



St. Soldier Students' Society for Professional Pursuits (Regd)

ST. SOLDIER LAW COLLEGE, JALANDHAR

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COMPETITION RULE BOOK

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ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The St. Soldier Law Students' Society for Professional Pursuits (SLSP) has been formed and registered by the Students of the College and the Management of the Institute in the Year 2018. The main aspiration of the Society is to develop the interest of law students by encouraging and assisting them to develop legal acumen and apply thinking, research, drafting, advocacy and judgment skills; lead law students to be men of stature, personality, reputation, unquestionable integrity, good character and sturdy independence; regulate mootings, debating, drafting, quiz, sports and cultural activities in the institute, in a just and fair manner while fascinating such activities in the best possible way. The 10th R.C. Chopra Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2022 will be the 4th National Moot Court organized by this Society. The previous six editions of the R.C. Chopra National Moots were organized successfully by the St. Soldier Moot Club of the College which is now a part of St. Soldier Law Students' Society for Professional Pursuits (SLSP).

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY

Moot Court is a simulated form of Oral Argument which is similar to an argument made before a court. The previous nine versions of R.C. Chopra National Moot Court Competition had been a great success; over 32 teams had participated last year. This year's problem is primarily focused to enable the students to collate their knowledge, aptitude, skill, cleverness and persuasive ability in concentration to present the arguments in support of their case. We look forward to host your team in this **10th RC CHOPRA MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022** to make it a successful event.

BEST REGARDS,

St. Soldier Law Students' Society for Professional Pursuits (SLSP)

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This brochure comprises of:

1. The Moot Problem,
2. The Rules and Regulations,
3. The Registration Form

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Moot Problem

1. In the Republic of Sindhustan, State of Mangolia is situated in its North-Western region. Sindus are the majority population of the country but in the State of Mangolia, Mangols constitute 69% and Sindus with some other religious groups constitute 31% of the population. On the basis of their majority status, Mangols have been demanding separation from Sindhustan in the name of an independent country named “Mangolistan” and they have been continuing agitation for this demand since 1950.

2. Union Government of Sindhustan led by Bhartiya Janshakti Dal (BJD) proposed a Bill (The Merger of State of Mangolia, Bill 2021). Under this Bill, the State of Mangolia was to be merged in the Union Territory of Konkani. The President of Sindhustan sent the proposed Bill to the State Government of Mangolia led by the regional party Mahan Mangols Party (MMP) for discussion and consideration in the State Assembly (State has unicameral legislature) and report back its decision within 2 months. The objective clause of the Bill states “*A Bill to achieve prosper development of the area in education, health, care, infrastructure and to eradicate poverty*”. The State Assembly in its special session on 15/12/2021 passed a resolution against the proposed Bill with 3/4th majority and sent it to the President of Sindhustan. The Assembly reiterated their demand of an Independent Mangolistan.

3. In the Parliament Session of Sindhustan, the Bill was passed by the Lower House on 22/12/2021 and the resolution passed by Assembly of Mangolia was forcefully rejected the same day. The Upper House passed the Bill on 23/12/2021 and it received the assent of the President on 24/12/2021. The MMP along with other regional parties protested against this Merger Act. They called this Act a Homicide of democratic rights of the people of State of Mangolia and declared 24/12/2021 a black day in the history of State of Mangolia. The President of (MMP) Mr. Shabir Mangol marched a procession with more than 10,000 people on 26/12/2021 and ended at (Akbar Stadium) in State Capital (Shabbir Pura) against the Merger Act. In the presence of National and World media, President of (MMP) Mr.

Shabir Mangol addressed the mob in Akbar Stadium using these words:

“Kaafiron ki Sarkar ne bata diya ke wo kaya hain”. “Waqt aya hai ab ye batane ka ke hum bhi cheez kya hain”. (The Government of Kafir’s has shown their real face. Now it’s a time for us to show them, what we are).

4. This statement went viral on internet and also telecast throughout the nation and remained the hot news for 2-3 days. Mr. Shabir Mangol also requested to the people of Mangol Religion and people of State of Mangolia to protest against this Merger Act until the Government withdraws it. One member of Parliament Shri. Ram Savroop belonging to (BJD) lodged an FIR on 31/12/2021 at Shabbir Pura, the State Capital u/s 121A, 153A and 153B of IPC against Shabir Mangol and 5 others. Mr. Shabir Mangol filed an Anticipatory Bail u/s 438 of Cr.P.C 1973, which was rejected by the Sessions Court of Shabbir Pura on 02/1/2022. Aggrieved by this Mr. Shabir Mangol approached the Hon’ble High Court of Mangolia. In his defense he pleaded that the word “Kaafir” means a “non-mangol” and this is not a defamatory, word if somebody uses it for addressing a person who is not a mangol by religion. The High Court dismissed his Anticipatory Bail on 14/01/2022. Then he filed appeal against the order of High Court in the Hon’ble Supreme Court of Sindhustan.

