

# THE ICFAI UNIVERSITY TRIPURA

*Presents*

## 4TH N.J.Y. NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION- 2026

*Organized by*

### FACULTY OF LAW

**Date: - 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 to 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**

**Venue: - ICFAI University Tripura Campus, Agartala-Simna Road,  
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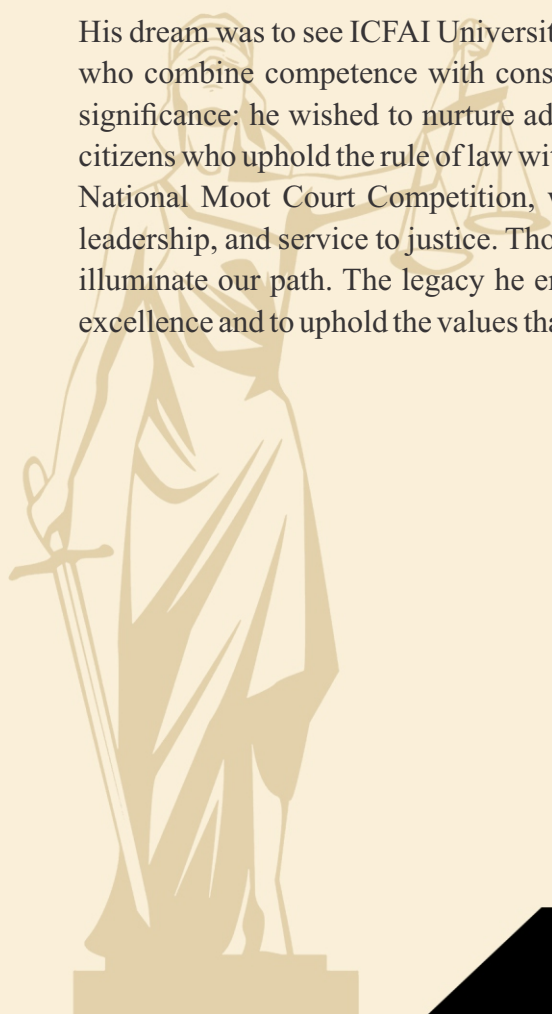
## *In Reverent Memory of*



## **Dr. N. J. Yasaswy** (9 February 1950 – 8 October 2011)

Dr. N. J. Yasaswy was a visionary educationist whose life was dedicated to redefining professional learning in India. When he founded the ICFAI Group in 1984, he did so with a conviction that education must be rigorous in intellect, firm in values, and transformative in impact. He did not aspire to build institutions that would merely confer degrees; he sought to create centers of excellence that would shape character, inspire integrity, and cultivate disciplined reasoning. He believed that universities must stand as enduring pillars of knowledge—institutions that would continue to grow, adapt, and contribute meaningfully to society for decades to come.

His dream was to see ICFAI Universities flourish as vibrant academic communities, producing professionals who combine competence with conscience. For students of law in particular, his vision carries profound significance: he wished to nurture advocates who argue with clarity, judges who decide with fairness, and citizens who uphold the rule of law with unwavering commitment. As ICFAI University Tripura organizes the National Moot Court Competition, we pay tribute to the ideals he held dear—intellectual rigor, ethical leadership, and service to justice. Though his presence is no longer among us, his guiding spirit continues to illuminate our path. The legacy he entrusted to this institution lives on, inspiring generations to strive for excellence and to uphold the values that define true education.



# ABOUT THE ICFAI UNIVERSITY TRIPURA

The ICFAI University, Tripura (referred to hereafter as the University) was established in 2004 through an Act of State Legislature (Tripura Act 8 of 2004).

The University believes in creating and disseminating knowledge and skills in core and frontier areas through innovative educational programs, research, consulting and publishing, and developing a new cadre of citizens with a high level of competence and deep sense of ethics and commitment to the code of professional conduct.

