

Amritsar Law College is approved by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi, and affiliated with Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Amritsar Law College offers excellent education in the field of law. It is one of the leading law Colleges in India. The mission of Amritsar Law College is to provide student-centric education and to foster personal and intellectual growth to prepare students for productive careers, meaningful lives, and responsible citizenship in a global society.

The objective of Amritsar Law College is to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of the law and legal process and their role in nation development, to develop in the students the sense of responsibility to serve the society in the field of law by developing skills regarding advocacy, legal services, legislation, and law reforms. The college adheres to furnishing a quality education that helps the students be self-dependent. The highly skilled teaching faculty uses a unique pedagogy to teach the students and make them compatible with new technology.



1st ALC NATIONWIDE VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2026

April 16-17, 2026



From the desk of Chairman

Know me not what I am. My work only bears my Identity!

God illumines my path to work, to serve, and with folded hands I entreat His Grace to grant me vigour & vision ever fresh to serve humanity so long I live on Earth!

Always be grateful to Almighty and His fellow beings.

Sh. Amit Sharma (Advocate)
Chairman,
Amritsar Group of Colleges

Our Mission

Children are the building blocks of any nation and at the Amritsar Law College, we are deeply committed to educating our young minds so that they become valuable contributors to society. At ALC, we welcome students from across the country, fostering a diverse and inclusive academic environment. The institution is dedicated to delivering quality education and preparing students to be industry-ready.

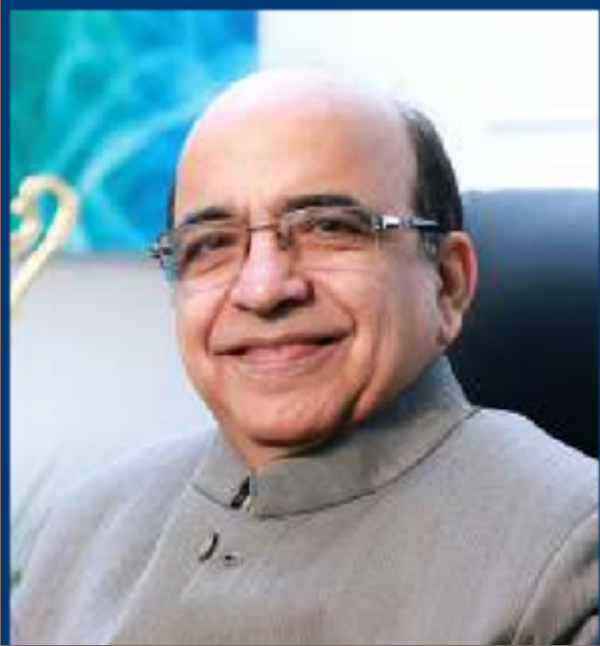
Honourable Advocate Amit Sharma, Chairman of AGC Amritsar, states that in the upcoming academic session, ALC's primary focus will be on nurturing students' multidimensional growth. The college aims to provide a holistic learning environment by organizing various moot court competitions, events, industrial visits, and other programs to support their overall development.



From the desk of Director Finance

The world has changed into a global village and the demand for efficiency, proficiency, and aptitude is forever increasing. Amritsar Group of Colleges (AGC) has propounded courses in Engineering, Law, Pharmacy, Management and Technology to lay the foundation stones for a fully developed nation.

Mrs. Ragini Sharma
Director Finance
Amritsar Group of Colleges



From the desk of Managing Director

Our core values of first-class education, discipline, and passion for work have made Amritsar Group of Colleges (AGC) the undisputed choice among bright students. The modern era is dominated by cutthroat competition among institutes vying for the top position. But the law of Survival of the Fittest prevails, and only the best of the lot are able to make a mark. Being part of Amritsar Law College, we endeavor to foster decisive and meaningful intervention in the intersection of law and development.

Dr Rajneesh Arora
Managing Director
Amritsar Group of Colleges

About Moot Court

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is therefore not an act, but a habit.”

ARISTOTLE

The Moot Court at Amritsar Law College, Amritsar, fosters excellence in advocacy, legal research, and courtroom etiquette, preparing students to become competent legal professionals. Serving as a vital extension of classroom learning, it offers a realistic platform for students to engage with the practical dimensions of law through structured and competitive court proceedings.

The Moot Court Society at ALC strives to cultivate critical thinking, articulate expression, persuasive advocacy, and effective legal drafting skills. It organizes training sessions, memorial drafting workshops, research-oriented discussions, as well as mock arguments and debates. Through these activities, students are trained to analyze complex legal issues and present well-reasoned submissions before judicial benches.



