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- In the year 1988, the organization got affiliation from Bharathidasan University to offer Post Graduate Programmes in Computer Applications. Dr. Prof. P. Murugesan established Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappali in the year 1994. This institute was established in the memory of his father Sri Ponnaiyah and his mother Smt. Ramajayammal.



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**MOOT COURT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**AND**

**MOOT PROPOSITION**

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## **OFFICIAL INVITE**

We, PRIST School of Law, take immense pleasure in inviting you to the PONNIAH RAMAJEYAM NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2019 scheduled to be held on 20th & 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019 at our institution. This year the moot proposition is based on constitutional validity of 10% Reservation Bill. The Rounds will be judged by sitting and retired High Court Judges, Legal Luminaries, and Legal Experts to maintain the vigor and to get the best out of the teams. Interested Institutions are requested to provisionally register their participation through e-mail on or before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 after which they can send the duly filled registration forms when the team composition has been finalized.

DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF LAW

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**MOOT PROPOSITON**

1. **Sindia also known as the Republic of Sindia is a country in South Asia. It is the seventh largest country by area and with more than 1.3 billion people; it is the second most populous country and the most populous democracy in the world.**

2. **The Constitution of Sindia was formed through a process of formation of constituent assembly which drafted, debated, deliberated, amended and finally formed a final Constitution of Sindia. The process has historical roots in the British administration in Sindia from the Company rule to the Crown rule. It derived many functions of administration and division of power and duties from various Regulating Acts and Government of Sindia Acts passed by the British in Sindia. Eventually, it was drafted under the leadership of Dr. BR Bamedkar, who along with other drafting committee members adopted various practices and methods from other constitutions in the democratic world. The Constitution was adopted finally in Nov. 1949 with the seal of the Constituent assembly of Sindia.**

3. **A year later, the Sindian parliament adopted 'socialistic pattern of development' as official policy, a policy that came to include land reforms and regulations of industries. The word socialist was added to the Preamble of the Sindian Constitution by the 42nd amendment act of 1976, during the Emergency. It implies social and economic equality. Social equality in this context means the absence of discrimination on the grounds only of caste, colour, creed, sex, religion, or language. Under social equality, everyone has equal**

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status and opportunities. Economic equality in this context means that the government will endeavour to make the distribution of wealth more equal and provide a decent standard of living for all.

4. The primary objective of the reservation system in Sindia is to enhance the social and educational status of underprivileged communities and thus improve their lives. The government of Sindia believed that it was important to give benefits to people who have been historically denied access to social and economic resources so that they have a chance to establish a livelihood.

5. The Union Government tabled the Constitution (One Hundred And Twenty-Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2019 which provided 10% additional quota for the economically weaker sections amongst the erstwhile unreserved category students. The definition of 'economically weaker sections' will be defined by the State from time to time. The constitutional amendment has laid down that they will be restricted to people with household income less than 8 Lakh per annum, or those who own agricultural land below five acres.

Several petitions have been filed before the Supreme Court of Sindia challenging the legality of this amendment.

**Note: The Law in Sindia is correlative to Indian Law**

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## **Rule Book**

### **1. Date & Venue of the Competition:**

**20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019, SCHOOL OF LAW, PRIST deemed to be UNIVERSITY MADURAI CAMPUS, ARASANOOR, SIVAGANGAI.**

### **2. Official Language**

The official language of the competition shall be English. All competition rounds, memoranda and compendiums must be in English.

### **3. Eligibility**

All students enrolled in a 3year LLB Programme or a 5year integrated LLB Programme shall be eligible to participate in the **PONNAIYAH RAMAJAYAM NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2019.**

However, only one team per University / institution shall be eligible to participate.

### **4. Team Composition**

The team composition shall be as follows: 2 Speakers & 1 Researcher. The teams may choose to participate without a Researcher.

Terms are barred from disclosing the identity of their institution during the course of proceedings in the Court Rooms. Any disclosure of team identities shall invite penalties including disqualification.

Each team shall be provided with the team code at the time of the registration.

### **5. Registration**

The registration fee for the competition per team is INR 3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only).

