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LEX FIESTA

**DEBATE COMPETITION
MODEL YOUTH PARLIAMENT
MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Ideal Institute of Management and Technology was established in the year 1999 under the auspices of New Millennium Education Society "An education that ensures a career for the individual, fulfills the needs of the society and meets the demands of the nation". From a very modest start, the institute has now acquired a commendable position. The institute is affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi, and its professional courses in Law and Business Administration are recognized by the Bar Council of India and Government of NCT, Delhi. Being a NAAC accredited institution, it melds state of the art infrastructure with quality in education as its paramount principle.

The NAAC accredited & Bar Council of India approved institute holds a commendable position as premier Institute in imparting B.A.LL.B, Newly Introduced LL.M (Corporate Law and Intellectual Property Rights), BBA, BCA & BBA (CAM) affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi. The institute has become a Post Graduate institute with the vision of excellence and continuously works towards the holistic development of its students. The aim of the institute is to cultivate in its students' high moral standards coupled with academic excellence to promote market-oriented skill development and up-gradation that would help in serving the needs of the society.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law, IIMT carries forward the larger mission and vision of the parent institution, upholding its commitment to academic excellence, professional integrity, and social responsibility. It seeks to nurture not only competent legal professionals but also socially conscious individuals who can contribute meaningfully to the legal system and society at large. By aligning itself with the Institute's broader educational and ethical goals, the School of Law ensures that its students receive a well-rounded legal education grounded in both theory and practice.

Over the years, the Law School has become a vibrant centre of experiential learning and co-curricular excellence. National-level moot court competitions, debate, and client counselling sessions have drawn participation from top law schools across India. The Institute has hosted impactful conferences and workshops with the competition commission of India (CCI) and distinguished lectures by judges, senior advocates, and legal scholars. It actively partners with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) for legal aid clinics and community outreach, and has organized Youth Parliament simulations in collaboration with NLU Delhi and the Department of Law, Justice & Legislative Affairs, Government of NCT of Delhi. With a proud legacy of producing gold medalists, judicial officers, and Civil servants, IIMT & School of Law continues to stand as a beacon of academic integrity, legal excellence, and nation-building.

FOUNDER AND VISIONARY

“If we could have one lifetime wish, one dream that would come true, we would wish all our hearts for yesterday and you.” Rakesh Aggarwal was a great industrialist, educationalist, social worker and a poet. He was a great visionary, co-operative colleague, kind-hearted employer and a perfectionist. In order to evolve a new educational approach, he established the Ideal Institute of management and technology in 1999. With the firm goal of imparting education to the society, the purpose for which the divine almighty had sent him. His objective was not only limited to the establishment of institutes; he left a mark in the socio-cultural dimensions as well. Our founding father inspires us by his works done during his lifetime for this society at large.

ABOUT LEX FIESTA

Lex Fiesta – a name that resonates with intellect, advocacy, and celebration of legal excellence – is the annual flagship fest organized by the law college with the vision to bring together budding legal minds from across the country. Much more than just a conventional academic event, Lex Fiesta is a vibrant amalgamation of law, culture, debate, and competitive brilliance that aims to foster an environment of learning, interaction, and growth among law students and professionals. The fest provides a dynamic platform where future lawyers, legal scholars, and enthusiasts come together to engage in a wide spectrum of activities ranging from moot court competitions, client counseling, trial advocacy, legal drafting challenges, judgment writing, and mediation tournaments to riveting panel discussions, workshops, and expert lectures by distinguished judges, senior advocates, policy makers, and academicians.

Lex Fiesta is designed not only to test and refine the legal acumen of participants but also to provide them with invaluable exposure to the diverse and evolving facets of the legal system. Beyond the courtroom battles, the fest also includes vibrant cultural nights, networking sessions, and entertainment events that make it a truly holistic and unforgettable experience. With each edition, Lex Fiesta sets a new benchmark in academic excellence and festivity, embodying the spirit of law and justice while celebrating the vibrant energy of youth and innovation. It is a celebration where the law comes alive, voices find strength, arguments take flight, and legacies begin to form.

LEX FIESTA 2025
RAKESH AGGARWAL
MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2025
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Rakesh Aggarwal Memorial Moot Court Competition – 2025

26th - 27th September, 2025

Organized by the Ideal Moot Court Society School of Law, IIMT

ABOUT MOOT COURT

Moot court is a simulated court proceeding where law students argue imaginary cases for practice. It is more than just a co-curricular activity; moot courts play a pivotal role in shaping a law student's career. It is a mock judicial proceeding that allows students to argue fictional legal cases. It is designed to imitate real-life court proceedings, helping students understand the intricacies of litigation, judicial reasoning, and advocacy. Moot courts often focus on unresolved or controversial areas of law.

Moreover it provides students to develop legal research and writing skills as students draft memorials, which enhances their ability to identify legal issues, analyze statutes and precedents, and write persuasively, to improve oral advocacy and presentation skills, participants argue cases orally before judges, preparing them for actual courtroom appearances, it fosters analytical thinking and legal reasoning Mooting sharpens the ability to argue both sides of a case, promoting objectivity and deep understanding and to instill courtroom etiquette and professionalism from body language to procedural manners, students learn the decorum expected in real courtrooms.

Hence, upholding the true spirit of Mooting, the institute organizes the Rakesh Aggarwal Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2025 to provide students with an amazing opportunity to learn the practical art of court craft.

PROCEDURE, RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified, in context of the Competition:

- a. "Administrator" shall refer to the School of Law, IIMT, Karkardooma.
- b. "Competition" shall mean the Rakesh Aggarwal Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2025.
- c. "Organizing Committee" shall refer to the core members of the Ideal Moot Court Society.
- d. "Competition Rules" shall refer to the competition's official rules and any applicable supplementary guidelines to these rules published by the Organizing Committee amended from time to time.
- e. "Bench" refers to the members duly invited by the institute, to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively.
- f. "Court Room" shall refer to the rooms assigned by the organizing committee where the pleading rounds will take place.
- g. "Researcher" shall refer to the member of the team whose role is to prepare the memorials and appear for the researcher's test. The researchers shall be permitted to speak during the rounds at the discretion of the judges.
- h. "Speaker" shall refer to the members of the team who will be pleading before the Judges in the Oral Rounds.
- i. "Court Master" shall refer to the student volunteer who shall be authorized with the duties of maintenance of order in courtroom, time keeping and other duties.
- j. "Knockout Round" shall refer to the Competition's Quarter Final Round, Semi-Final Round, and Final.
- k. "Memorial" shall refer to the memorandum of written arguments on behalf of both the sides, i.e. Petitioner/Respondent of each participating team, submitted as per the Competition Rules.
- l. "Moot Proposition" shall refer to the facts and issues released by the Organizing Committee of the competition, along with its clarifications and corrections.
- m. "Official Email" shall refer to the official email address (mootcourtsocietyiimtsl@gmail.com) of the Ideal Moot Court Society (MCS), School of Law, IIMT.
- n. "Participating Team" means the team that has registered itself for the competition as per the competition rules.
- o. "Team Code" means a unique code assigned by the Moot Court Society to the Participating Teams.
- p. "IST" shall refer to Indian Standard Time.
- q. "INR" shall refer to the Indian National Rupee.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY

