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# **M. S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (MSRUAS)**

## **Introduction to MSRUAS**



M. S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (MSRUAS) is a premier private university in Bangalore, Karnataka, recognized for its commitment to excellence in education, research, and innovation. It was established in December 2013 under the Karnataka University Act. The university was founded with the vision of creating a multidisciplinary institution that blends academic learning with practical industry applications. MSRUAS is an initiative of the Gokula Education Foundation, an esteemed educational trust that has played a significant role in shaping higher education in India.

The university emerged through the integration of several well-established institutions founded by Dr. M. S. Ramaiah, a visionary educationist and philanthropist. These institutions include the M. S. Ramaiah Medical College, M. S. Ramaiah Dental College, M. S. Ramaiah College of Pharmacy, M. S. Ramaiah Institute of Nursing Education & Research, M. S. Ramaiah College of Hotel Management, and the M. S. Ramaiah Advanced Learning Centre, among others. By bringing these institutions under one unified system, MSRUAS has created a robust academic ecosystem that fosters interdisciplinary learning, research, and industry-oriented education.

## Know About Us

MSRUAS prides itself on fostering an innovative, research-centric, and student-focused environment. The university's philosophy is rooted in bridging the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that students receive not only theoretical knowledge but also practical training and exposure to real-world challenges. The institution provides world-class infrastructure, including state-of-the-art laboratories, digital learning resources, and collaborative research centers, which facilitate experiential learning and hands-on training.

One of the university's major strengths is its strong emphasis on research and development. Faculty members and students actively engage in cutting-edge research projects funded by both government and private organizations. MSRUAS also encourages its students to explore entrepreneurial opportunities, offering incubation support for startups and fostering an innovation-driven culture.

With its student-centric approach, MSRUAS also provides global exchange programs and industry collaborations, allowing students to gain international exposure and expand their professional networks. The university's focus on critical thinking, ethical values, and interdisciplinary learning ensures that its graduates are well-equipped to excel in their respective fields and contribute meaningfully to society.



## **School of Law, RUAS** **[A Commitment to Excellence]**



The **School of Law** at MSRUAAS is committed to provide a transformative legal education that balances theoretical understanding with practical application. The curriculum is meticulously designed to align with current legal trends, societal needs, and industry expectations, ensuring that students are well-prepared for diverse career opportunities in law and governance.

The school fosters a dynamic learning environment, where students engage in moot court competitions, legal aid clinics, policy research, and internships with law firms, corporate organizations, and government agencies. The faculty, comprising renowned legal professionals and academicians, ensures that students receive comprehensive legal training that includes analytical reasoning, legal drafting, advocacy, and negotiation skills.



## **Courses Offered**

The School of Law at MSRUAS offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs, each designed to cater to the evolving demands of the legal profession. At the undergraduate level, the university offers two integrated law programs: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Legislative Law (B.A., LL.B.) (Hons.) and Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Legislative Law (B.Sc., LL.B.) (Hons.). The B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) program is designed for students who wish to combine their legal education with a strong foundation in social sciences, including political science, economics, and sociology. For those interested in advanced legal research and academia, the School of Law offers a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Law. This program is aimed at scholars who wish to contribute to legal academia, policy-making, and judicial reforms through in-depth research and critical analysis. The Ph.D. program requires candidates to hold a Masters degree in Law or a related field with a minimum of 55% marks. The duration of the Ph.D. is a minimum of three years, and the fee structure is determined by the university's Research Department.

## **Leadership, School of Law**

The School of Law at MSRUEAS is led by a distinguished team of academicians and legal professionals who play a pivotal role in shaping the institutions academic vision and curriculum.



**Mr. Gurucharan Gollerkeri, IAS (Retd.),** serves as the Director of the School of Law. As a former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, he brings decades of experience in policy-making, governance, and legal education. Under his leadership, the school has focused on enhancing the quality of legal education, fostering legal research, and encouraging ethical law practice. His extensive knowledge of administrative law, public policy, and governance significantly contributes to the development of competent legal professionals at MSRUEAS.



