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BABASAHEB BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026



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MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University was established by an Act passed by the Parliament (No. 58 of 1994). The University came into existence on 10.01.1996 vide GOI, Ministry of HRD, Education Department Notification No. 8-16/GOI/desk/U-1 dated 05.01.1996. The basic philosophy and policies of the University are spelt out and enshrined in the University Act and Statutes. The University offers graduate and post-graduate students the knowledge and skills needed to succeed as persons and professionals, and the values and sensitivity necessary to serve the society. The University distinguishes itself as a socially responsible learning community of high-quality scholarship and academic rigor sustained by social justice and equity principles for which Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar worked during his lifetime. The University draws from the cultural, intellectual, and economic resources of Uttar Pradesh and other states to enrich and strengthen its educational programs.

Our University is preparing students from rural mainland of Uttar Pradesh in particular, and all parts of India in general, often coming from marginalized sections for leadership in a complex world.

It offers the kind of education needed through various inclusive, society-oriented programs for transforming our country in the disciplines of Humanities and Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture, Biotechnology, Business, Law, Education and Environmental Sciences–through a breadth of highly regarded degree programs that allow students the freedom to explore their intellectual and personal growth.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Law started from Session 2008-09 within the School of Legal Studies offering four-Semester LL.M, Ph.D., and BBA LL.B. (H) programs. **The NIRF Ranking Framework ranked The Dept of Law at the 12th Position.**

The main objective of the Department is to impart legal education and to bring the students into social and legal services, make them self-employed and get them placement in various governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The Department of Law offers a two-year LL.M. Program spread over four semesters and offers specialization in Environmental Law, Administrative Law, Intellectual Property Rights and Criminal Laws. The LL.M. program is designed to inculcate research skills and analytical abilities in students.

The Department of Law, School of Legal Studies offers a full-time Ph.D. program under the guidance and supervision of esteemed and eminent faculty members. The Ph.D. Programme provides for constant guidance and support to the research scholars to enhance the quality of their research and to encourage innovative research.

BBA LL.B. (H) is five years integrated Under-Graduate Programme run by Department of Law with the objective to provide world class education in the field of Law and management. Wherein the students are taught subjects related to Law and Business Administration. The course is comprehensive and multidimensional, which has always been intrinsically connected with the issues of public governance and are of human and social significance. Customized efforts are directed to bridge the gap between subjects in books and in practice.

ABOUT THE MOOT

The Moot Court Competition focuses on the intersection of new criminal laws and constitutional principles, providing a platform for participants to explore the evolving landscape of criminal justice. As countries modernize their legal frameworks to address contemporary challenges, the introduction of new criminal laws often raises significant constitutional questions. This competition invites participants to engage in a nuanced discussion about the balance between criminal administration and the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution.

At the heart of the moot is the tension between the need for due criminal process and safeguarding the rights of victims and accused. As criminal laws are updated or introduced to address issues like Protection of victims (without violating the rights of accused), due process, technical method, investigation & its admissibility in the court of law. They must be scrutinized for their impact on the fundamental rights of victims and accused, as well as due process, particularly in cases where convictions rely on circumstantial evidence or are affected by procedural irregularities during investigations. Contestants will be tasked with analyzing whether these laws infringe upon constitutional protections or whether they serve to strengthen the rule of law in a constitutional democracy.

Another critical issue addressed in the moot is the role of the Judiciary in interpreting criminal laws, particularly in cases where conviction is primarily based on circumstantial evidence and electronic evidences. Participants will examine how courts navigate the tension between upholding the fundamental right and ensuring the integrity of investigations. The competition will delve into challenges posed by the collection and recording of evidence, especially when procedural irregularities during investigations risk vitiating the rights of accused persons. This moot invites participants to analyze whether courts should actively safeguard constitutional protections in such scenarios or defer to legislative intent while interpreting new laws.