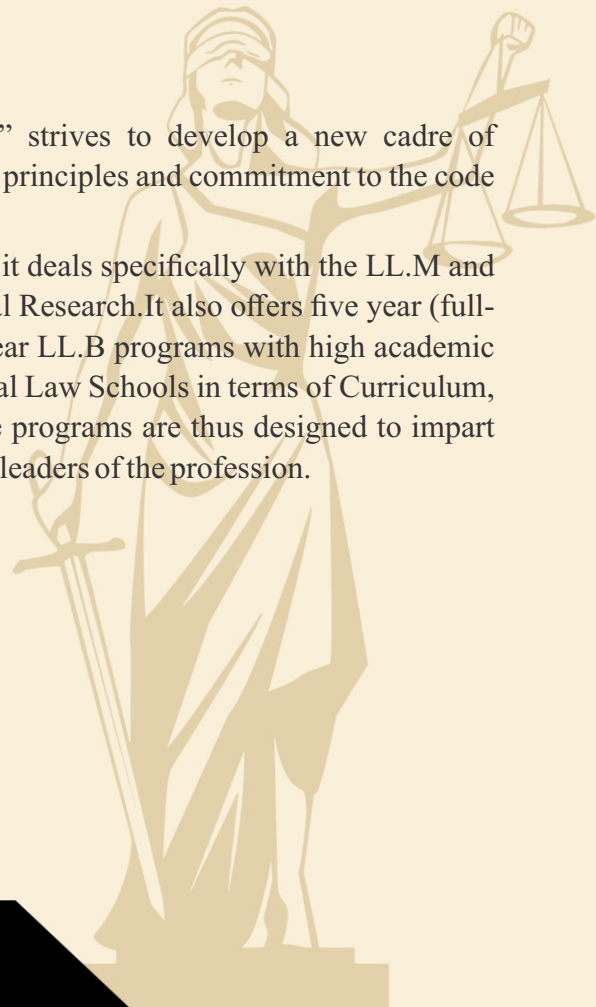
The ICFAI University Tripura is a multidisciplinary University offering 50+ different programs in the field of Management, Commerce, Law, Engineering, Computer Application, Basic Sciences, Allied Health Sciences, Nursing, Humanities and Social Sciences, Liberal Arts, Clinical Psychology, Education, Special Education & Rehabilitation, Physical Education, Yoga & Naturopathy.

The ICFAI University Tripura is committed to imparting quality education both in undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

## ABOUT FACULTY OF LAW

The ICFAI University Tripura with its motto “Meritum Ethicus” strives to develop a new cadre of professionals with high level of competence and deep sense of moral principles and commitment to the code of professional conduct.

Faculty of Law is a wing of the ICFAI University Tripura itself, and it deals specifically with the LL.M and Ph.D. programs and is devoted in encouraging and engaging in Legal Research. It also offers five year (full-time integrated BBA-LL.B (Hons.), BA-LL.B (Hons.) and Three Year LL.B programs with high academic standards comparable with those of leading National and International Law Schools in terms of Curriculum, Methodology, Research Oriented Internships and Assignments. The programs are thus designed to impart legal knowledge and professional skills to shape the students as future leaders of the profession.



# ABOUT MOOT COURT

Moot court is one of the most productive activities for law students. The proceedings in a moot court mirror real-life court proceedings. The purpose of the activity is to help law students understand how real courts work and their proper code of conduct, the importance of dress code and the use of formal language. Mooting is a great way to develop one's confidence, speaking, writing skills and research acumen. Participating in moot courts is not just great for budding advocates but also for future Judges and arbitrators. Most universities hold inter-college or intra college mooting sessions which gives students a chance to create network and work with their future competitors.

A moot court is a replica of real court proceedings. The purpose of moot court competitions is to make students aware of the court proceedings related to disputes between parties. These competitions are organised mostly in law schools for students who wish to pursue their careers as Lawyers, Judges and Arbitrators. This practice helps in the development of legal skills, research acumen and speaking skills. The process of mooting is not the same as public speaking or debating, moot courts are more interactive in nature and there is a scope of cross-questioning.



## ABOUT N. J. Y. NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION-2026

Together, we at **Faculty of Law**, ICFAI University, Tripura are determined to demonstrate perseverance and cooperation. Hence, after the successful completion of the three editions of National Moot Court Competition, we have planned to organize the **4th N.J.Y. National Moot Court Competition** to provide an environment where aspiring lawyers can enhance their legal proficiencies and mooting skills with a unique concept.

The competition strives to give a platform to the budding lawyers of our country to imbibe analytical skills in real-time situations. Our main aim is to give a chance to the students to learn the complexities evolving around law and regulations.

# DESK OF VICE CHANCELLOR



ICFAI University, Tripura aims at providing quality education to its students and targets their holistic development. The Moot Court Committee (MCC) is a body constituted to provide practical legal education to students of law. The MCC is instrumental in organizing various activities throughout the year to promote mooting skills among students and to encourage their participation in National and International Moot Court Competitions.