**Dr. Aruna L,** the Professor and Head of the Department of the School of Law, is an accomplished academician with expertise in Intellectual Property Rights and Technology Law. She holds a Ph.D. in Law from CMR University and was the state topper in LL.M.. Her research interests include gender-neutral laws, human rights, and legal aspects of emerging technologies. As the HOD, Dr. Aruna is responsible for curriculum development, faculty mentoring, and student engagement, ensuring that the School of Law maintains high academic standards while preparing students for the evolving legal landscape.



## MOOT PROPOSITION

**Abhinav Sharma & Ors. v. Union of Velmoria & Ors.**

**WP \_\_\_\_\_ of 2025**

1.The Republic of Velmoria is a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic with a parliamentary system of governance. The Constitution of Velmoria, adopted in 1950, guarantees fundamental rights under Part III, including the right to freedom of speech and expression (Article 19(1)(a)), right to access information (Article 21), and right to equality (Article 14).

2.In January 2024, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) released a two-part investigative documentary titled "Velmoria: The Pranav Question", exploring alleged lapses in state accountability during the 2002 Mystara riots and examining the political trajectory of Prime Minister Pranav Deshmukh. The documentary includes interviews with riot survivors, political analysts, foreign diplomats, and features confidential documents purportedly leaked from governmental archives.

3.The release triggered heated debates domestically and internationally. While opposition parties and human rights organizations lauded it for "shedding light on historical injustices," the ruling party criticized it as a "selective and politically motivated portrayal aimed at undermining national integrity." The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) issued a statement denying the allegations and questioning the documentary's journalistic ethics and reliance on unverifiable sources.

4. Following the documentary's release, certain social media influencers and activist groups used the footage to criticize the government, some even calling for international sanctions against Velmoria. This led to sporadic protests in several cities. Notably, in Jalpur and Mananpura, demonstrations turned violent, resulting in property damage and communal tensions.

5. On January 22, 2024, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), invoking Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, issued emergency blocking orders to digital platforms, including Twitter, YouTube, and Netflix. The government cited the following reasons:

- a) Threat to national security and public order.
- b) Potential to incite communal disharmony, especially given the upcoming general elections
- c) Possible diplomatic fallout affecting bilateral trade negotiations with the UK
- d) Alleged violation of Velmoria's defamation and sedition laws

6. The blocking orders were issued without prior notice to the documentary producers or platforms. Though the MIB claimed that the Review Committee approved the decision post-facto, RTI applications filed by civil society groups revealed discrepancies in the approval timeline.

7. Several student bodies and activist groups attempted to organize public screenings on university campuses. In response, state governments in Mystara, and Viradesh issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973. Students and organizers in some states were detained under preventive detention laws, raising questions about arbitrary use of executive power.



8. Abhinav Sharma, a final-year law student at the Aryavarta National Law University (ANLU), sought to screen the documentary as part of a campus debate on press freedom. The university denied permission, citing "unavoidable law and order concerns" after receiving an advisory from the local police. When Sharma and others attempted a peaceful protest, they were detained, and their devices were confiscated. Sharma claims his private messages and emails were accessed without consent.

9. Separately, a leaked internal memo from the Ministry of External Affairs suggested concerns that the documentary's circulation could jeopardize Velmorla's bid for a permanent seat at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), adding to the diplomatic stakes.

10. Allegations surfaced that certain social media platforms shared user data with government agencies without appropriate legal safeguards. Digital rights organizations argue this violates the right to privacy under Article 21, especially post the Puttaswamy judgment.

11. In parliament, the opposition tabled a motion criticizing the "draconian censorship" and demanded an independent judicial inquiry. Conversely, members of the ruling coalition defended the action, highlighting the duty of the state to prevent misinformation during sensitive periods.

12. Public opinion remains sharply divided. Some civil society groups filed affidavits supporting the petitioners, while others emphasized the need for responsible journalism and national stability. International media watchdogs issued statements condemning the ban, while certain foreign governments refrained from comment, citing non-interference.

13. The Press Council of Velmoria issued an advisory noting concerns about journalistic ethics in the documentary's production, particularly the use of undisclosed sources and edited footage. The petitioners argue that this does not justify censorship of content already in public discourse.

