

THE 5TH RGNUL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES, 2016

I. INTRODUCTORY

- 1) **Short Title:** These Rules shall be called the 5thRGNUL National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2016.
- 2) **Definitions:** Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein under as –
 - a. “Administrator” shall mean the RGNUL Moot Court Committee
 - b. “Competition” means 5th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, 2016
 - c. “Net Court Room Margin” means the aggregate of margin of victory or defeat of a team in the Preliminary Rounds
 - d. “Participating Team” means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules for registration
 - e. “Participating Institution” shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating teams
 - f. “Rules” means the 5th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2016
 - g. “Organizers” means the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab

II. GENERAL RULES

- 3) **Date:** The Competition shall be organized from March 25, 2016 to March 27, 2016.
- 4) **Dress Code:** The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.
 - a. **Ladies:** White salwar and kurta or white shirt and blacktrousers or skirt along with black coat and black shoes; and
 - b. **Gentlemen:** White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Explanation:The participating teams shall also adhere to the abovementioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.
- 5) **Language:** The language of the Competition shall be English.

III. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6) **Eligibility:** The Competition shall be open to students who are –
- Pursuing an integrated 5 year LL.B. programme in India; or
 - Pursuing a 3 year LL.B. programme in India.
- 7) **Team Composition:** Each team shall constitute minimum of two members and maximum of three members. Under no condition shall a team consisting more than 3 members be allowed to participate.
- 8) **Three Member Team:** In the event a team consists of three members then –
- Such team shall designate two of its members as speakers; and
 - Such team shall designate one member, who has not been designated as speaker, as a researcher.
- The team must amongst its members identify speakers and researcher at the time of registration itself.
- 9) **Two Member Team:** In the event a team consists of two members then such team shall designate both the members as speakers and no member in the team shall be allowed to be represented as a researcher and take the researcher's test.

IV. REGISTRATION

- 10) **Date of Registration:** All the participating institutions have to confirm participation by sending an email to mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in on or before February 15, 2016 by 5:00 PM.
- 11) **Registration by Post:** The duly filled in hard copies of the Registration Form along with a demand draft of INR 3,000/- (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only) must reach the Organizers by February 18, 2016.
- 12) **Address for Post:** The hard copy of the Registration Form shall be sent on following address only through Speed Post –

To,
Dr. Shilpa Jain,
Coordinator Moot Court Committee,
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab,
Sidhuwal Campus, Bhadson Road,
Patiala – 147001.

The participating teams must send their Registration Forms accompanied with demand draft only through **Speed Post as courier or any other mailing service does not deliver at our campus**. The teams shall solely be responsible for any delay caused due to delay in receipt of Registration Form.

- 13) **Demand Draft:** The demand draft of INR 3,000/- (Indian Rupees Three Thousand Only) shall be drawn in favor of “REGISTRAR, RGNUL, PUNJAB” payable at Patiala.
- 14) **Allotment of Team Code:** Every team which has successfully completed the Registration requisites under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.
- 15) **Change in Team Composition:** Any change in team composition must be intimated to the Administrator at the earliest. Any change must be accompanied with a registration form and an authority letter duly signed by the head of the institution. No change in team composition is allowed after the formal registration.

V. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

- 16) **Round:** The Competition is divided into –
 - a. Preliminary Rounds; and
 - b. Advanced Rounds.
- 17) **Advanced Rounds:** The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals shall constitute the Advanced Rounds of the Competition.
- 18) **Draw of Lots:** The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Draw of lots shall take place on March 25, 2016.
- 19) **Seeding of Teams:** The top 50% of the registered teams based upon the memorial scores shall be seeded in order of their rank in the memorial. All the seeded teams will not compete against each other in either of the Preliminary Rounds. However, such team may face each other in the Advanced Rounds, subject to their qualification.
- 20) **Preliminary Rounds:**
 - a. Each team shall argue from both the sides in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - b. No team shall argue the same side twice in the Preliminary Rounds.