5. Meanwhile, another video clip went viral on internet of a very Popular Swami Rashidas Maharaj belonging to Sindhu Religion. In which he was shown saying bad words relating to Mangol Religion. After that incident various incidents of communal violence were reported in the National Capital but no action had been taken by the Government, due to which the movement gained religious colour.

6. The Hon’ble Supreme Court of Sindusthan took a *suo-moto* cognizance of this incident and ordered CBI Investigation. The CBI submitted its report on 15/03/2022 observing:-

- Various incidents of communal violence happened after the statement of the President of MMP, Mr. Shabir Mangol.

- CBI gave clean chit to Swami Rashidas Maharaj.

7. Aggrieved by this, Secretary of Mahan Mangols Party (MMP) Paramraj Mangol has filed a writ Petition in the Supreme Court of Sindhustan challenging the The Merger of State of Mangolia, Act 2021 as ultra-virus of the Constitution. The Supreme Court of Sindhustan clubbed the hearing of appeal filed by Mr. Shabir Mangol and Writ Petition filed by Paramraj Mangol along with its own suo-moto notice. The Hon'ble Supreme Court appointed a Senior Advocate Mr. A.B Singh to act as the amicus curie. The Court has summoned the Government of Sindhustan and the parties for arguments in the matter. Argueon behalf of the Petitioner and the Union of Sindhustan on the following issues:-

- (i) Whether the words used by Mr. Shabir Mangol constitute an offence?
- (ii) Whether demand of a separate country as Mangolistan is undemocratic and an act of war against the State?
- (iii) Is the Act of Merger passed by Parliament of Sindhustan is Constitutional?
- (iv) Is Shabir Mangol entitled to anticipatory Bail?

Note:- For arguments, the laws of India may be taken as the laws of Sindhustan.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. VENUE OF THE COMPETITION

- i. The 10th R.C. Chopra Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2022 is scheduled for **5-6 May, 2022**
- ii. The competition is by online mode.

2. ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- i. The competition is open for bonafide students pursuing LL.B Three Year and 5 Years Law Courses.
- ii. Each team shall comprise of **Two members ONLY**, and both of them will be speakers.
- iii. Arguments shall be in English Language Only.
- iv. Teams 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.
- v. Each team shall be provided with the **Team Code** by the organizing Committee.

3. REGISTRATION

- i. The Registration form and Payment details must be submitted online by 30th April, 2022 (**stsoldiermootcourtsociety@gmail.com**)
- ii. A registration fee of **Rs. 1000/-** shall be sent by way of Phonepe/Google Pay/Paytm or Demand Draft drawn in favour of “St. Soldier Law College”, payable at Jalandhar along with the registration form. *The registration fee shall be non-refundable and non transferable.* Please Contact Mr. Karan Kapoor, Accountant (Mob- 9779905664)
- iii. No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form.
- iv. Teams should clearly mention the names of participants in the team, including course, year/semester of study and contact Details.

4. The Certificates and trophies shall be couriered immediately after the competition comes to a close.

5. DRESS CODE

Inside the court room, the participants shall follow the below mentioned dress code:

i. **Females:** White Kurta, Black Salwar and Black Dupatta or White Shirt and Black Trousers along with the Black Coat and Tie.

ii. **Males:** White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Coat.

6. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

MARKING FORMULA FOR THE ARGUMENTS

Each Speaker shall be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge. The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks allocated to each speaker by each Judge in all Rounds:

a	Appreciation and Application of Facts.	(10) Marks
b	Identification and Articulation of Issues	(10) Marks
c	Application of legal principles	(10) Marks
d	Use of authorities and precedents	(15) Marks
e	Response to questions	(30) Marks
f	Presentation skills	(15) Marks
g	Clarity of thoughts and logical structure of Arguments	(10) Marks
	Total	100 Marks

GUIDELINES OF ALL ROUNDS

(i) In Competition, a total of 32 teams shall be competing. The first 32 teams registered shall be selected. All the rounds shall be on KnockOut basis.