It is a matter of great pride that ICFAI University, Tripura announces its "**4th N.J.Y National Moot Court Competition - 2026.**" It is truly pleasing to witness law students excelling in various spheres of law, which will undoubtedly contribute to their professional growth. Their active participation in such competitions is highly encouraging, and the dedication and hard work they invest in every event are truly commendable.

With its flagship Faculty of Law, ICFAI University, Tripura remains committed to nurturing excellence in the legal profession by providing this golden opportunity to aspiring law students. We extend a warm welcome to all the participants of this competition and wish them every success.

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**Prof. (Dr.) Biplab Halder**  
Vice Chancellor  
ICFAI University, Tripura

# DESK OF REGISTRAR



The way society is developing in a transient manner, we need more efficient lawyers who can deal with those newly emerging issues. The progress of the society depends upon the aspiring lawyers and the fate of the country is truly in their hands. Law schools are the places which provides the opportunity to express themselves. Moot court is a great way of learning the art of advocacy, to express oneself as a lawyer. Its a great platform to overcome fear and gain confidence of upcoming lawyers of India. To promote our commitment towards experiential learning, this year FACULTY OF LAW has included within its paradigm another feature that is,

The 4<sup>th</sup> N.J.Y. National moot court competition, abbreviated As The N.J.Y. NMCC, To keep ourselves in pace with the changing dynamics of the legal diaspora.

We cordially welcome you all to the 4<sup>th</sup> N.J.Y. National moot court competition organized by faculty of law , ICFAI university Tripura. It endeavors towards giving an opportunity to young minds towards sharpening their prowess related to research, mootng, and advocacy skills.

I wish you all an exciting and rewarding mootng experience.

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**Dr. A. Ranganath**  
Registrar  
ICFAI University, Tripura

# DESK OF PRINCIPAL

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Faculty of Law, ICFAI University Tripura, as a pioneer institute of legal education is committed to cater quality legal education in the region. Faculty of Law have been pursuing its objective to prepare generations of young lawyers who can address the evolving legal issues to resolve them in such a way to have a holistic and cohesive existence in the society. Faculty of Law not only infuse among the law students the contemporary knowledge of to meet the need of the socio-economic development but also focus on the growth of the human values among them so that they can become the crusader to make the world a better place to live.

N.J.Y Moot Court Committee also has been striving to organize the Moot Court Competition to showcase the pragmatic potential of the budding law students to solve the legal problem in a very objective method and in a competitive environment. This time the N.J.Y Moot Court Committee is going to organize its **4<sup>th</sup> N.J.Y National Moot Court Competition**. I congratulate them for this venture and wish them all the very best for the conduct of the event.

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**Dr. Nabarun Bhattacharjee**  
Principal, FOL  
ICFAI University, Tripura

# SPECIAL NOTE

## **ADV. SARAMA DEB**



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my best wishes to the organizers and participants of the 4th N.J.Y National Moot Court Competition. Moot Court Competitions play a vital role in developing advocacy skills, legal reasoning, research abilities, and professional ethics among law students.

I commend the Faculty of Law, ICFAI University Tripura, and the N.J.Y Moot Court Committee for providing a platform that encourages young legal minds to engage with contemporary legal issues and showcase their talents in a competitive environment.

I am delighted to support this initiative and believe that such events contribute significantly to the growth of future legal professionals. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the organizing team and wish all participants a rewarding learning experience and great success in the competition.

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**Adv. Sarama Deb**  
Advocate

## RULE BOOK

The Organising Committee of the **4<sup>th</sup> N.J.Y. National Moot Court Competition** will have exclusive authority to interpret the rules in the interest of just and fair competition. The definitions placed below by the Organising Committee shall be final and the decision of the Organising Committee regarding the applicability of these rules will be final. These rules may be called the rules for the **4<sup>th</sup> N.J.Y. National Moot Court Competition, 2026**.

## DEFINITIONS

### **BENCH**

Refers to the members duly invited by the institute, to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively.

### **CLARIFICATIONS**

Means any questions, queries, or doubts sent by the registered teams to the organisers, within the given deadline.

### **COMPETITION**

Means the **4<sup>th</sup> N.J.Y. National Moot Court Competition, 2026** and the competition will be in offline mode.

### **SPEAKER**

Refers to a participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.

### **PENALTY**

Refers to the deductions imposed on the memorandum scores of a participating institution.

