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## APROPOS THE CHALLENGE

Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) New Law College, Pune takes immense pride to organize the first of its kind competition for law students in India, The Hour of Disaster Challenge on International Law & Human Rights. The Format of the competition is based on yet another famous and innovative competition The Day of Crisis.

The Day of Crisis competition was founded by Professor Jean-Marc Thouvenin in 2012. It is a unique competition, centred on Public International law and diplomacy, where a major international crisis is simulated, and participants are asked to deal with the events unfolding over the course of several hours.

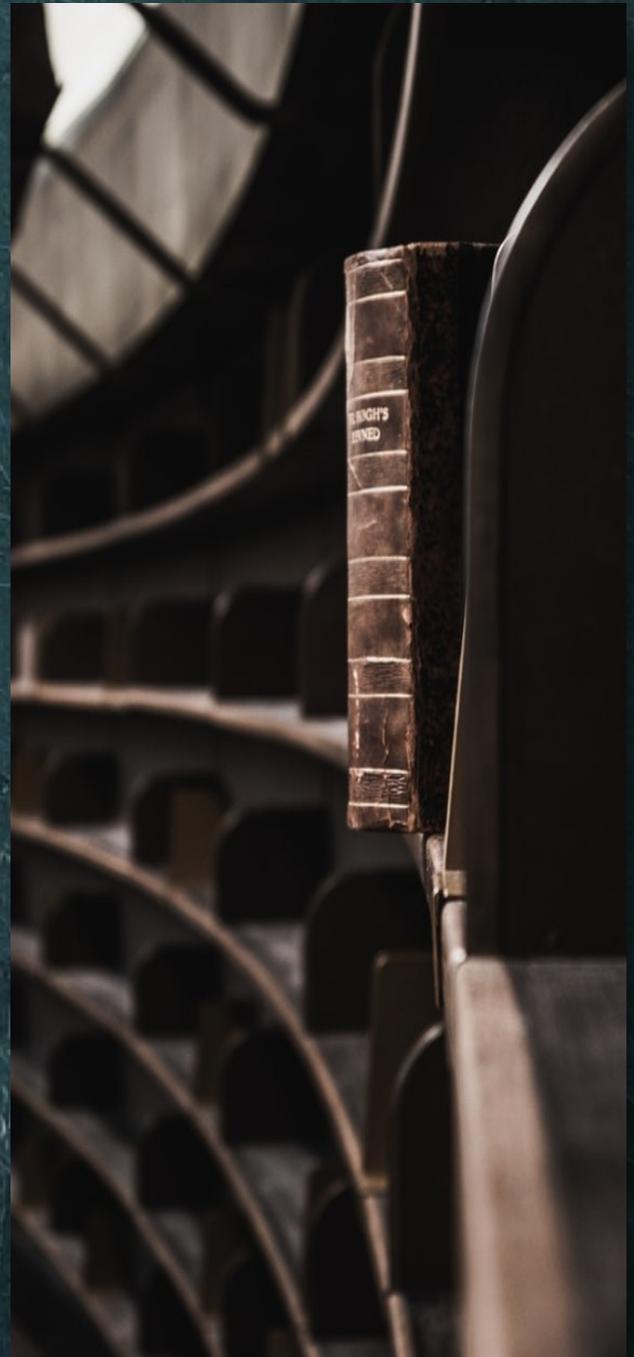
However due to the paucity of time and other constraints, the format of the competition has slightly been customized to better suit the existing framework.

We feel privileged and extremely honoured to provide the law students the unique opportunity in which their legal acumen, diplomacy and negotiation skills of will really put to test.

We expect a great deal of research, debate and magic negotiations those will win our hearts & extend our best wishes to all the participants.