14. Importantly, financial records revealed that certain activist groups supporting the screenings received foreign funding, raising questions about compliance with the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA). This has become a parallel controversy in the public arena.

15. Now, Mr. Sharma and a group of activists then filed a Writ Petition under Article 32, challenging the constitutional validity of the ban on the documentary.

#### **Legal Issues for Consideration:**

1. Whether the preventive detentions, alleged data privacy breaches, and restrictions on public screenings infringe upon the right to privacy and personal liberty under Article 21, or whether these measures are justifiable under constitutional provisions safeguarding national security and public order.

2. Whether the blocking orders issued under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, constitute a reasonable restriction under Article 19(2) of the Constitution, or amount to an unconstitutional infringement of freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a).



3. Whether the procedural safeguards under Section 69A and the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, were duly followed, or whether the actions of the Union of Velmoria amount to arbitrary and disproportionate state action violating Article 14.

*All laws of Velmoria are in Pari materia to India.*

**Disclaimer:** “All aspects of the moot problem do not bear any validity in facts. Any representations of the Governments and other institutions or persons are works of fiction only employed for academic purposes.”



**MOOT COURT**  
**SOCIETY**  
SCHOOL OF LAW

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

### **1. Title and Commencement:**

1.1 These rules shall be called as “RUAS, SOL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES, 2025. ”

1.2 The competition shall be held from 25-04-2025 to 27-04-2025.

### **2. Venue:**

RUAS, SOL- Gnana Gangothri Campus, New BEL Road, MSR Nagar, Bangalore - 560054

### **3. Eligibility:**

Participation is restricted to bonafide undergraduate students of 5 year integrate programme/ 3 year regular Law programme of any University/ College / Institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

### **4. Language:**

The official language for the Moot Court Competition shall be English.

### **5. Dress Code:**

5.1 Boys - White Shirt, Black Pants, Black Blazer, Black Tie and Black formal Shoes.

5.2 Girls - White Shirt, Black Pants, Black Blazer and Black formal Shoes.



**6. Team Composition:**

6.1 Institutions participating in the competition shall send only two teams.

6.2 Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members or maximum of three members.

6.3 In a three-member team, there shall be two Speakers and one Researcher in a team.

**7. Team Code:**

Each team will be given a team code. Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution during the competition rounds. Such disclosures shall lead to disqualification. The decision in this regard by the Moot Organizing Committee shall be final.

**8. Registration:**

8.1 All teams desire to participate in the competition must fill the Google registration form on or before 20-03-2025 through the link: **[Click Here](#)** by attaching filled in Scanned copy of Registration Form along with scanned copy/screen shot of the registration fee of Rs.5,000/- with accommodation and Rs.3,000/- without accommodation.

**SCAN TO REGISTER**

8.2 After Registration, any request for refund of registration fee will not be entertained under any circumstances.

8.3 The competition is restricted to the maximum number of 30 teams from different Law schools across the country. The teams are strongly encouraged to complete the registration process well in advance to secure their places in the competition. The Payment of registration fee shall be made through the online payment gateway to the given QR Code.



For payment, scan here

8.4 No spot registration shall be entertained.

8.5 Forms received after the Deadline shall Not be considered for registration.

## **9. Competition Rounds:**

9.1 The Competition shall consist of five rounds : Preliminary, Octa, Quarter, Semis and finals.

9.2 Teams shall argue cases against each other. For the said purpose, fixture of teams will be decided by draw of lots prior to each round of the competition.

## **10. Preliminary Rounds:**

10.1 In the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall argue for both the sides in two Separate Rounds. One for the Petitioner/Appellant and another Round for the Respondent.

10.2 During the Preliminary Rounds, each team will be allowed 15 minutes to argue. The division of time between the two speakers is left to the team. Before the commencement of each round, the team shall indicate their division of time to the Court Officer.

10.3 After the arguments by both the teams, 2 minutes for Rebuttal and minutes for Sur Rebuttal will be given.

10.4 Top 8 teams will be selected to the octa-final round on the basis of the preliminary rounds scores.

### **11. Octa - Final Round:**

11.1 The teams shall argue only one side. The side shall be determined by way of draw of lots prior to the commencement of the octa-final round.

