



HON'BLE JUSTICE CHALLA KONDAIAH MEMORIAL SIDDHARTHA 4th National Legal Fest - 2025

5th to 7th December 2025

(As a part of commemoration of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of
Siddhartha Academy of General & Technical Education, Vijayawada)



By

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PROLOGUE

Smt. VELAGAPUDI DURGAMBA SIDDHARTHA LAW COLLEGE, KANURU, was established as one of its key constituents by the Siddhartha Academy of General and Technical Education in the year 1987 to promote perennial excellence in the discipline of law to nurture and create the best legal human resource responsive to the changing needs of society. It is acclaimed as one of the renowned legal education institutions dedicated to imparting quality based and value driven legal education for nurturing and developing socially responsive and ethically compliant legal professionals. The college has consistent and credible track record in promoting quality based legal education blended with wisdom and accordingly stands as a beacon of excellence amongst the centres of legal learning and education.

The college was named after a renowned woman philanthropist late Smt. Velagapudi Durgamba, who is none other than the wife of one of the illustrious first-generation visionary Industrialists and an I C S., officer in Andhra late Sri Velagapudi Rama Krishna, the founder of the K C P group of industries. The college campus comprising in a total extent of 10, 674 square meters area is situated on the National Highway, proximate to the capital city of State of Andhra Pradesh. The



college is affiliated to Krishna University, Andhra Pradesh and further recognized by the U. G. C under section 2 (f) of the U.G. C Act, 1956 and endowed with permanent recognition from the Bar Council of India. It is also ISO certified for its quality, predictable, courteous and stake-holders friendly educational services. The college presently offers U. G, P. G and Ph.D., programmes in the discipline of law. The total strength of the college on rolls is 1100. The institution offers two streams of law course comprising 3 year LLB course after graduation with a total in-take of 180 students and five year B.A LLB integrated course with a total intake of 120 students after +2 and LL.M programme in two branches from the year 2022 onwards, viz., Constitutional and Administrative Law and Intellectual Property Rights and Cyber Laws courses with an intake of 20 students only in each branch. The college also offers Ph.D., programme in law as it has been recognized as an accredited research centre by Krishna University in the year 2024. The institution has also been equipped with a vibrant functional Legal Aid Clinic since 2005 to render free legal assistance to the poor and indigent and to generate awareness among the vulnerable and unaware sections of the society.

The college is endowed with finest human resource encompassing talented faculty members and other supportive staff aligning with all modern infrastructural facilities covering a well stocked and continuously updated library, moot court hall etc., creating an academic ambience in an ideal environment. Apart from all this, a constant and continuous endeavor is made to blend theory with practice so as enable students to apply their classroom learning to real life situations for enhancing their capacity building and further in helping them in realizing their paramount role as social engineers in



promoting, fostering and implementing the Constitutional values of equality, liberty, fraternity, human dignity and rule of law. Accordingly, the focus of the college has always been to give equal importance to academic and co-curricular activities and which include inter-alia: class room teaching, group teaching, moot court sessions, case studies, legal clinics, internships etc., to give varied and vast experience and exposure to our students to grasp and deduce different facets of law and the gap between the law on the text and the law in action.



A brief note on the
Hon'ble Justice Challa Kondaiah
4th Siddhartha National Legal Fest - 2025



With the backdrop and varied experience of organising Three National Legal Fests successfully thus far, the college has now proposed to organise the 4th Siddhartha National Legal Fest in fond and sacred memory of an outstanding legal luminary, jurist and former Chief Justice of High Court of Hyderabad Judicature for the combined State of Andhra Pradesh, Late Hon'ble Sri Justice Challa Kondaiah for

promoting his great legacy and ideals cherished by him during his life. In fact, Hon'ble Sri Justice Challa Kondaiah was a popular judge with humane approach and he was instrumental in promoting many progressive changes in the management and administration of charitable and endowment institutions in combined State of Andhra Pradesh and the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 was his brain child as it was enacted based on his recommendations. Sri Challa Rajendra Prasad, Executive Chairman, C C L Products (India) Ltd., has generously come forward to sponsor the Legal Fest in every year in sacred memory of his beloved father for promoting excellence in the discipline of law. Thus, henceforth the Hon'ble Sri Justice Challa Kondaiah Siddhartha National Legal Fest will be organized in every academic year in the month of December. This year fest is unique and remarkable for another reason as our parental organization, viz., the Siddhartha Academy of General and Technical Education, Vijayawada is celebrating its Golden Jubilee Celebrations and therefore, as part of commemoration of our parental organization the

event has been specially designed befitting the occasion.