Ultimately, the competition provides a dynamic forum for participants to grapple with the legal, ethical, and constitutional implications of criminal law reforms. It offers an opportunity to reflect on how legal systems can evolve without compromising the foundational principles of justice and human rights that underpin democratic societies.

RULEBOOK

SHORT TITLE

1. MCC should be abbreviated Moot Court Committee.
2. This Moot Court Competition shall be called the ***"2nd Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar National Moot Court Competition, 2026".***

DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein under as—

1. **Competition:** The Competition refers to all the aspects of the **"2nd Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar National Moot Court Competition, 2026".**
2. **Organising Committee:** It shall mean the Moot Court Committee of the Spectra Moot Court Competition of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.
3. **Participating Team:** It means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules of registration.
4. **Participating Institution:** It shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the participating team.
5. **Court Master:** The "Court Master" shall be an officer of the Court. The officer shall be entrusted with the duties of smooth functioning of the Court. Such an officer shall be the edium of communication between the Organising Committee and the Court during the competition.
6. **Dispute Resolution Committee:** The appellate committee in certain issues shall be referred to as "Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)". The decision of the DRC shall be final. No further appeal is allowed from any order of the DRC.
7. **Memorial:** It means the written arguments submitted by the team, on behalf of both parties, according to the Rules of the Competition by each team.
8. **Oral Rounds:** It refers to the competition rounds during which the teams orally submit their pleadings in front of the judges on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.

9. **Memorial Evaluation Committee:** The committee entrusted with the evaluation of memorials in the competition shall be referred to as the "Memo and Tabulation (Memorial and Research) Committee". The committee shall submit the feedback-cum-score sheet to the Organising Committee after scrutinising the memorial of the teams.
10. **Rules:** It means **"**2nd **Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar National Moot Court 2026"** Rules.

GENERAL RULES

1. **DATES:** The Competition shall be organized in hybrid mode. **Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Rounds are Scheduled to be held on 14th-15th February 2026 (virtually i.e. online mode) and Semi-Finals and Final Rounds are scheduled to be held on 21st-22nd February 2026 (in-person i.e. offline mode).**
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** All students enrolled in a three (3) year LL.B. programme, or a five (5) year integrated law programme shall be eligible to participate in the Competition. However, only FOUR team per institution shall be eligible to participate. In the event of multiple registrations from the same College/University/Law School, the Team which submits a letter by the Head / Dean of the Institution / Moot Court Committee, authorizing them to participate on behalf of the College or Law School shall be eligible to register. Students enrolled in post-graduate or diploma courses are not eligible to participate.
3. **DRESS CODE:** The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the competition is:
   (a) Girls: White Salwar Kurta or Black Pant/Skirt and White Shirt with Blazer, Black socks, Black Formal Shoes.
   (b) Boys: White Shirt, Black Trousers with Tie and Black Blazer, Black socks, Black Formal Shoes.
4. **LANGUAGE:** All oral and written submissions are required to be made in English, which shall be the official language of the Competition.
5. **STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:** The teams who have registered for the competition shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds which shall comprise of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Finals, and Advanced Rounds viz. Semi Finals and Finals. The **Preliminary Rounds & Quarter Finals, will be conducted via online mode** while the **Advanced Rounds will be conducted in offline mode** at Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.

6. TEAM COMPOSITION:

(a) Each team shall consist of a maximum of three (3) members and a minimum of two (2) members out of which two members must be designated as Speakers and one as Researcher. In the case of teams with two members, both the members will be designated as speakers.

(b) Teams shall specify name and order of the speakers and researcher at the time of registration, and this cannot be changed later at any time during the competition.

(c) Substitution of any team member or alteration of team composition is not allowed after the date of Final Registration except in extenuating circumstances and only with the permission of the Organising Committee.

(d) A team is permitted to have members from more than one institution however, those members shall not be representing officially. Those teams shall be referred as 'Open teams'

7. Mode of Competition:

(a) Preliminary and Quarter Final Rounds: These rounds shall be conducted virtually, and the platform for the same will be notified later through official communication.

