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THE RAHUL GANDHI SCANDAL



RATING: ★★★★★ 5.0

REVIEW:

The first edition of the Ahmedabad High Court made its debut on Wednesday, leaving numerous fans speechless. Beneath the cunningly funny dialogues delivered by the plaintiffs and defendants lurk complex research and critical thinking, two essential requirements to winning a court case. Marked by dynamic plot twists and guest appearances, the Rahul Gandhi Defamation Case set the floor for a thrilling argument.

The fillm began with opening statements made by both sides, followed by an introduction of Statement of Facts and Issues. Throughout the film, viewers were left dying to know more and were in awe of the eloquent justications proposed by the plaintiffs as well as the defendants.

The opening statements were followed by a fiery round of back-and-forth between the plaintiffs and defendants, which was f lled with insults and jibes. "Brainless, uneducated advocates in the court of law", "The defendant's evidence packet is not an evidence packet it's a piece of dirt" and "Masters of liars", were just a few of the vicious comments thrown around during the case.

The plaintiffs put up a strong fight, too. Their electrifying arguments had a profound effect on the judges— and the fans' hearts! Their lines made them debate on their very stances, sparking debate within the fandom. The plaintiffs' main arguments were that Rahul Gandhi's offensive comments were directed to spread animosity towards the 'Modi community', and were a political ploy to gain more votes in the upcoming elections.

Unlike most legal movies, this one was based on a true story and proved to be informative as it taught the public how the Indian Judicial System discharges its duties.

By: Aditi Khare, Ahana Shah and Asmi Sarangi

Illustrator: Ashita Sane

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID
SUPREME COURT EDITION

8:03am

It's me against the world … .again.

I come to the court and realize that I'm the only plaintiff present here. The only people around me were the Defendants, who seemed to be convinced that they would win. I had to fend for myself, but to be honest, is that really a bad thing?

The Chairs however thought otherwise. Apparently, they viewed me as someone who needed help.



8:32am

The opening statements have begun. Substitute plaintiffs have been brought in, but it still feels like one of me against four of them.

The Defendants start off strong by saying that Smt. Indira Gandhi didn't break any laws. There was neither violation of the constitution nor abuse of power.

"Her contributions echo through the panels of Indian History" , but their eloquent words don't convince me.

10:56am

Witnesses start entering the court, one by one. Yashpal Kapur and P.N. Haskar, who were close aids

of Indira Gandhi initially, ironically testified against her, which worked in my favor. Raj Narian himself

appeared as a witness, which was followed by numerous questions from the defendants, particularly

Madhava Menon and Shyam Divan. I expressed my joy by banging the tables,because things seemed to

be looking up. I think I might have a chance...

1:07pm

It's time for the verdict. The suspense is killing me, but soon, I hear, 'Indira Gandhi has been

declared guilty'. I can't believe it, I won!

It was me against the world, and now I've conquered it.

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BOMBAY HIGH COURT

THE BATTLE OF THE TITANS

CHARACTERS:

KING OF THE PLAINTIFFS - UDDHAV THACKERAY
KING OF THE DEFENDANTS - EKNATH SHINDE
SARDAR KA STHAN - SHIV SENA
THE AJARRING RIFLE - AJAY CHOUDHARY
THE ATTACK MACHINE - ADITYA THACKERAY
THE ANGUISHING GUN - ANIL PARAP
THE TARGETTER - TANAJI SAWANT
SOLDIERS - ADVOCATES OF RESPECTIVE SIDES
DIPLOMATS - JUDGES

Tension brewed between two of the largest kingdoms in Maharashtra, the Kingdom of the Plaintiffs and the Kingdom of the Defendants due to the splitting of their common territory, Sardar ka Sthan. After several attacks, both kingdoms decided to battle in the Bombay High Court.

The war began with the Plaintiffs aggressively accusing the Defendants. Soldier Arvind P. Dave bravely claimed their king's rightful rule, asserting better administration. The Defendants swiftly counterattacked, led by R.F. Nariman, defending their leader's greatness and the legitimacy of the split.

The Plaintiffs retaliate using the AJarring Rifle and ATtacker Machine, launching harsh accusations at the Defendants regarding their leader's ascent to power, striking at their hearts. The Defendant also deployed the ANguishing Gun and TArgetter, criticizing the role of their leader in the split of Sardar ka Sthan. Unfortunately, these weapons suffer damage due to a soldier's inadequate research, resulting in a setback.



Eventually, after strong, patriotic messages being shot from pistols on both sides, the diplomats settled the matter once and for all, ultimately deciding that they were in favour of the Plaintiffs due to the presentation of substantial evidence, thus putting a hard fought battle in the hands of the Plaintiffs.





Jourrnalists: Amey Bahaguna, Nandini Karmarkar & Abigail Paul
Illustrator: Aarsh Sawant

SMC COURTROOM : BLOCKBUSTER

The SMC courtroom in Madhya Pradesh squabbles about the vyapam scam which took place in 2009 in which many students paid bribes to pass MBBS entrance exams and this created many false and incompetent doctors in the nation.