Registration fee is only payable by way of Demand Draft (DD) in the favour of **PRIST UNIVERSITY” PAYABLE AT THANJAVUR.**

The last date for receiving the Registration form and Payment details is 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2019 at the following address:

**DR.P.S. SRINIVASAN, DIRECTOR  
PONNIAYAH RAMAJEYAM NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION  
PRIST SCHOOL OF LAW**



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**PRIST deemed to be UNIVERSITY –MADURAI CAMPUS  
SIVAGANGAI, TAMILNADU.**

A scanned copy of the registration form and registration fee (DD) must be sent via to [pristsolmcc@gmail.com](mailto:pristsolmcc@gmail.com)

Note: Hardcopy of the Registration Form and the Travel Form Should be sent to the aforementioned postal address.

## **6. Dress code:**

Inside the Court room the Participants shall follow the below mentioned dress code:

i. Females: White Kurtha, Black Salwar and Black Dupatta or White Formal Shirt and a Black formal Trousers / Skirt along with the Black Blazer and Tie (Optional).

ii. Male: White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Blazer and Black Shoes.

## **7. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Accommodation and food to the participating teams will be provided by the Organizer only on 20 (9:00 am onwards) and 21<sup>st</sup> (4:00 pm) September 2019. The teams must bring along a maximum of three (3) members. Any additional member shall not be entertained during the competition.

The Participants must be abode by the rules and regulations observed in the Campus, non-compliance with which may lead to disqualification.

**NOTE:** Intake/use/mere possession of any prohibited substance (e.g cigarette/alcohol/narcotic substance) is strictly prohibited during the stay throughout the competition, non-compliance with which may lead to immediate disqualification.

## **8. CLARIFICATIONS**

Clarifications to the Moot Proposition and the rules regarding submission of the Memorandum Shall be sought by sending an e-mail [pristsolmcc@gmail.com](mailto:pristsolmcc@gmail.com) on or before 27<sup>th</sup> August. 2019. Clarifications sent after this date shall not be entertained at any cost. The List of Clarifications shall be released on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

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## 9. MEMORANDUM / WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

- a. Participants are required to submit Memorandum or written Submissions for both the plaintiff and the Defendant
- b. Teams shall e-mail Soft Copies and of both the Memorandums, in PDF and Microsoft Word Formats i.e two (2) Separate file attachments for the Plaintiff and Defendant on or before 10<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2019 to e-mail [pristsolmcc@gmail.com](mailto:pristsolmcc@gmail.com) and Hard Copies on or before 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to the above mentioned address.
- c. Only the Team Code Shall be specified on the Memorandum .Any reference regarding the participating institution shall result in immediate disqualification.
- d. Amendment to the Memorandum shall not be permitted after submission of the soft copies. Variation found in the Hard Copy shall be penalized
- e. **Six(6) Hard Copies of each of the plaintiff And defendant Memorandums** Shall be submitted during the Team Registration on 20<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2019. Participants are advised to carry additional copies of their Memorandum for their own use. Copies submitted to the Organizing Committee shall be used for the evaluation of the Memorandum and for the Judge's Bench for each of the Oral Rounds. **There Shall be no Memorandum exchange.**
- f. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to use the memorandum submitted by the participating teams, as it deems appropriate. The memorandum submitted shall not be returned to the participants.
- g. All memoranda must be typed and printed on A4 size white paper with font size12, font type Times New Roman line spacing 1.5 and justified alignment. The Summary of Arguments and Arguments Advanced shall not exceed 25 pages in total.

### 9.1 Contents:

- Cover Page.
- Table of Contents.
- Table of Abbreviations.
- Index of Authorities.
- Statement of Jurisdiction.
- Summary of Facts.

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- Issues Raised.
- Summary of Arguments.
- Arguments Advanced.
- Prayer.

The Cover Page must only include the following in justified alignment except mentioned otherwise,

- Team Code on the right-hand top corner
- Name of the forum being approached
- Case type and number.
- Case name
- Memorandum on behalf of Plaintiff or Defendant.
- NOTE: The colour scheme for the cover page of the Plaintiff Memorandum must be **BLUE** and of the Defendant Memorandum must be **RED**. Citations for the memoranda are to be in the form of footnotes only, endnotes are not permitted. Footnotes must not contain substantive pleadings and should not be communicative. All Footnotes must adhere to the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of bluebook citation format. The foot size is 10 and font type is Times New Roman. The memoranda must not contain annexure, photographs, sketches, exhibits or affidavits etc, violations of the said provision will attract penalties.