21) **Scoring in the Preliminary Rounds:**

- a. The qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of win or loss of the team in each Preliminary Round.
- b. Win or loss of a team shall be determined on the basis of aggregate score. The team with higher aggregate score shall win the round.
- c. The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of -
 - i. Score of Speaker 1;
 - ii. Score of Speaker 2; and
 - iii. Half the score of the memorial.

22) **Arrangement of Ranking:** The teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked on the basis of below mentioned criterion –

- a. The teams shall be first differentiated on their win-loss record after the Preliminary Rounds;
- b. If there is a tie, the team with higher net court room margin will be allotted the higher rank;
- c. If the tie subsists, the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted the higher rank;
- d. If the tie subsists, the team with the higher speaker score will be allotted the higher rank;
- e. If the tie still subsists, the team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be allotted the higher rank;
- f. If the tie still subsists, the team with the higher memorial score will be allotted higher rank;
- g. If the tie still subsists, then the rank shall be determined by toss of coin.

23) **Results:** The results of the Preliminary Rounds shall be declared soon after the conclusion of both the Preliminary Rounds. The top eight teams as per the criterion laid down under Rule 21 and Rule 22 will qualify for the Advanced Rounds.

24) **Quarter-Finals:**

- a. The top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the quarter-finals.
- b. The team shall argue only once in the quarter-finals. The side for the quarter-finals shall be decided by way of draw of lots.
- c. The quarter-finals shall be a knock-out round.

d. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the quarter-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed.

25) **Semi-finals:**

- a. Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- b. The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals. The side of the team shall be decided by way of the draw of lots.
- c. The semi-final shall be a knock-out round.
- d. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the semi-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed. The team with higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

26) **Finals:** In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of score so computed.

27) **Deciding of Winner in Case of Tie in Advanced Rounds:** In the event of tie in advanced rounds, then –

- a. The winner of the round shall be decided by adding the score of memorials to the aggregate speaker scores;
- b. If the tie still subsists, then the winner shall be decided by toss of coin.

VI. MEMORIALS

28) **Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials:** All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non adherence to the same will attract penalty subject to the discretion of the organizers.

29) **Memorials to be prepared from Both Sides:** Each team must prepare memorials for both sides to the dispute.

30) **Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials:**

- a. The soft copies of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in in .pdf or .doc or .docx format latest by March 7, 2016 before 5:00 PM.

- b. Memorials shall be sent as an attachment with the mail in the form of single file for each side of memorial.
- c. A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team.
- d. The team submitting the soft copy 5 days after the last date of the submission of the soft copy of the memorial will be disqualified from the competition.

31) Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials:

- a. One copy of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers on the below mentioned address by March 12, 2016 (**Only through speed post**) –

**Dr. Shilpa Jain,
Coordinator Moot Court Committee,
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab,
Sidhuwal Campus, Bhadson Road,
Patiala – 147001.**

- b. The teams have to carry five copies of the memorial from each side and submit the same during formal registration.

32) No Difference between Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Memorial: The hard copy of memorial must be exact replica of the soft copy submitted with the Organizers. Any difference in the same will result in disqualification from the Competition.

33) Penalty for Late Submission:

- a. A penalty of **1 mark per hour per side** shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of soft copy of memorial.
- b. A further penalty of **1 mark per day per side** shall be levied in case of delay in submission of hard copy of memorial.

34) General Conditions for Memorials:

- a. The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in instant disqualification.
- b. Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.

- c. A penalty of **1 mark per side** shall be levied in case the team uses wrong cover page for each side of memorial.

