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NFSU,
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ABOUT NFSU

The National Forensic Sciences University, is an Institution of National Importance, having its headquarter at Gandhinagar, is established by an Act passed in the year 2020 by the Parliament of India, to facilitate and promote studies and research and to achieve excellence in the field of forensic science in conjunction with applied behavioral science studies, law, criminology and other allied areas and technology and other related fields, and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The university has been focusing on cutting-edge research in criminal investigations, physical and digital security, and has developed an institution exclusively for training officers in various departments. The university has also integrated management studies, catering to officers from various countries, including Africa, South East Asia, Middle East nations, and West Asia. The university has successfully ventured into consultancy services and established several centres of excellence, including the Ballistics Research Centre, Cyber Defence Centre, International Centre for Forensic Narcotics, and International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics. These centres provide academic, research, training, and consultancy services to national and international clients. The Ministry of Home Affairs has annexed the Delhi Centre, the National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Sciences, with the university. The university aims to establish academic centers globally, leading to globalization of forensic sciences academia.

ABOUT SLFJPS

The School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies under National Forensic Sciences University is established with the aim of imparting professional education with a special focus of forensic application in all allied areas of law and policy framework. The School aspires to be the leading provider of forensic justice understanding to all professionals from different areas of governance including justice administration. Through forensic lenses it focuses on crime prevention, crime reduction, crime mapping, speedy and fair dispensation of justice, thereby contributing to overall welfare of people.

ABOUT MCC

The Moot Court Committee, SLFJPS is a thriving gathering place for driven law students who want to improve their advocacy abilities, get hands-on experience in mock trials, and practice making compelling arguments. Before graduating and going into a real courtroom, students must obtain enough experience in moot court settings. Through exposure to litigation in a variety of national and international legal contexts, the moot court program aims to develop students' analytical, argumentative, observational, and drafting skills. In moot court, teams of law students present their claims in front of a bench of judges in a simulated setting, simulating real court procedures. Students conduct extensive preparation by researching a certain subject before the rounds.







MOOT PROPOSITION

- 1. Republic of Elysium is a developing nation, with one of the largest and growing populations in the world. Laws of Elysium, including its Constitution are pari materia with that of the Republic of India.
- 2. In recent times, the nation has witnessed widespread digital revolution. The digital revolution has also openedplethora of opportunities for its peopleand in particular, its young population, which makes a substantial chunk of its overall population. This has been witnessed in the robust growth of its start-upecosystem and entrepreneurial spirit as well. The growth of such ecosystem has been accompanied by growth in the Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies, with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning in particular.
- 3. One such individual, Mr. Alone Husk has been at the forefront of such technological developments in Elysium. He is the CEO of a popular social media platform called 'Chirp', which he bought in January 2022. Mr. Husk has been a proponent of freedom of speech and has consistently called for self-regulation of social media platforms and restricted regulatory role of the state. Mr. Husk began his own personal journey as a small investor and is today counted among the most successful investors not only in Elysium, but across the globe.
- 4. However, in spite of all the curiosity and technological developments, Elysium, since its Independence, has been grappling with several healthcare challenges. Its public healthcare has been struggling with problems such as lack of quality infrastructure, affordability and lack of human resource in its remote areas. One of the foremost reasons for this is believed to be the lack of sufficient budgetary allocation towards public healthcare, particularly towards research and development.
- 5. In this context, another significant enterprise, in which Mr. Husk owns majority of shares is 'Meditech Futura'. Registered as a start-up, Meditech Futura is involved in pursuing research and development activities in the fieldof medical science, with recent focus on use of AI to advance treatment of patients. It gradually seeks to focus on access tolow-cost medical diagnosis and treatment of patients. The vision of Meditech Futura could be captured in the words of Mr. Husk, who at a recent speech said "the dream of Meditech Futura is to provide accessible, affordable and timely healthcare to its people. Our aim is to reach the last mile and we are committed to this vision. The Elysium of our dreams might not be far and perhaps technology could be our guiding light".