- a) Students enrolled in a 3-year LL.B. program or a 5-year Integrated LL.B. program at any recognized Law School, University, or Institution in India shall be eligible to participate in the competition.
- b) Each recognized Law School, University, or Institution may register only one team in the competition. Each participating team may
- c) Each participating team shall comprise of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) members, wherein at least two members shall be designated as speakers and at least one member as a researcher.
- d) In the event that a team comprises of only two (2) members, one member shall assume the dual role of researcher and speaker.
- e) Any team, intending to change the composition of the team shall intimate the Organizing Committee at the earliest possible opportunity, by sending an e-mail to the Organizing Committee at mootcourtsocietyiimtsl@gmail.com. Shortly after, the moot court society shall be in touch with them.

3. LANGUAGE

The official language of the Moot Court Competition shall be English only. The participants shall refrain from using any other language during the competition.

4. MODE

The Oral Rounds and the Researcher's Test in the course of competition shall be conducted in offline mode.

5. DRESS CODE

- a) The Participating Teams shall attend all rounds of the Competition in formal courtroom attire.
- b) For Males: Black Coat, White Shirt, and Black Pants. For Females: Black Coat, White Shirt or White Kurti, and Black Pants.
- c) The outfit shall not have any identification mark of the institution including but not limited to name or logo of the institute.

6. REGISTRATION

6.1 PROCEDURE

- a) The institutions are required to register their respective teams by filing out the registration form available at **REGISTRATION FORM latest by 31st August, 2025; 23:59 IST**, for participating in the competition.
- b) A **Non-Objection Certificate (NOC)** from the institution shall be attached both to the soft and hard copy of the registration form by each participating team.
- c) The registration of a team from an institution shall be deemed complete only upon the successful payment of the **registration fee of INR 2,000/-** through the designated payment link provided in the registration form.
- d) Upon the successful completion and submission of the registration form, each team will receive a confirmation email from the organizing committee, along with their allotted **Team Codes** which shall be the only identification that will be published on the memorials and used in the competition.
- e) If any team does not receive the confirmation email, they can send an email with their registration details to the official email of the moot court society: **mootcourtsocietyiimtsl@gmail.com**.
- f) Registrations shall be accepted strictly on first-come, first-serve basis, subject to the availability of slots.
- g) Incomplete registration form shall not be accepted.
- h) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject any registration that does not comply with the stipulated procedure or is received after the closure of registration.
- i) The competition shall be in two parts. In the **first part, there shall be a memorial round**, wherein the teams are required to submit their memorials for evaluation. Thereafter, the results of the memorial round shall be declared on **17th September, 2025**.
- j) In the **second part**, pursuant to the results of memorial round, the qualifying teams shall be intimated to confirm their further participation in the **oral rounds and researcher's test**, the same shall be held in offline mode.
- k) At the time of registration, participants are required to carry their valid College IDs for the purpose of verification at the time of offline rounds, i.e. **26th September, 2025**.

6.2 REGISTRATION FEE

- a) All the teams have to **initially pay INR 2,000/- per team** as the registration fee for the Memorial Round. Thereafter, the qualifying teams shall further pay an **additional fee of INR 2,000/- for the Oral Rounds and Researcher's Test till 20th September, 2025**. {Hence, a total registration fee of INR 4,000/- shall be paid (INR 2,000/- for memorial round + INR 2,000/- for oral rounds)}.
- b) All the payments shall be made to: <https://rzp.io/rzp/fnzhstx>
- c) At the time of registration, the teams are required to kindly attach the Screenshot of Payment, containing the Transaction ID and the Date of Transaction, along with the registration form.
- d) The Organizing Committee will confirm the registration only after receiving the payment and the duly filled registration form within the specified time limit.
- e) No refund shall be given under any circumstance in case of withdrawal.

7. IDENTIFICATION OF TEAMS/ ANONYMITY

- a) Each participating team shall be assigned a team code after the completion of the registration process, which shall serve as their sole means of identification throughout the duration of the competition.
- b) Each team shall refrain from including their names or the name of their institution, or any other form of identification, other than their assigned Team Code, in their Memorials.
- c) During the oral rounds, no team or team member shall indulge in any activity which shall disclose their name or the name of their institution, or any other form of identification, in any manner.
- d) Any such disclosure shall invite penalties including immediate disqualification from the competition. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to the final decision in lieu of any breach of this provision.

8. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION

- a) The participating teams may request for clarification to the official moot proposition by submitting an email containing their queries to mootcourtsocietyiimtsl@gmail.com latest by **3rd September, 2025**.
- b) No further clarifications will be entertained after the official clarification sheet has been released by the Organizing Committee.

9. ACCOMMODATION

The organizers shall not be providing any accommodation to the participating teams. However, in case the participating teams require any assistance in choosing an accommodation, then the same shall be provided after the Organizing Committee has been informed.