- Dr. Bhagyashree Deshpande

I/C Principal



# THE RULES & REGULATIONS

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## PREAMBLE

- ⇒ **Pursuing** our mission to spread fragrance of law and to ensure real taste of justice to the masses;
- ⇒ **Chasing** our goal of dissemination of the knowledge of the laws and professional expertise in the process of law;
- ⇒ **Shaping** the destiny of the students of law towards the making of good lawyers who are alive to the role that law plays in the social, political and economic advancements;
- ⇒ **Making** the students to uphold the dignity of human being;
- ⇒ **Encouraging** to foster respect for international treaty, obligations and promoting international mutual understanding;
- ⇒ **Rejoicing and spreading** the culture of human rights across the global setting by this Competition;
- ⇒ **ADOPTS** the following Official Rules & Regulations of the Competition by resolution of Members of the Organizing Committee:

### NAME OF THE COMPETITION:

THE HOUR OF DISASTER CHALLENGE - on International Law & Human Rights, 2020

### ORGANIZERS:

BHARATI VIDYAPEETH DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY, NEW LAW COLLEGE, PUNE (BVDU NLC), Re-accredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC.

### VENUE:

Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, New Law College, Bharati Vidyapeeth Educational Complex, Erandawane, Paud Road, Pune, Maharashtra India-411038.

### DATE:

22ND March, 2020

### SUBJECT MATTER:

Hypothetical problem.

### ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION:

- ⇒ All law Schools those which are participating in the 10th Justice P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition on Human Rights are eligible to participate in the present competition.
- ⇒ The last date for registration will be **15TH FEBRUARY, 2020**.

# THE RULES & REGULATIONS

## RULES OF PARTICIPATION:

- ⇒ The number of participant teams from India **shall be limited to 20 including international teams**. The preference to teams shall be given in order of their registration. The Organizing Committee will have the sole and absolute discretion to short list the participants. The decision of Organizing Committee will be final and binding on all concerned.
- ⇒ **The Teams those will qualify for the Semi-Final Round of 10th Justice P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition shall not be eligible to participate in the present Competition.** The Competition shall be open only to those teams who could not qualify for the further rounds of the 10th Justice P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition.
- ⇒ The participation in The Hour of Disaster Challenge remains optional and not compulsory for the teams. However, the teams which have not registered for the present competition within stipulated time, shall not be allowed to participate in the competition later.
- ⇒ The short listed teams will be required to **re-confirm their participation** and their acceptance of being bound by the rules of the competition within the time stipulated by the Organizing Committee.

## TEAM COMPOSITION

- ⇒ Each team shall comprise of **minimum 2 and maximum 3 participants**.
- ⇒ Out of these three participants , one shall assume the role of an **Agent, one Ambassador, & the other remaining participant shall assume the role of Minister of External Affairs** of the designated country highlighted in the disaster case.
- ⇒ The team shall send their particulars to the organizers by the dates to be decided by the administrators.
- ⇒ The teams shall additionally send their particulars by email to the organizers.

## REGISTRATION FEES

There is **NO REGISTRATION FEES** .

## LANGUAGE

The competition shall be conducted strictly in **English**.

## COMPETITION ROUNDS:

- ⇒ There shall be one (1) Preliminary Rounds of debate & negotiations per team, one from each side. (There shall be **no** Quarters/Semi-Finals).
- ⇒ **Final Round**

# THE RULES & REGULATIONS

## WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS:

- ⇒ There shall be **no written submissions of any kind** as this year's edition shall be paperless.
- ⇒ However, if the participating teams wish to submit some written statements or any written material, they remain at liberty to do so.
- ⇒ The mere submission of written material of any form shall not affect the judgment of the Evaluators in any way.

## SCORING FOR ORAL SUBMISSIONS:

- ⇒ Each Team will be marked on a total of 100 marks per Evaluator in each round aggregating to 200 marks.
- ⇒ The marking criteria for oral submissions shall be as provided herein under.
- ⇒ The team score is applicable only till preliminary rounds and top 2 teams will be selected for the final round on the basis of total score.
- ⇒ The teams shall qualify into the Final Round solely on the basis of their total team score obtained in the preliminary rounds; which means that two teams from same room may also qualify for the Final Round.
- ⇒ Each team shall get a total of **20 minutes** to present their side during the preliminary rounds. The time to present their side during the **final round will be 30 minutes.**

Sr. No.	Criteria	Marks
1	Problem Analysis & Advice	20
2	Communication & Information Sharing	20
3	Relationship Building	10
4	Team Work	10
5	Commitment & Settlement Sought	20
6	Professional Conduct	15
7	Time Management	05
8	Total	100

- ⇒ In case of a tie in the total score of the respective teams, the total score obtained by the Team in the criterion 1,2, and 5 shall be used for tie-breaking for both the Preliminary & the Final Round.