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- 6. Meditech Futurarose to limelight when one of its employees, Mr. Alphonso, developed an AI tool (software) called 'Dr. Precision' in October 2022, which can help diagnose 'rare diseases' using facial features. Dr. Precision uses facial features, calculates similarities and dissimilarities and automatically links them to the genetic data of the suspected patients and delivers results. It uses an automated classifier to identify that if a person is a patient or a healthy individual. Further, Dr. Precision has also been equipped with 'deep learning' to enhance its accuracy.
- 7. A trial, lasting 5 months, revealed 95% tool accuracy in diagnosis of the rare diseases and was hailedacross the globe as one of the most important inventions in the medical field. The software's potential was particularly upheld in the context that it could help diagnose rare diseaseamong a prominent tribal group named Nirvana whichprimarily lived in central Elysium. People of Nirvana tribe have, since long, endured rare diseases, resulting in high mortality. One of the reasons has been its unaffordable diagnostics. Anthropologists had been cautioning since long, regarding the possible extinction of groups like Nirvana, in light of absence of affordable diagnostics and treatment. This was also significant especially because Elysium boasted of a rich diversity and cultural heritage of its tribal groups.
- 8. Given its potential and the absenceof any sustainable diagnosis mechanism for the rare diseases, the tool received approval of the Central Drug Authority of Elysium in April 2023. This was done despite there being apprehensions by several civil society organizations, if adequate safety regulations and protocols were in place to regulate such an AI software.
- 9. Meditech Futura began to provide Dr. Precision to public as well as the privatehospitals in May 2023. However, the Government of Elysium was not to provide any funding for research or development of Dr. Precision and it rested in the sole supervision of Meditech Futura.
- 10. Before beginning with its diagnosis process, suspected patients had to sign an agreement with Meditech Futura, which had following clauses, among others
 - a. The patient shall agree to share the data and information generated herein, including biometric as well as personal information, not limited to facial information and personal health ID details, with Meditech Futura, which can be used for enhancing the efficacy of the software.







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b. Meditech Futura shall exercise due diligence in safety of the information and shall be exempt from any liability in event the information or its computer resources are unduly interfered with or for any circumstances which are beyond its reasonable care and supervision.

- 11. Further, the data was to be stored on a cloud server infrastructure developed by Mr. Husk's Meditech Futura. The server was to be hosted in the Netherlands. Prominently, the server, providing infrastructure services for other enterprises of Mr. Husk as well, hosteddata from Chirptoo. In generalthere has been an absence of regulatory oversight regarding data storage, use and processing in Elysium due to lack of legislation. Also, a draft of Elysium Digital Citizens' Data Protection Bill was recently published, but has not been passed by its Parliament.
- 12. One such suspected patient Mr. Baggins, a part of the Nirvana tribe community, was admitted to a public hospital in Elysium's capital Nectar City, Elysium Medical Sciences and Research Institution (EMSRI) in August 2023, believed to be suffering from the rare genetic condition that impacted people of his community. EMSRI was one of the five such hospitals across where Dr. Precision from Meditech Futura was being used for the diagnosis of rare genetic conditions.
- 13. Mr. Baggins' medical conditionwas diagnosed using Dr. Precision, which analysed his facial features and collected and saved the data. Dr. Precision was successful not only in diagnosis of Mr. Baggins' medicalcondition, but of several hundredsof patients like him. Dr. Precision received widespread accolades for timely diagnosis of rare medical conditions and help provide suitablecare. Following its growing success, Dr. Precision began to be used for other suspected patients as well, particularly the members of the Nirvana tribe.
- 14. On November 7th, 2023, however, the whole internet, particularly the social media was taken by a storm. Chirp, owned by Mr. Husk saw personal details of several patients, including Mr. Baggins, who had been subjected to diagnosis by Dr. Precision, being released along with their personal contact numbers and Personal Health ID details. The data was leaked through an anonymous account handle named 'The Watcher', who claimed to 'expose' the weak data protection regime of Elysium. Meditech Futura promptly informed its users of the leak and assured that immediate steps to ensure the safety of their data would be taken by it.







