THE SCHEDULE

[See Section 63(4)(c)]

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 63 OF BHARATIYA SAKSHYA ADHINIYAM (BSA), 2023

For Electronic Records · Computer Output · WhatsApp Chat Exports · Messaging Archives

HOW TO USE THIS CERTIFICATE:
① Print on A4. Consult your advocate on whether non-judicial stamp paper is required in your state.
② Fill EVERY field in Part A — missing IMEI, Serial Number, or Hash Value leads to evidence rejection in court.
③ Generate SHA-256 hash at **chat2evidence.in** (automatic) or via terminal/command prompt.
④ Sign with original blue or black ink — the physical signature is the legal force of this certificate.
⑤ Part B is required only when the court directs expert verification or opposing party challenges authenticity.

PART A — TO BE FILLED BY THE PARTY / LITIGANT / ADVOCATE

Fill all fields accurately. Incomplete entries make the certificate legally challengeable in court.

1. PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF DEPONENT

Full Name of Deponent:	_____
S/o / D/o / W/o:	_____
Complete Residential Address:	_____
Occupation / Designation:	_____
Contact Number:	_____
Capacity:	■ Litigant ■ Advocate ■ Witness ■ Other: _____
Court Name:	_____
Case Number / Title:	_____

2. SOURCE DEVICE TYPE (mark ✓ in the applicable box)

■ Mobile Phone	■ Computer / Laptop	■ Tablet / iPad	■ DVR / CCTV System
■ Flash Drive / USB	■ Cloud Server / Account	■ External Hard Disk	■ Other (specify below):

If "Other" — specify device type and model:	_____

3. DEVICE METADATA PARAMETERS

■ **CRITICAL:** Fill IMEI Number, Hardware Serial Number, and MAC Address accurately. Omitting unique identifiers makes the certificate legally challengeable — opposing counsel can argue the evidence could originate from any device. Courts have rejected evidence on this ground.

Device Make & Model:	_____ ■ *e.g. Apple iPhone 15 Pro / Samsung Galaxy S23 SM-S911B*
Device Color / Appearance:	_____ ■ *e.g. Midnight Black, Space Grey*
IMEI Number (1):	_____ ■ *Dial *#06# or Settings → About Phone → Status → IMEI Information*
IMEI Number (2) [Dual SIM only]:	_____ ■ *Leave blank if the device has a single SIM slot*
Hardware Serial Number:	_____ ■ *Settings → About Phone → Serial Number (distinct from IMEI)*
MAC Address [Wi-Fi]:	_____ ■ *Settings → About Phone → Wi-Fi MAC Address (recommended for Wi-Fi data)*
Cloud User ID / Account Email:	_____ ■ *Required if data originates from a cloud backup (Google Drive, iCloud, etc.)*
Operating System & Version:	_____ ■ *e.g. Android 14.0.0 / iOS 17.5.1 / Windows 11 23H2*
WhatsApp Number / Account ID:	_____ ■ *The phone number registered to the WhatsApp account on this device*
Data Extraction Date Range:	From: _____ to: _____

4. SYSTEM INTEGRITY DECLARATION

I hereby certify that:

(a) The above-mentioned device was used regularly to store, process, or transmit information relevant to the subject matter of this proceeding during the period in question;

(b) The device was operating properly throughout the material period. Where it was not fully operational at any time, such malfunction did not affect the accuracy or integrity of the electronic record produced herewith;

(c) The information contained in the electronic record was produced, stored, or transmitted in the ordinary course of regular activity on the said device;

(d) The record was exported and extracted personally by me or under my direct supervision, without any modification, alteration, addition, or deletion whatsoever.

5. CRYPTOGRAPHIC HASH REPORT [Mandatory under Section 63(4)(c)]

WHAT IS A HASH VALUE? A cryptographic hash is a unique digital fingerprint of your file. If even one character, timestamp, space, or emoji is changed, the hash changes completely — proving tampering instantly. SHA-256 produces a **64-character** hexadecimal string; MD5 produces a 32-character string.

