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NLSAPPC

ANIMAL PROTECTION PIL COMPETITION

3rd - 5th January, 2020

Themes:

1. Polluter Pays Principle
2. False Advertising in the Chicken Industry
3. Lack of Legislation on the Maintenance and Rearing of Farmed Pigs

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SOCIETY OF NON-HUMAN PERSONS (SNHP)

Formed in 2014 by a group of environmentally aware students, the Society of Non-Human Persons (SNHP) is a student run committee at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. The committee's primary purpose is to ensure the needs of non-humans (defined as creatures displaying some, but not enough human characteristics to be considered as humans) are adequately represented both inside the university as well as outside.

Our work has been aimed at sensitising the student body about animal rights issues and at actively working to ensure the welfare of all non-human persons living in and around our campus. Apart from this, we also work, in collaboration with animal rights organisations, upon the animal related legislations in our country and initiate a discourse about animal laws. We have organised three editions of the NLSIU Animal Protection PIL Competition with the aim of increasing the awareness of animal rights throughout all law schools. The competition provides an opportunity for students to engage with animal law and to delve into its intricacies like a practicing animal lawyer would.

SNHP is organising the 4th edition of the NLSIU Animal Protection PIL Competition from 3rd to 5th January, 2020.



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NLSIU BANGALORE

The National Law School of India University, Bangalore (NLSIU) is the foremost legal institution in India. It imparts legal education at the undergraduate and the postgraduate level, and also offers courses in policy education. Established in 1986, it was the first National Law University to be set up by the Government. Ever since its inception, NLSIU has been at the forefront of legal developments in the country and continues to be ranked as the most prestigious Law School in the nation.

NLSIU is also home to perhaps the brightest legal minds in the country, and the students take an active interest in most of the pertinent social issues, never holding back in raising voice when they see injustice. The institution also takes steps to inculcate leadership and entrepreneurship skills in the students so that they can actively lead whichever social cause they decide to take up.

Any association with SNHP is a foray into NLSIU, and provides a great opportunity to associate and interact with the premier legal institution of India.



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HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL (HSI)

Humane Society International India (HSI/India) is a non-profit organization which works for the protection of animals through education, advocacy, and hands on programs, and is an affiliate of Humane Society International. With presence in over 20 countries, Humane Society International is one of the few global animal protection organizations working to help all animals—including animals in laboratories, animals on farms, companion animals and wildlife. Together with HSI and its affiliates and Humane Society of the United States, HSI India forms part of the world's largest animal protection organization.

Through its farm animal protection campaign, HSI promotes the transition from industrial farm animal production to more sustainable, animal-welfare friendly forms of agriculture, as well as a reduction in animals raised for food. HSI/India actively engages with food businesses to increase the availability of plant-based options on menus and incorporate humane food supply chains. To promote the replacement of animal-based products with more ethically produced plant-based and cell-based alternatives, HSI/India supports scientific research and policy development on the alternative protein sector. In 2018, HSI/India partnered with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) to develop and commercialise cultivated meat technologies. HSI/India also conduct plant-based awareness programs in schools, colleges and public outreach across the Indian sub-continent, calling for more sustainable and humane consumption patterns, which are instrumental in preparing the Indian market for alternative protein product.



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ANIMAL PIL PROTECTION COMPETITION (APPC)

The Society for Non-Human Persons (SNHP) aims to ensure that the deplorable state of the voiceless victims of human actions, the innocent and defenceless members of the animal kingdom, is not merely brought to light but also redressed. In order to achieve this goal, we believe it is imperative to increase awareness about these issues in academic circles, most notably the legal domain. We hope that this will encourage lawyers, judges, and policymakers of tomorrow to appropriately address issues relating to animal welfare and fill the lacunae which exist in the law.

