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13th IUU MOOT COURT COMPETITION

20th-21st Nov, 2026

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Moot Court Society at a glance

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Greetings to all the enthusiasts and distinguished participants!

We extend a warm welcome to the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition, 2026

It is with immense pride and great anticipation that we welcome you to the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition, 2026. As we step into yet another year of intellectual rigor and spirited advocacy, we also take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey that has brought us to this milestone. Over a decade ago, at the School of Law, IMS Unison University, Dehradun, we embarked on a mission to enrich legal education by providing real-world exposure to budding lawyers. Today, that vision continues to guide us as we persist in advancing the art of advocacy, legal drafting, and research. The Moot Court Society was founded with a clear purpose: to shape the next generation of legal professionals by blending theoretical learning with practical application. Over the years, this mission has remained at the heart of our growth. Each Edition of this competition stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment of our Faculty Conveners, the enthusiasm of our student committee, and the consistent encouragement of our larger academic and legal community.

As we celebrate the 13thEdition of this esteemed competition, we pay tribute not only to the traditions we uphold but also to the dynamic evolution of legal education. This competition serves as a crucible for excellence, where intellectual rigor meets courtroom strategy, and where aspiring advocates showcase their legal acumen. Guided by the high standards set forth under the 2008 Rules of Legal Education and the Bar Council of India, we continue to ensure that this event remains one of the premier platforms for nurturing and exhibiting advocacy skills.

This competition is designed to sharpen your legal expertise, ignite meaningful discourse, and build lasting connections within the legal fraternity. It is a celebration of advocacy, an opportunity to refine the skills that define outstanding practitioners. Together, let us honour the vision of our predecessors, embrace the accomplishments of the present, and move forward toward a future marked by legal brilliance. With collective effort, we will carry forward this legacy, set new benchmarks in legal scholarship, and strengthen the proud tradition of our Moot Court Society.

With Best Wishes

Moot Court Society 2026
School of Law
IMS Unison University, Dehradun

From the

PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Esteemed Participants,

It is with deep honour and enthusiasm that I declare the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition, 2026, officially open. This prestigious event, hosted by the Moot Court Society of the School of Law at IMS Unison University, Dehradun, has emerged as a cornerstone in the nation's legal education landscape.

Year after year, this competition has transcended the boundaries of examination to become a vibrant arena where young legal minds engage in spirited advocacy, critical analysis, and collaborative learning. It is here that theory is brought to life, and potential transforms into polished skill. For all the participants, this platform offers more than a contest—it is a journey of growth, honing courtroom skills, deepening legal understanding, and experiencing the rigors of professional advocacy first-hand.

As custodians of this tradition, both students and faculty are committed to creating an enriching and inspiring environment for every competitor. Your passion and commitment are the true essence of this event.

I invite each one of you to embrace the challenges ahead with confidence and zeal. May this competition be a landmark in your legal careers, a testament to your abilities, and a foundation for future achievement. With great anticipation, I look forward to witnessing your eloquence, your perseverance, and your success as you step into the spotlight.

With best wishes

Mr. Amit Agarwal
President
IMS Unison University, Dehradun

From the

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DESK



Dear Legal Scholars,

It gives me immense pride and privilege to inaugurate the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition 2026, organized by the Moot Court Society, School of Law, IMS Unison University, Dehradun. Over the years, this flagship annual event has become a beacon of intellectual engagement, bringing together some of the finest legal minds from across the country to compete, collaborate, and showcase their advocacy skills on a national platform.

This year's proposition perfectly captures the essence of this competition, where academic learning is transformed into persuasive legal advocacy and professional excellence. For every budding lawyer, this competition offers not just a challenge, but also an opportunity - a chance to refine courtroom skills, develop critical legal thinking, and gain invaluable practical insights that will shape their professional journey.

As we carry forward a proud legacy of over a decade, the students and faculty of the School of Law, with their dedication and expertise, will ensure a truly memorable and enriching experience for all participants.