10. MEMORIAL

- a) Each participating team shall prepare a memorial on behalf of the Petitioners/Appellants and a memorial on behalf of the Respondents, comprising of their respective submissions.
- b) Each team is required to submit the **soft copies of both the memorials** via email at **mootcourtsocietyiimtsl@gmail.com** latest by **14th September, 2025** (Memorial Round), with the subject line: "Memorial for Team Code".
- c) The file names of the attachments shall strictly adhere to the format: [Team Code] P for the Petitioner's Memorial and [Team Code] R for the Respondent's Memorial. For instance, Team Code 5 shall submit its memorials as 5P (Petitioner) and 5R (Respondent), inscribed on the top right-hand corner of the cover page of the memorial.
- d) Each memorial shall be submitted as a single consolidated file per side. Submission of multiple files for a single memorial shall attract penalties as prescribed under these rules. All soft copies of the Memorandum submitted must be both in PDF (.pdf) and Word (.doc) format. Any Memorial not adhering to the specified format will not be considered and will entail disqualification of the team.
- e) The hard copies submitted must be identical to the soft copies previously submitted. Any discrepancy between the hard and soft copies shall result in the immediate disqualification of the team from the competition.
- f) The format of the memorial shall be consistent with the prescribed standard. The cover page must prominently display the respective Team Code on the top right-hand corner, along with all necessary details, including the names of the parties, place of forum and other relevant information.
- g) The Teams shall cite all authorities and cases in the memorial using footnotes, adhering strictly to the **Bluebook Format: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition)**.
- h) Pursuant to the submission of the soft copy of memorials by the participating teams, the result of the Memorial Round shall be declared on **17th September, 2025** and the qualifying teams shall submit **additional fees of INR 2,000/- till 20th September, 2025**, other than the registration fees (INR 2,000/-) for participating in the offline mode.
- i) The top 16 teams qualified for the Oral Rounds shall send **5 hard copies of the memorial** from each side, i.e. Petitioner/Respondent (a total number of 5+5=10 copies) to the following address – Ideal Moot Court Society, IIMT & School of Law, (16 X Telephone Exchange, Karkardooma Institutional Area, Delhi-110092) latest by **25th September, 2025**.

11. MEMORIAL CONTENT AND FORMATTING

a) The Memorials must contain the following sections:

- ❖ Cover Page
- ❖ Table of Contents
- ❖ Table of Abbreviations
- ❖ Index of Authorities
- ❖ Statement of Jurisdiction
- ❖ Statement of Facts
- ❖ Issues Raised
- ❖ Summary of Arguments
- ❖ Arguments Advanced
- ❖ Prayer

b) The memorials shall be printed in **A-4 size sheets**, and **spiral-bound**.

c) The cover page of the **Petitioner's memorial shall be printed in blue colour**, and the cover page of the **Respondent's memorial shall be printed in red colour**.

d) Each section of the memorial shall adhere to the following page limit:

- Statement of Facts – 2 pages
- Summary Arguments – 4 pages
- Arguments Advanced – 30 pages
- Total No. of Pages – 45 pages

e) The memorials shall adhere to the below mentioned TEXT formatting guidelines:

TYPE	FORMAT
FONT	Times New Roman
FONT SIZE	12
LINE SPACING	1.5
MARGIN	1 inch on each side

- b) The memorials shall adhere to the below mentioned FOOTNOTE formatting guidelines:

TYPE	FORMAT
FONT	Times New Roman
FONT SIZE	10
LINE SPACING	1
STYLE	Bluebook Citation Format (20 th Edition)

12. MEMORIAL EVALUATION

Each memorial shall be marked on the scale of 100. The Memorials shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
KNOWLEDGE AND CORRECT APPLICATION OF LAW	20 Marks
ANALYTICAL REASONING OF FACTS AND ISSUES	20 Marks
EXTENT AND QUALITY OF RESEARCH	20 Marks
CLARITY AND LOGICAL ARTICULATION	20 Marks
ORIGINALITY OF THOUGHT	10 Marks
GRAMMAR AND STYLE	10 Marks

13. MEMORIAL PENALTIES

In the event of non-compliance or violation of these rules, upon being brought to the notice of the Organizing Committee, the team shall be subject to an appropriate penalty, as prescribed in the penalty table below.

CRITERIA	PENALTY
EACH 1 HOUR DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL (SOFT COPY) UPTO 24 HOURS ONLY. [AFTER 24 HOURS HAVE PASSED, NO MEMORIAL SHALL BE ACCEPTED]	1 Mark
EACH 1 HOUR DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL (HARD COPY) UPTO 24 HOURS ONLY.	1 Mark
USE OF WRONG COVER PAGE	5 Marks
INCORRECT MARGIN	1 Mark Per Page
INCORRECT FONT, FONT SIZE AND LINE SPACING	2 Marks Per Page
INCORRECT FOOTNOTING STYLE	5 Marks
SUBSTANTIVE TEXT IN FOOTNOTING	2 Marks Per Mistake
BREACH OF MEMORIAL ANONYMITY RULE	Disqualification
FAILURE TO COLOUR CODE THE MEMORIALS	5 Marks
EXCEEDING PAGE LIMIT	3 Marks Per Page
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES OF FORMATTING	1 Mark Per Mistake
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES OF SUBMISSIONS	1 Mark Per Mistake
MISSING SECTIONS	5 Marks
RE-SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL NOT CONTAINED IN SINGLE FILE	3 Marks

14. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- a) The Researchers' Test will be conducted on **26th September, 2025**, before the commencement of the oral rounds.
- b) The Researcher obtaining the highest score in Researcher's Test shall be given the Best Researcher Award.
- c) The Test shall be conducted in the pen-and-paper format in the Examination Hall within the University Premises. The Test must be completed within 40 minutes.
- d) The test will tentatively consist of **30 multiple-choice questions**, each carrying 1 mark. Every wrong answer will result in 0.25 negative marks.
- e) Usage of any unfair means, including but not limited to mobile phones or any other electronic equipment during the test, will result in immediate disqualification from the Researcher's Test.
- f) The researchers shall be evaluated based upon the following parameters:

PARAMETERS	MARKS
Analysis of Facts	5 Marks
Understanding of Law Library	5 Marks
Understanding of Methods of Citation	5 Marks
Understanding the Usage of Legal Databases	5 Marks
Legislation Analysis	5 Marks
Understanding of Rules of Precedents	5 Marks

15. EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

- a) Prior to the commencement of each round of the competition, memorials shall be exchanged between the competing teams in each match-up.
- b) Teams are strictly prohibited from making any marks, notes, or identification marks on any memorial during any round of the competition.
- c) Teams shall not duplicate, reproduce, or retain any memorial received during the exchange process.
- d) Upon the completion of each round, teams must return the exchanged memorial to the student volunteer present in the courtroom.

16. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- a) The Speakers of each team shall inform the Court Masters regarding the allocation of time between both the Speakers and the time reserved for rebuttals.
- b) Once informed, the time allocated shall not change. However, Judges, at their discretion, may extend the time for oral submissions up to five minutes per team.
- c) Usage of any unfair means, including but not limited to mobile phones, smart-watches or any other electronic device during the oral submissions, is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this rule shall attract penalty as decided by the Judge presiding over the Courtroom, including immediate disqualification from the competition.
- d) Speakers shall not disclose any information regarding their names or the names of the institutions they represent during the oral rounds. Any violation of this rule may lead to the immediate disqualification of the team.
- e) Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the round is allowed. However, the sanctity of the courtroom shall be maintained during such exchange.
- f) Only one designated speaker from each team shall be permitted to deliver the Rebuttal or Sub-rebuttal arguments.
- g) Teams shall have the option to waive their rebuttal time, as per the side allotted to them in the respective round.
- h) In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial score, i.e., the scores obtained during the Memorial Round, will win the oral round.

- i) The Best Speaker Award shall be determined based on the individual aggregate score of the speakers based upon both the Preliminary Rounds.

17. EVALUATION OF ROUNDS

The speakers of each team shall be evaluated based upon the following criteria during the Oral Rounds. The total score shall be 100 per speaker Marks during each round.

CRITERIA	MARKS
Knowledge of Law	30 Marks
Knowledge of Facts	20 Marks
Question/Answer Ability	20 Marks
Courtroom Etiquette	15 Marks
Time Management	15 Marks

18. ORAL ROUNDS

The competition shall be conducted in an offline mode. The inaugural session shall take place on 26th September, 2025. The Oral Rounds shall have four levels – Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-final Rounds, Semi-final Rounds and Final.

1. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- a) There shall be 2 Preliminary Rounds, wherein each team shall be required to present arguments for both sides – Petitioner and Respondent.
- b) The total time allotted per side in the preliminary rounds shall be 30 minutes, which shall include the time allocated for rebuttal and sub rebuttal.
- c) No speaker shall reserve more than 20 minutes for their individual submissions. However, one speaker shall not plead for less than 10 minutes.

- d) Teams shall not allocate more than 5 minutes for rebuttal or subrebuttal.
- e) Time extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- f) In case any opponent team fails to appear in the oral round within 15 minutes of the scheduled time, the round shall be conducted ex parte, and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter team had been presenting and arguing.
- g) The Preliminary Rounds shall be conducted on 26th September, 2025.

2. QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS

- a) The total time allotted to each team in the quarter-final rounds shall be 30 minutes, which shall include the time allocated for rebuttal and sub rebuttal.
- b) No speaker shall reserve more than 20 minutes for their individual submissions. However, one speaker shall not plead for less than 10 minutes.
- c) Teams shall not allocate more than 5 minutes for rebuttal or subrebuttal.
- d) Time extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- e) The Quarter-final Rounds shall be conducted on 26th September, 2025.

3. SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS

- f) The total time allotted to each team in the quarter-final rounds shall be 40 minutes, which shall include the time allocated for rebuttal and sub rebuttal.
- g) No speaker shall reserve more than 20 minutes for their individual submissions. However, one speaker shall not plead for less than 15 minutes.
- h) Teams shall not allocate more than 5 minutes for rebuttal or subrebuttal.
- i) Time extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- j) The Semi-final Rounds shall be conducted on 27th September, 2025.

4. FINAL

- k) The total time allotted to each team in the quarter-final rounds shall be 50 minutes, which shall include the time allocated for rebuttal and sub rebuttal.

- l) No speaker shall reserve more than 25 minutes for their individual submissions. However, one speaker shall not plead for less than 15 minutes.
- m) Teams shall not allocate more than 10 minutes for rebuttal or sub-rebuttal.
- n) Time extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- o) The Final Round shall be conducted on 27th September, 2025.

19. COMPENDIUM

It is not mandatory to submit a Compendium. However, submission of a Compendium must only be in physical (printed) format only. The compendium must indicate the Team Code and the side represented on its first page. Any disclosure of identity on the compendium will attract disqualification. The Organizing Committee bears no responsibility for any issues caused to Judges in finding a relevant document or page.

20. AWARDS

The awards and participation certificates shall be distributed after the completion of the competition i.e. 27th September, 2025. The winners under each category will be given the following prizes:

AWARD	PRIZE
WINNER TEAM	INR 21,000/- and Certificate
RUNNER-UP TEAM	INR 11,000/- and Certificate
BEST SPEAKER	INR 5,000/- and Certificate
BEST MEMORIAL	INR 5,000/- and Certificate
BEST RESEARCHER	Memento and Certificate
PARTICIPANTS	Participation Certificate

21. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) All queries relating to the problem, clarifications, etc. may be directed via email to mootcourtsocietyiimtsl@gmail.com only. No communications through WhatsApp will be entertained and will not be taken into consideration while preparing the final list of clarifications.
- b) Scouting by any person on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the Organizing Committee immediately, without disturbing the round in progress. Any team found scouting shall be immediately disqualified.
- c) Any reference or disclosure as to the identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during Oral Rounds or in the Memorial Round may lead to disqualification of the team, which shall be at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- d) If a team believes that a violation of any of the competition rules has taken place at any stage of the Competition, the teams shall within 30 minutes of the completion of the round wherein a violation has allegedly occurred, register a complaint with the Organizing Committee. No team or its members shall approach the Judges with any complaints under any circumstance.
- e) The rules shall be strictly adhered to. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Organizing Committee will resolve any contingencies that may arise and the decision taken by them shall be final. These Rules are not exhaustive.

DATE	LIST OF EVENTS
31.08.2025	LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION
03.09.2025	LAST DATE OF SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS
05.09.2025	RELEASE OF CLARIFICATION SHEET
14.09.2025	SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS (SOFT COPY)
17.09.2025	RESULT OF THE MEMORIAL ROUND
20.09.2025	PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE FOR ORAL ROUNDS
25.09.2025	SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS BY QUALIFYING TEAMS (HARD COPY)
26.09.2025 – 27.09.2025	ORAL ROUNDS AND RESEARCHER'S TEST

MOOT PROPOSITION

1. On the night of 11 November 2024, the Nelson Mandela Memorial Railway Station, usually bustling with commuters, began to quiet down as the clock neared midnight. The sounds of trains whistling, announcements echoing, and the murmur of weary travelers gradually subsided. Amidst the dwindling crowd, a well-known criminal, Ravi Singh, stepped onto Platform 3, his expression tense and his eyes scanning the area. Despite numerous attempts by law enforcement to apprehend him, he had always managed to slip away, earning him the nickname "The Phantom."