## 9.2 MEMORANDUM SCORING:

The organizing Committee shall constitute a panel of judges with domain expertise, for the evaluations are as follows,

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
Application and appreciation of facts	20
Application of Legal Principles, Authorities and Precedents	20
Ingenuity and Logical reasoning	20
Lucidity and Writing skills	15
Referencing	15
Formatting and Presentation	10
Total	100

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## **10. ORAL ROUNDS FORMAT AND SCORING PROCEDURE:**

### **10.1 Preliminary Rounds:**

The Preliminary rounds shall be conducted in two stages and there will be one preliminary round where each team will represent either the Plaintiff or Defendant for that round. Sides will be determined by way of draw of lots. Each time will face a separate bench in both the preliminary rounds.

Each preliminary round shall be for 40 minutes in total. Each team will be given a total time of 20 minutes comprising of oral pleadings rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. Time management is at the discretion of the team subject to a maximum of 12 minutes per speaker. The same must be communicated to the designated Court Officer of the Court Hall prior to the Commencement of each round.

Each preliminary round will be judged two Judges, each of whom shall score every speaker on a scale of 0-100. The teams winning both the preliminary rounds automatically qualify for the quarter final rounds. In case of one win and one loss, the total score both the rounds will be taken in consideration. In case of tie, the Memorandum score of both the teams will be taken into consideration.

### **10.2 Quarter-Final Round:**

The top teams shall qualify for the quarter -final round .This side and against whom the team shall argue will be determined by way of draw of lots.

Each Quarter-Final round shall be for 60 minutes in total .Each team will be given a total time of 30 minutes comprising of oral pleadings, rebuttal/Sur-rebuttal. Time management is at the discretion of the team subject to a maximum of 20minutes per speaker. The same must be communicated to the designed Court Officer of the Court Hall prior to the commencement of the round.

The Quarter-Final round shall be judged by two judges, each of whom will score every speaker on a scale of 0-100. The team securing the higher marks will qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds, by virtue of a knockout Win.

### **10.3 Semi-Final Round**

The top four (4) Teams shall qualify for the Semi-Final Round. This side and against whom the teams shall argue will be determined by the way of draw of lots.

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Each Semi-Final round shall be for 90 minutes in total. Each team will be given a total time of 45 minutes comprising of oral pleadings, rebuttal/sub rebuttal. Time Management is the discretion of the team subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker. The same must be communicated to the designated Court Office of the Court Hall prior to the commencement of the round

The Semi-Final round shall be judged by two judges, each of whom will score every speaker on a scale of 0-100. The Team securing the higher marks will qualify for the Final Round., by virtue of a knockout Win.

## **10.4 Final-Round**

The Top two (2) Teams shall qualify for the Final Round. The sides will be determined by the way of draw of lots.

The Final round shall be for 90 minutes in total. Each team will be given a total time of 45 minutes comprising of oral pleadings, rebuttal/sub rebuttal. Time Management is the discretion of the team subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker. The same must be communicated to the designated Court Office of the Court Hall prior to the commencement of the round

The Final round shall be judged by a panel of judges, each of whom will score every speaker on a scale of 0-100. The Team securing the higher marks, Shall be adjudged as the Winners of the Competition.

## **10.5. ORDER OF ORAL PLEADINGS**

- Plaintiff Speaker 1
- Plaintiff Speaker 2
- Defendant Speaker 1
- Defendant Speaker 2
- Rebuttal by Plaintiff and
- Sur-rebuttal by Defendant.

During the course of the oral Pleadings, no speaker shall disclose his/her identity or the identity of his/her institution by any means whatsoever.

If in case the Plaintiff does not raise for rebuttal, the sur-rebuttal is deemed to be cancelled.