I urge each of you to seize this moment with passion and determination. Let this competition be the stage where you test your limits, embrace new challenges, and set the standards for future excellence in the legal field. I look forward to witnessing your talent, dedication, and achievements as you rise to the occasion on this prestigious platform.

With best wishes

Dr. Anil SubbaRao Paila
Vice-Chancellor
IMS Unison University, Dehradun.

From the

DEAN'S DESK



Dear Participants,

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

These timeless words reflect the essence of our pursuit of knowledge. Learning is not just about acquiring information; it is about awakening curiosity, fostering wisdom, and realizing that the more we learn, the more there is yet to discover. This humility inspires us to keep exploring, questioning, and growing.

True education demands more than intellect it requires empathy, courage, and the ability to listen and learn from diverse perspectives. As Albert Einstein once said, "Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." Passion overcomes pettiness, courage triumphs over fear, and discipline shapes dreams into reality. Mistakes may happen along the way, but a life of bold action is far more meaningful than one spent in complacency.

With this spirit of lifelong learning and purposeful action, we proudly present the 13th Edition of the Moot Court Competition, 2026 at the School of Law, IMS Unison University, Dehradun. This prestigious event embodies our commitment to academic excellence, integrity, and fairness, while bridging the gap between theory and real-world legal practice.

This year's carefully designed case engages with pressing contemporary legal challenges, encouraging participants to analyse complex issues, craft persuasive arguments, and showcase their advocacy skills on a national platform.
Whether you are a seasoned mooter or a newcomer to this arena, this competition provides the opportunity to grow, compete, and learn. It is a stage for you to transform knowledge into action and action into impact.

In the words of Confucius, "The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential… these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." May this competition inspire you to dream bigger, work harder, and pursue your goals with passion and persistence.

We look forward to witnessing the brilliance, dedication, and courage of every participant as you rise to meet the challenges of this competition.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Asha Verma
Dean, School of Law
IMS Unison University, Dehradun

From the

FACULTY CONVENER



Dear Students,
It is with great pride that IMS Unison University extends a warm invitation to all law students to participate in the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition, scheduled on 20th & 21st November 2026. This prestigious event promises to raise the bar of intellectual discourse and advocacy excellence on a national stage.

Moot court competitions occupy a central role in legal education, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. They provide aspiring lawyers with a platform to experience the intensity, rigor, and discipline of real-world legal practice. As Faculty Convener, I must emphasize the transformative power of such competitions, which sharpen advocacy skills, broaden perspectives, and cultivate a deeper understanding of the values and principles underpinning our legal system. At IMS Unison University, we are deeply committed to nurturing a culture of academic excellence and professional preparedness. Our moot court competition is designed to simulate authentic courtroom proceedings, providing participants with the opportunity to argue before experienced judges, analyse complex legal issues, and present their cases with clarity, logic, and conviction.

Beyond the intellectual challenge, this competition offers invaluable networking opportunities with peers, faculty, and legal professionals. It provides constructive feedback from seasoned experts, helping participants refine their legal reasoning, enhance their public speaking abilities, and build the confidence essential for a successful legal career. I strongly encourage all law students, whether seasoned mooters or first-time participants, to embrace this opportunity wholeheartedly. This competition is not just about winning; it is about learning, growing, and contributing to the vibrant legal community we are building here at IMS Unison University. Your participation will not only enrich your personal and academic journey but also uphold the prestige of our institution within the legal fraternity.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition and witnessing the passion, dedication, and brilliance you bring to the courtroom

With Sincere Regards,

Mr. Ramendra Pratap Singh
Faculty Convener, Moot Court Society
School of Law
IMS Unison University, Dehradun

From the

FACULTY CO-CONVENERS





"Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both." — **Eleanor Roosevelt**

It is with immense pride and scholarly enthusiasm that I welcome you to the distinguished 13th IUU Moot Court Competition 2026, hosted by IMS Unison University, Dehradun. This event stands as testament to our enduring commitment to nurturing a space where legal knowledge transcends the classroom and evolves into the living practice of advocacy. The Moot Court Competition is not merely an academic exercise; it is a vibrant intersection of intellect and application, where emerging jurists engage in spirited debates and rigorous analysis of pressing legal questions.