From the desk of Principal

Amritsar Law College (ALC), under the aegis of Amritsar Group of Colleges (AGC), has, since its commencement in the year 2020, concentrated on maintaining the crucial vision of engaging each person with knowledge and confidence. I, being a principal of Amritsar Law College, extend my warm wishes to all the participants of the moot court competition. All the Best!!!

Dr Avon Kumar Vaid
Principal
Amritsar Law College

MOOT PROPOSITION (CRIMINAL)

The Republic of India is a sovereign, democratic, and secular nation governed by a written Constitution. It guarantees Fundamental Rights under Part III, ensuring liberty, equality, and justice to its citizens. Over the years, India has witnessed growing debates on how protective legislation, particularly those related to matrimonial cruelty and dowry, should be balanced with safeguarding individuals from harassment through false and malicious complaints. These debates often highlight the thin line between genuine protection for victims and misuse of laws to settle personal scores. Mr. Rohit Malhotra, aged 32 years, is a senior investigative journalist with 'The Journal Times,' an English daily newspaper with a wide readership. Rohit has built a reputation for fearless reporting, often highlighting corruption in government departments, corporate frauds, and alleged misuse of women-protection laws. Ms. Kavita Mahajan, aged 28 years, is a nationally reputed Bharatanatyam dancer and founder of the 'Kavita Dance Academy,' through which she has trained hundreds of young students. On December 15, 2020, they (Mr. Rohit Malhotra and Ms. Kavita Mahajan) married under Hindu customs at the Hanuman Temple in Navpur, Madhya Pradesh, and duly registered their marriage under The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. Initially, the marriage was celebrated by media and cultural circles as a union of intellect and art.

The families of both parties blessed the relationship, and the couple began their married life in Green Valley Apartments, Navpur, Madhya Pradesh, for a time, they managed their careers alongside their household responsibilities harmoniously. On February 12, 2022, their daughter, Master Anandi Malhotra, was born, bringing joy to both families. However, post-childbirth, financial stress, professional demands, and differing family expectations gradually created tension between the spouses. Kavita alleged that Rohit and his parents, Mr. Suresh Malhotra (a retired government servant) and Mrs. Sunita Malhotra (a homemaker), expressed dissatisfaction with the financial arrangements made at the time of marriage. According to Kavita, repeated taunts were made about inadequate dowry and the expectation of further monetary contributions from her parental family. Rohit, however, maintained that Kavita's family interfered excessively in their private affairs, especially through her parents, Mr. Rajesh Mahajan and Mrs. Priya Mahajan, both retired teachers who frequently visited to assist with childcare. This situation became a cause of friction, particularly because Rohit's work often kept him away from home, while Kavita's reduced income after childbirth strained the household budget. On March 19, 2023, a heated argument occurred at their residence regarding the purchase of furniture for their daughter. Kavita alleged that Rohit not only demanded additional contributions from her family but also resorted to physical violence by pushing her against a wall, causing injuries to her left arm and lower back. She further alleged that her in-laws, instead of intervening, supported Rohit's behavior. She immediately informed her parents, who rushed to the residence and later advised her to lodge a criminal complaint.

On March 20, 2023, FIR was filed at Navpur Police Station under Sections 85 and 115 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS). Medical records prepared by Dr. Anita Rao of Government City Hospital confirmed bruises and tenderness consistent with her account. Rohit was arrested on March 21, 2023, and his bail applications before the Magistrate were rejected, citing the serious nature of the allegations. He maintained that the complaint was false and a calculated move to discredit him for his series of articles titled 'When Protection Becomes Persecution,' which investigated false dowry and cruelty complaints. According to Rohit, powerful interest groups sought to silence his journalism, and Kavita's complaint was part of this vendetta. On June 15, 2023, the dispute escalated dramatically when a 2.5-minute video appeared online showing a woman resembling Kavita in an intimate situation with another man went viral across Facebook, WhatsApp, and Telegram, receiving more than 50,000 views in six hours. Rohit relied on this video to file a divorce petition under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, alleging cruelty and adultery, and also sought custody of Ananya under the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956. Kavita, in response, filed a cybercrime complaint alleging the video was morphed using advanced technology to tarnish her reputation, naming Rohit's associate, Mr. Vikash Gupta, as one of the accused.