(b) Semi Final and Final Rounds: The Semi-Finals and Finals are to be held **in-person (offline mode)** at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.

(c) A gap of **7 days** between quarters finals and semi-finals has been provided so that the qualifying teams can make their travel arrangements.

8. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT:

(a) The Accommodation and food shall be provided to all the qualifying teams by Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University **from the evening of 20th February,2025 to the noon/evening of 22nd February,2025. Any extension of accommodation shall be subject to availability and shall be charged in accordance with the hotel's applicable stay rates.**

(b) The Organising Committee shall be responsible for providing local transport to the shortlisted teams to commute from the Airport or Railway Station to the Competition Venue.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

1. **ROUNDS:**
   - **(a)** Preliminary Round (Virtual – Online mode)
   - **(b)** Quarter Final Round (Virtual – Online mode)
   - **(c)** Semi-Final Round (In-Person – Offline mode)
   - **(d)** Final Round (In-Person – Offline mode)
2. **DRAW OF LOTS**
   - **(a)** The match-up of teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined based on the draw of lots and shall take place on 13th February 2025. The side to be represented (Petitioner/Respondent) for other rounds shall be decided by draw of lots at different stages during the competition.
3. **PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:**
   - **(a)** Each team shall argue from both sides in the Preliminary Rounds.
   - **(b)** No team shall argue the same side twice in the Preliminary Rounds.
   - **(c) SCORING IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND**
     - The qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined based on the win or loss of the team in each preliminary round.
     - The win or loss of a team shall be determined based on aggregate score. The team with a higher aggregate score shall win the round.
     - The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of—
       i. The score of Speaker 1.
       ii. The score of Speaker 2; and
       iii. The score of the Memorial.
   - **(d) ARRANGEMENT OF RANKING:** The teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked based on the following criterion—
     - The teams shall be first differentiated on their win-loss record after the Preliminary Rounds.
     - If there is a tie, the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted the higher rank.
     - If the tie subsists, the team with the higher memorial score will be allotted a higher rank.
     - If the tie subsists, the team with the higher aggregate speaker score will be allotted the higher rank.

- 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.
- If the tie still subsists, then the rank shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

(e) RESULTS OF PRELIMINARY ROUNDS: The results of the Preliminary Rounds shall be declared soon after the conclusion of both the Preliminary Rounds. The top eight teams as per Arrangement of Ranking will qualify for the Advanced Rounds.

4. QUARTER-FINAL:

- The top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the quarterfinals.
- The team shall argue only once in the quarterfinals. The side for the quarterfinals shall be decided by way of the draw of lots.
- The quarterfinals shall be a knock-out round.
- The win-loss shall be decided based on the aggregate speaker score.
- **No memorial score will be added in the quarter final.**
- The win-loss shall be determined based on the score so computed.

5. ADVANCE ROUNDS: The Semi-Finals, and Finals shall constitute the Advanced Rounds of the Competition.

a. SEMI-FINAL:

i. The Four teams from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

ii. The team shall argue only one side in the Semi-Finals. The side of the team shallbe decided by way of the draw of lots.

iii. The Semi-Final shall be a knock-out round.

iv. The win-loss shall be decided based on the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the semi- final. The win-loss shall be determined based on the score so computed. The team with a higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

b. FINAL ROUNDS:

i. The two teams who stand declared as winners of the Semi-Final Rounds based on knockout shall qualify for the Final Rounds.

ii. In the final round, the win-loss shall be decided based on the aggregate speaker score. **No memorial score will be added in the final round.** The win-loss shallbe determined based on the score so computed.

iii. The Winner of the Final Round shall be declared the Winning Team of the Competition.