As Justice Benjamin Cardozo once observed, "Law never is, but is always about to be," reminding us that the growth of law lies in its interpretation and practice. True to the legacy of legal tradition, this competition serves as a proving ground where doctrine encounters reality, advocacy is sharpened by challenge, and participants illuminate the delicate balance between principle and practice. It is here that eloquence, reasoning, and resilience come together to reflect the true calling of the legal profession.

As we commence this journey, let us be mindful of the wisdom of Aristotle: "At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice, he is the worst." It is through platforms like these that we move closer to realizing the nobility of law by engaging with justice in its most practical form.

On behalf of the School of Law, IMS Unison University, and in my capacity as Faculty Co-convener of the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition 2026, I warmly welcome participating law schools and institutions from across the nation. Together, let us celebrate this pursuit of legal excellence and intellectual growth.

With Sincere Regards,

Mr. Rahul Singh & Dr. Ramesh Kumar Prajapati
Faculty Co-Convener, Moot Court Society
School of Law
IMS Unison University, Dehradun

From the

STUDENT CONVENERS





"The power of the lawyer is in the uncertainty of the law."

Warm Greetings to our Readers!

It is our privilege to extend a heartfelt welcome to all participating teams from across the nation to the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition 2026, a flagship event of the School of Law, IMS Unison University, Dehradun. This competition stands not only as a rigorous test of legal knowledge but as a grand celebration of perseverance, dedication, and the shared spirit of learning. Moot Court, for us as students, reaches far beyond the boundaries of academic activity. It is a centuries-old tradition a living legacy that traces its origins to ancient Anglo-Saxon assemblies and the moots of medieval England, where legal problems were debated as a community affair.

"Over time, this tradition was carried into the grand halls of the Inns of Court, where aspiring advocates were trained under the guidance of seasoned 'readers'. Interestingly, these early moots were attended by the public and helped shape the professional identities of countless generations. In India, the practice of Moot Court flourished as legal education modernized in the 20th century, with pioneering colleges incorporating mooting long before it became a requirement by the Bar Council.

Indian Moot Courts have since grown from internal debates to national celebrations of advocacy and justice, mirroring the inclusive and vibrant spirit that characterized their earliest counterparts. We recognize the dedication each team has devoted to reaching here and commend your courage in embracing this challenge. As peers, we too have navigated the anticipation, excitement, and nerves that make moot court both demanding and profoundly rewarding.

As Student Conveners, we warmly welcome you to IMS Unison University, Dehradun. May this competition not only sharpen your advocacy but also forge new friendships, inspire collaboration, and create memories that linger long after the final round concludes. We look forward to witnessing your passion, your arguments, and your growth throughout this journey.

With Sincere Regards,

Mr. Pranav Shailya & Mr. Aman Qureshi
Student Convener, Moot Court Society
School of Law
IMS Unison University, Dehradun

Key Dates :

Events	Dates
Registration Opening	1st October 2026
Last Date of Registration	12th November 2026
Last date of submission of soft copy of memorials	17th November 2026
Last date of submission of hard copy of memorials	20th November 2026
Inaugural, draw of lots, Exchange of Memorials, Researcher Test, Preliminary Rounds	20th November 2026
Semi-Finals, Final Round & Valedictory Ceremony	21st November 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to students pursuing a three- or five-year L.L.B. Degree Course from a recognized law college or university in India, subject to the fulfillment of registration formalities. The participants also include L.L.M. students.

II.TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team shall consist of a maximum of three members (Two Mooters and One Researcher). All participants are mandatorily required to carry their University/College ID Cards during the competition.

III.DRESS CODE

Inside the courtroom, the participants shall be in formal attire.
Female(s): White Shirt, Black Trouser & Black Tie along with Black Blazer and Black Shoes
Male(s): White Shirt, Black Trouser & Black Tie, along with Black Blazer and Black Shoes
***Note:** Non-adherence to the prescribed dress code shall attract penalties.