35) **Guidelines for Formatting:**

- a. **Memorial Structure:** The memorial must have following pages only:
- i. Cover Page – The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of competition, name of the forum and team Code on top right corner.
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. List of Abbreviations
 - iv. Index of Authorities
 - v. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - vi. Statement of Facts
 - vii. Issues Raised
 - viii. Summary of Arguments
 - ix. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
 - x. Prayer
- b. **Team Code:** The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use “A” for Appellant, P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent.” For example: in case the Team Code is 100 the team must write “A-100” in case of memorial for Appellant and “R-100” in case of memorial for Respondent.
- c. **Font –**

Text	Times New Roman Font Size – 12 points Line Spacing – Double Line Spacing
Footnotes	Times New Roman Font Size – 10 points Line Spacing – Single Spaced

- d. **Pagination:** The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.
- e. **Margin:** A margin of 1 inch on all sides of the memorial should be left.
- f. **Citation Format:** The 19th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed throughout the memorial.
- g. **Page Limit:** The memorial shall be of a maximum of 35 pages including the cover page and Pleadings/Arguments Advanced shall be of a maximum of 20 pages. No annexures, photographs, exhibits, etc. should be added to the memorial.

36) **Penalty:** A penalty of **1 mark per violation per side** shall be levied in case of non-adherence with the aforementioned guidelines for formatting.

37) **Marking Criteria:**

SR.NO	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Evidence of Original Thought	20
2.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
4.	Correct format and citation	20
5.	Extent and Use of Research	20
	Total	100

VII. ORAL ROUNDS

38) **Timings for the Oral Pleadings:**

a. **Preliminary Rounds and Quarter-Finals:**

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 30 minutes to present their oral arguments;
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wish of the team subject to a maximum of 18 minutes and minimum of 12 minutes per speaker;
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.

- iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

b. Semi-Final and Final Rounds:

- i. Each team is allotted a total of 45 minutes to present their oral arguments.
- ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 15 minutes per speaker.
- iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
- iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be given at the discretion of the judges which shall be inclusive of the above time limits.
- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

39) Marking Criteria for the Oral Rounds:

SR.NO	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge and Application of Law& Facts	20
2.	Ingenuity and Ability to answer questions	20
3.	Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanour	20
4.	Organisation and Flow of Arguments	20
5.	Reference to Memorials	20
	Total	100

- 40) **Levy of Maximum Penalties:** Notwithstanding anything in the rules, a maximum of 20 marks shall be deducted as penalties for violations under the Rules.

VIII. RESEARCHER'S TEST

41) **Researcher's Test:**

- a. The identified researcher during the formal registration shall take the researcher's test.

- b. In case of two member team, no member from the team will be allowed to take the Researcher's test.
- c. The test shall contain questions related to the moot problem and the relevant law.

IX. AWARDS & PRIZES

42) **Awards:** The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:

- a. **Best Team:** the Team winning the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 10,000/- (Indian Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
- b. **Runners Up:** the runners up team in the final round of the Competition shall be given a trophy and a cash prize of INR 7000/- (Indian Rupees Seven Thousand Only)
- c. **Best Speaker:** The speaker having the highest score in the preliminary rounds shall be given a cash prize of INR 4000/- (Indian Rupees Four Thousand Only)
- d. **Best Memorial:** The team having the highest average memorial score from both sides shall be given a cash prize of INR 5000/- (Indian Rupees Five Thousand Only)
- e. **Best Researcher:** The participant having the highest score in the researcher's test shall be given a cash prize of INR 4000/- (Indian Rupees Four Thousand Only)
- f. Certificates of merit shall be given to all the teams qualifying for quarter finals and beyond.
- g. Certificate of participation shall be given to all the participating teams.

The awards, certificates of merit and certificates of participation shall be given during the valedictory ceremony to be conducted on **March 27, 2016**.

No certificate will be given to the team before or after the valedictory function.