# THE RULES & REGULATIONS

## PANEL OF EVALUATORS

- ⇒ Evaluators for the competition will be selected by the Organizing Committee.
- ⇒ The decision of Evaluators shall be final and binding.
- ⇒ In no event or circumstances, the Teams shall approach the Evaluators during the competition for any reasons whatsoever. The Organizing Committee may, at its discretion, disqualify the Teams approaching Evaluators with immediate effect. Also, no such request made by any team shall be entertained by the Organizing Committee in this regard.
- ⇒ Any request for review/ feedback by the Evaluators after the competition is over, shall be monitored by the Organizing Committee, after obtaining the due consent from the respective Evaluator or Evaluators. The Organizing Committee is not bound, on compulsory basis, to entertain any such request.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- ⇒ All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- ⇒ The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- ⇒ The dress code for the Participants shall be **Advocate's attire**.
- ⇒ The researcher is not allowed to argue in the Court room. However, he/she can pass on the hand written notes to the Speakers.

## PRIZES

The organizers will award the following prizes:

Winners	— Cash Prize of Rs. 7,000/- INR and a winning trophy.
Runner Up	— Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000/- INR and a runner-up trophy.
Second Runner Up	— Cash Prize of Rs. 3,000/- INR and a second runner-up trophy.

**Any clarifications for the competition can be sought from:**

**Dr. Aman Mishra**

Faculty Convenor

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# THE GENESIS OF DISASTER

## THE AIR-LINER CASE

Iran is one of the country so rich in the oil that it absolutely controls the major portion of the oil export all over the world. The United States of America is another developed country having major interests in the Oil industry of the Middle East and has laid down multiple plans for the expansion of its overall business. However, the Iranian Government protested against the aggressive US policies in the Middle East and Started criticizing the US Government on many political and economical fronts. This has led to serious repercussions to the relationship of the two country.

On January 12, 2019, the Iranian Government issued a public statement to the international media stating that the State of Iran is at war with the United States of America and thus, all communications are suspended, all routes, air, sea or road are blocked until further notice. On January 14, 2019, the US Military Forces courtesy their air base in Iraq has reportedly killed the Chief of the Iranian Military staff Mr. Husain Kadami.

The Iranian President, Al Bukhari issued a press release the next day stating that the State of Iran would surely retaliate to the American Attack on its Army Chief.

UKR Boing –850 which was registered under the laws of Ukraine, took off from the Crimea Airport on January 15, 2019 destined to reach Tehran, the Capital of Iran. However, as soon as the airplane reached the domestic airspace of Iran, the Iranian Air Force shot down the airliner which resulted in the gruesome death of 380 people on board including crew members.

On January 16, 2019, the Iranian Air Force issued a statement to the international media that the bringing down of the airliner was purely accidental in nature and it was indeed an ‘unforgivable human error beyond redemption’. However, the Government of Iran would surely provide financial aid to the Ukraine to remedy the unfortunate event.

In its response, the Ukrainian President has issued a statement that it would refer the case to the International Court of Justice, Hague, the Netherlands.

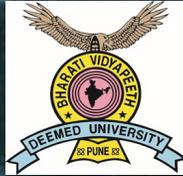
The UN Secretariat, who was following the events advised the parties to kindly convene an urgent meeting in the UN Headquarters before exhausting the judicial remedies and resolve the issues bilaterally through negotiations. Both the parties agreed to the proposition of the UN and decided to meet on 22nd March, 2020. However, instead of UN Headquarters, the parties decided to meet in Pune, India, a place convenient to both sides.

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## THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

<b>Dr. Bhagyashree Deshpande</b>	<b>– Chairperson</b>
<b>Dr. Aman Mishra</b>	<b>– Faculty Convenor</b>
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