IV.REGISTRATION

To confirm participation, teams from every Institution should register themselves according to the schedule mentioned above. The registration process consists of the following two steps:

Step 1: Each team is required to complete the details in the Google Form for registration purposes.
The link – **Click Here**

Step 2: Each team is required to send a scanned copy of the NEFT/IMPS/UPI transaction details to the email ID - sol.mootcourt@iuu.ac by November 12, 2026. Subject of the mail should bear:
"Registration for 13th IUU Moot Court Competition 2026"

V. REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees per team shall be (including GST): INR 3000 /-
Details for Payment through e-mode, such as NEFT/IMPS/UPI, are as follows:

✦**Beneficiary Name :**	**IMS Unison University**
✦**Account No. :**	**926010004368221**
✦**Bank :**	**Axis Bank Ltd**
✦**IFSC Code :**	**UTIB0000093**
✦**Branch :**	**Rajpur Road, Dehradun**

VI. RESEARCHER'S TEST

There shall be a Researcher's Test on 20 November 2026, and it shall be mandatory for all the researchers of all the teams participating in this competition to sit in this evaluation. The Best Researcher shall be adjudged by the marks obtained in the researcher test. However, the marks of the "Researcher's Test" shall not be added to the mooting marks of any team.

NOTE: In case of draw, the marks of memorial shall be taken into consideration.

VII. ROUNDS

There shall be a total of four rounds in this competition; the duration of each is mentioned as follows:
Preliminary Rounds – 25 mins per team (Maximum time for one speaker 15 minutes)
Semi Finals – 30 mins per team (Maximum time for one speaker 20 minutes)
Final Round – 45 mins per team (Maximum time for one speaker 30 minutes)

NOTE:

Rebuttal shall be inclusive in the total time allotted to the team.
The Moot Court Society shall have the exclusive right to all issues related to the 13th IUU Moot Court Competition. The decision of the Moot Court Society shall be final, binding, and no team or participant whatsoever shall have any right to challenge the same.

VIII. MEMORIAL AND MARKING EVALUATION:

Each team must send five sets of hard copies of each side of the memorial, i.e., five sets of Petitioner/Appellant and five sets of Defendant/Respondent.

NOTE

1. In no case should the page limit for Memorial exceed 40 A4-size pages.
2. Any issue or pleading not discussed within the Memorial shall not be included in any other section of the Memorial.
3. Counsels are allowed to frame issues within the given facts in the moot proposition only.
4. Counsels are not allowed to introduce additional facts.
5. The font of the body of the memorial should be Times New Roman, Size 12, line spacing 1.5 &headings should be 14. Bluebook 22nd edition must be strictly adhered to for citations. The font size of the cover page can be 14 or 16 points.
6. Memorials should have one (01) inch margin on all sides of each page.
7. Pages should be numbered at the bottom middle.
8. The memorial should not contain any photographs/ sketches/affidavits, etc. Once the Memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions shall be allowed.
9. Only the memorials received within the prescribed schedule shall be evaluated by the Memorial Evaluation Committee (MEC) constituted by the Moot Court Society, IMS Unison University, Dehradun.



The evaluation will be done on the following parameters:

S. No.	Criteria	Maximum Marks
1.	Knowledge of Facts & Law	25
2.	Extent and Use of Research	25
3.	Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
4.	Clarity and Organization	10
5.	Correct Format and Citation	10
6.	Grammar & Style	10

VIII. CODE OF CONDUCT COURT MANNERS (ORAL ARGUMENTS)

1. The language for the Moot Court Competition shall be English only.

2. Any form of communication between the Bar and by any person other than those on the Bench is completely prohibited, and any indulgence in the same shall result in a penalty.

3. Submission of any written material other than the memorials and any other documents related to the proposition in hand to the Bench before, during, or after oral arguments is not allowed, and any indulgence in the same shall result in a penalty. Failure to deliver an oral argument shall be considered a disqualification.