MEMORIAL

1. All the rules laid down henceforth regarding the submission and formatting of the memorial must be strictly adhered to non-adherence to the same will attract penalties as described later in this section.
2. The contestants may raise grounds of challenges or issues other than those mentioned in the Statement of Facts.
3. **General Rules & Submission:**
   - **(a)** All teams are directed to submit two memorials — on behalf of both — Petitioner and Respondent.
   - **(b)** All teams must attach and submit the soft copies of their memorial for the petitioner and respondent, in both PDF and DOCX format, no later than 11:59 P.M. (IST) on **6th February 2026** on the email ID ***slsmcc2025@gmail.com*** with the subject - Memorials for the **2nd Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar National Moot Court, 2026,** followed by the Team Code; for example: [Memorials for the 2nd National Moot Court Competition, 2026, TC40]. Violation of this deadline shall be penalized with the deduction.
   - **(c)** The files shall be named in accordance with the team codes provided. For instance, if the Team Code is 01, the memorial for the petitioner shall be named P01 and the memorial for the respondent shall be named R01. There shall be strict adherence to the deadline for memorial submission.
   - **(d)** It is to be noted that apart from the mention of team codes on the file name and cover page, there shall be no mention of anything related to the team on the memorial. The names of the participants or their College, University, or Law School shall not be mentioned anywhere on the e-mail or the Memorial.
   - **(e)** The cover page for the **Petitioner/Appellant shall be BLUE, while that of the Respondent shall be RED.**
   - **(f)** Kindly note that in case of multiple submissions by the teams, the one submitted last shall only be considered for evaluation.
4. **FORMATTING OF THE MEMORIAL:**
   - **(a)** The Body of Arguments should not exceed 30 pages in total. The entire memorial including the cover page should not exceed 45 pages.

(b) The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and the font size of footnotes, must be size 10 with single line spacing. Use of endnotes is not permitted. Headings and Titles must also have font size 12.

(c) All teams are required to follow the 20th Bluebook edition style of citation.

(d) A margin of 1 inch should be left on all sides of the pages. The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.

5. MEMORIAL STRUCTURE:

(a) Cover Page: The cover page shall contain the name of the competition and the year, the name of the Court, the case title, side of the memorial, and the team code in the top right corner. (should not exceed one page).

- Team Code in the upper right corner. The teams must use ―A‖ for Appellant, P for ―Petitioner‖ and R for ―Respondent.‖ For example: if the Team Code is 01, the memorial for the petitioner shall be named ―P01‖ and for appellants ―A01‖ and the memorial for the respondent shall be named ―R01‖.
- The year of the competition.
- The name of the case.
- The party for which the written submission has been prepared.
- Name of the forum resolving the dispute.

(b) Table of Contents.

(c) List of Abbreviations.

(d) Index of Authorities: The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial.

(e) Statement of Jurisdiction.

(f) Statement of Facts -The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences therefrom. Argumentative facts are prohibited.

(g) Issues Raised.

(h) Summary of Arguments.

(i) Arguments Advanced.

(j) Prayer (should not exceed one page)

6. MISCELLANEOUS RULES:

(a) Each team shall attach memorials, of both sides, in a single email.

(b) The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code.

(c) 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.

(d) Teams that are preparing compendiums must email .pdf files (one for the Petitioner Compendium, and one for the Respondent Compendium) on/before 10th February, 2026, 11:59 PM to slsmcc2025@gmail.com. The file name must mention the Team Code and both files should be sent in the same email. The subject line of the said email should be Compendiums for the **2nd Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar National Moot Court followed by the Team Code.** Compendiums submitted beyond the said date will not be accepted and the teams will be disallowed from submitting their compendiums to the judges on the day of the Moot Court Competition.

7. EVALUATION: The maximum score for each memorial shall be 100 marks. The scores shall be announced after the Preliminary Rounds. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Application of the Fact	**20**
2.	Reasoning & Understanding of Law and Procedure	**25**
3.	Knowledge, Interpretation and Application of Law	**20**
4.	Use of Authorities and Precedents	**20**
5.	Presentation and Formatting	**15**
	Total	**100**

8. PLAGIARISM & COPYING:

(a) It is incumbent upon the team and its members, that, memorials should not be copied among the contesting teams at all as a whole or in parts, if found so, it will be a serious violation of rules and subject matter of plagiarism, academic indiscipline and breach of law.