2. Ravi carried a nondescript bag that concealed a package comprising: 2 kilograms of high-grade heroin, destined for distribution across the city's underground market. Ravi wasn't just a small-time drug peddler; he was deeply entangled in a larger criminal network known for drug trafficking, extortion, human trafficking, and a recent string of brutal child abductions. That night, Ravi wasn't just on a routine operation. He was there for a deal that could either make or break his standing within the syndicate—a deal that involved delivering crucial information on the location of trafficked children, who were due to be shipped overseas the following morning.

3. At 12:05 AM, just as the station's activities began to lull, Ravi received a message on his encrypted phone: "Deal's off. Too risky tonight. Lay low." Frustrated and desperate, Ravi realized that without the cash from this deal, he was not only broke but also at serious risk of retaliation from the cartel. Without the cash, he was stuck, unable to leave the city. His thoughts turned darker as he considered his options.

4. On the opposite end of the platform, under the dim flickering lights, a family of three sat huddled together on a worn wooden bench. The father, Ramesh Sharma, was a lean man in his late forties, with weathered skin and eyes that reflected a life of hardship.

His wife, Meera Sharma, held their ten-year-old daughter, Neha Sharma, close.

- They were waiting for the last train to their village, where they hoped to start a new life after a string of personal tragedies. As Ravi turned his gaze towards the family at the end of the platform, he noticed the young girl, Neha, holding onto her mother's arm. A wicked idea crossed his mind. Instead of simply robbing the family, he decided to kidnap Neha and sell her to his trafficking contacts as a means to secure the money he needed. Ravi's plan was simple and quick: scare the parents, take the child, and flee.
- "Excuse me," Ravi said, his voice low and rough. "I need some help." The father looked wary, stepping protectively in front of his family. "What do you want?" Without warning, Ravi pulled out a concealed firearm, pointing it directly at Ramesh. "Hand over the money, or I take your daughter," he hissed. The father, terrified, handed over his wallet, but Ravi, not satisfied with the paltry sum, grabbed Neha and bolted towards the station exit.
- When Ramesh tried to save his daughter, Ravi lashed out, injuring Ramesh's arm and leaving him bleeding on the platform. Meera screamed for help, but the station was eerily quiet, and no one came to their aid. At 12:30 AM, a severely injured Ramesh managed to dial 112 and informed the police of the attack.
- The Rishi Bhriga Police Station immediately dispatched a team, led by SubInspector Saurabh Gosain and Constable Akhil Kumar, who arrived at the scene within 15 minutes. Ramesh, now weak from blood loss, described the assailant and the direction in which he had fled. Constable Akhil recognized the description as matching Ravi Singh, who had been on the police radar for months. S.I. Saurabh, already familiar with Ravi's extensive criminal record and his recent escape from custody, recognized the gravity of the situation.

• An informer tipped off S.I. Saurabh that Ravi was seen near an illegally operating liquor store. The officers quickly reached the spot and found Ravi hiding in a park adjacent to the store. Upon seeing the police, Ravi attempted to flee with Neha, dragging her along as he ran through narrow alleys and lanes.

5. At around 1:00 AM, the officers gave chase. Ravi, in a desperate attempt to escape, entered an old abandoned building, dragging Neha inside with him. The police followed closely, their footsteps echoing through the empty halls. Inside the building, Ravi had barricaded himself in a room, holding Neha hostage. S.I. Saurabh, knowing the risks, attempted to negotiate with Ravi. However, Ravi, cornered and desperate, threatened to kill Neha if the police didn't back off. At 1:30 AM, S.I. Saurabh, aware of Ravi's propensity for violence and understanding that time was running out, decided to take action. He ordered the team to breach the room. Ravi, seeing no escape, used Neha as a shield and fired a shot at the police. In the chaos, S.I. Saurabh returned fire, injuring Ravi, who then attempted to flee through a second-story window. Ravi jumped out of the window but miscalculated the height, sustaining a severe injury to his abdomen upon landing. The police apprehended him and rescued Neha, but the trauma inflicted on the child was profound.

6. At around 2:30 AM, Ravi was brought to Rishi Bhriaga Police Station and placed in a lockup. Head Constable (HC) Amit Rathore was on 'santri' duty, responsible for monitoring Ravi's condition.

7. Ravi, clutching his abdomen and complaining of severe pain, pleaded for medical attention. However, HC Amit, skeptical of Ravi's claims due to his past attempts at deception, ignored his cries. Later that night, two officers, including HC Amit, repeatedly interrogated Ravi in the lockup, using physical and psychological coercion in an attempt to extract more information about his criminal associates. Ravi, still in severe pain, was subjected to harsh treatment, with officers slapping him, shouting threats, and denying him food and water for hours. His cries for help were dismissed as another attempt at deception. Ravi's cries eventually fell silent. HC Amit, assuming Ravi had finally given up, remained in his post without further inspection.

8. At 5:00 AM, S.I. Saurabh, returning from a brief rest, approached the lockup to take Ravi for a medical check-up. Upon entering, he found Ravi unresponsive and cold. Despite immediate attempts to revive him, panic ensued as Saurabh checked for a pulse, only to find none. Medical assistance was called immediately, but it was too late. Ravi was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital.

9. The postmortem report revealed that Ravi had died from a ruptured appendix that had gone untreated, likely exacerbated by the injury sustained during his escape attempt. The report further indicated that timely medical intervention could have saved his life. In addition, bruises and signs of physical abuse on Ravi's body were noted, corroborating allegations of mistreatment while in custody.

10. This incident quickly garnered national attention, with media outlets and public forums accusing the police of negligence and brutality leading to Ravi's custodial death. Public protests erupted, demanding accountability and justice for the custodial death. Under mounting pressure from the public, and with suspicions of a cover-up by local authorities, the case was transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which was tasked with an impartial inquiry into the circumstances of Ravi's death and allegations of custodial torture. The Malibbi Police Commissioner suspended S.I.

Saurabh and HC Amit, and ordered a thorough investigation.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

11. In response to the public outcry and the findings of custodial torture, the Malibbi Police Commissioner terminated the officers involved and recommended the transfer of the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for an impartial probe. Following the CBI's preliminary investigation, a criminal case was instituted against S.I. Saurabh and HC Amit under Sections: 101 (Murder), 115 (Voluntarily causing hurt), 118 (Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons), 351 (Criminal intimidation), 330 (Voluntarily causing hurt to extort confession), and 3(5) (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Bharatham Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).

