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# NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 25<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024



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## INVITATION

**Greetings from Kristu Jayanti College of Law!** 

We are thrilled to announce that the Kristu Jayanti College of Law (KJCL), located in Bengaluru, is preparing to host its prestigious Kristu Jayanti National Moot Court Competition 2024 (KJNMCC-2024) from 25th to 27th July, 2024. The college is dedicated to developing and refining the abilities of young individuals in legal research and the art of making compelling arguments within the context of a courtroom setting and experience.

This competition will serve as an excellent platform to gather some of the most innovative and scholarly young individuals from various law schools across the nation to compete and showcase their skills in advocacy and research, which will be evaluated by a panel of distinguished judges, lawyers, and legal experts. The

proposition of the moot court competition has been designed to assess the students' analytical skills in the emerging field of Environmental Law. On behalf of the whole KJCL community, we warmly extend an invitation to participants from distinguished educational institutions across the country to join us in this competition and create lasting memories and experiences in their journey.

We look forward to your presence and participation in the Garden City of India and the Green and Smart Campus - Kristu Jayanti College of Law, Bengaluru. Let us relish the feast of learning together. For any queries, you shall reach us at: <u>mootcourt.kjcl@kristujayanti.com</u>

Mooter's Society Kristu Jayanti College of Law

### St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Founder, CMI Congregation

Kristu Jayanti College has three academic entities namely Kristu Jayanti College(Autonomous), Kristu Jayanti School of Management

Kristu Jayanti College of Law. Kristu Jayanti College and (Autonomous) was re-accredited by NAAC with a grade of "A++" in 2021 and it is an autonomous college under the Bengaluru North University. Kristu Jayanti School of Management is one of the most sought-after business schools in the country. Kristu Jayanti College of Law was established in the year 2017 and is affiliated with Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi and approved by the Bar Council of India. In its seven years of existence, it has provided its students with the best academic resources and infrastructural facilities. The Knowledge Center of the college is updated with the latest editions of law books and journals, which help the students in enhancing their knowledge in the field of law. The college organizes several extracurricular activities such as Intra-Collegiate Moot Court Competition, Intra-Collegiate MUN Competition, Kaladarpan -Cultural Fest, Carpe Diem - Legal Fest and Inter-College Sports events that aid the students to nurture their holistic development.

## KRISTU JAYANTI COLLEGE OF LAW



Kristu Jayanti College of Law (KJCL) had a humble beginning in the year 2017 with 3 courses B.A., LL.B., B.B.A., LL.B. and B.Com., LL.B. At KJCL, we understand the critical need to produce principled, qualified, knowledgeable and internationally competitive lawyers. The law programs offered at the college are designed with such a deep understanding of the emerging world, the changing needs of society and the values and aspirations of the students. The college houses highly qualified law and pre-law faculty members with an immense range of experience in providing quality legal education. Moreover, the institution strives to fulfill its mission to provide educational opportunities to all aspiring youth to excel in life by developing academic excellence, fostering values, creating civic responsibility and building global competencies in a dynamic environment.

### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Everyone at KJCL works sincerely for the betterment of society by fostering the growth of future great lawyers and individuals. The last edition of the KJCL National Moot Court Competition was a grand success and stands as a testimony of this fact. The academic fraternity of Kristu Jayanti College of Law is a vibrant, ever-growing community of learners who view knowledge as a dynamic phenomenon with limitless potential. We make investments in the next generation to plant the seeds of research and learning as well as a desire for information.

I extend a warm welcome to all of the delegates from throughout the nation who are taking part in the Kristu Jayanti College of Law National Moot Court Competition. Participants in this competition will undoubtedly gain a deep understanding of the law and valuable experience.

**Rev Fr Emmanuel P J** 



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'Spardhayam Vardhate Vidhya – A healthy competition builds knowledge'

The National Moot Court Competition was started by Kristu Jayanti College of Law in accordance with this quote. The competition is carefully crafted to offer a suitable stage for showcasing excellence and promoting skills amongst the competing teams from different law schools, colleges, and institutions around the nation. Every stage of the events would encourage a positive attitude, provide abundant learning opportunities, and boost participants' confidence. Due care has also been taken to place erudite scholars and experts as moot judges to ensure fair adjudication through churning the cream of knowledge.