(b) The plagiarism percentage under no circumstance is to **exceed 20%.** Plagiarism in Memorials beyond 20% will lead to disqualification of the team.

9. DEDUCTION: The teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked based on the following criterion-

(a) Delay in submission: A penalty of 2 mark per hour per side shall be imposed in case of delay in submission of soft copy of the memorial. A team submitting its memorial beyond 2 hours after the deadline shall be disqualified.

(b) Exceeding the prescribed page limit: 1 mark shall be deducted per extra page.

(c) Failure to include all the sections: 5 marks shall be deducted per section not included.

(d) Failure to follow guidelines for the cover section: Up to 5 marks shall be deducted per memorial with a cover page not adhering to the instructions.

(e) Incorrect font, size, margins, citation style, or spacing: 1 mark shall be deducted per violation, maximum of 10 marks shall be deducted per side.

(f) Speaking footnote: 0.5 marks shall be deducted per footnote.

(g) Disclosure of identity: Disclosure of identity of teams or the institution represented by them shall lead to disqualification of the team.

(h) Plagiarism: Plagiarism in Memorials beyond 20% will lead to disqualification of the team.

ORAL ROUND

1. GENERAL RULES

(a) The Oral rounds will be conducted in online mode through the online platform. The meeting links and guidelines for the same shall be sent to the participants via email.

(b) The oral rounds shall comprise preliminary rounds, quarterfinals, semi-finals, and final rounds.

(c) In each oral round, a team will be represented by two speakers who will present arguments. The researcher will not participate in the argument but will be present along with the speakers during rounds.

(d) There shall be no oral communication between team members and the speaker delivering oral submissions.

(e) Teams shall not be permitted to use ANY other electronic device, besides the device through which they are presenting their oral rounds to the judges, while their rounds are in session, and violation of this rule may lead to the disqualification of the team.

(f) The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the Court Clerks before the commencement of each round.

(g) The teams shall not disclose to the judges, in any manner whatsoever, for the entire duration of the rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution that they represent.

(h) Only ONE speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur- rebut, as the case may be, with prior permission of the Judges.

(i) The scope of the Petitioner's rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Respondent's sur-rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Petitioner's rebuttal. If the Petitioner waives the rebuttal, there shall be no sur-rebuttal. No legal issues which were not addressed in the primary pleadings may be raised in the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

(j) The order of the pleadings in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be:

- Petitioner 1 — Petitioner 2 — Respondent 1 — Respondent 2 — Rebuttal (Petitioner 1 or 2) — Sur-rebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).

2. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

(a) Each Team will get thirty (30) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes the time taken in questioning by the judges.

- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject
- to a maximum of eighteen (18) minutes per speaker and a minimum of twelve (12) minutes.

(b) Quarter-Final:

- Each team will get thirty (30) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes questioning by the judges.
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of eighteen (18) minutes per speaker and a minimum of twelve (12) minutes.

(c) Semi-Final Rounds:

- Each team will get forty (40) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes questioning by the judges.
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of twenty-three (23) minutes per speaker and a minimum of seventeen (17) minutes.

(d) Final Round:

- Each team will get fifty (50) minutes to present their case including rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. The time includes questioning by the judges.
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of twenty-eight (28) minutes per speaker and a minimum of twenty-two (22) minutes.

3. **MARKING SCHEME:** The oral arguments shall be judged based on the following:

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of Law	**30**
2.	Application of Law to Facts	**25**
3.	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	**30**
4.	Time Management and Organisation	**5**
5.	Style, Advocacy Skills, Court Craft and Demeanour	**10**
	Total	**100**

RESEARCHER TEST

1. One researcher from each team shall be eligible to take the researcher's test, the evaluation of which will decide the best researcher award. The researcher's test will take place via google form. Application-based questions relating to the moot proposition will be asked.