12. The Sessions Court conducted a speedy trial, during which evidence of custodial torture and the deliberate neglect of medical aid was presented. The Court found S.I.

Saurabh and HC Amit guilty of murder and torture, sentencing them to life imprisonment. Additionally, it was found that the officers had deliberately ignored the pleas for medical help, leading to Ravi Singh's death due to a ruptured appendix. Constable Akhil Kumar was acquitted due to insufficient evidence linking him directly to the acts of torture or neglect.

APPEALS:

13. S.I. Saurabh Gosain has appealed under Section 415(2) of the Bharatham Nagarik Surakhsha Sanhita, 2023, challenging his conviction and the life sentence awarded by the Sessions Court. He argues that there was no intent to cause Ravi Singh's death and that the injuries sustained were a result of lawful police action, not custodial abuse.

14. The State of Malibbi has also filed a Criminal Appeal under Section 419 of the BNSS, challenging the order of acquittal passed in favour of Constable Akhil Kumar. The appeal seeks to hold Akhil Kumar accountable for his role in ignoring Ravi Singh's medical condition and his failure to intervene during the custodial abuse.

15. The matter is now listed for final arguments before the Hon'ble High Court of Malibbi. The court will also examine whether the actions of the officers, especially in light of the evidence of custodial torture, amount to violations of constitutional rights under Article 21 (Right to Life) of the Bharatham Constitution.

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT (U/S173 of BNSS)

FIR No.: 789/2024

Date & Time of Reporting: 12 November 2024, 2:45 AM Police Station: Rishi Bhriaga

Police Station, Malibbi

District: South Malibbi

Complainant: Ramesh Sharma, S/o Ram Sharma, Age 48, R/o 234, Patel Nagar, Malibbi
1. Ravi Singh, S/o Unknown, Age 35, R/o Unknown, Malibbi

Date & Time of Occurrence: 11 November 2024, approx. 11:50 PM

Place of Occurrence: Nelson Mandela Memorial Railway Station, Platform 3, Malibbi

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1. Ravi Singh, S/o Unknown, Age 35, R/o Unknown, Malibbi

Date & Time of Occurrence: 11 November 2024, approx. 11:50 PM

Place of Occurrence: Nelson Mandela Memorial Railway Station, Platform 3, Malibbi

Brief Facts of the Case:

1. On 11 November 2024, at approximately 11:50 PM, the complainant, Ramesh Sharma, along with his wife Meera Sharma and their daughter Neha Sharma, were waiting at Platform 3 of the Nelson Mandela Memorial Railway Station for the last train to their village.
2. The accused, Ravi Singh, approached the complainant under the pretext of seeking help. He then brandished a firearm and demanded money. After receiving the money, the accused forcibly kidnapped the complainant's daughter, Neha Sharma, and fled the scene, injuring Ramesh Sharma in the process.
3. At 12:30 AM, the incident was reported to Rishi Bhriga Police Station. A team led by S.I. Saurabh Gosain and Constable Akhil Kumar was dispatched and arrived at the scene within 15 minutes. The accused was identified as Ravi Singh, a known criminal with a history of drug trafficking and violent crimes.
4. Following an informer's tip-off, the police located the accused near an illegally operating liquor store. The accused attempted to flee with the kidnapped child but was chased into an abandoned building, where he barricaded himself in a room with the child. After failed negotiations and under threat to the child's life, the police breached the room, resulting in a shootout where Ravi Singh was injured. He was apprehended after attempting to escape through a window, sustaining further injuries.
5. Ravi Singh was brought to Rishi Bhriga Police Station at 2:30 AM and placed in lockup. Despite his complaints of severe pain, no immediate medical attention was provided by Head Constable Amit Rathore. At 5:00 AM, Ravi Singh was found unresponsive in the lockup and was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital. The postmortem revealed that the cause of death was a ruptured appendix, exacerbated by earlier injuries, which could have been treated if timely medical care was provided.

Offenses:

BNS Sections: 137 (Kidnapping), 140 (Kidnapping for ransom), 308 (Extortion), 109 (Attempt to murder), 309(6) (Voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery), 127 (Wrongful confinement), 105 (Culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 3(5) (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention)

NDPS Act: Sections 21, 22 (Possession and trafficking of narcotic drugs) Further Action:

Detailed investigation into the custodial death and circumstances of the kidnapping. Statements of witnesses and involved police officers to be recorded. Postmortem report and forensic analysis to be reviewed.

S/d
Ramesh Sharma Signature of Officer-in-Charge:
S.I. Saurabh Gosain, Rishi Bhriga Police Station

POSTMORTEM REPORT

Report No.: PM/2024/11/RS789

Date of Examination: 11 November 2024 Time of Examination: 8:00 AM

Conducted By: Dr. Anil Kapoor, Senior Forensic Expert, MIMS, Malibbi Place of Examination: MIMS Mortuary, Malibbi Deceased Information

: Name : Ravi Singh

Age: Approx. 35 years Gender: Male

Address: Unknown (as per police records, no fixed address)

Case Referred By: Rishi Bhriga Police Station

Circumstances of Death: The deceased was apprehended by police following a shootout after an attempted kidnapping and was subsequently placed in custody at Rishi Bhriga Police Station. The deceased complained of severe abdominal pain while in custody, but no medical attention was provided. He was later found unresponsive in his cell and declared dead upon arrival at the hospital.

External Examination: General Appearance:

The body is of a male, approximately 35 years old, measuring about 5 feet 9 inches in height, with a lean build.

The body is clothed in a blood-stained shirt and trousers. Rigor mortis is fully established, and livor mortis is observed on the back, indicating death occurred several hours before the examination.

The deceased appears to be in a state of poor nutrition, with visible signs of physical distress.
Injuries:

Gunshot Wound: A single gunshot wound is observed on the upper left thigh. The entry wound measures approximately 1 cm in diameter, with slight bruising around the edges, consistent with a close-range firearm injury. No exit wound is noted. The bullet is lodged in the femur bone, causing a fracture.

Abrasions and Lacerations: Multiple abrasions and lacerations are observed on the arms and legs, consistent with a fall or rough handling. A significant laceration on the abdomen suggests impact trauma, possibly from a fall from a height.

Contusions: Bruising is present on the right side of the abdomen, indicative of blunt force trauma. This may have contributed to the ruptured appendix.