The court session begins with the plaintiffs making claims such as many people were impersonated or killed and many people lost their lives due to incompetent doctors who were able to become doctors due this scam and many died due to unnatural reasons.
The defendants counter this by saying that the man did not die due to unnatural reasons.

Next came the readings of the evidence packets. The plaintiffs side had evidence with reference to Arun Sharma and Anand Ray. These clauses of evidence were rated a 5.5 and a 5 respectively. The defence had a longer but less convincing set of evidence, including the death of the dean of a hospital and anand ray's mother's imprisonment. They got a string of low ratings, a 3, a 4, a 3.25 and surprisingly, a 7.5.

In a slight interjection, a stranger entered the courtroom and began to desecrate the reputations of every party there, the judges, the defence and the plaintiffs. She was in a state of minor hysterics and mentioned that justice was not being served and that the defence should open a chai ki dukaan. Although interesting and funny, it was a strange addition to the court proceedings.



The witnesses that followed were tame compared to the last witness; it's a common trick to save the best for last but no one could predict such a twist in the tale. A simple doctor, a threatened man and someone with a forged document could not stand against the Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself. He condemned the actions of the Congress and mentioned that the education system was the basis for the entire nation.

It was finally time for the closing speeches, where the plaintiffs gave fiery speeches about how the corruption and bribery was costing the country lives with the head plaintiff in particular congratulating the entire defence on its Incompetency. This did not, however, render them silenced as they came back to fight and delivered their own speeches.
The judges finally ruled in favour of the defense and the court ruling was “not guilty”. A satisfying end to a long day.
But the plaintiffs will not accept this for long! Find out what happens after this in the next episode the following year!





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THE SCOTTISH TIMES

CLOSING CEREMONY

Bombay Scottish Mahim never fails to amaze us by introducing new events, like the very first Scottish Moot Court. The success of it has already made it to the interschool headlines!
Once Ms. Pavamani was warmly greeted by the participants, the verdicts for each case were announced as follows :

The Supreme Court : The case discussed in the Supreme Court revolves around the conviction of Smt. Indira Gandhi for an electoral scam during her 1971 campaign. Smt.Indira Gandhi was sentenced to 10 years in prison



Ahmedabad High Court : Once more, the verdict favoured the plaintiff, where Shri. Rahul Gandhi received a two-year prison sentence.

Bombay High Court : The plaintiffs won the case. Shri. Eknath Shinde and his faction were sentenced to two decades of imprisonment.

Madhya Pradesh High Court :The judges were swayed by the Defendant's argument, even though the Plaintiff's evidence was also significant.

Following the pronouncement of the verdicts, all deserving participants were awarded for their effort.
According to some sources, Mr. Sumedh allegedly conceived the idea during a dream, although the authenticity of this statement remains uncertain. Subsequently, he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the participants .Finally, he officially declared the closure of the first edition of the Scottish Moot Court.

JOURNLISTS:NIHARIKA PAI &
ADVAIT NAIR
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FEATURE ARTICLES

SMC:THE LIVE COMMENTORY

Coughs Good evening, dear spectators! Live from the Bombay Scottish Stadium, we bring you highlights of today's exhilarating cricket match between the league's top teams, the 'Attorneys' and the 'Prosecutors'. The 'Attorneys,' led by the main Advocate, showcased their legal prowess against the 'Prosecutors,' defenders of notorious criminals.

In this legal battlefield turned cricket pitch, lawyers traded courtroom theatrics for spirited play. The 'Attorneys,' comprising experienced legal minds, aimed to secure victory for their biggest fan, the Plaintiff. Meanwhile, the 'Prosecutors' sought to defend their reputation by displaying their skills beyond the courtroom.

The cricket field witnessed lawyers in cricket whites, transforming briefcases into makeshift wickets. With elegant strokes and precise bowling, they blended intellect and athleticism in a friendly yet fiercely competitive match. Amid legal banter, strategic plays, and unexpected sixes, the field became a unique arena where justice was not only served but also batted and bowled.