DELAY IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION

1. The Oral round shall be conducted over an online video conferencing platform, the link for which shall be shared with the team members, not less than 30 minutes prior to the oral pleadings.
2. Participants shall be admitted into the online meeting by the courtroom coordinators before their round. The participants are not allowed to join the meeting before or after their allotted time slot.
3. If a team, scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of a round, does not appear for 10 minutes after the commencement of the allotted time slot of such round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions ex-parte. It shall be at the pure discretion of the Organising Committee on whether to allow or disallow a team to present their oral submissions in case it does not appear within 10 minutes after the scheduled commencement of the round.
4. The participants are required to keep their cameras enabled for the entire duration of the rounds. It must be ensured that the visibility of a participant in the virtual round is up to

their torso, including their shoulders and hands. The participants must ensure that they are seated in a noise-free area with minimum disturbances.

5. Before the commencement of each round, an audio check will be done for the speakers, and in case of any issues, they are expected to communicate the same immediately using the Chat option.
6. In case of issues related to network connectivity or any other technical issue, the participants are expected to contact and communicate with the Organising Committee or the courtroom coordinator within 5 minutes for resolving issues.
7. Use of any unfair means and violation of these instructions is strictly prohibited. The Organising Committee shall be the final arbiter in case of any conflicts/issues raised during the conduct of the moot court competition.

SCOUTING

1. Scouting by the speakers, researcher, or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to the immediate disqualification of such a team.
2. Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if any person affiliated with a team is found:
   (a) Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions in a round, except where the round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating; or
3. Reading a memorandum of a team except where:
   (a) It is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or
   (b) The memoranda have been obtained on account of an exchange of memoranda prior to a round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

AWARDS

The Prize Pool for the competition shall be **One Lakh Rupees (₹ 1 lakh)** and **Trophies and Medals.**

Categories of Awards: Cash Rewards -

• Winner	• 21,000/-
• Runner Up	• 15,000/-
• Best Speaker	• 5,000/-
• Best Memorial	• 5,000/-
• Best Researcher	• 5,000/-

- Rewards in Kind - Subscriptions worth 49000/-

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In case of any dispute regarding the interpretation or understanding of any matter concerning the competition, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final and binding on all those concerned.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team has been duly notified or informed.
2. Any reference to time will be construed as a reference to Indian Standard Time.
3. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow will share copyright for the memoranda submitted by the teams. The acceptance of such vesting is a precondition for participation in the competition.
4. If any unplanned or unexpected contingencies arise, the Organising Committee will address them and the Organising Committee's judgement in this regard shall be final. Acceptance of the Organising Committee's decisions is a precondition for participation in the Competition.
5. The Proposition is not meant to resemble any incident or person, alive or dead, and it makes no attempt to do so. Any resemblance between the two is simply accidental. The Proposition is a made-up factual narrative created solely for the purpose of the Competition, and it makes no attempt to influence or anticipate the conclusion of any topic.
6. Any attempt to contact the Problem Drafter or any member drafting committee in relation to the moot would lead to immediate disqualification.
7. Teams must raise a conflict of interest and inform the Organising Committee if they find themselves associated with any judge *viz.* as an intern, etc. at any point of the competition. In case of negligence, it will lead to disqualification of the entire team.

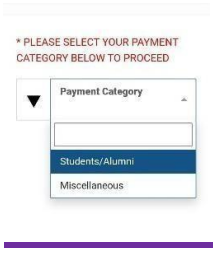
REGISTRATION

To register yourself for **2nd BABASAHEB BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR NATIONAL MOOT COURT**, pls follow the following steps.

A. Process of payment of registration fees.



STEP 1: Open **the https://erp.eshiksa.net/DirectFeesv3/BBAU** for the payment for Registration.



STEP 2: In the given drop down menu select the option **"MISCELLANEOUS".**



STEP 3: After that the following **Payment Menu** will appear on your screen.