To achieve this, our flagship event through its innovative Public Interest Litigation (PIL) format, aims to generate awareness about the issues concerned with animal welfare and rights in order to initiate discussion amongst the law students as well as to lead a comprehensive, impactful, and lasting discourse on giving dignity a more universal character by extending human dignity to human actions impacting life in the broadest sense.

This competition has carved a niche for itself for being the first and only Animal Protection focussed PIL Competition in the world. Within just three years of its inception, NLS-APPC's popularity has increased manifolds, with as many as 39 teams participating in previous editions. We have constantly endeavoured to ensure that the competition scales greater heights, and in pursuance of the same, we have resolved to refine the experience buff out the marks and make the 4th edition even better than the last three editions.



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RULES

1. AIM

The NLS Animal Protection Public Interest Litigation Competition, 2020 aims to promote student involvement in Animal Welfare Law by providing a fair and competitive environment for an exchange of thoughts. The objective of the Competition is to improve and deepen the level of discourse in Animal Welfare Law and related area of the law.

2. THE COMPETITION

The NLS Animal Protection PIL Competition, 2020 will be conducted over two rounds - memorial qualification round and oral rounds. The oral rounds will be held from 3rd – 5th January, 2020 at the National Law School of India University, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560242.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Administrator(s) means the Society for Non-Human Persons of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, members thereof, or any person/persons appointed to administer the Competition by the said SNHP.

3.2 'Advanced Round' means the Final Round, Semi-Final Round, Quarter-Final Round or Pre-Quarter Final Round (subject to organisers' discretion) of the Competition

3.3 'Clarifications' refer to procedural order(s) and/or any clarification(s) issued by the administrator.

3.4 'Competition' means the 4th Edition of NLS Animal Protection PIL Competition, 2020.

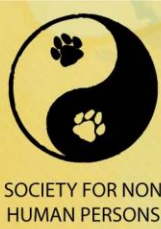
3.5 'IST' means Indian Standard Time.

3.6 'Memorial' means the written submissions of each team submitted according to these Rules.

3.7 'Oralist' refers to a participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.

3.8 'Participant' refers to any member of a participating university.

3.9 'Penalty' refers to the deductions imposed on the memorial scores of a participating



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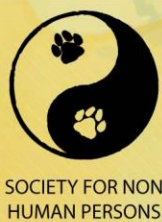
university as provided for within the rules.

3.10 ‘Plagiarism’ – If, in the memorial checker’s opinion, there is found to be an instance of plagiarism prevalent in a certain memorial, the participating university alleged to have committed plagiarism will be asked to show cause by the administrator. If found guilty of plagiarism, the administrator may impose any sanction that it may deem fit, including disqualification from the Competition. In instances where the participating university is alleged to have plagiarized from the memorial of another participating university memorial, the latter will also be asked to show cause by the administrators. If, in the opinion of the administrators, the latter has willingly allowed the former to plagiarize from their work, such a participating university shall also be held guilty of plagiarism and sanctioned by the administrators as they deem fit.

The administrators define plagiarism as including the following:

1. Direct duplication of the work of somebody else’s work represented inter alia in books, articles, internet sources without acknowledgement. [SEP]
2. Substantial duplication of somebody else’s work represented inter alia in books, articles, and internet sources without acknowledgement. This would include work where sentences have been substantially copied, that is, where at the least seven continuous words from the original work are present in the impugned memorial and / or where a segment of the impugned memorial has been paraphrased from the original work with minor changes, keeping intact the import of the original work without acknowledging the same.
3. Direct or substantial duplication of another competition’s memorial (including memorials from last year’s competition), irrespective of whether that memorial is a competing memorial or not, and irrespective of whether there is acknowledgement or not. Substantial duplication denotes situations wherein sentences have been substantially copied, that is, where at the least seven continuous words from the original work are present in the impugned memorial and / or where a segment of the impugned memorial has been paraphrased from the other memorial with minor changes, keeping intact the import of the latter.

3.11 ‘Preliminary Rounds’ means any round which is not an Advanced Round as defined under Rule 3.2.