Hearty Welcome! Prof. Dr. Mohan R Bolla

### KJCL MOOTER'S SOCIETY

The Mooter's Society of Kristu Jayanti College of Law aims to stand as a distinguished platform for legal education and advocacy while offering a range of exceptional features to its associates. With comprehensive moot court training, experienced faculty members, mentors and opportunities for intra-collegiate, national and international competitions, the society nurtures and brushes up the skills and talents of aspiring legal professionals. Kritrima Nyaya Vedika is a unique program conducted by the college in order to develop mooting skills that would enable the students to compete with the outside world. It also acts as a platform for training students for National and International Level Moot Court and Mock Trial Competitions. The curriculum is cascaded and disseminated with interdisciplinary approach fostering holistic understanding and encouraging networking and collaboration with legal experts. Through research and publication opportunities, the students are invigorated to academic growth and legal scholarship. Our society prioritizes a collaborative learning environment where alumni engagement and prestigious recognitions are valued and rewarded. On the whole, the Mooter's Society of Kristu Jayanti College of Law empowers aspiring legal professionals to excel, lead and make a lasting impact in the legal field



### NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION (2024)

Kristu Jayanti College of Law is organizing its flagship Kristu Jayanti National Moot Court Competition (KJNMCC) from 25th July 2024 to 27th July 2024. The competition is being conducted to provide mooting experience to law students all over India and thereby broadening the legal knowledge. The competition aims to develop legal research, practical application of laws and oratory skills.

### PROPOSITION

Sindhusthan, a vast and geographically diverse country ranging from the Himalayan heights to tropical rain forests. The country experiences a predominantly tropical climate. It has interior regions showing a mix of wet and dry tropical weather. The northern parts have a humid tropical climate.

In the southern part of Sindhusthan lies Nammanagara. It is the eighthlargest state by population. It has over 61 million residents spread across 31 districts. Its capital, Kaveripura, known as the IT hub of Sindhusthan. It has a population of 13.6 million in 2024, with migrants comprising 50.6% of this number. Kaveripura's water needs are primarily met by the Tethys River, groundwater, and a few water bodies, with recycled water from sewage treatment plants used for non-potable purposes.

However, in recent years, Kaveripura has faced severe water shortages. The city's extensive urbanization has reduced the natural ground's ability to absorb rainwater, resulting in significant runoff lost to stormwater drains. The year 2024 has brought the worst drought in 30 to 40 years, drastically affecting the water supply. The Sindhusthan Institute of Science reported that Kaveripura's water surface area has shrunk from 2,324 hectares in 1973 to a fraction of that today due to rampant urbanization and encroachment on water bodies. Almost all remaining lakes are either encroached upon or contaminated with untreated sewage and industrial effluents, severely impacting the groundwater.

For the past three months, the water crisis has severely disrupted daily life. Drinking water is scarce, and the price of tanker-supplied water has increased from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2,000. Residents of housing societies like Eagle City have resorted to using nearby malls' restrooms. Hospitals, such as Sky Hospital, struggle to secure the 24,000 liters of water needed daily, along with 5,000 liters for their dialysis unit, forcing them to rely on recycled water. Some schools have been closed temporarily due to lack of potable and even non-potable water. Under immense pressure, the Government of Nammanagara issued a notification on February 29, 2024, directing non-domiciled residents who had moved to Kaveripura after March 1, 2018, to return to their hometowns and work from there. This move aimed to alleviate the city's water demand during the anticipated severe summer. However, this decision disproportionately affected Kaveripura's large migrant workforce, which includes over 4 million skilled IT professionals and around 4.2 million unskilled laborers.

Two organizations, the Nammanagara Unskilled Workers Association (NUWS) and the Techies Society of Kaveripura (TSK), filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the High Court of Nammanagara. They argued that the notification violated their fundamental rights under Articles 14, 19(1)(d), 19(1)(g), 21, and 21A of the Sindhusthan Constitution. They claimed the order was unreasonable, unconstitutional, and discriminatory. Additionally, they highlighted the economic hardships faced by workers. They are forced to leave or to continue paying rent without residing in the city. The High Court dismissed the PIL, justifying the notification as a reasonable classification under the Constitution. Dissatisfied, NUWS and TSK appealed to the Supreme Court of Sindhusthan.