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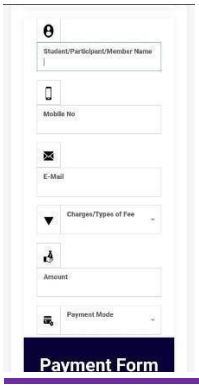

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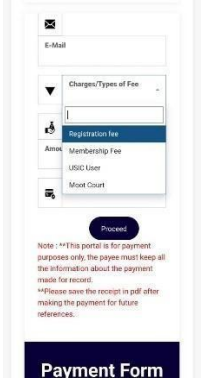

STEP 6: In the Drop-down menu **—TYPES OF FEES‖** select the option **"MOOT COURT"** and enter the Registration amount in the option **"AMOUNT".**



STEP 7: Select the **suitable payment** method and complete the **Payment process.**

- **The personals are also required to download the payment receipt PDF or snap a screenshot of the Payment Receipt via their devices.**

B. Post payment of fees, fill up and submit this https://forms.gle/czbb2RJCtA2rd3pv9 with the necessarydetails, along with the **PAYMENT RECEIPT**.

C. You will get a **confirmation** on behalf of **MCC BBAU** within **24 - 48 hours.**

FEES

- The registration Amount for all the participant is **Rs. Forty-Five Hundred Only (₹4500/-)**
- Participants who will Qualify for Advanced Rounds i.e. Semi-Finals and Final round **shall** have to pay extra **Rs. Three Thousand Only (₹3000/-)** for lodgings and stay (It is the complete discretion of the teams qualifying for semis, if they want lodging and stay, they can pay the fee otherwise they can choose their own means).
- **Note: The Department of law shall not be responsible for teams who have chosen to stay outside the accommodation provided by the department of law.**

TIMELINE OF THE EVENT

01/12/2025	COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION
26/11/2025	RELEASE OF MOOT PROBLEM
31/01/2026	LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FORM
02/02/2026	LAST DATE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION
04/02/2026	RELEASE OF CLARIFICATION
06/02/2026	LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPIES
13/02/2026	DRAW OF LOTS FOR PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
13/02/2026	RESEARCHER'S TEST
13/02/2026	VIRTUAL INAUGRATION OF MOOT COURT COMPETITION
14/02/2026	PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
15/02/2026	QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS
21/02/2026	WELCOME & INAUGRAL CEREMONY
21/02/2026	SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS
22/02/2026	FINAL ROUNDS
22/02/2026	VALEDICTORY CEREMONY
22/02/2026	CULTURAL NIGHT

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Moot Proposition

Robert Miller v. State of Northdale & Ors.

Background Facts

1. The case arises in the Republic of Xander from a tragic sequence of crimes in Riverside Village, District Kingston, State of Northdale. Where Emily, aged 16 years, lived with her elder brother Robert Miller and his wife Rachel Miller.
2. In the evening of 4th March 2025, five men from the same village, Richard Smith, Samuel Green, Kevin Harris, Luke Johnson, and Daniel Brown lured Emily to a barren field outside the village under the pretext of collecting firewood. There they committed gang rape upon her; video graphed the assault, and threatened to publish the video if she disclosed the incident to anyone.
3. Within a few days, Rachel Miller, wife of Robert Miller, noticed the altered behaviour of Emily and after repeated questioning, learnt of the incident. Because Emily was depressed due to fear of social stigma and further trauma, she forced Rachel Miller to go to a fair outside the village with her. However, Emily, apprehensive over the possibility of the incriminating video getting leaked, informed the five accused that her sister-in-law knew about the incident and suggested they meet her to get the matter cleared.
4. The accused met Rachel at the fair. Instead of confronting her, they brutally gang-raped Rachel Miller as well and recorded the act. A few days later, Robert Miller came to know of both the incidents after one of the videos was leaked into a local WhatsApp group which was that of his sister, Emily.
5. He lodged FIR No. 42/2025 at P.S. Riverside under Sections 70(1) of BNS, 351 (2), (3) of BNS, (376D & 506 of IPC) and 67A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 against the five men.
6. All five were arrested for Rachel Miller and Emily's gang rape incident and sent to judicial custody. But on 25th April 2025, minor Emily committed suicide as she came to know that the video was once again being circulated on social media.
7. Later, the High Court granted bail to the five accused persons pending trial. After their release, the accused are alleged to have threatened Rachel Miller in the neighbourhood of her house, not to depose against them in court or 'they will kill her' which Rachel told her husband upon reaching her home.
8. On 5th May 2025, the day Rachel was scheduled to record her statement under Section 183 of BNSS (Section 164 of CrPC), in the night of 4th May 2025, her body was found in her matrimonial home, hanging from a ceiling fan by Robert Miller.
9. A rope was found near the body, and the initial police report recorded the incident as suicide. However, a subsequent complaint was filed by her mother, Mrs. Martha Evans, that Robert Miller and his family