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- 15. However, besides the leak of personal details, the same Chirp account also uploaded certain 'deep fakes' of the members of the Nirvanatribe, speaking in Elysium's widely spoken official languageand making disparaging remarks against the members of other communities. The videosbeing deep fakes was soon identified by several fact checker platforms. However, given the very nature of deep fakes, they generated hate and backlash against the members of the Nirvana tribe across the nation, furthering stereotypes against the community, thus aggravating the situation. Several cases of violence against the members of the Nirvana tribe were also reported across Elysium.
- 16. This leak and circulation of deep fakes caused a huge consternation and raised significant questions around violation of 'right to privacy', while raising questions regarding approval of Dr. Precision by Central Drug Authority. The incident also caused emotional damageto the people of Nirvanacommunity, including Mr. Baggins. This incident assumed greater significance especially as Elysium was gradually updating its legal system to keep up with the ongoing technological developments. Activists across the nation raised demands for suspension of use of Dr. Precision, while calling that accountability be affixed on social media platforms like Chirp and hasty approval of the AI software by the Central Drug Authority.
- 17. The Government of Elysium ordered an immediateremoval of the leaked data and the content from Chirp under its Cyber Technology Rules, 2021 and Section 69 of Elysium Cyber Technology Act, 2019 (which corresponds to Section 69 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 of the Republic of India). This order was promptly complied with by Chirp. Also, an immediate decision to suspend the approval for Dr. Precision was taken by the Government of Elysium.
- 18. Meanwhile, investigations by a private technology and civil rights firm Forum for Netizens' Rights (FNR) revealed that Meditech Futura lacked basic safety protocols, its data being hosted on the same server as Chirp, hence highlighting a possibility of the data from Meditech Futura being leaked through Chirp. It found that basic data encryption norms and safetyprocesses were very leniently applied by Meditech Futura and Chirp. FNR thus argued that Chirp had an 'active' role as in intermediary in the process.







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- 19. Mr. Baggins, on November 9th, 2023, approached the local police of the Nectar City to register a First Information report (FIR) against Meditech Futura, Chirp and unknown persons under Sections153(a) and (b), 405, 415, 420, 499 and 509 of the Elysium Penal Code (which corresponds to the Indian Penal Code, 1860) read with Sections 66D and 66E of the CyberTechnology Act, 2019 (corresponding to IT Act, 2000 of the Republic of India). He argued that (i) there has been violation of his 'right to privacy'; and (ii)negligence on part of Chirp as an intermediary, thus imposing liability on it and the subsequent harm to the reputation and emotional damage to Mr. Baggins and the Nirvana tribe.
- 20. Contemporaneously, a petition was also filed before the High Court of Elysiumby FNR on December 1st, 2023, against Meditech Futura and Chirp for: (i) Violating 'right to privacy' of its users; (ii) Not taking 'consent' of suspected patients in a fully informed and reasonable way; and (iii) against the Central Drug Authority for hasty approval of the AI software (Dr. Precision) without ensuring due safeguards.
- 21. Mr. Husk, however claimed: (i) 'Safe harbour' for Chirp under Section 79 of the Elysium Cyber Technology Act, 2019, which corresponds to Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 of the Republic of India. He has argued that Chirp has no role or information in such data leak and has followed all the 'due diligence' protocols in this regard; (ii) that the anonymous account of 'The Watcher' was promptly suspended and the sensitive personal information was taken down from the Chirp; (iii) Chirp and Meditech Futura lack any liability for the data breach and subsequent developments in light of the prior agreement with the suspected patients/patients. He accordingly approached the High Court of Elysium seeking quashing of FIR against him under Section 482 of Elysium Crimes Procedure Act, 1980 (corresponding to Section 482 Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 of the Republic of India).
- 22. Seized of the matter and given the commonality of issues presented, the High Court of Elysium has decided to club the petitions filed by Mr. Alone Husk and FNR. The question of maintainability has been decided by the High Court.

Note:

Counsels for Petitioners will argue for Mr. Baggins and FNR, while counsels of Respondents will argue for Meditech Futura and Chirp through Mr. Alone Husk and Central Drug Authority, Elysium.







RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES:

- 1. The team will comprise of three students, of which TWO members shall be 'Speakers' and ONE member shall be the 'Researcher'.
- 2. The order of presentation will be on the basis of lots drawn ONE day before the time of commencement of the competition.
- 3.At a time only the teams which are arguing will be present in the court. All the other participants will be seated at a place marked by the Organizing Committee.
- 4. Each team shall follow a strict timeline while making their submissions before the bench as per following terms i.e.

Preliminary Rounds – 1.00 Hour (30 min. per team at max.)

Quarter Finals Rounds- 1.30 Hour (45 min. per team at max.)

Semi Final Rounds- 1.30 Hour (45 min. per team at max.)

Final Round- 2.00 Hour (1 hour per team at max.)

- 5. There will be no extension of the time. However, the extension of time is at the sole discretion of the Hon'ble Judges.
- 6. Necessary books and reports for reference can be brought by the Participants.
- 7. The oral submissions before the Hon'ble Court shall be in English only.
- 8. The competition will take place at the National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar through physical mode only.
- 9. The decision of the judges shall be final in regard to the result of the competition and no complaints in this regard will be entertained by the organizing committee.

