



Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune

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24 April 1987 by the Government of India)

Lokmanya Tilak Law College, Pune.
Organizes

LOKMANYA TILAK FIFTH STATE LEVEL

MOOT COURT COMPETITION

ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2019

Venue:

Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth's,
Law College, 6th Floor
Mukundnagar, Gultekdi, Pune 411 037

Date:

To,

The Principal,

Subject- Invitation for the Fifth State Level Moot Court Competition organized by TMV's
Lokmanya Tilak Law College, Pune- 411037 on 23rd Feb 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings to you,

It gives us immense pleasure in inviting your esteemed Institution to participate in the Fifth State Level Moot Court Competition organized by our college on 23rd February 2019. This event will provide a platform for the students of law to inculcate the skills of Research, Drafting and Pleading and to augment the skills of public lawyering. It also helps the students with the attributes of an effective and successful professional lawyer.

We solicit your co-operation and response and look forward to an opportunity to welcome your team into the portals of our institution on 23rd February 2019 at 9 a.m.

The Moot problem, the Rules of the competition and the Registration form are enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

- **About Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth**

Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth (TMV) established in 1921 is recognized by UGC as the “Deemed to be University” since 1987. We offer programmes in multiple disciplines such as Ayurveda, Sanskrit, Social Sciences, Modern Sciences & Professional Skills Management, Health Sciences, Law and Distance Education.

- **About Lokmanya Tilak Law College**

The Institution was established in 2012 as an endeavor to realize Lokmanya Tilak’s dream of National Education and thus for providing equal opportunities for the development of human potentials of every segment of society including the differentiated one. It aims to nurture finest legal professionals catering to the requirements of this era of globalization and to chisel out raw teenagers into matured professionals. The Institution aims at not only professionalism but also ethical values and social responsibility and hence the curriculum is designed to transcend the boundaries of academics to be relevant to the changing corporate and social requirements. We have an integrated curriculum broadening the objectives of legal education and goals of professionalism.

TMV's Lokmanya Tilak Law College

MOOT PROBLEM

FACTS OF THE CASE:-

- Karimala Temple, the abode of Swami Devappa, is one of the most famous and visited temples in the State of Serela. It is administered and managed by Devappa Devasom Board (DDB).
- The temple is governed by the Serela Hindu Places of Public Worship (Authorization of Entry) Act 1965 which authorizes the temple administration to frame rules regarding the administration of the temple.
- Lord Rayyappa is believed to be an eternal celibate (Naishtik Bramhachari) and hence as per the custom, women of menstruating age are not allowed to visit the temple.
- Rule 3(b) of the Serela Hindu Places of Public Worship (Authorization of Entry) Rules 1965 authorizes the exclusion of women of menstruating age (10 yrs to 50 yrs) from visiting the temple.
- Aggrieved by the said rule, some public spirited citizens filed a Public Interest Litigation in the Serela High Court challenging the said rule as discriminatory and hence in violation of Articles 14, 15, 17 and 25. The Rayyappa Devasom Board contended that the priests have the final authority to decide upon these matters as it is a religious denomination and has rights to manage its own matters.
- The Serela High Court upheld the said rule and thus the exclusion of women from visiting the temple as constitutional and justified, as it was a long standing custom prevailing since time immemorial.
- Aggrieved by the High Court's decision, an appeal is preferred before the Apex court, where it is referred to the Constitution Bench to decide upon the crucial issue.
- The Appellants challenged Rule 3(b) as Violative of rights under Articles 14, 15, 17, 21 and 25 of the Constitution of India.

Issues:

- Whether Rule 3(b) of The Serela Hindu Places of Public Worship (Authorization of Entry) Rules which authorizes any religious denomination the exclusion of women violates Articles 14, 15 (3) of the Constitution of India.
- Whether exclusion of women at public places of worship is an essential practice of religion? Does it violate Articles 25 and 26?
- i) Whether the exclusionary practice based on biological factor regarding menstruation of women violates Articles 14, 15, 17 and 21?
ii) Whether it is protected by morality as used in Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India

Note:

- Argue before the Constitution Bench.
- All the Laws Applicable to State of Kerala are equally applicable to State of Serela.