4. Use of any electronic devices like laptops, mobiles, Tablets, etc. is strictly not allowed during the moot proceedings.

5. All participants are expected to maintain the decorum of the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

SCOUTING:

Teams will not be allowed to observe the rounds of any other teams. Scouting in any form is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any team member will result in immediate disqualification. The organizer's decision shall be final and binding in this regard.

CHEATING, INTIMIDATION AND MISCONDUCT

1. Cheating or the use of unfair means of any kind is strictly prohibited and if found indulged in, shall result in the disqualification of the team.
2. Intimidation in any form is prohibited and if found indulged in, shall result in the disqualification of the team.
3. Misconduct, whether behavioural or otherwise, is not allowed, and any indulgence in the same shall result in the disqualification of the team.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE RESULT OF THE MOOT COURT SOCIETY

The participants are required to comply with the rules formulated by the Organizing Committee during the Moot Court Competition. In the event of non-compliance with the Moot Court Society's rules, a penalty may be imposed by deducting marks, and the teams may also be disqualified after receiving a warning.

PENALTY

The penalties shall be levied as follows for non-adherence to competition rules:

1. Penalty for non-adherence of the memorial guidelines
2. Late submission beyond the stipulated time period will attract 2-2point penalty per memorial for each day of delay.
3. The memorial exceeding the maximum number of pages, i.e., 40 A4-size pages, shall attract 5-5 point penalty.
4. Introduction of additional facts in the memorial shall attract 5-5point penalty per additional fact.
5. Use of incorrect font or font size, use of inconsistent size, improperly formatted index of authorities, or improper line spacing shall attract 5-5point penalty. Failure to include all parts of the memorial, or inclusion of an unremunerated part, substantive legal argument outside of approved sections of the memorial, excessive length, failure to include necessary information on the memorial cover, inclusion of any identifying mark, character, or text in the memorial shall attract 5-5point penalty.
6. Exceeding the prescribed time limit for a team for the oral rounds may attract up to 5-5point penalty, as per the discretion of the presiding judge.
7. Penalty for misconduct during Pleadings.
8. Any form of communication between the Bar and by any person other than those on the Bench is completely prohibited, and any indulgence in the same shall result in a penalty point of 1 mark per communication.
9. Submission of any written material other than the memorials and any other documents related to the proposition in hand to the Bench before, during, or after oral arguments is not allowed, and any indulgence in the same shall result in a penalty point of 5 marks.
10. Non-adherence to the prescribed dress code shall attract a penalty of 5 marks per member of the team.

DISQUALIFICATION

Notwithstanding anything written as a part of the above-mentioned rules, the following shall result in the disqualification of the team in its entirety. The hard copies must be exact printouts of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail disqualification.
In addition to this, the following shall lead to disqualification:

1. Use of Electronic Devices like Mobile, Laptop, Tablets etc
2. Scouting
3. Misconduct with the judges or with the members of the Moot Court Society
4. Any act which is not found to befitting the standards of the Legal Profession

DISPUTES

Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the Moot Court Society before the end of the competition. The decision of the Moot Court Society shall be final and binding.

IX. FOOD & TRAVEL

1. Transport services shall be provided by the organisers from a pre-decided stop to the 'Venue'- (IMS Unison University, Dehradun).

2. Breakfast, Lunch, and High-tea are inclusive in the following event (as per itinerary).

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

CATEGORY	GIFT HAMPER OF WORTH/ CERTIFICATES
Winner	21,000
Runner-up	15,000
Best Mooter (Male)	3,000
Best Mooter (Female)	3,000
Best Researcher	3,000
Best Memorial (Appellant)	4,000
Best Memorial (Respondent)	4,000

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MOOT PROPOSITION

1. Aerovolt Mobility Private Limited ("Aerovolt") is a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, having its registered office in Indrapuri, Aryavarta. The company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of electric two-wheelers. Nexus Electronics India Private Limited ("Nexus") is a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, having its registered office and principal manufacturing facility in Dakshin Pradesh. Nexus manufactures electronic control systems and develops embedded software for automobile and electric vehicle manufacturers.

