAGEMENT | 10 |
| 8. | CLARITY AND ORGANIZATION | 10 |
| TOTAL | | 100 |

[9] SCOUTING

(i) Teams will not be allowed to observe/sit the oral round of any other team till the time the team is declared to have advanced to the next round. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.

(ii) Any team can file a written complaint with the Organizers, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the Organizers will be final.

(iii) The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the oral round and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. COPYRIGHT

1. The copyright over the memorials submitted for the purpose of the competition shall deemed to be assigned by the participants and the Participating Institution completely and fully with the Organizers. 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.

2. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of the Organizers and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in the collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

B. WEATHER

The high seasonal norm is 27°C. The minimum is 16° C. Thus the main temperature, average in this month of February in Siliguri is 21°C. Thus the Participants are advised to carry winter garments as it is generally cold during night.

C. THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND DARJEELING:

Situated in the heart of the Himalayas, Darjeeling boasts stunning landscapes, lush tea estates, and rich heritage. Witness the sunrise from Tiger Hill, visit the Peace Pagoda, wander along Mall Road, and take a ride on the historic Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.

A corridor to the North East India from the mainland, Siliguri is famous as the commercial centre of North Bengal and is the transit location to the neighboring countries like Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar and into the Himalayan ranges of Gangtok, Mirik, Kalimpong, and Kurseong.

We would provide the 'interested participants' willing to visit the places in and around Darjeeling, a 'Help Desk' and our members would guide you for the same.

For more details, please refer to Pg. No. 48 of the Brochure.

ANNEXURE I

Procedure for payment of Registration Fee for teams from India:

ONLINE PAYMENT:

Teams from India may also make payment using the online payment on the following link:

Teams are instructed to mention the full name of their Institution/College/University in the column provided for Remarks while making the payment. Teams are required to download the receipt of the payment and upload the same to the Google form.

Kindly find below the procedure for online payment:

- Accept the Terms and Conditions and select 'Proceed'. Select 'SILIGURI' in the State of Institution.
- Select 'Educational Institutions' in the Type of Institution.
- Select 'Indian institute of legal studies' from the List of Educational Institutions.
- Select 'Indian Institute of Legal Studies Moot Court Competition' in the Payment Category.
- Enter details and submit. Once payment is successful, generate receipt of the transaction and download the same.

Procedure for payment of Registration for teams from Outside India.

Teams from Outside India shall make payment through bank transfer. All transfer fees must be paid by the transferor in USD or Euro or KWD or SGD or GBP or its equivalent only. The transfer must indicate the name of your University as the transferor for your university to be given credit for having paid the registration fee.

PARTICULARS:

- 1. NAME OF BENEFICIARY**
- 2. ADDRESS OF BENEFICIARY**
- 3. NAME OF THE BANK**
- 4. BRACH OF THE BANK**
- 5. BENEFICIARY BANK'S SWIFT CODE**

ANNEXURE II

REGISTRATION FORM

A. UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/INSTITUTION INFORMATION

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

POSTALCODE:

CITY:

COUNTRY:

B. PARTICIPANTS INFORMATION: EACH TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF THREE MEMBER. A BONAFIDE LETTER ISSUED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY OF THE PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/INSTITUTION INFORMATION MUST BE SENT ALONGWITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM.

B1. TEAM MEMBER - OFFICIAL CONTACT PERSON

FULL NAME: _____ SEX: _____

MOBILE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____ CURRENT DEGREE: _____

NATIONALITY: _____

POSITION(ORATOR/RESEARCHER): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

B2. TEAM MEMBER - OFFICIAL CONTACT PERSON

FULL NAME: _____ SEX: _____
MOBILE NUMBER: _____
E-MAIL: _____ CURRENT DEGREE: _____
NATIONALITY: _____
POSITION(ORATOR/RESEARCHER): _____
SIGNATURE: _____
DATE: _____