The problem is made worse by the pollution and encroachment that Kaveripura's water bodies, including Betakere Lake, have experienced. The lake was formerly abundant in plants and animals, but unlawful building, rubbish disposal, and sewage outflow have severely contaminated it. An environmentalist named Dr. Vikram Rathod filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) under Article 48A of the Constitution against the state and municipal government. The renewal of the lake was mandated by the High Court, although it made no mention of the need to remove unauthorized structures or the unenforceability of Article 48A. Dr. Rathod filed an appeal with the Supreme Court, claiming that if these structures were left in place, the lake's state would deteriorate and the city's water shortage would get worse. He also appealed that non-enforceability of the directive principles has entitled the government machineries to turn a blind eye to the Part IV of the constitution though under Article 37; "DPSPs are fundamental in the governance of the country and it shall be the duty of the state to apply these principles in making laws".

Another significant water body, Kavi Lake, has also deteriorated in the drought. Once a pristine, rainfed lake, it was leased to Maya Naturals Pvt Ltd (MNPL) a mining company, by the state government for a period of 100 years which expires in 2060. The ongoing droughts has brought an outcry to retake possession of the lake to be used towards public benefit while the company claims it is essential to its operations and it has made significant investments towards the restoration and maintenance of the lake. The state government has sought legal advice from the High Court towards the early termination of the lease due to unprecedented circumstances and issued a notice to Maya Naturals Pvt Ltd (MNPL) for the same. The company challenged the same and the suit is pending under the High Court of Nammanagara. The Supreme Court of Sindhusthan has clubbed these three cases recognizing a possible same substantial question of law. The matter is to be heard by a constitutional bench.

NOTE: Laws in Sindhustan are in *pari materia* with Indian laws.

#### **ISSUES**

1. Whether the Supreme Court is within its powers to club the three separate suits under the powers conferred to it by the constitution?

2. Whether the notification dated 29th February 2024, directing all non-domiciled individuals to return to their hometowns, violates the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution of Sindhusthan, specifically Articles 14, 19(1)(d), 19(1)(g), 21, and 21A?

3. Whether the authorities have failed in their duty to protect and preserve Betakere Lake and whether the High Court's order provides a resolution to the situation. Additionally, has the non-enforceability of the DPSPs led Part IV of the constitution to be in practice, obsolete?

4. Whether the lease of Kavi Lake to Maya Naturals Pvt Ltd and an early termination of the same due to the ongoing drought is legal when the state has in fact failed to protect the many lakes within its dominion?

S.NO	PARTICULARS	DATES
1.	Last date for Provisional Registration	15th June, 2024
2.	Last Date for Registration by payment of Registration fee	20th June, 2024
3.	Last date for clarification regarding Moot Problem	27th June, 2024
4.	Release of clarification regarding Moot Problem	1st July, 2024
5.	Submission of Written Memorial (soft copy)	12th July, 2024
6. 7	Inauguration Ceremony, Draw of lots and Researchers test	25th July, 2024
7.	Preliminary Rounds 1 & 2 and Quarter Final Rounds	26th July, 2024
8.	Semi Finals , Finals and Valedictory Ceremony	27th July, 2024

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

- The Administrator of the Competition shall be the Mooter's Society of Kristu Jayanti college of Law , Bengaluru.
- The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned herein under. For the purposes of this competition, it will be presumed that all participants have read and submitted to these rules. The participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.

### **1. DATES OF THE COMPETITION**

25th, 26th, 27th of July, 2024.

#### 2. VENUE

The National Moot Court Competition will be held at Kristu Jayanti College of Law, P.O, K.Narayanapura, Kothanur, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560077.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

Students, enrolled in a full-time 3-year LLB or 5-year LLB programs at any university, college or institutions that have been approved by the Bar Council of India are eligible to register for this competition.

#### 4. LANGUAGE

The entire proceedings of the competition, written as well as oral, shall be in **English only.** 

### **5. TEAM COMPOSITION**

The maximum number of participants per team shall be restricted to 3 out of which 2 shall be Orators and 1 shall be Researcher. A team may also consist of only 2 Orators, among them, one should be the researcher and should take part in the researcher's test. Each team will be allotted a team code. The team code shall be sent to the teams through mail after the registration is complete. Teams shall not disclose their own identity or of their institution or city during any time of the competition. Such disclosure shall lead to penalties including disqualification.

#### 6. DRESSCODE

MEN: White formal shirt with black formal pants and black blazer with black formal shoes.

WOMEN: White formal shirt with black formal pants and black blazer; or white kurti with black pants and black blazer with black formal shoes.