2. In January 2025, Aerovolt announced its intention to launch a new electric scooter under the name "Aero-X1", designed to operate under varying climatic conditions and incorporating a new batterymanagement architecture. The proposed system required continuous monitoring of batterytemperature, charging rate, battery condition and motor output. Around the same time, Nexus approached Aerovolt with a proprietary electronic control system known as the "N-Cell Adaptive Controller" ("N-Cell"). N-Cell consisted of electronic hardware together with embedded firmware designed to regulate battery charging, discharge and thermal protection. Nexus represented to Aerovolt that N-Cell had undergone extensive testing and was capable of operating safely within the technical parameters specified by Aerovolt. Nexus further represented that the system could be integrated into Aerovolt's existing vehicle-control architecture without materially affecting other vehicle functions.

3. Aerovolt conducted laboratory testing and limited road trials using prototype N-Cell units supplied by Nexus. The system performed satisfactorily during the tests. Relying upon the test results and the representations made by Nexus, Aerovolt decided to incorporate N-Cell into the Aero-X1. On 18 February 2025, the parties entered into a Technology Supply and Integration Agreement ("Agreement"), under which Nexus agreed to supply 18,000 N-Cell units over a period of nine months. Nexus was required to supply units conforming to the technical specifications agreed between the parties, provide the embedded firmware necessary for their operation, ensure compatibility with Aerovolt's vehicle-control architecture, provide technical assistance during integration and rectify defects discovered during the warranty period. Aerovolt paid ₹8.4 crore as advance consideration towards the initial consignments.

4. The Agreement provided for an eighteen-month warranty period. Clause 8 of the Agreement stated that "the Supplier shall remain responsible for defects in the hardware, firmware and embedded control logic supplied by it, including defects which become apparent during ordinary operation of the vehicle." Clause 9 further provided that "the Supplier shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to cure any defect capable of being remedied without material prejudice to the Purchaser." The Agreement also contained a limitation-of-liability clause under which neither party would be liable for indirect or consequential losses arising out of the Agreement, except where such loss resulted from fraud, wilful misconduct or fundamental breach. The Agreement contained an arbitration clause providing that any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with the Agreement, including any question concerning its existence, validity, interpretation, performance or termination, would be finally resolved by a three-member arbitral tribunal. Each party was entitled to nominate one arbitrator, and the two nominated arbitrators were required to appoint the presiding arbitrator. The Agreement specified Indrapuri, Aryavarta as the seat and venue of arbitration, with English as the language of the proceedings. The parties had not agreed to institutional arbitration and the Agreement did not contain a separate provision identifying the law governing the arbitration agreement.

5. Nexus supplied the first consignment of N-Cell units in April 2025. Aerovolt conducted further laboratory testing and limited road trials, during which no material defect was detected. Commercial production of the Aero-X1 commenced in June 2025. Within to months of its launch, however, Aerovolt began receiving complaints from customers that certain vehicles unexpectedly entered a reduced-power mode during prolonged journeys. Some customers also reported excessive heating around the battery compartment. Aerovolt initially suspected that the problem might have originated in the battery cells supplied by an independent third-party manufacturer. Nexus was nevertheless notified of the complaints and sent a technical team to Aerovolt's manufacturing facility. Following an initial inspection, Nexus maintained that the N-Cell system appeared to be operating according to its programmed specifications and suggested that Aerovolt investigate the battery cells and the vehiclecontrol software developed by Aerovolt.

6. Aerovolt subsequently commissioned an independent technical investigation. The investigation identified a particular combination of high ambient temperature, high battery charge, rapid acceleration and a specific sequence of sensor readings which could cause the N-Cell firmware to incorrectly classify a temporary temperature fluctuation as a critical thermal event. According to the report, the resulting response could cause the vehicle to enter an emergency power-reduction mode. The report further observed that the malfunction appeared to involve an interaction between the N-Cell firmware and modifications made by Aerovolt to its own vehicle-control software. Nexus disputed the conclusions of the report and alleged that Aerovolt had modified its vehicle-control software after the original integration testing without informing Nexus. Nexus maintained that the N-Cell system was not defective when operated within the system architecture for which it had originally been tested.