Rules

- The Competition will commence on Saturday **23rd February 2019** at 10:00 a.m. Participants should report at the TMV's Lokmanya Tilak Law College at 9:00 a.m before the commencement of the competition.
- There will only be one round of the competition with one moot problem.
- Each college is required to send a team (Consisting of three Students) one for the Petitioner / Appellant, one for the Respondent and one Researcher. The names of the team members (bona-fide students) should be communicated in writing (i.e. in Registration Form given in Annexure I) by the Principal, **on or before 15th February 2019**. Registration Form (Scan Copy) should be emailed to tmvmoot2019@gmail.com
- The order of presentation will be on the basis of lots drawn at the time of commencement of the competition. The arguing team is not to reveal the name of their College either while arguing or on the written submission.
- There shall be the Following Prizes:-
 - I. The Best team securing the highest marks will be declared as the **Winner Team** and will be awarded a Trophy and Cash Prize.
 - II. The second topper team will be declared as the **Runner Up team** and will be awarded a Trophy and Cash Prize.
 - III. The **Best Student Advocate on behalf of Appellant** securing highest individual marks will be given a Memento and Cash Prize
 - IV. The **Best Student Advocate on behalf of Respondent** securing highest individual marks will be given a Memento and Cash Prize.
- All the participants will be given Certificate of Participation.
- Only the team which is arguing will be present in the Court, not the rest of teams. All the other participants will be seated at a place marked by the Coordinator of the Competition.
- Each participant has to argue for 10 minutes i.e. 8 minutes for argument and 2 minutes for each student to answer the queries asked by the Judges. Student participants are advised to come in proper attire.

- The participants must carry with them their photo Identity Card duly signed by the authorized Signatory / Principal / HOD.
- Necessary books and reports for reference must be brought by the Participants only.
- Argument shall be in English only.
- Each Participating Team shall submit two copies of the written submission. Two for the Petitioner and two for the Respondent i.e. four copies of the written submission on or before **15th February, 2019**.
- A nominal Registration Fee per team (Two Speakers and one Researcher) is INR 1000/- which is to be paid through online payment or cash.
- **Important Dates.**

Sr. No	Particulars	Dates
1	Moot Court	23rd February, 2019
2	Registration	On or before 15th February, 2019
3	Memorial Submission	On or before 15th February, 2019

- **Registration Fees for Moot court- 1000 INR.**
- **Scanned copy of the Registration Form to be mailed at tmvmoot2019@gmail.com**
- **Account Name and Details:**
 - Bank of Maharashtra, Mukund Nagar Branch, Pune – 37**
S.B.A/c No: 16840100006111
IFSC CODE: UCBA0001684
MICR No. : 411028012
 - ICICI Bank, Satara Road Branch, Pune – 411009**
S.B. A/c No. : 033701006425
IFSC CODE: ICIC0000337
MICR No. : 411229010

- **The marks will be assigned to each team in the manner shown below :**

Total Marks 100

Written Submission	20 Marks
Substance of Argument	40 Marks
Advocacy Skill	20 Marks
General Impression + Court Manners and behavior	20 Marks
Total Marks	100 Marks

- **Written Submission / Memorials must contain the following:**

Table of Contents

- i. Index of Authorities
- ii. Statement of Jurisdiction
- iii. Statement of Facts
- iv. Questions / Issues Presented
- v. Summary of Arguments
- vi. Prayer

- The Competition will take place at the Lokmanya Tilak Law College, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune.
- The decision of the Judges will be final in regard to the result of the competition and no complaints in this regard will be entertained.

- All communications regarding the competition is addressed to:

Dr. Annie John

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Lokmanya Tilak Law College, Pune-411037

Lokmanya Tilak Fifth State Level Moot Court Competition, 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of the College			
Address			
Contact No.			
E-Mail			
Name and Mobile number of the Speakers		Sign	
Appellant:			
Mobile No.			
Respondent:			
Mobile No.			
Researcher:			
Mobile No-			
Name of the Teacher (In-charge of Moot Court)			
Mobile No.			
Any Other Information			
Mode of Payment	Cash	Amount Rs. _____	
	Online Payment	Amount Rs. _____	
Payment Details	Reference Id		
	Date		

Signature