X. PENALTIES

- 43) **Scouting:** No member of any participating team shall view any other oral rounds while the team is still in the competition. If such an incident comes to the notice of the organizers then the scouting team shall be subject to disqualification. Teams may file a written complaint of scouting to the Organizers. The decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
- 44) **Non – Disclosure of Identity:** Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e. the name of their institution, city, etc. or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

- 45) **Copyright:** The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
- 46) **Accommodation and Food:** Accommodation and food shall be provided by the Organizers only during the days of the competition. The team of 3 participants shall be provided accommodation by the University for the duration of the competition only. The interested students are required, to inform the Organizing Committee, through their Travel & Accommodation Form, so as to enable them to make necessary arrangements. Under no circumstances the Organizer shall provide accommodation to any other person accompanying the team.
- 47) **Power to Amend or Alter Rules:** The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The Organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point of time. All decisions made by Organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.
- 48) **Disclaimer:** The problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the author of the problem.
- 49) **Contact Details:** In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to mail your queries at mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

Regarding the Competition and Moot problem

Dr. Shilpa Jain, Faculty Co-ordinator- 09530585190

Mr. Dharav Shah, Student Convenor- 08968516723

Ms. Srishti Bharti, Deputy Student Convenor, - 09779717000

Mr. Ashutosh Mishra, Member, RMCC- 07837431439

Accommodation & Transportation

Ms. Yamini Yadav, Member, RMCC-09876261170

5TH RGNUL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES, 2016(25th March 2016 – 27th March 2016)**LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES**

EVENT	DATE
Notification of the Competition and Release of the Moot Proposition	10 January 2015
Last Date of Registration	15 February 2016 till 5:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of Demand Draft and Hard Copy of Registration Form	18 February 2016
Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	21 February 2016
Release of Clarifications	25 February 2016
Last Date of Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials	7 March 2016 till 5:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials	12 March 2016
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials	25 March 2016
Researcher's Test	25 March 2016
Preliminary Rounds	26 March 2016
Quarter Finals and Semi Finals Rounds	26 March 2016
Grand Finale	27 March 2016
Valedictory and Prize Distribution	27 March 2016

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REGISTRATION FORM

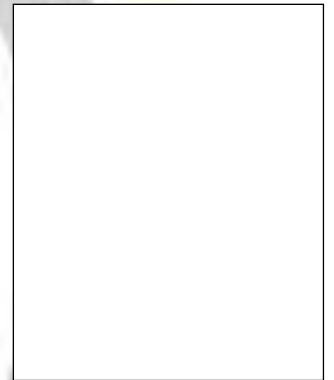
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PRIMARY CONTACT No.: _____ EMAIL ID: _____

SPEAKER 1: _____

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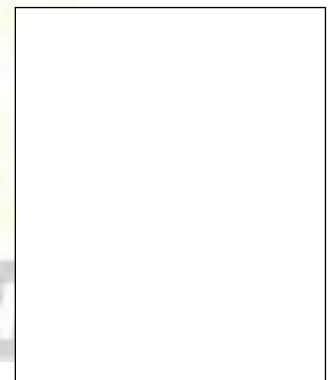


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GENDER: _____ CONTACT No: _____

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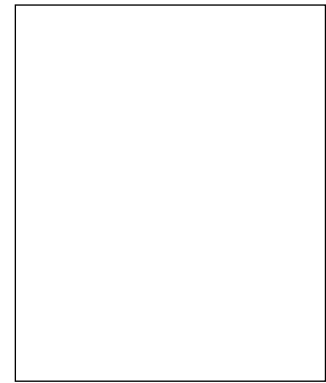