Kavita also filed a writ petition before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh asserting violation of her Fundamental Right to Privacy and Dignity under Article 21, and sought immediate removal of the video. The matter attracted significant public discourse, with media outlets debating whether women's dignity and privacy in the digital age were sufficiently protected by law. At the same time, men's rights groups highlighted the issue of false dowry cases and the risk of misuse of Section 85 BNS. On August 19, 2023, the High Court refused to quash the FIR, upheld the constitutional validity of Section 85 BNS as a necessary protective measure, and granted interim custody of Anandi to Kavita. It directed the cybercrime authorities to expedite the investigation of the video and allowed Rohit supervised visitation rights. The Court emphasized that the child's welfare was of paramount importance and that matrimonial allegations should be decided at trial based on evidence. Aggrieved, Rohit and his parents filed Special Leave Petitions before the Supreme Court of India challenging the High Court's multiple grounds: the refusal to quash the FIR, the upholding of Section 85 BNS, denial of child custody, and consideration of the viral video as evidence.

ISSUES RAISED

1. Whether the denial of bail to the Petitioner under Sections 85 and 115 of the BNS violates his Fundamental Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution?
2. Whether Section 85 of the BNS (matrimonial cruelty) is unconstitutional on the grounds of arbitrariness and misuse, thereby violating Articles 14 and 21?
3. Whether the publication and circulation of the alleged video amounts to a violation of the Right to Privacy and Dignity under Article 21 and whether such digital evidence is admissible in matrimonial disputes?
4. Whether Kavita's alleged conduct amounts to "cruelty" or "adultery" under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, entitling Rohit to divorce?
5. Whether the custody of the minor child should be granted to the father, considering the "best interest of the child" principle under The Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956?

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The competition is open for all bonafide students who are pursuing an integrated 5 year and 3 year Law or LLM program in India from an institution recognized by Bar Council of India.
2. The arguments should be focused on the issues stated above and the language shall be English.
3. This Moot Proposition is formulated solely for the purpose of this competition. Therefore, all the characters given are fictional; any resemblance is coincidental.
4. The Team shall consist of 3 students (1st as speaker, 2nd as speaker and 3rd as researcher)
5. Memorials:
 - a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (favour and Against).
 - b. The team are requested to send its memorial via-email alexdiscipulus@acetedu.in in pdf or word format, by **13th April, 2026**.

c. The memorials must contain:

Cover page with Team code.

- The table of contents
- The index of authorities
- The statement of Jurisdiction

The statement of facts (an argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)

- The statement of Issues
- The summary of Arguments
- The arguments advanced (not more than 15 pages)
- The Prayer Clause

d. The font size should be 12 in Times New Roman (one & half space) and for footnotes it should be 10 (follow ILI rules of footnoting- sample file attached herewith or you may download <http://www.ili.ac.in/cstyle.pdf>).

e. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.

f. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.

g. Covers must be placed/mentioned – Cause Title and Identity (as applicable) on briefs as follows:

- Prosecution/Applicant/Petitioner etc (as the case may be): **Light Blue Color**;
- Defence/ Respondent etc (as the case may be): **Light Red Color**.

h. The teams may share a separate paper book (compendium) of not more than 100 pages, which will carry all the annexures and case laws that have been referred to in the memorial.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Entry open till: April 12, 2026.
- Team Code will be issued by: April 12, 2026.
- Memorials submission : April 13, 2026.
- Allotment of teams: April 15, 2026.

- The Moot court competition shall comprise the following rounds:

- (i). **Preliminary Rounds:** The draw of lots have been taken place and each team will have to present both sides, i.e., Prosecution/Applicant/Petitioner, Defence/ Respondent, in this round. The top 16 teams, based on their cumulative scores from the memorials and preliminary rounds, shall qualify for the quarterfinals.
- (ii). **Quarter final Rounds:** The top 8 teams from the Preliminary Round shall proceed to the quarterfinals. This will be a knockout round; hence, the winners will be determined by courtroom wins. The draw of lots will take place after this round.
- (iii). **Semi-Final Round:** Further, top 4 teams winning teams from the quarter-finals shall proceed in this semi-final round. This round will again follow the knockout rule. The draw of lots will again take place after the competition of this round.
- (iv). **Final Round:** The top 2 winning team from the semi- final round shall proceed to this round.

AWARDS

1. Winner Team:- Rs.3100/-
2. Runner-up Team:- Rs.2100/-
3. Two Best Mooter/Speaker:- Rs. 1100/-

*All participants will be issued participation certificates.

*Best Mooter will be from the rest of the winning teams.

- Registration Fee: Rs. 900/-, per team.
- The official email for all correspondence concerning the competition is:

alexdiscipulus@acet.edu.in

QR for Registration:



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Registration fee:**