The Legal Fest comprises Moot Court and Legal Quiz competitions. The Moot Court competition, a unique feature of the fest provides a platform for law students across India to hone their advocacy, argumentative and analytical skills by taking part in simulated court proceedings. Participants will present their arguments on a novel and complex legal problem of contemporary significance before a panel of judges, displaying their legal acumen, intellectual talents and advocacy skills in a court-room environment to train them as best legal professionals catering to the changing needs of the society. This event is designed to foster critical thinking and practical legal knowledge, offering students an invaluable opportunity to apply theoretical concepts in a court-room setting. During all the fests organised by us, there was tremendous response from the law schools and colleges across India as more than twenty teams have participated.

MOOT COURT PROPOSITION

The Parliament of Republic of Indica has passed the 130th Amendment Bill to its Constitution. The Bill was opposed tooth and nail by the entire opposition, but it was approved and passed with the support of the ruling party and its supporting parties and subsequently, it also received the Presidential assent followed by its publication in the Official Gazette of Indica and accordingly became a law. The new Constitutional Amendment provides inter-alia: for removal of Prime Minister, Chief Minister of a State, or any other Minister in the Central or a State government, if S/he is arrested and detained in custody on account of serious criminal offences carrying a punishment of five or more years. It further provided the grounds for the removal of a person holding a public office as stated here-in-below:



- **Grounds for Removal:** A Minister will be removed from office if: (i) S/he is accused of a serious offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years or more, and (ii) S/he has been arrested and detained in custody for 30 consecutive days.
- **Procedure for Removal:** A Minister in the Central Government will be removed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister. This advice is to be given upon the 31st consecutive day of the custody of the minister concerned. If the Prime Minister does not advise the President by this time, then the Minister shall cease to hold office from the day thereafter. The same provisions will also apply mutatis mutandis at the State level, with the Governor of the State acting on the advice of the Chief Minister.
- In the case of the Prime Minister, or a Chief Minister of a State, S/he must resign by the 31st consecutive day of custody. If S/he does not resign by this time, S/he shall cease to hold office from the day thereafter.
- **No bar on Re-appointment:** Prime Minister/Chief Minister/ a minister who is removed from office under these provisions shall be eligible for reappointment after being released from custody.

SOCIO-POLITICAL CENTRE - a renowned N.G.O- having credible track record of espousing public interest on a host of good Governance and Constitutional issues has filed a Public Interest Litigation in the Supreme Court of India, challenging this Amendment as ultra vires the Constitution contending among other things: that it strikes at the cardinal principle of the criminal administration of justice enunciating that “an accused shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty”, and it tends to affect adversely the Parliamentary system of Government and federal nature of the polity, given umpteen examples of partisan and arbitrarily exercise of authority by Central investigative agencies and

their vulnerability to political pressure and influence, rendering them highly prone to misuse and abuse by the political ruling dispensation, stifling the voice of dissent and plurality of values and diversity forming the very edifice of democratic polity and partisan toppling of opposition ruled states and all this might ultimately lead to negation of the core of Constitutional basic principles - more particularly, the flagrant flouting of Articles 14, 19, 21 and 50 of the India's Constitution, besides undermining the principles of natural justice. On the contrary, the Union of India impeached the "locus Standi" of the petitioner to file the P I L by contending among other things: that the law is imperative to address the increasing criminalization of politics leading to growing number of persons with criminal backdrop being elected as members of Parliament, legislators occupying high constitutional positions adversely affecting the quality of governance resulting in transgression of Constitutional morality. The Union further contended that a Minister with criminal background might influence the course of investigation process leading to miscarriage of justice and all this may eventually end up in the weakening of rule of law and gradual erosion of faith and trust of people in the very democratic process and therefore, vociferously argued that the Amendment would in fact strengthen the democratic process, apart from fostering core constitutional values.



Note: *The constitutional and legal provisions, the federal nature and system of Government of the Republic of India are in para materia with the Republic of India. The Moot court shall be assumed as the Supreme Court of India for all legal intents and purposes.*



Issues for determination and adjudication



- A) Whether the petitioner's organisation has locus standi to file the Public Interest Litigation ?
- B) Whether the impugned 130th Constitutional (Amendment) Act is in violation of the Basic structure of Republic of India's Constitution?
- C) Whether the impugned 130th Constitutional (Amendment) Act constitutes an unreasonable restriction on the Fundamental Rights of Citizens warranting its annulment?
- D) Whether the impugned 130th Constitutional (Amendment) Act strikes at the foundational principle of Criminal Jurisprudence enunciating "that an accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty"?
- E) Whether the implementation of the impugned 130th Constitutional (Amendment) Act results in the weakening of democratic process in the Republic of India warranting its setting aside?
- Note: Participants are at liberty to formulate any issue pertinent to material facts out of their ingenuity.**

MOOT COURT RULES

1. Memorial Submission Guidelines

A. FONT AND FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS:

- The body of the Memorial must be typed in Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing.
- The font size for footnotes, if any, must be no less than size 10.
- Each page must have a margin of at least one inch on all sides.
- The Memorial should not exceed 20 typed pages (excluding the Cover Page).