(ii) There shall be total ***FIVE ROUNDS*** spread over a period of 2 days *i.e. 5-6 May, 2022*. (3 rounds on 5th and later 2 rounds on 6th May,2022)

a. Preliminary Round (comprising of 32 teams)

b. Pre-Quarter Round (comprising of 16 teams)

c. Quarter Finals, (comprising of 08 teams)

d. Semi- Finals (amongst of 04 teams);*and*

e. Grand Finale (between 02 teams)

SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL THE ROUNDS

The criteria of marking shall be the aggregate total of the marks of both the speakers added with overall performance of the teams.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- a. There will be one sitting in Preliminary Round. Each team will be arguing from one side of Petitioner or Respondent as allotted in draws.
- b. The decision of the Court will be based on the marks obtained by the teams in that round only .

TIME SCHEME FOR ROUNDS (PRELIMINARY ROUNDS)

During each sitting allotment of time for the team

- i. Each team shall be given a total of 20 minutes (maximum) to present their case.
- ii. Each speaker should speak for a Maximum of 8 minutes.
- iii. One speaker shall not take more than 10 minutes of the total time.
- iv. The maximum time for Rebuttals and Sur-Rebuttals is 5 minutes.

PRE-QUARTER FINALS AND QUARTER FINALS

- i. Each team shall be given a total of 30 minutes (maximum) to present their case.
- ii. Each speaker should speak for a minimum 10 minutes
- iii. One speaker shall not take more than 17 minutes of the total time.
- iv. The maximum time for Rebuttals and Sur-Rebuttals is 5 minutes.

SEMI FINAL ROUNDS AND FINAL ROUND

- i. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case.
- ii. Each speaker should speak for a minimum of 15 minutes.
- iii. One speaker shall not take more than 25 minutes of the total time.
- iv. The maximum time for Rebuttals and Sur-Rebuttals is 7 minutes.

MAXIMUM TIME ALLOTTED

- i. The maximum time provided would include the time that each team may wish to reserve for their rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- ii. At the commencement of each session, the team shall notify the Court Officer/Court Clerk regarding the division of time between the 2 speakers (including rebuttal/sur-rebuttal).

ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- i. Each team shall comprise of two (2) speakers, as has been specified earlier.
- ii Court language shall generally be English.
- iii At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions, each team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers.

iv If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, he/she shall entail penalty, which shall be upon the discretion of the judges.

v The final decision as to the time structure and the right to rejoinder will be that of the Bench Judges.

vi During the course of oral submissions, the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever. Further the participants will not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation, nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions.

vii If at any instance, a submission is made with any material in violation to the above clause and if any picture, sketches, photos, cartoons, caricatures, audio film, video film, projector- slide or a computer generated image is submitted or presented to the court, the teams shall be disqualified from the competition forthwith.

viii During the course of the Oral Submissions speaker shall neither reveal his/her identity nor the identity of their University / College by any means whatsoever.

GRNAD FINALE

i. It shall be presided over by a bench of sitting/retired High Court Judges.

ii The results of the final round shall lead to the selection of:

- The Winner Team, and
- The Runners Up Team, and
- The Best Student Advocate (Male)
- The Best Student Advocate (Female)

7. AWARDS

A	Winning Team	11,000/- (Eleven Thousand Only) and a Trophy
B	Runners Up Team	5,100/- (Five Thousand One Hundred Only) and Trophy
C	Best Student Advocate	2,100/- (Two Thousand One Hundred Only) and Trophies to both male and female awardees

8. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

1. The decision of the organizers as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition shall be final.
2. If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizer's decision on the same shall be final.
3. The organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules, if

so required, as they may deem appropriate at any time; however, with proper announcement.

IMPORTANT DATES

1.	Registration Opens	12 April, 2022
2.	Registration (Registration form) (Soft Copy via. Email: stsoldiermootcourtsociety@gmail.com) NB: Confirmation of Team Selection after e-mail received	30 April, 2022
3.	Registration (Registration form along with a DD of Rs. 1000/-) (Hard Copy)	4 May, 2022
4.	Inauguration, draw of lots, Preliminary Round, Pre Quarter Finals and Quarter Finals	5 May, 2022
5.	Semi-Finals, Grand Finale and Valedictory Program	6 May, 2022

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Please mention the name of the institution on reverse of original DD and send the hard copy of the form along with the DD to the following address:

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Do mention 10th RC Chopra Memorial Moot Court Competition 2022 at the top of the envelope separately.

The registration for the competition closes on 30th April 2022. A soft copy of the DD should reach to the organizers on or before midnight 30th April, 2022.

A hard copy of DD shall reach the organizers on or before 4th May, 2022.