B3. TEAM MEMBER - OFFICIAL CONTACT PERSON

FULL NAME: _____ SEX: _____
MOBILE NUMBER: _____
E-MAIL: _____ CURRENT DEGREE: _____
NATIONALITY: _____
POSITION(ORATOR/RESEARCHER): _____
SIGNATURE: _____
DATE: _____

C. PHOTOGRAPHS OF TEAM MEMBERS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | |
| TEAM MEMBER 1: NAME: _____ | TEAM MEMBER 2: NAME: _____ | TEAM MEMBER 3: NAME: _____ |

D. MODE OF PAYMENT:

PLEASE INDICATE THE MODE OF PAYMENT BELOW.

THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF THE REGISTRATION FEE IS 15th MARCH, 2025.

ONLINE PAYMENT (ONLY FOR INDIAN TEAMS)

The online payment can be made using the link provided in page nom 12.

Please attach a soft copy of the proof of payment along with this form. Please note that registration shall not be complete till the proof of payment is received by the Organizing Commitee.

DETAIL OF PAYMENT

Date of Payment:_____

Bank Receipt/ Transaction ID/ SBCollect Reference No.:_____

BANK TRANSFER (ONLY FOR FOREIGN TEAMS)

The registration fee payable by teams representing countries shall be according to the mentioned amounts in page no. 12.

The registration fee payable by teams representing countries mentioned in page no. 12 shall be US \$ or its equivalent in Euro.

DETAILS OF BANK TRANSFER

Name of the Country:_____

Details of the Bank through which Money has been transferred:_____

Currency in which registration fee has been remitted:_____

Date of transfer of registration fee:_____

Bank receipt/Transaction ID no._____

ANNEXURE III



CHANGE IN TEAM COMPOSITION FORM

Please fill out all the sections of the Change in Team Composition Form for any changes in the Team Composition.

Kindly affix a passport size photograph of the new member of the team. All fields are mandatory.

The Change in Team Composition Form must be emailed to iils.imcc25@gmail.com with the subject “Change in Team Composition of [Name of the College/Institution/ University]”

A. Name of College/Institution/ University: _____

B. Full Name of Team Member being replaced: Position (Oralist/ Researcher):

C. New Team Member’s Information: _____



FULL NAME: _____ **SEX:** _____

MOBILE NUMBER: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

POSITION(ORALIST/RESEARCHER): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

ANNEXURE IV



SCHEDULE FOR THE THREE DAYS INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025:

DATE: 9TH MAY, 2025

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 10:30 - 11:30 AM | REGISTRATION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS |
| 11: 30AM- 12:30 PM | INAUGURATION CEREMONY |
| 12:30-2:00 PM | LUNCH TO BE SERVED AT THE COLLEGE TO THE PARTICIPANTS |
| 2:00 - 3:30 | RESEARCHER'S TEST |
| 3:30-5:00 | DRAW OF LOTS AND MEMORIAL EXCHANGE |
| 5:30 - 7:30 | CULTURAL PROGRAM |

DATE: 10TH MAY, 2025

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM | BREAKFAST TO BE SERVED TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN COLLEGE |
| 10:00 AM-11:30 AM | PRELIMINARY ROUND 1 |
| 11:30 AM -11:50 AM | TEA BREAK |
| 12:30 PM-2:00 PM | PRELIMINARY ROUND 2 |
| 2:10 PM-2:50 PM | LUNCH BREAK |
| DRAW OF LOTS | DRAW OF LOTS |
| 3:30 PM-5:00 PM | QUARTER FINALS ROUND |
| 8:00- 9:00PM | DINNER WILL BE SERVED TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE COLLEGE |