### **PARTICIPATING TEAM**

Means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules for registration.

### **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION**

Shall be presumed to be the institution of the participating teams.

### **MOOT PROBLEM**

Means a set of facts published by the institution for moot court competition.

### **REBUTTALS**

Refer to those arguments/questions that the Petitioner may raise at the end of the main pleadings of the Respondent.

### **SUR-REBUTTAL**

Refers to the defence presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals.

### **ORGANISER**

Means The ICFAI University Tripura, **Faculty of Law, NMCC**.

### **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

Means the Moot Court Committee (MCC), **Faculty of Law, The ICFAI University Tripura**.

### **COURT ROOM**

Shall refer to the courtrooms where the oral rounds will take place.

### **SCOUTING**

Means a person observing the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team which is associated with the participating team.

## **TEAM CODE**

Refers to the code allocated to a participating institution by the organizing committee after completion of the Registration.

## **Key Dates**

**26/02/2026** – Commencement of Registration

**26/05/2026** – Last Date of Registration

**27/05/2026** – Last Date for Seeking Clarifications (If Any)

**12/06/2026** – Date of Memorial Submission (Soft Copy via E-Mail)

**16/06/2026** – Reaching of Participants in the Campus

**17/06/2026** – Inaugural Ceremony, Draw of Lots, Preliminary Round & hard copies exchange.

**18/06/2026** – Quarter Final Round & Semi Final Round

**19/06/2026** – Final Round & Valedictory Ceremony

## **LANGUAGE**

The official language of the competition shall be English Only.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Students pursuing 3 years LLB and 5 years integrated programme from any college/institute/University recognized by BCI across the country.
- Only 2 teams shall be allowed from one college/institute/University.
- No Faculty members, coach, or a designated observer will be allowed to join the team during the competition.

## **TEAM COMPOSITION**

- The team shall comprise of either two members (being designated as Speakers and one of the speakers shall be designated as Researcher) or three members (two of them shall be designated as Speakers and one of them shall be designated as Researcher).
- No team will be allowed to substitute any of its members after a team has submitted its registration form, except with the permission of the organisers.

## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

- Online registration will open from **26/02/2026**. The teams must complete the final registration through online by **26/05/2026**.
- The registration shall be done by filling up the registration form available at our official website.
- The registration shall be considered complete only when the 'Registration fee' has been paid fully and the registration form is duly filled with all the credentials
- The participants will receive an official approval E-Mail from the organising committee carrying the "**Team Code**" latest by **27/05/2026** or earlier. The teams shall quote this team code in all further communications with the organising committee.
- **The registration fee for the competition is Rs. 5999/- (INR)** (including fooding and lodging) registration fee once paid is non-refundable.

### MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

The memorials submitted for all purposes of the competition shall firmly comply with the rules of the competition. Each participating team must prepare two written submissions, one for each petitioner/ applicant(S) as well as respondent(S) side.

Petitioner/Applicant(S) memorials are required to have a blue cover and respondent/(S) memorials are required to have red cover.

**Soft copies of memorials** shall be submitted in both PDF and Doc/.Docx format latest by **12-06-2026** on the official website. late submissions shall be penalised (1 Mark Per Day) and no memorial shall be accepted after two days from the specified date.

**Hard Copies** exchange will be done on the day of draw of lots **17/06/26**.

The memorial shall be uploaded on the official portal created during the registration organising committee will not be responsible for any delay and default.

### CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION

The teams may request for correction and clarification regarding the moot proposition as per the date given in the important dates, i.e., 22/05/2026. Such requests shall be sent at [njy.nmcc@iutripura.edu.in](mailto:njy.nmcc@iutripura.edu.in) only. No other mode of communication will be taken into consideration.

### MEMORIAL CONTENT

The memorial must contain the following pages only:

- Cover Page - The cover page shall contain the Case Title Side of the Memorial, Year of the Competition, Name of the Court and Team Code on the top right corner
- Table of Contents
- Table of Cases Referred
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Pleadings/Arguments Advanced (20 pages max)
- Prayer

### GUIDELINES FOR MEMORIAL FORMATTING SAME AS DEMO MEMORIAL

The following content specifications must be strictly followed:

- The memorial shall be typed on an A4 size page and all the pages of the memorial should have a page number at the bottom.
- 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 lines.
- Page Margins-1 inch on all sides.
- All the citations and footnotes must be in compliance with the **20th Edition of the Bluebook**

### PLAGIARISM POLICY

Plagiarism up to **10% is permissible** however, plagiarism beyond this limit is strictly prohibited. If any participating team is found indulging in excessive plagiarism, they shall be disqualified from the competition. The decision of the organising committee regarding plagiarism would be final and binding on all participants.

### ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition.
- The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name, etc. of the University represented.

Any violation of the above rules shall attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the organizing committee.

The decision of the organizing committee in this regard shall be final and binding on the participating team.

### MEMORIAL ROUND MARKING CRITERIA

Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
Depth and Quality of Research	30
Proper and Articulate Analysis & Clarity and Organization	20
Knowledge and Application of Facts	15
Grammar and Style	15
Referencing	10
Presentation and Neatness	10
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100</b>

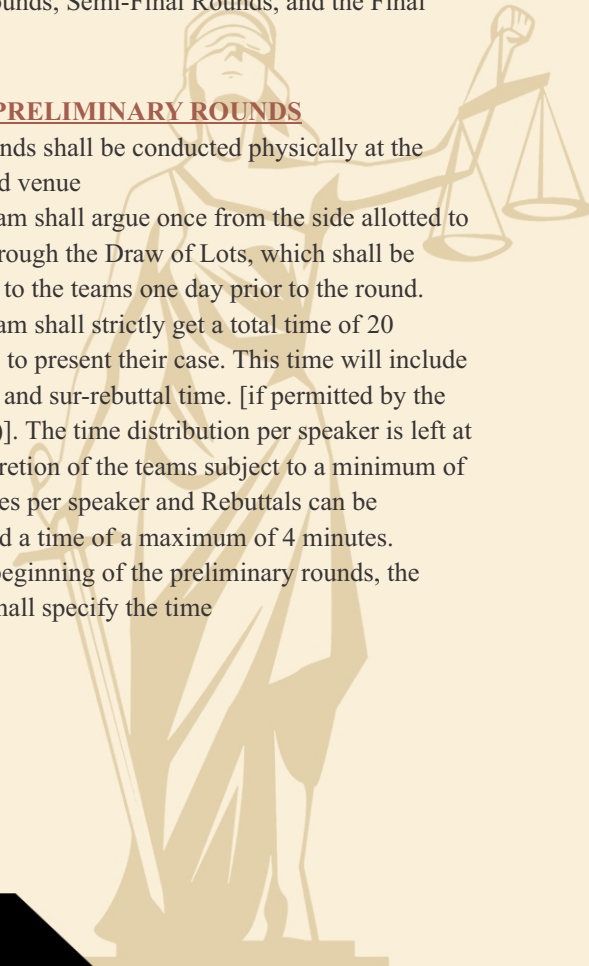
### ORAL ROUNDS OF THE COMPETITION

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Final Rounds, Semi-Final Rounds, and the Final Round.

#### PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- The rounds shall be conducted physically at the specified venue
- Each team shall argue once from the side allotted to them through the Draw of Lots, which shall be notified to the teams one day prior to the round.
- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. [if permitted by the judge(s)]. The time distribution per speaker is left at the discretion of the teams subject to a minimum of 8 minutes per speaker and Rebuttals can be allocated a time of a maximum of 4 minutes.
- At the beginning of the preliminary rounds, the teams shall specify the time



## QUARTAR FINAL ROUNDS

The top 8 teams with the highest score in the Preliminary Rounds shall proceed to the Quarter-Finals. The match-up of teams in Quarter-Final Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots.

- In case of a tie, after being the scores have been calculated, the team with the higher score in the Written Submission (Memorials) shall proceed to this round.
- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 25 minutes to argue, which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time [if permitted by the judge(s)]. Extension of time may be permissible at the discretion of judges.
- At the beginning of the Quarter-Final Rounds the teams shall specify the time distribution for each speaker and rebuttal to the moderator. The rebuttal round proceeding shall be initiated once the moderator informs the team about the commencement of the time limit.
- Strict adherence to court room manners shall be observed by all the participants.

## SEMI FINAL ROUNDS

- The Top 4 teams of the Quarter-Final Rounds shall be qualified for the Semi-Final Rounds. The match-up of teams in Semi-Final Rounds shall be decided on the basis of the draw of lots.
- Each team shall get a total time of 45 minutes to argue, which 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 teams.
- A time-extension for a maximum of 2 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge
- Strict adherence to court room manners shall be observed by all the participants.