7. In August 2025, Nexus proposed to provide a firmware update and replace certain N-Cell controllers at no additional cost. Nexus stated that the proposed update would prevent the software from treating temporary temperature fluctuations as critical thermal events and requested that Aerovolt permit further validation testing before taking any decision regarding termination of the Agreement. Aerovolt declined to deploy the proposed firmware update in vehicles already sold, stating that the proposed update had not been independently validated and that it could not expose its customers to another potential safety risk. Nexus contended that Aerovolt had failed to provide it with the reasonable opportunity to cure contemplated by the Agreement.

8. In September 2025, Aerovolt voluntarily recalled approximately 6,500 Aero-X1 vehicles. Aerovolt estimated the direct cost of the recall at approximately ₹22 crore and further claimed that the recall had affected its reputation and resulted in the postponement of the scheduled launch of its subsequent electric vehicle model. On 15 October 2025, Aerovolt issued a notice terminating the Agreement and demanded refund of the outstanding portion of the advance payment, reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the recall, replacement costs relating to the allegedly defective N-Cell units and compensation for losses allegedly suffered due to the postponement of the subsequent vehicle launch. Nexus rejected the termination and maintained that Aerovolt had prematurely terminated the Agreement without giving Nexus the contractual opportunity to cure the alleged defect. Nexus further contended that the malfunction had resulted, at least in part, from modifications made by Aerovolt to its own vehicle-control software.

9. On 3 November 2025, Aerovolt invoked the arbitration clause. Aerovolt nominated Ms. Kavya Rao, an advocate practising primarily in commercial arbitration, as its nominee arbitrator. Nexus nominated Mr. Arvind Mehta, a retired technical director of a major automobile manufacturer. Before accepting the appointment, Mr. Mehta disclosed that approximately six years earlier he had served as an unpaid technical adviser to AeroMax Motors, a company competing directly with Aerovolt in the electric twowheeler market. Mr. Mehta's engagement with AeroMax had

ended before Aerovolt and Nexus entered into the Agreement. He stated that his work for AeroMax concerned manufacturing efficiency and had no connection with N-Cell, Aerovolt or the Aero-X1. Aerovolt objected to his appointment, contending that his previous professional association with a direct competitor created justifiable doubts concerning his independence and impartiality. Nexus rejected the objection, arguing that the relationship had ended approximately six years earlier, that Mr. Mehta had no continuing relationship with AeroMax, that his previous engagement had no connection with the present dispute and that he had made a complete disclosure before accepting the appointment.

10. Aerovolt submitted a formal challenge to Mr. Mehta before the Arbitral Tribunal. The Tribunal rejected the challenge and held that the circumstances disclosed by Mr. Mehta did not establish sufficient grounds for his removal. The two party-appointed arbitrators thereafter appointed Justice R. K. Sen (Retd.) as the presiding arbitrator. The Tribunal commenced proceedings and both parties filed their respective pleadings and documents.

11. During the arbitration, Nexus alleged that Aerovolt had modified its vehicle-control software after the original integration testing and sought production of Aerovolt's internal records relating to such modifications. Nexus sought access to software version histories, internal testing records and specified communications between Aerovolt's engineering team and its battery supplier, contending that the documents were necessary to determine whether Aerovolt's own modifications had contributed to the malfunction. Aerovolt opposed the application, arguing that the requested materials contained commercially sensitive information and proprietary source-code information unrelated to the dispute. Aerovolt further contended that production of the documents would expose confidential technology to Nexus. The Tribunal directed Aerovolt to preserve the relevant records and produce specified categories of documents while permitting Aerovolt to redact portions containing unrelated trade secrets. Aerovolt complied with the preservation direction but maintained its objection to the scope of production.