Submission of compendiums, case Laws, authorities to the judges must mandatorily be done through the Court Officer. All such materials must be verified by the Court Officer before the Commencement

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of the round. Disclosure of the institutions name in any manner abbreviations in such materials shall not be allowed for submission to the judges.

## **10.6. ORDER OF ORAL PLEADINGS SCORING:**

The oral pleadings of each Speaker shall be evaluated on a scale of 0-100 as follows,

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
Knowledge and Marshalling of Facts	20
Application of Legal Principals and Usage of Authorities	20
Structure, Articulation and Clarity	20
Persuasiveness, Ingenuity and Response to Questions	20
Court Etiquette, Presentation Style and Time Management	20

## **11. SCOUTING:**

Scouting is not permitted and it shall be deemed to have happened if the Speaker(s), Researcher or any other person affiliated with a Team is found;

- 1) Witnessing, hearing ,observing, etc. the Oral Submissions in a Round, except where the Round is one in which the Team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in;
- 2) Reading the Memorandum of a Team except where, it is of the Team to which he/she is affiliated.

## **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

- The final decision regarding Implementation and Interpretation of Rules regarding Moot Court Practice and procedures lies with the Organizing Committee.
- If any one of the members of a Team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the competition, it shall be deemed as if the said Team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
- The proposition is neither intended to nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The proposition is a fictitious factual account prepared for the purposes of the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.

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- The copyright in the Memorandum submitted by the Teams shall vest with PRIST SCHOOL OF LAW Moot Court Society. The acceptance of such vesting is a precondition to participation in the competition. The rules governing the conduct of the competition should be strictly adhered to any deviation thereof can attract penalties or disqualification.
- **Registration fee once paid is non-refundable.**
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the Terms within a reasonable period of the time.
- **USING MOBILE PHONES/LAPTOPS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC GADGETS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN THE COURTROOM. VIOLATION OF THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO DISQUALIFICATION.**
- The MCS and Faculty Convener of the Organizing Committee of PRIST SCHOOL OF LAW shall be the final arbiter for these Rules and any such decision made by them on any issue/dispute arising in relation to the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Last Date for Provisional Registration	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2019
Last Date for Soft Copy Registration	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2019
Last Date For Submission of Hard Copy of DD Registration Form and Travel Form	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2019
Last Date Of Seeking Clarification	27 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2019
Release Of Clarification	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2019
Last Date for Submission of Softcopy and Hard of Memorandum	10 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2019
6 copies of Hardcopy of Memorandum during desk registration	20 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2019
Inauguration, Draw of Lots,	20 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2019
Prelims and Quarter Finals	20 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2019
Semi-Finals, Finals and Valedictory	21 <sup>st</sup> Sep. 2019

## **AWARDS**

- WINNERS : Shield Trophy
- RUNNERS : Trophy

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- BEST SPEAKER : Trophy
- BEST RESEARCHER : Trophy
- BEST MEMORANDUM : Trophy

**REGISTRATION FORM**

DATE: -----

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**INSTITUTION DETAILS:**

Name :

Address :

Contact no :

E-mail ID:

Faculty in Charge:

Designation:

**PARTICIPANTS DETAILS:**

Name of the Speaker 1:

Year and Course:

Contact No:

Email ID:

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**Name of the Speaker 2:**

**Year and Course:**

**Contact No:**

**Email ID:**

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**Name of the Researcher:**

**Year and Course:**

**Contact No:**

**Email ID:**

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**DEMAND DRAFT DETAILS**

**Name of the Bank :**

**Branch :**

**Demand Draft No :**

**Date :**

**DECLARATION:**

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We affirm that all the information provided in the registration form is true. Further, we declare that the intuition and its team members will abide by all the rules and regulations as notified throughout the period of competition.

(Signature-Speaker 1)

(Signature-Speaker 2)

(Signature- Researcher)

(Faculty-In-Charge)  
Seal)

(Head of the Institution with

**TRAVEL FORM**

**Name of the Institution:**

**Mode of Travel: Bus/Train/flight**

**Date/Time of Boarding:**

**Date/Time of Departure:**

**Contact No:**

**MOOT COORDINATOR  
INSTITUTION**

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