## FINAL ROUND

- **The moot proposition for the final round shall be provided to the participants upon completion of the final registration.**
- The top two teams from the Semi-Final Rounds shall qualify for the final round.

- Each team shall get a total time of 60 minutes to which will include rebuttal and surrebuttal time [if permitted by the judge(s)].
- The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the teams
- A time-extension for a maximum of 5 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge.
- Strict adherence to court room manners shall be observed by all the participants.
- Teams entering/indulging in any kind of misconduct or violating the aforementioned rules and regulations will lead them to disqualification.
- The decision of the judges with regards to the oral rounds shall be final.

## ORAL ROUND MARKING CRITERIA

Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
Knowledge and Application of Relevant Law	25
Interpretation and Use of Facts	20
Ability to Answer Questions	15
Style, Poise, Courtesy and Court Etiquettes	15
Organization and Flow of Arguments	15
Reference to Memorials in the course of Arguments	10
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100</b>

## SCOUTING

Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any team shall entail instead disqualification.

## MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- The organising committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage. The organising committee shall convey any changes made in the competition rules to the participating Teams.
- If a team is of the perspective that violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team (s) shall inform within half an hour from the completion of the round to organising committee.
- Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the judges with any complaints.

# AWARDS

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**BEST SPEAKER (RESPONDENT) – RS – 5000/- (WITH TROPHY)**

**BEST MEMORIAL – RS – 5000/- (WITH TROPHY)**

**BEST RESEARCHER – RS – 5000/- (WITH TROPHY)**

**Note: Certificate of Participation shall be provided to all the participants and mementoes shall be provided to each participating team.**

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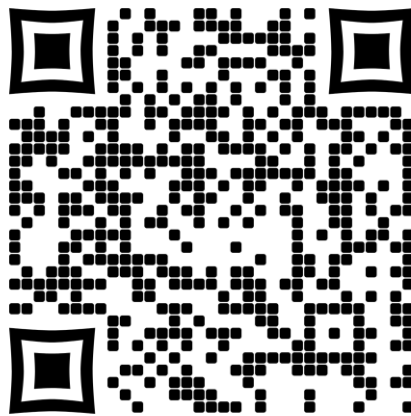
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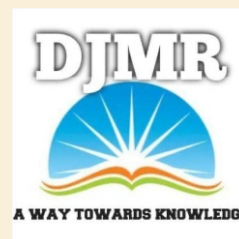
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Vidhi Vaarta is a prominent legal forum founded with the primary aim to spread awareness and knowledge through seminars, conferences, and educational initiatives regarding legal rights, duties, and government schemes. Constituted by a dedicated leadership team including Dr. Soumi Chatterjee (Founder/Director), Mr. Mohammad Raashid Ali (Co-Founder), Mr. Mohammad Taasir Ali (Co-Founder), and Mr. Divyanshu Nautiyal (Co-Founder), the organization is widely recognized for its commitment to legal literacy and student-centric reporting. We are pleased to announce that ICFAI University Tripura is organizing the 4th N.J.Y National Moot Court Competition 2026 in association with Vidhi Vaarta as the Media Partner, whose extensive digital reach and community engagement will significantly enhance the visibility and professional impact of the competition.

## Publishing Partner

Doon Journal of Multidisciplinary Research (DJMR):



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## Media Partners

*Tripurainfo.com*



The Pioneer Digital Information Hub of Tripura

Established in 2001, Tripurainfo.com is Tripura's first news, views, and information portal. Over the last two decades, it has evolved into one of the state's most trusted digital platforms, providing comprehensive coverage of governance, politics, the economy, culture, education, tourism, business, sports, and social developments across Tripura.

Committed to credible journalism and public service, Tripurainfo.com serves as a vital bridge between citizens, government institutions, businesses, and civil society, fostering informed public discourse and promoting the overall development of the state.

### **Photo Gallery of Previous N.J.Y Moot court Competition**





## EARTHQUAKE

- Make your house earthquake resistant and secure heavy furniture and objects.
- Choose a couple of family meeting place; pick easy to identify, open and accessible places that you can easily reach. Prepare to be self-sufficient for a minimum of three days.
- If inside, stay inside."DUCK, COVER and HOLD! Duck under firm furniture. Cover as much of your head and upper body as you can. Hold on to the furniture. Move to an inside wall and sit with your back to the wall, bring your knees to your chest and cover your head. Stay away from mirror and window. Do not exit the building during the shaking.
- If out doors, move to an open area away from all structures, especially buildings, bridges, and overhead power lines.
- Move cautiously, and check for unstable objects and other hazards above and around you. Check yourself for injuries.
- Anticipate aftershocks, especially if the shaking lasted longer than two minutes.
- Stay out of damaged buildings. Listen to the radio or watch local TV for emergency information and additional safety instructions.