HOW TO GENERATE: chat2evidence.in (automatic) | Windows CMD: `certutil -hashfile file.txt sha256` | macOS/Linux: `shasum -a 256 file.txt`

Exported File Name:	_____ ■ *e.g. WhatsApp Chat with Rahul Sharma.txt (exact filename, no renaming)*
File Size:	_____ ■ *In bytes or KB — visible in file properties / right-click → Get Info*
Hash Algorithm Used:	■ SHA-256 (Strongly Recommended) ■ MD5 ■ SHA-1
Full Hash Value:	_____ ■ *Paste the COMPLETE hash string — do not truncate. SHA-256 = 64 characters, MD5 = 32 characters*
Verification Hash (2nd run):	_____ ■ *Run hash again and confirm this matches the value above — eliminates copy errors*
Hash Computed Using:	■ Chat2Evidence ■ certutil (Windows) ■ shasum (macOS/Linux) ■ Other: _____
Date of Hash Computation:	_____ ■ *Should match the date of chat export*
Separate Hash Report:	■ Enclosed as Annexure ■ Hash value above is the complete report

DECLARATION & SIGNATURE — PART A

I, the undersigned, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the particulars stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that this certificate is submitted as evidence before a court of law and that any false statement herein constitutes an offence under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

Place: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Deponent: _____ Full Name (Print): _____

Designation / Capacity: _____ Contact Number: _____

Sign in original blue or black ink. Digital signature must comply with IT Act 2000 and be accepted by the concerned court.

PART B — TO BE FILLED BY THE EXAMINER OF ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE / CYBER FORENSIC EXPERT

Complete Part B ONLY when the court directs independent forensic authentication or the opposing party challenges authenticity.

SUPREME COURT RULING (May 2026): "An expert" for Part B is not restricted to Section 79A IT Act Examiners of Electronic Evidence. Any person with computer science and cyber forensics expertise is competent. However, in cybercrime and high-value criminal trials, an accredited forensic laboratory certification is strongly expected by courts.

1. EXPERT IDENTIFICATION

Full Name of Expert:	_____
Designation & Department:	_____
Organization / Forensic Lab:	_____ ■ *e.g. CFSL, DFSL, or name of accredited private forensic lab*
Accreditation / Registration No.:	_____ ■ *Under Section 79A IT Act, NABL, or other recognized authority*
Lab Reference Number:	_____ ■ *Internal reference assigned to this examination*
Date of Examination:	_____

2. EXTRACTION ENVIRONMENT & FORENSIC TOOLS

Forensic Software Used:	_____ ■ *e.g. Cellebrite UFED, Oxygen Forensic, FTK Imager, Autopsy, dd*
Software Version:	_____ ■ *Exact version number of the forensic tool*
Examination Hardware / OS:	_____ ■ *e.g. Windows 11 Forensic Workstation / macOS Sonoma*
Chain of Custody Reference No.:	_____ ■ *Reference from the seizure memo or transfer document*
Evidence Received From:	_____ ■ *Full name and designation of transferring officer / party*
Date & Time of Receipt:	_____ ■ *Date and 24-hour IST time*
Condition of Evidence on Receipt:	■ Intact / Sealed ■ Damaged / Opened ■ Partially Sealed

3. INDEPENDENT HASH VALIDATION

INSTRUCTION: Independently re-compute the cryptographic hash of the submitted electronic record using your own forensic tools. Compare with the hash declared in Part A, Section 5. Document any discrepancy fully in the Remarks field.

File Name Examined:	_____
File Size on Receipt:	_____ ■ *Verify this matches the size declared in Part A*
Algorithm Used:	■ SHA-256 ■ MD5 ■ SHA-1
Re-computed Hash Value:	_____ ■ *Full hash string generated by your forensic tool*
Hash Value Declared in Part A:	_____ ■ *Copy exactly from Part A, Section 5*
Comparison Result:	■ EXACT MATCH — No tampering detected ■ MISMATCH — See Remarks below
Remarks (if discrepancy):	_____ ■ *Explain nature and probable cause of any hash mismatch*

4. EXPERT CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

(a) The electronic record described above was received in sealed / tamper-evident condition and examined under controlled forensic laboratory conditions;

(b) The hash value independently computed by me:
■ MATCHES / ■ DOES NOT MATCH (circle applicable)
the hash value declared in Part A;

(c) No modification, alteration, addition, or deletion was introduced to the electronic record during examination or prior to examination within my custody;

(d) The findings stated above are accurate and true to the best of my professional knowledge and examination.

Place: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Expert: _____ Seal of Laboratory / Institution: _____

Name (Print): _____ Official Designation: _____

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