Internal Examination:

Cranium and Nervous System:

No evidence of skull fractures or intracranial hemorrhage.

Brain tissue appears normal, with no signs of edema or trauma.

Thoracic Cavity:

Lungs are congested, with signs of early-stage pulmonary edema.

The heart shows no significant abnormalities, and the coronary arteries are patent.

Abdominal Cavity:

The appendix is found ruptured, with signs of peritonitis (inflammation of the abdominal lining).

The rupture appears to have occurred approximately 12 to 18 hours before death.

There is significant fluid accumulation in the abdominal cavity, indicative of septic shock.

The liver is slightly enlarged, likely due to systemic infection.

Musculoskeletal System:

The femur bone in the left leg is fractured at the site of the gunshot wound. Multiple bruises on the ribs and pelvis suggest physical impact, likely from the fall described in the police report.

Toxicology:

Samples of blood, urine, and stomach contents were taken for toxicological analysis. Preliminary results show no evidence of alcohol, narcotics, or common poisons.

Cause of Death:

The primary cause of death is determined to be septic shock resulting from a ruptured appendix. The peritonitis caused by the ruptured appendix led to systemic infection, which was exacerbated by the physical trauma sustained during the escape attempt. The gunshot wound and subsequent fracture, while serious, were not immediately life-threatening. However, the lack of timely medical intervention for the ruptured appendix directly contributed to the death.

Conclusion:

This postmortem report concludes that Ravi Singh died due to complications from a ruptured appendix, aggravated by physical injuries sustained during police pursuit. The death was preventable had there been timely medical attention.

S/d

Dr. Anil Kapoor. (Senior Forensic Expert, AIIMS, Malibbi)

Statement of Sub-Inspector Saurabh Gosain:

On the night of 11 November 2024, I received a complaint reporting the abduction of a minor, Neha Sharma, from the Nelson Mandela Memorial Railway Station. My team and I immediately responded, and with the help of an informer, located the suspect, Ravi Singh, a notorious criminal, near an illegally operating liquor store. Upon seeing us, Ravi attempted to flee, dragging the child with him. We pursued him to an abandoned building, where he barricaded himself in a room, holding the girl hostage.

Understanding the critical nature of the situation and Ravi's violent history, I attempted to negotiate, but he refused to release the child and threatened her life. Fearing for the child's safety, I ordered a breach of the room. During the confrontation, Ravi used the child as a shield and fired at

us. In the ensuing chaos, I returned fire, injuring Ravi. He then attempted to escape through a window, resulting in a severe abdominal injury. Ravi was apprehended and brought to the Rishi Bhriga Police Station, where he was placed in custody. Despite his injury, medical attention was not sought immediately, which led to his unfortunate death due to a ruptured appendix. I deeply regret the loss of life and await the results of the ongoing investigation.

SEARCH CUM SEIZURE MEMO

1. Case No. & Section: Crime No. 889/2024 under Sections 302, 364A, 397 BNS
2. Date and Time: 12.11.2024 at 1:45 PM
3. Place of Recovery: Abandoned building near Rishi Bhriga Railway Station
4. Name of Accused: Ravi Singh
5. Name of Independent Witness: None present (due to the exigency of the situation)
6. Description of Articles/Documents Seized:
 - One loaded 9mm handgun with one spent cartridge.
 - A nondescript black bag containing 2 kilograms of high-grade heroin.
 - A small, broken mobile phone with an encrypted messaging app open.
 - A blood-stained handkerchief, presumed to belong to the victim, Neha Sharma.

Narrative of the Seizure:

On 12.11.2024, at approximately 1:45 PM, the undersigned, along with a team of officers from Rishi Bhriga Police Station, entered an abandoned building near Rishi Bhriga Railway Station in pursuit of the accused, Ravi Singh. Upon entering the premises, we found the accused barricaded inside a room, holding a minor hostage. Following a brief exchange of gunfire, the accused was incapacitated, and the minor was rescued.

During the search of the room, they were recovered in the immediate vicinity of the accused. The seized items were collected, properly labelled, and transported to the forensic laboratory for further analysis.

Sd/-

Sub-Inspector Saurabh Gosain.

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT (U/S 173 of BNSS)

FIR No.: 790/2024

Date & Time of Reporting: 12 November 2024, 5:15 AM Police Station: Rishi Bhriga Police Station, Malibbi District: South Malibbi

Complainant: Sangeeta Singh, W/o Late Ravi Singh, Age 33, R/o Unknown, Malibbi Accused:

1. S.I. Saurabh Gosain, Age 42, R/o 45B, Subhash Nagar, Malibbi
 2. Head Constable Amit Rathore, Age 38, R/o 19C, Lashmi Garh, Malibbi
- Date & Time of Occurrence: 12 November 2024, approx. 2:30 AM

Place of Occurrence: Rishi Bhriga Police Station, Malibbi Brief Facts of the Case:

1. On 11 November 2024, at approximately 2:30 AM, the complainant's husband, Ravi Singh, was brought to Rishi Bhriga Police Station following his apprehension by the police after a shootout at an abandoned building. Ravi Singh was injured during the encounter, and despite repeated complaints of severe abdominal pain, no immediate medical attention was provided.
2. At the time of his detention in the lockup, Ravi Singh was under the care of Head Constable Amit Rathore, who was on 'santri' duty. Ravi Singh pleaded for medical help, citing unbearable pain, but his requests were ignored.
3. Between 2:30 AM and 5:00 AM, Ravi Singh's condition worsened. Despite evident signs of distress, no efforts were made by Head Constable Amit Rathore or any other police personnel to seek medical assistance.
4. At 5:00 AM, when S.I. Saurabh Gosain returned to the police station after a brief rest, he found Ravi Singh unresponsive in the lockup. An emergency medical team was called, but upon their arrival, Ravi Singh was declared dead. The postmortem report later revealed that Ravi Singh had died from a ruptured appendix, which, if treated promptly, could have been prevented.
5. The actions of the accused officers, specifically their failure to provide timely medical care, are alleged to have directly led to the death of Ravi Singh, amounting to gross negligence and criminal misconduct while in police custody.

Offenses:

BNS Sections: 101 (Murder), 115 (Voluntarily causing hurt), 106 (Causing death by negligence), 127 (Wrongful confinement), 3(5) (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) Further Action:

Investigation into custodial death: An independent inquiry into the circumstances surrounding Ravi Singh's death to determine the extent of negligence and misconduct by the accused officers.