Courtesy: Directorate of Relief, Rehabilitation & Disaster Management,  
Revenue Department, Government of Tripura

Emergency Contact: 112 (ERSS)/1070(State Emergency Operation Centre)/1077 (District Emergency Operation Centre)



**বজ্রপাতের সময় নিম্নলিখিত  
সতর্কবার্তাগুলো অনুসরণ করতে হবে**

- দালান বা পাকা ভবনের নীচে আশ্রয় নিতে হবে।
- জল থেকে দূরে থাকতে হবে।
- পরস্পর থেকে দূরে থাকতে হবে।
- উঁচু গাছপালা ও বিদ্যুতের লাইন থেকে দূরে থাকতে হবে।
- বজ্রপাতে সময় নীচু হয়ে বসতে হবে।
- জানালা থেকে দূরে থাকতে হবে।
- বজ্রপাতের লক্ষণগুলি জানতে হবে।
- ধাতব বস্তু স্পর্শ করা উচিত নয়।
- বাড়িকে বজ্রপাত সুরক্ষিত করতে হবে।
- বিদ্যুৎ চালিত যন্ত্র থেকে দূরে থাকতে হবে।
- বজ্রপাতের সময় খালি পায়ে চলা ঠিক নয়।
- খোলা ও উঁচু জায়গায় যাওয়া ঠিক নয়।
- ঘর থেকে বেরোনোর পূর্বে ঝড়ের পূর্বাভাস সম্বন্ধে জানতে হবে।
- বৈদ্যুতিক পিলার থেকে দূরে থাকতে হবে।



**সৌজন্যে: রাজস্ব দপ্তর, ত্রিপুরা সরকার**

## MOOT PROPOSITION

### STATE OF INDICA VS. RHEA SHARMA

Rhea Sharma, aged 28, is an investigative journalist and founder of JanDarpan, a digital news platform specializing in reporting on governance, environmental issues, and human rights. Over the years, she has built a reputation for exposing corporate wrongdoing, administrative corruption, and violations of the rights of marginalized communities, particularly in scheduled areas. While her work has garnered public attention and acclaim, it has occasionally attracted controversy due to its critical focus on government and corporate actors.

In September 2025, JanDarpan released a 42-minute documentary titled “Silent Forests”, which investigated alleged unlawful land acquisitions by Minex Industries Ltd. , a private mining company operating in Virang, an Adivasi-majority district. The documentary included interviews with local residents, community leaders, and subject-matter experts. It documented claims of forced displacement, lack of informed consent, environmental degradation, and alleged collusion between local authorities and the corporation. The documentary also highlighted reported intimidation of local villagers by law enforcement. JanDarpan maintained that the documentary was based on field research, documents, and first-hand accounts, while noting that certain statements reflected the views of interviewees.

Within a week of the documentary’s release, protests erupted in Virang district. Thousands of people, including students and members of the Adivasi community, gathered to demand an investigation into Minex Industries Ltd. carrying a playcard portraying the picture of interviewer’s snapshots from the documentary namely “Silent Forests”. Although initially peaceful, the protest escalated into violent clashes with police, resulting in damage to public and private property estimated at approximately ₹1 crore, Injuries to 24 police personnel, Death of one protester.

Eyewitness reports indicated that both protestors and police were involved in acts of aggression, and that misinformation circulated on social media may have contributed to the escalation. Following the unrest, the State Police registered a First Information Report (FIR) against Rhea Sharma and three JanDarpan field reporters, who were involved in the making of the documentary and also belong to the Adivasi Community. The FIR alleged that the documentary had incited discord between communities, misled the public, and contributed to public disorder. The charges listed in the FIR included:

- Section 196 JNS – Promoting enmity between groups,
- Section 353 JNS – Statements conducive to public mischief,
- Section 61 JNS – Criminal conspiracy,
- Section 152 JNS – penalizing acts that endanger Sovereignty, Unity and Integrity of Nation