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3.12 'Qualification Round' refer to the memorial stage of the competition.

3.13 'Problem' means the Problem of the Competition released by the Administrator. Clarifications shall form part of the problem.

3.14 'Team Code' refers to the code allocated to a participating university by the administrator.

4. INTERPRETATION

The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Administrators shall be conclusive. The decision of the Administrators regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

5. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

5.1 All law schools, faculties of law and other Universities offering a law-related degree program are eligible to participate in the Competition. Each participating University can also send up to 3 teams. Members of the team must be valid Undergraduate students pursuing a recognized Bachelor of Law program.

5.2 Team members must be bona fide students of the University they are representing.

5.3 A team can have a minimum of two members, and a maximum of three. Each team must specify the two team members who would be speaking in a round, prior to commencement of that particular round.

5.4 Once registered, a Team will not be permitted to vary the composition of the team in any manner. Changes, if any, may only be made with the express permission of the Administrators (at their discretion), if due reason is shown for the same.

5.5 The Administrators reserve the right to disbar any team from participating in the Competition.

5.6 Cross University teams are also allowed in the competition. This means that the members of a team need not be from the same University. However, each member of the team must be valid Undergraduate students pursuing a recognized Bachelor of Law program.

5.7 Every Team must research on and prepare its Memorial without the assistance of non-members. Teams may receive general advice from Faculty Advisors and/or Coaches.



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However, such advice must be limited to general advice on the area of law concerned, structure of arguments and general commentary on the Team's arguments. No advice whatsoever may be taken from any member of another Team or any Coach/Faculty Advisor of another Team.

6. REGISTRATION

6.1 Each Team must register for the Competition by completing the Online Registration Form available before 12:00 am on the 3rd December, 2019. The Registration Fee for the Competition is to be paid through a wire transfer, the details of which are contained in Annexure-1.

6.2 All teams registering for the competition will have to pay the registration fees of Rs. 4,500. Teams who do not qualify the Memorial Round will be awarded a Certification of Participation for the competition.

6.3 All teams must email a scanned copy of the wire transfer receipt to appc@nls.ac.in

6.4 The wire transfer receipt must be emailed to the organizers within 15 days of the expiry of the deadline, i.e., 18th December, 2019.

6.5 Teams that successfully register will be allotted a team code.

6.6 Teams must not reveal their university, or country of origin, or names of the participants, anywhere in the Memorial, Compendium, Documents given to the judges, or in any other manner whatsoever. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc. in the Memorials, Compendium, Documents given to the judges, or in any other way whatsoever. A Team must be identified only by the Team Number that will be allotted to it after registration.

6.7 Violation of Rule 6.6 at any point will lead to automatic disqualification, provided that Oralists may refer to themselves and other Oralists in an oral round by their respective names.

7. QUALIFICATION

The top 16 teams with top 16 Memorial scores will be entitled to participate in the oral rounds of the Competition. The number of teams qualifying is subject to change.

8. MEMORIALS



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8.1 Each participating Team must prepare one memorial.

8.2 All Memorials must be in English, and the hard copies must be printed double-side on A4 size sheets, with equal margins of at least one inch on all sides.

8.3 The text font for the main body must be Times New Roman, size 12, with line spacing 1.5.

8.4 All citations are to be made according to the Harvard Bluebook Citation Guide (20th edition).

8.5 Character spacing should not be condensed in any manner.

8.6 The Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:

- a) Cover page;
- b) Table of Contents;
- c) Table of Abbreviations;
- d) Index of Authorities;
- e) Statement of Jurisdiction;
- f) Facts of the Case;
- g) Issues Raised;
- h) Summary of Arguments/Pleadings;
- i) Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
- j) Prayer.
- k) Table of annexures.
- l) Table of exhibits.

8.7 For the cover Page:

- a) The Team Registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by the theme

number. Eg: A17, #3.