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RESEARCHER: _____

GENDER: _____ CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL ID: _____



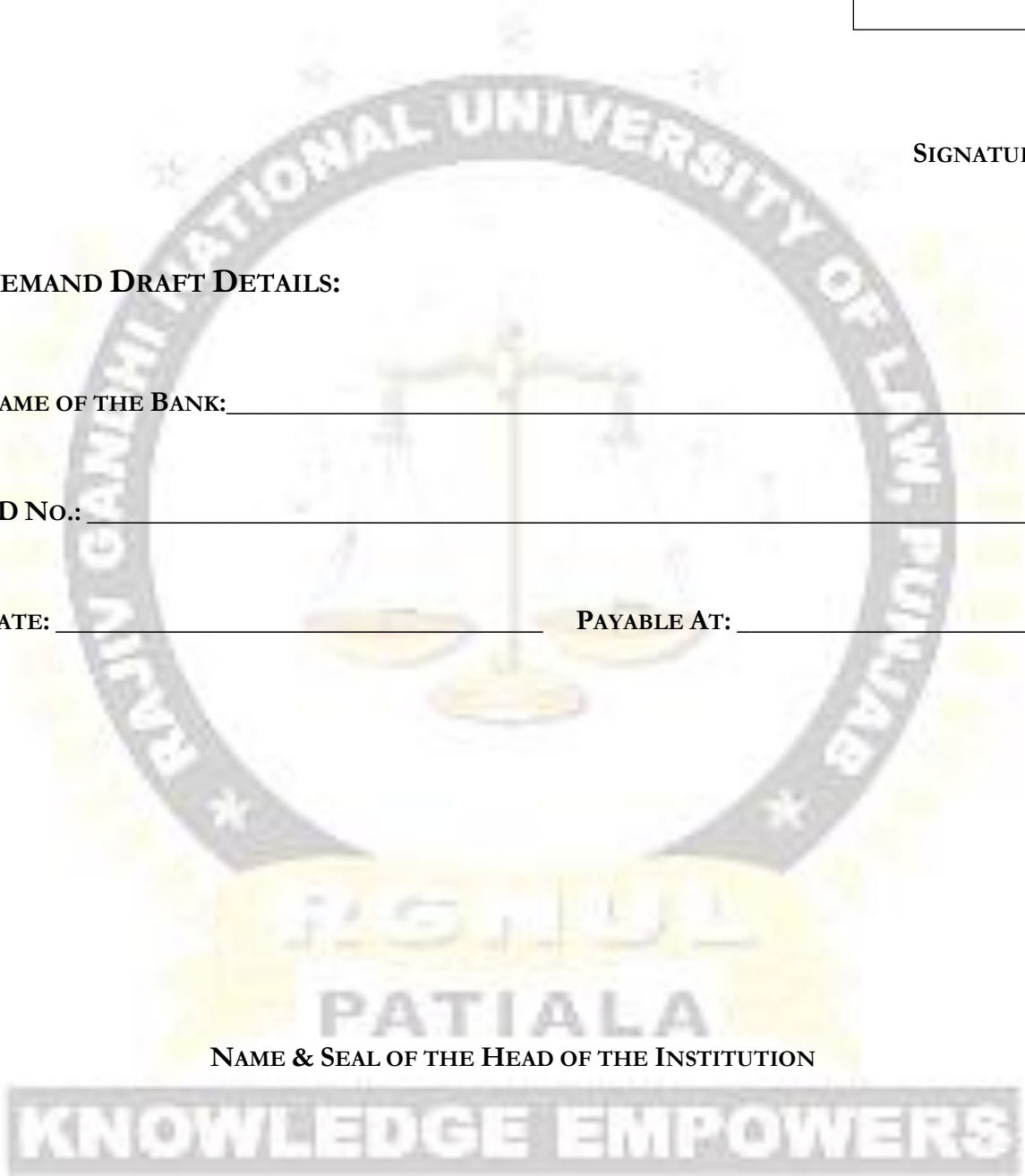
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NAME OF THE BANK: _____

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DATE: _____ PAYABLE AT: _____



NOTE: All Communications shall be done by the Organizers on the primary Contact and Email Id.

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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FORM

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT NO: _____ EMAIL ID: _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____ TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____

MODE OF TRANSPORT: _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE: _____ TIME OF DEPARTURE: _____

MODE OF TRANSPORT: _____

ACCOMMODATION (TICK AS APPLICABLE): YES No

NOTE:

1. Separate Accommodation will be provided for Boys and Girls
2. Travel Form must be sent latest by 16 March 2016 (Scanned copy of the form)
3. No Pick and Drop facility will be provided if travel form is not submitted
4. The accommodation will be provided from 25 March to 27 March 2016.