On 12th October 2025, the SP of virang district for tackling the gradual outrage of the protesters which is taking the nature of riot and to prevent the further damage of public property, passed an order for the seizure of all the related documents present in the newspaper agency and also for the immediate arrest of Rhea & others . As a result, on 14th October 2025 the Investigating officer along with his team raided the office of Rhea Sharma’s Newspaper Agency, seized the documents present in the newspaper agency and arrested Rhea along with other journalists and staffs present at the office at that time. After the arrest they were being held for interrogation for a long time which lacks the compliance of constitutional safeguard. After the arrest, the alleged accused Rhea Sharma has stated the following:

1. She was verbally abused and intimidated, with threatening remarks made during the arrest,
2. She was pressured to disclose confidential sources,
3. She was denied immediate access to legal counsel, and
4. She was held for several hours without being formally informed of the grounds for her arrest.

The State denied any harassment or abuse. Authorities stated that the arrest was conducted in accordance with procedure that female officers were present during the process and that Rhea was informed of the grounds for arrest. The State argued that the seizure of digital devices was necessary to preserve evidence related to public order violations and alleged criminal conspiracy, and that the documentary directly contributed to unrest, necessitating immediate intervention.

The case drew widespread attention. Media associations and journalist groups expressed concern about the potential impact on press freedom, while human rights organizations highlighted the importance of safeguarding individuals from arbitrary arrest or intimidation. Civil society organizations emphasized the need to protect marginalized communities and highlighted that the documentary raised issues of public interest.

Adding a contemporary dimension, the documentary included AI-enhanced visuals and reconstructions of events to illustrate complex situations in Virang. While Rhea Sharma asserted that these were clearly labeled based on scientific facts and used for the purpose to convey the narrative effectively, the State suggested that such techniques could have exaggerated certain events and contributed to public unrest.

The High Court of India is now required to address the competing claims and concerns. Rhea Sharma has filed a writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

## Issues

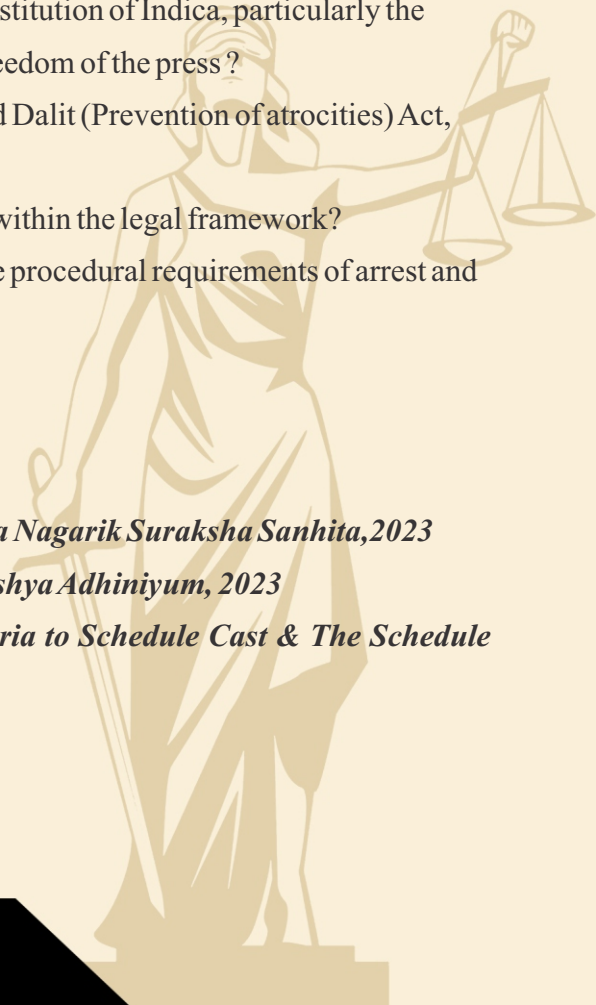
- I. Whether the actions of the State violated Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India, particularly the petitioner's right to freedom of speech and expression, including freedom of the press?
- II. Whether there is a contravention of the provisions of the Adivasi and Dalit (Prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989 in the present case?
- III. Whether the detention for such a long period of time is permissible within the legal framework?
- IV. Whether the Police Investigating Agency acted in compliance of the procedural requirements of arrest and detention under Jatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita?

### Note:

*Jatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 is the parimateria to Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023*

*Jatiya Sakshya Adhiniyum, 2023 is the parimateria to Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyum, 2023*

*Adivasi & Dalit (prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989 is the parimateria to Schedule Cast & The Schedule Tribe (prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989*





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