- b) The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
- c) The year of the Competition;
- d) The name of the case;
- e) The title of the memorial;

8.8 The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the Memorial in which the authority is cited. Teams are not expected to annex all material, however, provide a short description for the same. Table of exhibits is to supplement facts and arguments through newspaper articles, international conventions, etc.

8.9 The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the issue. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts.

8.10 The Summary of Pleadings should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not be a mere reproduction of the various headings and sub headings of arguments.

8.11 All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced and Prayer must not exceed 15 pages.

8.12 Memorials must be emailed in MS Word format and PDF format to appc@nls.ac.in by 11:59 pm IST on 19th December 2019. For every hour of delay in memorial submission from the prescribed time of submission, one mark shall be deducted. Any memorial submitted 12 hours after the time prescribed above will not be accepted.

Note: The above deduction would apply even if the delay were not of a complete hour. Hence, for example, a Memorial submitted at 12:01 am would still be subject to a 1-mark deduction. Teams are required to submit four printed copies of the memorials when they arrive for the competition.

8.13 Not following the instructions regarding Memorials in these Rules will lead to the following penalties:

- a) Use of incorrect font, font size, line spacing, page margins, page size: 3 marks for every page on which there is a violation;
- b) Failure to include a specified component in the Memorial as per rule 8.6: 5 marks for every component;
- c) Length of the Summary of Pleadings or Pleadings/Arguments Advanced: 3 marks for every page in excess of the prescribed limit;
- d) Violation of anonymity: Disqualification.
- e) Failure to include the prescribed information on the Cover Page/ Placement of additional information on the Cover Page: 1 mark per piece of information; Point deductions will be subject to a cap of 15 marks per memorial. In no case will a team be penalized by more than 15 marks per memorial. This deduction is independent of the deduction for late submission of memorials.

8.14 Administrators reserve the right to publish and disseminate Memorials submitted to and for the Competition. The Memorials shall be attributed to the relevant institution and participants during such publication and dissemination. Submission of Memorials in this Competition shall constitute consent to such publication and dissemination. The Administrators also reserve the right to use the Memorials submitted for any other purpose they may deem fit while ensuring appropriate attribution.

9. ORAL ARGUMENTS

9.1 Each Oral Round will include of one team presenting in front of the constituted bench.

9.2 Each Oral Round shall, subject to the discretion of the Judges, consist of thirty (30) minutes of argument to be presented in English. Both members designated as Speakers from each Team shall make oral presentations in each round. Each Speaker has to present for a minimum of 12 minutes.

10. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

10.1 The Competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds. Each team shall argue in 2 Preliminary Rounds. The Advanced Rounds shall, unless otherwise specified, consist of three knock-out rounds – the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and the



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Final.

10.2 The scoring and tabulation for the competition shall be based on the oral and memorial scores of the teams.

10.3 Teams, their members, or any person associated with a team, are not permitted to be present at, or hear, or in any way observe, a round in which that team is not participating. This rule will not apply to those teams or persons associated with teams which have been eliminated from the competition, and who are desirous of attending any of the Advanced Rounds thereafter. Scouting in any form shall entail disqualification of the team.

10.4 The winner of the Final Round will be declared the “Winning Team”, while the losing finalists will be declared the “Runners-Up”. The Teams with the highest total memorial score (out of 100) will be awarded the “Best Memorial” award. The “Best Speaker” award shall be determined on the basis of the aggregate absolute oral points secured in the Preliminary Rounds. To be eligible for the “Best Speaker Award”, a speaker must have argued in both Preliminary Rounds.