12. In March 2026, Aerovolt received information that Nexus intended to transfer certain specialised manufacturing equipment from its Dakshin Pradesh facility to Nexus Advanced Systems Private Limited, a newly incorporated company belonging to the same corporate group. The equipment included specialised testing and calibration machinery used in the production of N-Cell units. Nexus stated that the proposed transfer formed part of an internal restructuring of its business and that the equipment would remain within the same corporate group and continue to be used for manufacturing and testing activities. Aerovolt became concerned that the proposed transfer could make it difficult to enforce any monetary award that might ultimately be passed in its favour. Aerovolt also alleged that Nexus was considering transferring certain intellectual-property rights relating to N-Cell to the newly incorporated entity. Nexus denied that the restructuring was intended to defeat Aerovolt's claims and stated that it remained financially solvent and that the proposed transfer constituted an ordinary commercial restructuring.

13. On 21 March 2026, Aerovolt approached the Commercial Division of the High Court of Aryavarta at Indrapuri under Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. Aerovolt sought interim measures restraining Nexus from transferring or alienating the specified manufacturing equipment, transferring specified intellectual-property rights relating to N-Cell, disposing of documents and electronic records relevant to the arbitration, or taking any other step that could materially prejudice the enforcement of a future arbitral award. Aerovolt contended that the proposed restructuring created a genuine risk that assets against which an eventual award could be enforced might be placed beyond effective reach and that waiting for the conclusion of the arbitration would defeat the purpose of interim protection.

14. Nexus opposed the application and contended that the Arbitral Tribunal was already constituted and seized of the dispute. Nexus relied upon Section 17 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and argued that Aerovolt had failed to establish circumstances rendering the remedy before the Tribunal inefficacious. Nexus further contended that the application was an attempt to obtain substantive protection from the Court merely because Aerovolt was dissatisfied with the procedural directions issued by the Tribunal. Nexus maintained that the proposed transfer of equipment was an ordinary corporate restructuring and did not constitute an attempt to defeat any eventual award. Aerovolt, in response, contended that the powers of the Court under Section 9 and the powers of the Tribunal under Section 17 were complementary and that the existence of a constituted Tribunal did not completely exclude judicial intervention where effective protection could not otherwise be obtained.

15. During the hearing of the Section 9 application, Aerovolt also sought to place its earlier objection concerning Mr. Mehta's appointment before the High Court. Aerovolt contended that the circumstances surrounding his appointment affected the independence and impartiality of the Arbitral Tribunal and that the Court ought to take the same into consideration while determining whether the arbitral proceedings should continue. Nexus opposed the contention and argued that the statutory mechanism for challenging an arbitrator had already been followed before the Tribunal, that the Tribunal had rejected Aerovolt's challenge, and that the Section 9 proceedings could not be converted into a collateral challenge to the constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal.

16. Aggrieved by the aforesaid circumstances and the orders passed during the arbitral proceedings, Aerovolt Mobility Private Limited has approached the Hon'ble High Court of Aryavarta at Indrapuri, raising the following questions for determination:

A. Whether Aerovolt's application under Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 is maintainable in view of the pending arbitral proceedings and the remedy under Section 17?

B. Whether Aerovolt can challenge the appointment or continuation of Mr. Arvind Mehta before the Hon'ble High Court after its challenge under Section 13 was rejected by the arbitral tribunal?

C. Whether the arbitral tribunal's directions for preservation and production of commercially sensitive technical and software records are within its procedural powers and amenable to judicial interference at this stage?

D. Whether Aerovolt was entitled to terminate the Agreement on account of the alleged defects in the N-Cell Adaptive Controller, notwithstanding Nexus's offer to cure?

E. Whether Aerovolt is entitled to recover the recall expenses and postponed-launch losses in view of the limitation-of-liability clause contained in the Agreement?

17. The parties have placed the aforesaid questions before the Hon'ble High Court for determination. The Court shall adjudicate the matter on the basis of the facts stated in this proposition and the applicable law, without assuming any facts beyond those expressly stated or reasonably arising from the same.

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