RULES FOR PRELIMINARY/ORAL ROUNDS:

- 1.Only those members designated as 'Speaker' shall be permitted to put forth Oral submissions in the Competition.
- 2.In case of any contingency the Researcher may substitute the 'Speaker'only with the prior permission of the Organizer and with due approval of the bench.
- 3. The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the Preliminary/Oral Rounds followed by the exchange of memorials by the organizing committee.
- 4. There will be ONE preliminary round to ensure that every team is given the opportunity to argue on the proposition (this round will be knockout round).
- 5. Eight teams (on the basis of knockout) in the preliminary rounds shall proceed to the Quarter-Finals.







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Qarter-Final Round:

- 1. The eight qualifying teams shall have to argue the case only from one side against the other team.
- 2. The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the Quarter-Final Rounds followed by the exchange of memorials by the organizing committee.
- 3. Four teams will be qualifying for Semi-Final Rounds on a knock-out basis.

Semi-Final Round:

1. The teams qualifying for the Semi-Final Round shall have to argue the case from one side against the other team. The side from which the team shall argue and the opposition team shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the Semi- Final Rounds.

The Finals:

- 1. The teams shall be assigned sides by draw of lots. The team, which scores higher marks in the final round, shall be declared as the Winner. The other team shall be declared as the 1st Runner –Up.
- 2. The decision of the judges presiding over final round shall be conclusive. The same shall be binding on all the participating teams & organizers.







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RULES FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSION/MEMORIALS:

- 1. The teams are required to prepare Written Submission/Memorial from both the sides. I.e. From the side of the Petitioner and the Respondent.
- 2.All Written Submission/ Memorials must be in English. And the teams must submit 4 hard copies of the memorials from each side to the MCC for evaluation and judging.
- 3.A copy of each written submission/memorial shall be mailed to the Google Drive link which MCC shall be sharing with all the participants in due course. The soft copy of the Written Submission/ Memorials must be submitted in MS Word (.doc or .docx) and PDF. The late submission will attract a penalty of deduction of 5 marks for each day.
- 4. No amendments can be made to the Written Submission/Memorial after submission of the soft copy.
- 5.During oral presentations, the participating teams should retain separate copies of their Written Submission/ Memorial for their personal use. The copies submitted to the organizing committee will not be returned to the participants under any circumstances.
- 6. There shall be exchange of Written Submission/ Memorials between the respective opponent participating teams only and the organizing team shall notify the memorial exchange details at the draw of lots.
- 7. All memorials shall be prepared with the following specifications:
- 7.1 Length: The total length of each Written Submission/ Memorial should not be more than 2500 Words of written arguments inclusive of prayer.
- 7.2 Written submission/ Memorial must be typed and submitted on standard A4 size paper sheets, with equal margins of 1 inch on all sides, and must be printed double side of the A4 sheet paper.
- 7.3 The text font for the Written Submission/Memorial should be Bookman Old Style, Size 12 for the main body, and Bookman Old Style size 10 for the footnotes.
- 7.4 Blue book citation method 21st edition should be uniformly followed while citing the footnotes.
- 7.5 The main body of the Written Submission/Memorial should be in 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes and headings must be in single line spacing.
- 7.6 There should be double spacing in the beginning of submission of each issue raised.
- 7.7 The page numbers should be mentioned on the right side on the bottom of each page.







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7.8 The written submission/ memorial must consist of the following parts:

Cover Page (with Team code which shall be provided in due course);

Table of Contents;

Table of Abbreviations;

List of Authorities;

Statement of Jurisdiction;

Statement of Facts;

Questions/ Issues presented;

Summary of Pleadings/Arguments;

Pleadings/Arguments advanced;

Prayer.

7.9 The cover page of each written submission/ memorial must have the following information:

The name of the forum where the proceedings are being conducted;

The title of the competition;

The name of the case;

The title of the memorial (either 'memorial for appellant/ petitioner/ applicant' or 'memorial for respondent/defendant').

Team code so assigned to each teams at the top right hand corner.

The cover pages must be BLUE for Applicant/Petitioner/ Appellant and Red for Respondent.