Collection of Evidence: Witness statements, surveillance footage from the police station, and forensic analysis of the lockup area to be reviewed.

Disciplinary Action: Recommendations for suspension and legal action against the officers involved in the case.

S/d

Complainant: Sangeeta Singh

S/d

Officer-in-Charge: S.H.O. Arvind Sharma, Rishi Bhriga Police Station Inquest Report u/s 196 BNSS

1. Date, Time, and Place of Intimation:

Date: 12th November 2024 o Time: 5:10 AM Place: Rishi Bhriga Police Station, South Malibbi

2. Substance of the Information Received:

Information was received from Sub-Inspector Saurabh Gosain that an accused named Ravi Singh had died under suspicious circumstances while in police custody. He had been complaining of severe abdominal pain, but no medical attention was provided. His condition deteriorated, and he was found unresponsive in his cell at around 5:00 AM. The death was reported to the Executive Magistrate for further inquiry as required under Section 196(4) BNSS.

3. Place Where the Body Was Found:

The deceased's body was found inside a lockup cell at Rishi Bhriga Police Station, South Malibbi.

4. Inquest:

Commenced at: 6:00 AM on 12th November 2024 o Closed at: 8:30 AM on 12th November 2024

5. Dead Body Identified By:

Name: Head Constable Amit Rathore

Relationship: Police Officer on duty during the time of death

Name: Constable Akhil Kumar

Relationship: Accompanying officer who was part of the team during the apprehension of the deceased.

1. Marks of Identification:

- A scar approximately 2 cm long on the right forearm.
- A mole on the left cheek near the ear.

2. Name, Parentage, Sex, Age, Caste, and Residence of the Deceased:

- Name: Ravi Singh o Parentage: Unknown
- Sex: Male o Age: 35 years (approx.)
- Caste: Not determined o Residence: No fixed address, Malibbi.

3. Relatives Present at the Inquest:

Name: Sangeeta Singh Relationship: Wife of the deceased, Ravi Singh.

4. Names and Particulars of Witnesses:

- Witness 1: Mr. Ramesh Sharma, S/o Ram Sharma, Resident of 234, Patel Nagar, Malibbi
- Witness 2: Mr. Suresh Mehta, Local shopkeeper, Resident of 45, Rishi Bhriga, Malibbi

5. Description of the Corpse:

- Position and Attitude of the Body: The body was found lying on its back in a supine position, with the arms positioned at the sides.
- Number, Position, Length, Breadth, and Direction of Wounds:
 - A gunshot wound on the upper left thigh, approximately 1 cm in diameter, with no exit wound.
 - Multiple abrasions on the arms and legs, suggesting a fall or rough handling.
 - A laceration on the abdomen, approximately 3 cm in length, likely caused by impact trauma.
- Nature of Wounds:
 - The gunshot wound was incised, while the other wounds were lacerated and bruised.
- Signs of Ligature Marks: None observed.
- Signs of Inflammatory Reaction: Swelling observed around the abdominal area.
- Expression of the Countenance: The face appeared tense, indicating distress before death.

- Position of Limbs, Eyes, and Mouth:
- Limbs were relaxed, eyes were closed, and the mouth was slightly open.
- Presence of Blood, Saliva, Froth, Vomit, Semen, Swabs: Dried blood was present on the clothes around the thigh wound.
- Condition of Clothes/Ornaments: The deceased was clothed in a bloodstained shirt and trousers, with no ornaments.

6. Nourishment of the Body:

The body appeared emaciated and weak, indicating poor nutrition.

7. Surroundings at the Scene:

- Marks of Violence or Struggle: None observed in the lockup.
- Articles: No ropes, weapons, or suspicious items were found.
- Suicide Note: None found. o Foreign Matters: None observed in the hair or hands of the deceased.
- Circumstances of Suicide or Foul Play: The locked and secure nature of the cell and the absence of any means to self-inflict the injuries suggest no suicide. Foul play, however, cannot be ruled out.

8. Number and Names of Witnesses Examined:

- Witness 1: Mr. Ramesh Sharma (as mentioned above)
- Witness 2: Mr. Suresh Mehta (as mentioned above)

9. Opinion of the Magistrate: o Based on the inspection of the scene, the condition of the body, and the statements of the witnesses, the death appears to have resulted from a lack of timely medical attention to a ruptured appendix, aggravated by physical injuries sustained during the arrest. The injuries and the absence of medical care constitute gross negligence, contributing to the death.

10. Manner of Injuries: o The gunshot wound appears to have been caused by a closerange firearm. The laceration and bruises suggest a fall from a height or impact trauma, consistent with the escape attempt.

11. Sketch Plan and Photograph: o A sketch plan of the lockup cell and the surrounding area was prepared. Photographs were taken of the body and the scene.

12. Inquest Held in Addition to Police Investigation: o The inquest was held in addition to the ongoing police investigation under Sections 174/175 BNSS.

13. Grounds for Suspecting Foul Play: o The failure to provide timely medical care and the injuries sustained during police custody provide grounds for suspecting foul play, though further investigation is required to determine intent or malice.

14. Custodial Death: o Yes, the death occurred in police custody.

15. Proposed Action: o Based on the findings, the Magistrate recommends a detailed inquiry into the conduct of the police officers involved, particularly regarding the negligence in providing medical care. Disciplinary action and potential criminal charges should be considered.

S/d.

Signatures of the Persons Present: Witness 1: Ramesh Sharma Witness 2: Suresh Mehta S/d

Magistrate. (Copy to: Executive Magistrate.)

LEGAL ISSUES:

1. Whether the failure to provide timely medical attention to Ravi Singh constitutes a violation of his rights under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Whether the failure to provide medical care was solely attributable to S.I. Saurabh Gosain, or whether it was a systemic issue within the police force?

2. Whether the Sessions Court erred in convicting S.I. Saurabh Gosain under Section 106 BNS for culpable homicide not amounting to murder, based on the evidence presented? Whether the failure to provide timely medical treatment to Ravi Singh, which allegedly led to his death, constitutes the requisite mens rea for culpable homicide.

3. Whether the actions of S.I. Saurabh and the police team during the apprehension of Ravi Singh constituted excessive force or police brutality.

4. Whether the state can be held vicariously liable for the actions of its police officers leading to Ravi Singh's death, considering the principles of sovereign immunity.

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