B. STRUCTURE OF THE MEMORIAL:

The Memorial shall consist of the following parts:



- I. Cover Page II. Table of Contents
- III. List of Abbreviations
- IV. Index of Authorities
- V. Statement of Jurisdiction
- VI. Statement of Facts
- VII. Issues Formulated
- VIII. Summary of Arguments
- IX. Arguments Advanced along with the supportive Precedents.
- X. Prayer in the court format only
- XI. The text must follow the Blue Book mode of citation (20th Edition).

C. SUBMISSION DETAILS:

- Each team must submit 02 copies of the Memorials for both Appellant/Petitioner and Respondent on or before 1/12/2025. The postal address is provided at the end of the brochure. Along with that, the participants are instructed to submit 4 Copies of the memorials for both sides at the time of desk registration.
- The name of the institution or the names of student participants must not appear anywhere in the Memorial, except the display of Code allotted to each team and which should be typed at the top right corner of the cover page.
- The Cover Page for the Petitioner should be in blue colour and for the Respondent in red colour. Use bond/chart paper for the cover page.
- Email soft copies of the Memorials in M S Word (.doc) and PDF formats to svdlegalfest@gmail.com by 1/12/2025 (23:59 hours IST) with the subject: "Memorial for S.V.D. Siddhartha Legal Fest [Team Code]" along with simultaneous despatch of 2 sets of hard copies to the College address either by post or courier.

D. COPYRIGHT AND OTHER DETAILS:

- The organizing college holds exclusive copyright over the memorials submitted by participating teams.

2. Rules Governing The Moot Court Competition



1. The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year) from B C I recognized Universities, including deemed to be universities and Law Colleges.
2. The team shall consist of 3 members (2 Mooters and 1 Researcher)
3. The competition shall be conducted in four rounds comprising Preliminary, Quarterfinal, Semi-final, and Final rounds.
4. In the Preliminary rounds, each team shall argue for both sides. Eight teams that achieve the highest marks in the Preliminary rounds shall become eligible to enter into the Quarterfinals. Quarterfinal, Semi-final, and Final rounds shall be held on a Knock-Out basis.
5. In the Preliminary rounds, each team shall get 30 minutes (including for rebuttals). The two Mooters can adjust the time between them, but no Mooter shall argue for more than 20 minutes.
6. In the Quarterfinal and Semi-final rounds, each team shall get 30 minutes for arguments and 2 minutes for rebuttals.
7. In the Final round, each team shall get 40 minutes and 5 minutes for rebuttals.
8. Memorials are evaluated separately. Memorials for each side shall carry 100 marks. Each Memorial is valued for 100 marks.
9. Basis of Evaluation of Marks for Memorials.
 - Cause Title Form and Index: 10
 - Jurisdiction of the Court: 10
 - Linking of Pertinent Law to Facts and Precedents, Analysis, and Drawing of Inferences and Conclusions: 35
 - Relief/s Prayed For: 20
 - Format and Citation: 10
 - Quality of Language: 10
 - Adherence to the Guidelines: 5



10. Oral arguments shall generally be confined to the Memorials but not mandatory always.
11. Oral arguments for each side (i.e., for Petitioner and Respondent) shall carry 50 marks. Each Mooter's argument shall be valued for 25 marks.
12. Basis of Evaluation of Marks for Oral Arguments:
 - Addressing the Court, Gait and Gesture, Tone and Tenor, Voice Modulation, Time Management and Court Etiquette: 5
 - Formulation of Issues, Linking Facts with Applicable Law, Binding Precedents, Drawing of Inferences and Conclusions, Depth of Knowledge, and Command Over Language: 25
 - Novelty, Clarity, ingenuity, Brevity, reasonability of Arguments: 5
 - Answering to the queries of Judges: 10
 - Rebuttals: 5

QUIZ RULES

1. The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year) from B C I recognized Universities and Law Colleges.
2. **Teams and Participants:**
 - Each team must consist of exactly two participants.
3. **Quiz master:**
 - The Quiz master will preside over the quiz, ask questions, manage the quiz flow, and resolve any disputes by acting as the apex adjudicator.
 - The Quiz master's decisions are final on all matters, including questions, answers, and disputes.
4. **Question Format:**

Questions will encompass a range of legal topics, including:

 - General legal principles and concepts
 - Specific Acts and statutes
 - Notable case laws and Landmark Audio-video visuals, contemporary legal topics, recent developments and emerging areas of law.