11.2 Each team shall be allowed 15 minutes to argue. The division of time between the two speakers is left to the team. Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate their division of time to the Court Officer.

11.3 After the arguments by both the teams, 2 minutes for Rebuttal and Sur Rebuttal will be given.

11.4 Top 8 teams will be selected to the quarter-final round on the basis of the octa-final round scores.

11.5 Memorial scores will not be added to the oral scores for this round.

### **12. Quarter - Final Round:**

12.1 The teams shall argue only one side. The side shall be determined by way of draw of lots prior to the commencement of the quarter-final round.

12.2 Each team will be allowed 20 minutes to argue. The division of time between the two speakers is left to the team. Before the Commencement of the round, each team shall indicate their division of time to the Court Officer.

12.3 After the arguments by both the teams, 2 minutes for Rebuttal and 2 minutes for Sur Rebuttal will be given.



12.4 Top 4 teams will be selected to the semi-final round on the basis of the quarter final round scores,

12.5 Memorial scores will not be added to the oral scores for this round.

### **13. Semi-Final Round:**

13.1 The teams shall argue only one side. The side shall be determined by way of draw of lots prior to the commencement of the semi final round.

13.2 Each team will be allowed 25 minutes to argue. The division of time between the two speakers is left to the Team. Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate their division of time to the Court officer.

13.3 After the arguments by both the teams, 2 minutes for Rebuttal and 2 minutes for Sur Rebuttal will be given.

13.4 Memorial scores will not be added to the oral scores for this round.

13.5 Top 2 teams will be selected to the final round on the basis of the semifinal round scores.

### **14. Final Round:**

14.1 The team shall argue only one side. The side shall be determined by way of draw of lots prior to the commencement of the final round.

14.2 Each team will be allowed 30 minutes to argue. The division of time between the two speakers is left to the Team. Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate their division of time to the Court Officer.

14.3 After the arguments by both the teams, 3 minutes for Rebuttal and 3 minutes for Sur Rebuttal will be given.

14.4 Memorial scores will not be added to the oral scores for this round.

13.5 The winner of the Final Round will be declared as the winner of this Moot Court Competition.

(Note:

- (i) No exchange of memorials.
- (ii) Participating teams are required to follow the time limits strictly for all the rounds.
- (iii) If any dispute arises with respect to any round, the decision of the Judges of that particular round shall be final.
- (iv) All participants shall maintain decorum in the court hall during the competition and expected to properly conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

### **15. Clarification:**

15.1 All request for clarification to the problem must be submitted to the Moot Organizing Committee via mail only.

15.2 The teams must seek clarifications latest by **05-04-2025** after that no clarifications shall be entertained.

15.3 The Moot Organizing Committee reserves the right to provide clarifications only in relation to the Moot proposition and not related to the substantive arguments of the case.

15.4 The clarification as and when issued shall become a part of the Moot proposition.

### **16. Memorials/Written Submissions:**

16.1 All the teams are required to submit Memorials for both the Petitioner/Appellant and the Respondent.

16.2 Each team shall submit 4 sets of hard copies of Memorials for Petitioner /Appellant and 4 sets of hard copies of Memorials for the Respondent on April 25th, 2025. Names of the participants or their institution or any kind of identification mark should not appear on any part of the Memorials.

16.3 Participants are advised to carry extra copies of their Memorials for their own use. The copies submitted to the organizing institution would be for the use of evaluation of memorial and for the use of Judges of the competition and will not be returned to the participants.

16.4 The memorials shall not exceed 30 typed pages excluding cover pages.

(i) Memorials shall be printed on A4 size paper.

(ii) Memorials Font should be in Times New Roman, size 12 point Foot notes should be in Times New Roman - 10 point.

(iii) Text in all part of memorial shall be 1.5 line spacing, foot note shall be single space.

(iv) Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.

(v) Memorial shall be in Spiral binding only.