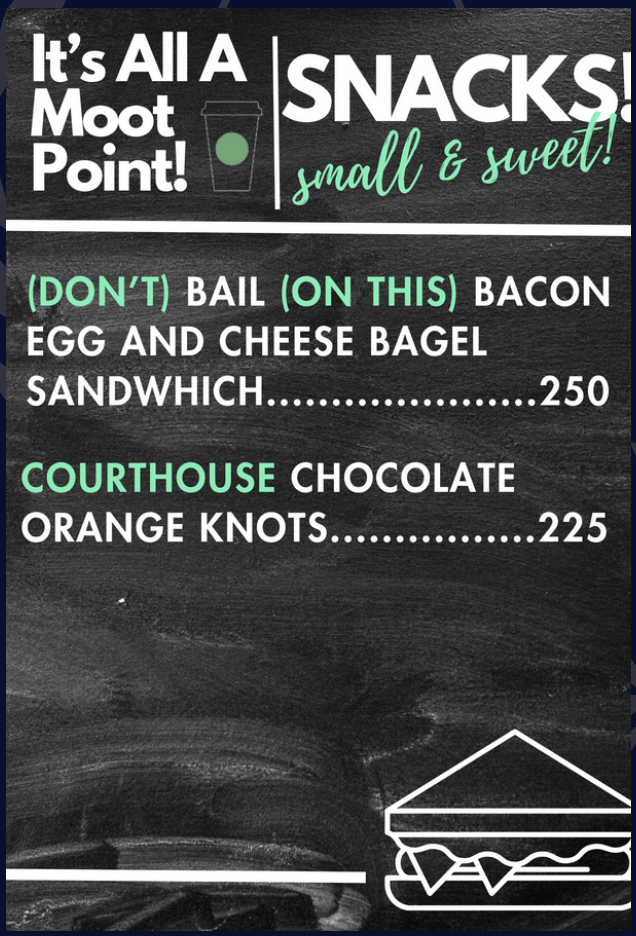
That was all for the first innings, stay tuned for the second half of this unique spectacle at the SMC T20 championship after a short break!

-NIHARIKA PAI(JOURNALIST)
NETRA SONCHHATRA(ILLUSTRATOR)

IT'S ALL A MOOT POINT

Welcome to the 'It's All A Moot Point' café! One must be prepared for such a memorable event and luckily, we've drawn up a delightful menu (along with free Wi-Fi!!) to ensure that you form a brilliant case against the opposition and leave everyone speechless.

(Don't) Bail (on this) Bacon, Egg and Cheese Bagel Sandwich - ₹250
An indulgent sandwich to ensure proper rest before the big day



Courthouse Chocolate Orange Knots - ₹225
A delightful dessert which will energize you before the announcement of the nerve-wracking verdict

Criminally Good Coffee - ₹150
Coffee made from robusta beans to help you stay awake during long nights of research



Lok Adalat Lemon Iced Tea - ₹200
A refreshing beverage to ensure that you remain cool and collected while presenting your case



Vakalatnama Vanilla Cappuccino - ₹200
A sweet, airy drink to soften the cutthroat, blunt language used against the opposition

Suit(s) Strawberry Milkshake - ₹250
A creamy, decadent beverage which can help in richening your extensive vocabulary

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The Mean Girls of Scottish Moot Court

It may be hard to believe, but every advocate could learn a thing or two from the original Mean Girls - their art of deception and influential power should be embodied by every participant (to a minimal extent please 😅). Let us see who you resemble for this year's Moot Court.

Regina

People are a little scared of you... but their fear drives you. Your ability to influence your fellow group members is unmatched but your secret weapon - a carefully curated 'Burn Book' with all the information you could possibly need to rise to the top. Everyone is admired by your sass and the way you deceptively stump your opposition.



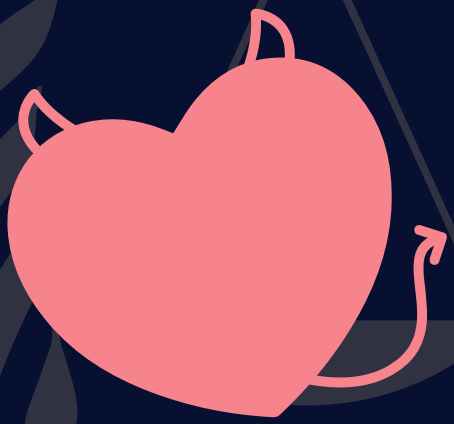
Cady

You're the new kid on the block who manages to win over the hearts of the judges and chairs. Being a first-time public speaker, you may succumb to peer pressure, but your kindness and ability to mindfully display your opinion are what set you apart from the others. You spend hours the night before to research and anxiously message your seniors for advice.

GRetcHen

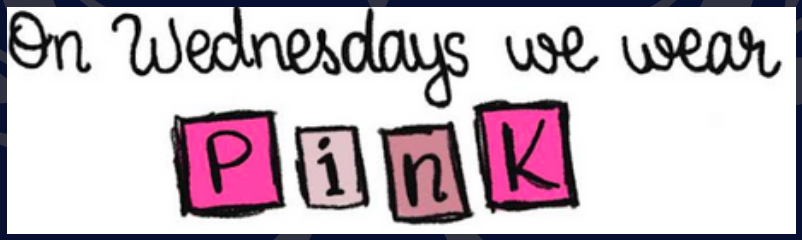


Everyone comes to you for intel about the opposition. You always stay true to your roots and make it your goal to prioritize your party's interests over your own. The way you reveal the inside scoop to the court astounds everyone around you. In Gretchen's words, 'That is so fetch!'



Karen

People may not understand your value initially, but you win them over with your friendliness and loyalty towards your party. 'On Wednesdays we wear pink' - SMC is on a Wednesday so let's hope you dazzle the court with a stylish pink outfit!



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