#### **7. REGISTRATION**

- The participation shall be restricted to the first 32 teams who confirms their participation on 'first come first serve' basis.
- Once the team composition is communicated to the Organizers, no change in the team composition shall be permitted unless the Organizers have approved such changes.
- The last date for provisional registration for the competition is 15th June, 2024. The deadline for the completion of the registration formalities is 20th June, 2024 (23:59 I.S.T).
- Interested teams must register for the Competition by filling out the online Registration Form .
- The Registration form can be accessed here: **<u>Registration Link</u>**
- The Final registration, along with the fee of Rs.4000/- (without accommodation) shall be completed on or before 20th June, 2024.
- The teams are required to submit the hard copy of the bona fide letter of authorization from the relevant accredited institution allowing the teams to participate in the competition. It should be submitted on 25th July, 2024 on the registration desk.

#### 8. ACCOMMODATION

- Accommodation details will be conveyed by the organisers to the teams who opt for it in the registration form.
- The participants can opt any of the following options of accommodation:
- 1.Dormitory service will be provided at the cost of 200/- per participant per night.
- 2. Non-A/C standard hotel room for the cost of 3000/- per team
- Payment details for accommodation will be shared via mail.
- Payment for accommodation can be done after registration is completed.
- Accommodation will not be given to teams from within Bengaluru Urban and Rural.
- Accommodation for girls and boys will be provided separately.

### COMPETITION FORMAT

### I. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- Researcher's test will be conducted on 25th July, 2024.
- The participant, who is registered as the researcher, shall only be allowed to participate in the Researcher's test.
- The test shall consist of MCQs and will be time-bound.
- The participants shall bring no additional materials such as the Bare Acts, Memorandum etc. during the test.
- The score of the researcher's test shall not be considered for the overall total score of the participants. It shall be considered only for selecting the Best Researcher.

### II. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- Pairing of teams shall be done via draw of lots.
- There shall be exchange of memorials for all the rounds.
- Each team shall argue for both the sides in the Preliminary Rounds where each team will represent either the Appellant or the Respondent side.
- Each team will face a separate team and a separate bench in both the Preliminary Rounds.
- The time allotted for the Preliminary Round will be as follows:
- The time allotted for each team is 20 mins subject to a minimum of 10 mins per speaker.
- Each team shall get an additional 5 mins for rebuttal

- The division of time shall be communicated to the court officer before starting of the round.Extra time allocation will be solely at the discretion of the judges.
- 8 teams with the highest score in the preliminary rounds 1 8 2 shall qualify for the quarter-final round. In case of a tie, the team with the highest marks in the memorial shall qualify for the Quarter-final round.

#### THE QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS III.

- Eight teams with the highest score in the Preliminary rounds shall qualify for the quarterfinal round.
- The participants shall argue for any one side, which shall be decided on the basis of draw of lots.
- The quarterfinal round shall be knock-out rounds.
- The time allotted for the quarterfinal round shall be as follows-

1. Each team will get 30 minutes

- 2. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 10 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.
- 3.Extra time allocation will be solely at the discretion of the judges. Only oral round scores shall be considered for evaluation; in case of tie, the team with the highest score in the memorial shall proceed to the Semi-Final Round.

### IV. THE SEMI FINAL ROUNDS

- A draw of lots shall be conducted to determine the pleading side for the Semi-final round
- The time allotted for the Semi- final round shall be as follows-
- 1. Each team will get 40 minutes.
- 2. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.
- Extra time allocation will be solely at the discretion of the judges.
- The other rules shall remain the same as in the Quarter final rounds.

### V. THE FINAL ROUNDS

- The two highest scoring teams from the Semi-final round will advance to the Final round. The teams shall argue only from one side which will be decided on the basis of draw of lots.
- The time allotted for the Final round shall be as follows-
- 1. Each team will get 45 minutes
- 2. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.
- 3.Extra time allocation will be solely at the discretion of the judges.
- The other rules shall remain the same as in the Quarter final rounds.