had been demanding dowry since the marriage and that Rachel had often complained of beating and cruelty, as occasionally reported by herself (Rachel) over the telephone.

10. In initial stage of investigation police found the dead body was lying on a wooden table and the rope was near the fan, giving rise to suspicion. On that time Robert Miller told the Investigation Officer (I.O.) that he had discovered the body first since Rachel did not respond to his repeated calls. He peeped through the window, saw her hanging, broke open the door and took the body down before calling the police. Prima facie evidences showed that is was a suicide case but after the complaint by mother of Rachel Miller police registered a FIR under section 80, 85 under BNS (304B, 498A under IPC). But post mortem showed that the wife had been killed from strangulation. So during investigation police altered the section 80 to 103 of BNS (304B to 302 IPC).
11. But after post-mortem report and when accused came to know that his wife was killed from strangulation, he alleged that the five rape accused, who were released from jail on the same day they were found lurking around his house which was also confirmed by eye witnesses during the initial stages of investigation but it was ignored by the investigation officer in the chargesheet which he submitted. Robert Miller also alleged that they had murdered Rachel Miller to prevent her from testifying and made it look like suicide.
12. He also produced phone records showing threatening messages from unknown numbers allegedly linked to the five rape accused. However, the Trial Court convicted Robert Miller under Sections 103 and 85 under BNS (302, and 498A IPC), sentencing him to life imprisonment, holding that the circumstantial evidence pointed to his guilt and that he had a clear motive to silence his wife.
13. On appeal, the High Court of Northdale sustained the conviction, holding that the defence failed to rebut the presumption under Section 118 of Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam,2023 (113B of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872) (dowry death presumption).
14. Robert Miller has now filed a Special Leave Petition before the Supreme Court of Xander, under Article 136 of the Constitution, challenging the judgment of the High Court, on the grounds that there was a miscarriage of justice, misapplication of evidentiary presumptions, and failure to investigate third-party involvement.

Issues for Consideration

1. Whether the conviction of the Petitioner under Section Sections 103 and 85 under BNS, (302 IPC and Section 498A IPC) is legally sustainable in view of the evidence on record and the presumption under Section Section 118 of Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (113B of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872).
2. Whether failure of the police to investigate the alleged threats from the five rape accused amounts to violation of the Petitioner's right to a fair investigation under Article 21 of the Constitution.
3. Whether the circumstantial evidence relied upon by the Trial Court and the High Court meets the requirements of proof beyond reasonable doubt as mandated in criminal jurisprudence.
4. Whether charges under Sections 103 and section 80 of BNS (302 and 304B of IPC) can concurrently be sustained in law in view of the divergent nature of the offences.
5. Whether the Investigating Officer's conduct constitutes procedural impropriety or bias in the shift of case theory from suicide to murder.

"Let the mantle of justice be wielded with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering commitment tothe rule of law."

"Fiat justitia ruat caelum" (Let justice be done though the heavens fall).

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