7.10 Penalties [Memorial]

Late Submission	Attract a penalty of deduction of 5 marks for each day
Wrong File Name	1 mark per memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one file	1 mark per memorial
Exceeding word limit	1 mark on exceeding word limit by 50
Failure to include the sections in the memorial	3 marks per section
Failure to include the required information on the cover page	1 mark per violation
Failure to use the correct colour coding	2 marks per memorial







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7.11 If two or more written submission /memorial are found to be same after the plagiarism check then it would result in cancellation of the written submission/memorial.









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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

THE ASSESSMENT OF TEAMS DURING THE MOOT COURT COMPETITION SHALL BE OUT OF A MAXIMUM OF 100 MARKS SET AS FOLLOWS:

8.1 Written Memorials: 50 marks

DESCRIPTION	MARKS
Knowledge of facts and law	10
Articulate analysis	10
Extent and use of research	10
Format and citation	10
Clarity and organization	05
Grammar and style	05
Grand total	50

8.2 The marks awarded for the written submission/ memorial will be taken will be taken into consideration along with the marks awarded by the judges for the teams during the oral presentation made by them and the researcher test so conducted.

ORAL SUBMISSION: 50 MARKS

- 9.1 Each student council will be evaluated out of 50 marks for oral presentations.
- 9.2 Description of the marks for oral submission per student council is as follows:







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DESCRIPTION	MARKS
Marshalling of Facts	05
Articulation of issues	05
Presentation skills and communication ability	05
Response to questions of the court	05
Application of legal principles	15
Use of authorities and precedents	10
Court Room Etiquettes	05
Grand Total	50

9.3 The oral rounds of the competition will take place on 29-31st March 2024.

DRESS CODE

- 10.1 The council has to appear before the Court in strict Court formals only and should be decently dressed.
- 10.2 Female (s): White salwar kurta or white shirt and black trouser along with black blazer and black shoes.
- 10.3 Male(s): White Shirt and black trousers, black tie along with black blazer and black shoes.







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RESTRICITION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE PARTICIPANTS

The research, pleadings and format of written submission/ memorial for the competition must be the exclusive product of the participating team members. Faculty members, coaches and team advisors of the participating team may only render general assistance to the team.

SCOUTING

- 11.1 Scouting by the Agents, researcher of a team or any other person affiliated with the team will lead to the disqualification of the team.
- 11.2 Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting in all form is strictly prohibited.
- 11.3 The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 12.1 The interpretation placed upon these rules by the faculty concerned shall be conclusive. The decision of the faculty concerned regarding the application of these rules shall be final.
- 12.2 All the rules are only inclusive and not exhaustive for the competition.
- 12.3. Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation from the rules would attract disqualification.







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MOOT TIMELINE:

Release of Moot Problem & Registration Form	31.01.2024
The last date for seeking clarifications	10.02.2024
Release of Clarifications (if any*)	12.02.2024
Registration Deadline	16.03.2024
Last Date of Memorial Soft Copy Submission	20.03.2024
Submission of Hard Copy (4 Sets from each side)	25.03.2024
Competition Date	29.03.2024 - 31.03.2024

QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

13. In case of any questions related to problem or clarification regarding the competition, feel free to contact the following.

Email: mootcourtcommittee@nfsu.ac.in

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PRIZES

- Winning team: Rs. 40,000/-, Trophy and Certificate
- Runner-up team: Rs. 25,000/-, Trophy and Certificate
- Best Memorial: Rs. 15,000/-, Trophy and Certificate
- Best Researcher: Rs. 10,000/-, Trophy and Certificate
- Best Counsel/Mooter: Rs. 10,000/-, Trophy and Certificate
- Certification of Participation shall be presented to all the participating teams

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PS: The rules are subject to change as per the needs and discretion of the MCC. But, the same shall be notified and communicated to all participating teams well in advance.







REGISTRATION DETAILS

Procedure for Registration: The procedure for registration for the competition, is as follows:

Registration- Interested teams are required to register themselves to participate in the Competition by filling a registration form on this link -

Deadline for the online Registration - March 18th, 2024 (Till 11:59 P.M. IST).

Registration Fee - INR 3,000/- [Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only (Per Team)]

The confirmation of Registration will be notified to the teams by the Organizers, after the completion and verification of the Registration formalities.

The teams will be provided with a Team Code and in any stage of the Competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team code.

All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their Institution at any time and in any manner during their participation in the Competition. Non – compliance with this rule shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the Administrators.

PAYMENT DETAILS

NAME OF ACCOUNT: NFSU SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENT ACTIVITY

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