THEMES

1. POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE- ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION AND POLLUTION CAUSED BY FACTORY FARMING

India is the third largest producer of eggs and the sixth largest producer of chicken meat. Both broiler chickens and layer chickens are usually housed in incredibly small spaces that make waste disposal extremely difficult. Poultry production is associated with a variety of environmental pollutants like ammonia, antibiotics, nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) etc. These factory farms also contribute to the deterioration of soil and water (including groundwater) quality in the areas adjacent to the farm. Intensive poultry farming not only generates unpleasant odours but it may also be responsible for acidification and eutrophication. These farms also attract flies, rodents, and other pests that carry diseases.

The negative environmental impact of these farms also leads to a plethora of health problems in both the farm workers and residents in the area.

2. FALSE ADVERTISING IN THE CHICKEN INDUSTRY

There is widespread use of antibiotics in the poultry sector. Colistin is the most commonly used antibiotics for chicken. The WHO has placed this and a few other antibiotics in a category that is “critically important to humans” so there is restricted use for animals. This leads to antibiotic resistance in humans.

Large poultry companies often label their meat and run large-scale advertisements claiming their chicken is hygienic and healthy. Any claim made by these companies that their chicken is healthy, while they feed it

large quantities of antibiotics is false, untrue and done with the aim to misrepresent the public.

3. LACK OF LEGISLATION ON THE MAINTENANCE AND REARING OF FARMED PIGS

In India, there are no standards on how these animals are to be treated for most of their lives, as there is a lack of legislation on how pigs have to be reared and kept on pig farms. The India Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, prohibits confinement that prevents reasonable movement.

While pig farming is a relatively small industry that consisted of small local operations, scattered pockets of technologically advanced hog production units are appearing, mainly in the northern and extreme southern areas. Commercial pig farming is on the rise, and unfortunately as a result, practices like the use of gestation crates are also beginning to gain some traction in India.



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ANNEXURE-I: BANK A/C DETAILS

The registration fee payable for the NLS Animal Protection PIL Competition, 2020 by teams is Rs. 4,500 (Four Thousand and Five Hundred) per team. Teams must wire transfer the amount, latest by 18th December, 2019 to:

Bank: Corporation

Bank Branch: NLSIU

BranchAddress: National Law School of India University,

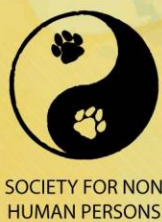
Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, 560072

Branch Code: CORP0002144

Account Name: Students Bar Association (Moot Court)

Account Number: 520101045115156

Teams must mail their transfer details to appc@nls.ac.in latest by 18th December, 2019.



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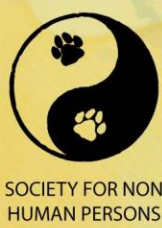
ANNEXURE II: PRIZE LIST

The National Law School Animal Protection PIL Competition for the year 2020 is slated to be held between 3rd and 5th January 2020. The following are the prizes that will be awarded to the teams and individuals that perform exceptionally at the competition:

1. **Winners:** A prize money of Rs 25,000 for the entire team. In addition to the cash prize, the members of the winning team will also be given the opportunity to intern with Humane Society International.
2. **Runners Up:** A prize money of Rs 15,000 for the entire team.
3. **Best Memorial:** The teams that prepare the Best Memorials in each theme will be awarded a prize money of Rs 10,000 for each team.
4. **Best Speaker:** The best speaker throughout the rounds at NLSAPPC 2019 will be awarded prize money worth Rs 7500.

Along with the prize money, team members of the winning teams and the runners-up will be offered internships with Humane International Society/ India (HSI), Bangalore.

All prize winners will be awarded a certificate of merit and all participants will be awarded a certificate of participation.



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ANNEXURE III: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 19th November 2019: Opening of Registrations
- 30th November 2019: Last Date to seek Clarifications
- 1st December 2019: Release of Clarifications
- 3rd December 2019: Closing of Registrations
- 19th December 2019: Last Date for Submission of Memorials (Soft Copy)
- 22nd December 2019: Release of Results for Memorial Qualifiers
- 3rd - 5th January 2020: Oral Rounds at NLSIU, Bangalore Campus

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