- The quiz will be conducted in both clockwise and anti-clockwise direction in each round.

5. Answering Questions:

- Answers must be given verbally by one of the team members.
- If a team answers incorrectly, then the same question will be put to the next team as per the order of seating allocated.

6. Scoring:

- Correct answers will earn points as determined by the Quiz master.
- Incorrect answers carry a negative mark of one.
- The Scorer will announce scores after completing each round of clock and anti-clock wise direction

7. Timing:

- Each round and question will be timed as specified by the quiz master.

8. Disputes and Challenges:

- Disputes or challenges regarding questions or answers must be raised immediately after the relevant question or round.
- The Quiz master will review and resolve disputes, and his/her decision is final and binding.

9. Behaviour:

- Teams are expected to conduct themselves with respect and courtesy throughout the quiz competition.
- Cheating, such as using unauthorized materials or any electronic device, will result in disqualification.
- Disruptive behaviour may lead to penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the quizmaster.

10. Breaks:

- Scheduled breaks will be announced by the quiz master at his/her absolute discretion. Teams may use these breaks for refreshments and discussion.

11. Winning:

- The team with the highest score at the end of the quiz will be declared the winner.
- In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker round will be conducted as decided by the quiz master.



PRIZES

1. The Winning Team of Moot Court Competition shall be awarded a Trophy, a Cash Prize of **Rs. 30,000/-** and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.
2. The Runner-Up Team of Moot Court Competition shall be awarded a Trophy, a Cash Prize of **Rs. 20,000/-** and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.
3. The Best Memorial shall be awarded a Trophy, a Cash Prize of **Rs. 10,000/-** and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.
4. The Best Mooter shall be awarded a Trophy, a Cash Prize of **Rs. 10,000/-** and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit. The Best Mooter shall be evaluated based on performance in the preliminary rounds.
5. The Winner of the Research Test shall be awarded a Trophy, a Cash Prize of **Rs. 10,000/-** and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit.
6. All the members of the teams that become eligible for Quarter finals and Semi-finals shall be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit. All members of the other participating teams shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation.
7. The Winners of the Quiz shall be awarded a Trophy, a Cash Prize of **Rs. 15,000/-** and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit, while the Runners-up shall be awarded a Trophy, a Cash Prize of **Rs. 10,000/-** and a Certificate of Appreciation of Merit. All members of the other participating teams shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation.

STEPS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR REGISTRATION



1. REGISTRATION PROCESS

Teams from each participating institution are required to fill in the online registration form available at: <https://forms.gle/ZyqChpWfuhb41EQv9>

2. REGISTRATION FEES:

The registration fee for each participating team of 3 students is applicable for participation in the Moot Court, Quiz, or both events.

Regular Registration:

- With Accommodation: **Rs. 1500/-**
- Without Accommodation: **Rs. 1000/-**

Early Bird Registration:

- With Accommodation: **Rs. 1000/-**
- Without Accommodation: **Rs. 500/-**

Payment Details:

The registration fee can be paid only through online RTGS/NEFT to the account details provided below:

Account Holder Name: Prof. (Dr.) Ch. Divakar Babu, Principal, S.V.D. Siddhartha Law College

Account Number: **33672200002400**

Bank Name: Canara Bank

Branch: VRSEC Branch, Kanuru, Vijayawada-520007

IFSC Code: CNRB0013367

3. The Participants are required to send their itinerary schedule and accommodation requirement at least 10 days before the commencement of the competition by all means through svdlegalfest@gmail.com.

4. The Organisers will take care of the lodging and boarding arrangements at their own cost, subject to exercise of option by the participating teams.

5. The hard copies or physical copies of the authorization letter signed by the head of the institution, Registration Form & Payment Details shall be sent along with the memorials by post on or before 1/12/20205 . The participants are instructed to provide a copy of them at the desk registration as well.

TIMELINE



EVENT	DATE
RELEASE OF BROCHURE	21/10/2025
COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION	21/10/2025
LAST DATE FOR THE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION	4/11/20205
CLOSURE OF REGISTRATION	20/11/2025
LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATION TO THE MOOT PROPOSITION	22/11/2025
LAST DATE FOR GIVING CLARIFICATIONS	23/11/2025
ALLOTMENT OF TEAM CODES	24/11/2025
LAST DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPIES & HARD COPIES OF MEMORIALS THROUGH POST	1/12/2025
DESK REGISTRATION	5/12/2025

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