### VI. MEMORIAL

- Each team must prepare memorials for both Appellant and Respondent side.
- All the memorials shall be in English language and must not exceed 35 pages
- Each memorial shall necessarily consist of the following particulars:
- 1. Cover Page
- 2. The Table of Contents
- **3. List of Abbreviations**
- 4. The Index of Authorities
- **5. The Statement of Jurisdiction**
- 6. The Statement of Facts (argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)7. The Statement of Issues
- 8.The Prayer
- All teams are required to compulsorily submit 4 hard copies of each Memorial (appellant & respondent side) to the Organizers at the time of their registration at the venue on 25th July,2024. The hard copies must be identical to the soft copies failure of which will lead to deduction of marks.
- Memorials must be named as per the team code. [For ex: Appellant's Memorial of Team Code 5 should be named as 'NMC05-A' and Respondent's Memorial of Team Code 5 should be named as 'NMC05-R'].
- The memorials should not consist of any personal information about the participants nor their institution.

- The softcopies of the memorial must bear a Cover Page in conformity with the following scheme:
- Appellant(s): Blue
- Respondent(s): Red
- All parts of the memorial should be submitted in A4 format with the following specifications:

Font Style	Times New Roman	
Font Size	12 except for cover page	
Line Spacing	1.5	
Footnote Font Style	Times New Roman	
Footnote Font Size	10	
Footnote Line Spacing	Single	

Footnote Citation Style	<b>Bluebook 21st Edition</b>
Margin	1 inch for all sides

- The memorial must be e-mailed in MS Word ('.doc' or '.docx') format and in PDF. The memorials shall undergo plagiarism test with appropriate software. Permissible limit for plagiarism is 25%
- Teams may prepare a compendium of cases that shall not be part of memorial or be perused for evaluation purposes.

### VII. **PENALTIES**

• Below is the list of penalties for violation of certain rules which are subject to changes as per the respective authority.

SL.NO.	Criterion of Violation	Penalty
1	Breach of Memorial Confidentiality	Disqualification
2	Late Submission	1 Mark (each memorial) for every hour after the deadline
3	Failure to comply with Formatting Guidelines	0.5 Mark per violation, with a maximum of 5 Marks per memorial
4	Failure to comply with Citation Style	5 Marks (one-time penalty)
5	Exceeding the page limit of the Memorial	1 Mark per extra page
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SL.NO.	Criterion	Marks
1	Knowledge of Fact & Law	20
2	Proper & Articulate Analysis	20
3	Extend & Use of Research	20
4	<b>Clarity &amp; Organization</b>	20
5	Style, Formatting, Grammer & Citation	20

### • Oral Rounds Score Sheet Criterion

SL.NO.	Criterion	Marks
1	Knowledge of Law	20
2	Application of law to the Facts	20
3	Ingenuity & Ability to Answer the Questions	20
4	Style, Poise, Courtesy & Demeanor	20
5	Organization & Time Management	20

#### **CLARIFICATIONS** IX.

- The last date for seeking clarifications to the Moot Proposition is on or before 27th June, 2024.(23:59 IST)
- All such requests must be submitted through mail to mootcourt.kjcl@kristujayanti.com
- The request for clarifications should be clear and related to the facts of the case.
- Clarifications sought by the participants shall be notified to the primary contact person by 1st July,2024

#### AWARDS X.

1	Winning Team	₹ 30,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Merit
2	Runners-Up	₹ 20,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Merit
3	Best Speaker	₹ 10,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Merit
4	Best Researcher	₹ 5,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Merit
5	Best Memorial	₹ 5,000 + Trophy + Certificate of Merit

#### DISCLAIMER XI.

• The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify any rule of the competition as per its sole discretion.

#### **CODE OF CONDUCT** XII.

- Any attempt to approach the framer(s) of the problem(s) or the panel of judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope for appeal.
- The rule of Contempt of Court will be followed and the decision of the Judges will be final.
- All or any grievances are to be presented only to the grievances committee or the organizing committee and the decision of the committees shall be the final and binding on the participants.

- Each team shall be assigned alphanumeric codes for the competition and the same shall be the sole source of identity for the respective teams throughout the competition.
- Intake / Use / Mere possession of any prohibited substances (like cigarette / alcohol / narcotic substances) is strictly prohibited during the stay throughout the competition, noncompliance with which, may lead to immediate disqualification and appropriate legal action.
- Teams entering / indulging in any kind of misconduct or violating the afore-mentioned rules and regulations will be disqualified.
- Any behavior of indiscipline with the judges, organizing

committee, student volunteer or any other staff member of the college, shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without the scope for appeal.

#### **KJCL MOOTER'S SOCIETY** XIV.

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