(vi) The memorials shall contain the following:

(vii) Cover Page for Petitioner/Appellant shall be in Blue Colour

(viii) Cover Page for Respondent shall be in Red Colour

### **Contents of Memorial:**

a. Cover page - the cover page shall contain the name of the court, cause title, and team code (on top right corner), specification of side (petitioner/respondent).

b. Table of Contents.

c. Table of Authorities.

d. Statement of Jurisdiction.

e. Statement of Facts.

f. Statement of Issues.

g. Summary of Arguments.

h. Detailed arguments.

i. Prayer.



## 17. Researchers test

17.1 Team members who have registered as a Researcher, shall have a Researcher's test.

17.2. The test will be for a duration of 45 minutes.

17.3 Researchers are individually assessed, based on their performance in

17.4 The Researcher's test. The Award for Best Researcher shall be decided by this rank list.

17.5 In case of a tie for the Best Researcher Award, the Researchers' scores will be calculated as follows:

**Memorial Score of the Team + Marks Obtained in Researcher's Test = Final Score**

17.6 Researchers shall attend the oral rounds with the speakers.

17.7 The Researcher's Test will consist of 27 questions, with 25 questions carrying 2 marks each and 2 "star-marked" questions carrying 5 marks each. The star-marked questions will be written and will only be considered in the event of a tie.

16.8 The Researcher's test scores will be used as a tiebreaker for other rounds.

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>28 March 2025</b>	<b>Last date for registration</b>
<b>05 April 2025</b>	<b>Last date for seeking clarifications</b>
<b>15 April 2025</b>	<b>Last date for soft copy submission of memorials</b>
<b>25-27 April 2025</b>	<b>Days of Competition</b>

## 17. Compendium:

17.1 The compendium may include any material which the teams may wish to submit before the Judges panel for their oral submission.

17.2 The compendium shall include the 1st page, last page and all the relevant portions of the book, judgement or any other material cited in the compendium.

17.3 The team members shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution in compendium except the team code allotted to the team. Any such disclosures shall lead to disqualification. The decision in this regard by the Moot organising Committee shall be final.

17.4 The team shall submit the compendium to the Moot Court Organizing Committee at the end of the round.

## 18. Evaluation:

18.1 Preliminary Rounds-100 marks (Oral - 80 marks & Memorials - 20 marks)

### Evaluating Criteria for Oral Rounds (80 marks)

S.NO	CATEGORY	MARKS
1.	Interpretation and Analysis of Facts	15
2.	Knowledge and Application on Relevant Laws	20
3.	Eloquence and Articulation of Advocacy	20
4.	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	15
5.	Courts Room Etiquette, Style, Poise and Time Management	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

**Memorials-20 Marks (Petitioner/Appellant -10 marks and for the Respondent-10 marks)**

**Evaluating Criteria for Memorials (20 marks)**

<b>S.NO</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Petitioner Marks</b>	<b>Respondent Marks</b>
1	Knowledge of facts & law	2.5	2.5
2	Depth & Extend of Research	2.5	2.5
3	Proper & Articulate Analysis	2.5	2.5
4	Clarity & organization of Arguments	2.5	2.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>



17:2 Quarter Final/Semi-Final/ Final Round:  
There will be no weightage for Memorial marks in these rounds

## Marks Evaluating Criteria

S.N O	Category	Marks
1.	Interpretation & Analysis of facts	20
2.	Knowledge & Application of Relevant Laws	20
3.	Eloquence & Articulation of Advocacy	20
4.	Ingenuity & ability to answer questions	20
5.	Court Room Etiquettes, style, pose, & Time Management	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

# **PRIZES & AWARDS**

**Winners - ₹30,000**  
**Runners - ₹20,000**

**Awards for the Best:**  
**Speaker - ₹5000**  
**Researcher - ₹5000**  
**Memorial - ₹5000**



**NOTE:** Awards for Winners of the moot court competition on behalf of manupatra

- One free Manupatra Academy course of choice for the winning team.
- A 75% discount on any one Manupatra Academy course for the runner-up team.
- A 50% discount on any one Manupatra Academy course for the team placed third.
- Additionally, all other participants can avail a 15% discount on any one course from Manupatra Academy