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| 9:30 AM- 10:00 AM | BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN COLLEGE |
| 10:30 PM - 12:30 PM | SEMI-FINALS ROUND |
| 12:30 PM- 1:30 PM | LUNCH WILL BE SERVED |
| 1:30PM | DRAW OF LOTS AND MEMORIAL EXCHANGE |
| 2:30 PM-5:00 PM | FINALS OF INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION,2025 |
| 5:15 PM - 6:45 PM | VALEDICTORY SESSION |
| 6:50 PM - 7:50 PM | CULTURAL PROGRAM |
| 8:00 PM-9:00 PM | DINNER TO BE SERVED TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN COLLEGE |

ANNEXURE V



TRAVEL PLAN

NAME OF THE COLLEGE: _____

SPEAKER 1:

1. Date of Arrival: _____
2. Mode (Train/Airways/Bus): _____
3. (Train/Airways/Bus) Number: _____
4. Time of arrival of Train/Airways/Bus: _____
5. Other Details (eg. Name of Airline, Bus Service etc.): _____

SPEAKER 2:

1. Date of Arrival: _____
2. Mode (Train/Airways/Bus): _____
3. (Train/Airways/Bus) Number: _____
4. Time of arrival of Train/Airways/Bus: _____
5. Other Details (eg. Name of Airline, Bus Service etc.): _____

RESEARCHER:

1. Date of Arrival: _____
2. Mode (Train/Airways/Bus): _____
3. (Train/Airways/Bus) Number: _____
4. Time of arrival of Train/Airways/Bus: _____
5. Other Details (eg. Name of Airline, Bus Service etc.): _____

TO BE EMAILED TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

AT:iils.imcc25@gmail.com ON OR BEFORE: 20th April, 2025..

Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution

A Proven Track Record in Legal Excellence



1 His Excellency Late. Shri. Pranab Mukherjee, Former President of India at Rastrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.



2 Adoption of village under the Project on Legal AID and Awareness.



3 National Symposium Presided by Hon'ble Justice B. Samadder & Hon'ble Justice Soumen Sen.



4 Summit on Legal Education in SAARC Region.



5 Consumer Lok Adalat organised in collaboration with the State Legal Service Authority, West Bengal.



6 UGC National Seminar on "Social Justice & Welfare State: Myth & Realities".



7 The Hon'ble Chief Justice Jayantha Chandrasiri Jayasuriya, The Hon'ble Supreme Court of Sri Lanka at the International Conference on Displacement Justice.



8 Inaugural Ceremony of SAARC MOOT Court Competition.



9 The Hon'ble Justice MD.Rezaul Hasan, Judge, High Court Division, The Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bangladesh at the International Conference on Displacement Justice.



10 SAARC Law Conclave on Legal Education and Practice : The Emerging Trends and Remedies.

THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND DARJEELING



*scan the following map for more details

SILIGURI, WEST BENGAL

- 1 Siliguri
- 2 Indian Institute of Legal Studies

1 Nearest Railway station: New Jalpaiguri station

2 Nearest Airport: Bagdogra Airport(IXB)

PLACES TO VISIT AROUND DARJEELING AND SILIGURI

- 1 Darjeeling
- 2 Windamere Hotel - A Colonial Heritage
- 3 Glenary's— Bakery, Resturant & Pub
- 4 Mayfair Tea Resort Siliguri
- 5 HMI(Himalayan Mountaineering Institute)
- 6 MacFarlane Memorial Church
- 7 Siddheshwar Dham (Char Dham)
- 8 Buddha Park
- 9 Tsomgo Chho
- 10 Gurudongmar Lake

CITY OF JOY- KOLKATA [60 mins approx via Airways]

- 1 Park Street
- 2 Victoria Memorial
- 3 Indian Museum
- 4 Prinsep Ghat
- 5 Eden Gardens
- 6 Fort William
- 7 Jorasako Rabindra nath Tagore house Kolkata West Bengal India

FAMOUS PLACES AROUND SILIGURI

- 1 Sikkim
- 2 Guwahati
- 3 Kolkata
- 4 Kathmandu
- 5 Shillong
- 6 Pokhara Lakeside
- 7 Pashupatinath Temple

