

AJMAL LAW COLLEGE, HOJAI

Presents

1st AJMAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION – 2026



(NATIONAL LEVEL)

Organized by

Moot Court Society
Ajmal Law College, Hojai



29th–30th August, 2026



Venue: Ajmal Law College,
Hojai, Assam – 782435



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Invitation

To,

The Director / Registrar / Dean / Principal

**Subject: Invitation to Participate in the 1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026
(National Level)**

Respected Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Ajmal Law College, Hojai!

We are delighted to extend an invitation to your esteemed institution to participate in the **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026**, a premier national-level event organized by Ajmal Law College. The competition is scheduled for **29th-30th August, 2026** at our campus. It would be a privilege to host your team.

This competition aims to promote legal research, advocacy, and courtroom skills among future legal professionals. Details regarding the format, rules, and registration process are enclosed.

We look forward enthusiastic participation from your esteemed institution.

With warm regards,

Organizing Committee

1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition

Ajmal Law College, Hojai

Foreword Message from Director



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings to all participants, academicians, legal professionals, and distinguished guests for the **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026**, hosted by Ajmal Law College. This landmark event reflects our commitment to fostering academic excellence, professional competence, and holistic development among aspiring legal professionals.

At Ajmal Foundation, we firmly believe that quality education serves as the foundation for social transformation and nation-building. Moot court competitions provide a unique platform for students to bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical legal application by cultivating advocacy, legal research, analytical reasoning, and leadership skills.

The inaugural edition of this competition marks an important milestone in our collective efforts to nurture future lawyers, judges, policymakers, and scholars who are guided by the principles of justice, integrity, and public service. Such initiatives encourage intellectual engagement, healthy competition, and meaningful exchange of ideas among students from diverse institutions across the country.

I congratulate the organizing committee, faculty members, and student coordinators for their dedication and hard work in bringing this prestigious event to fruition. I am confident that this competition will provide an enriching experience for all participants and contribute significantly to the advancement of legal education.

I extend my best wishes to all competing teams and look forward to the success of this inaugural edition.

Dr. Khasrul Islam

Director,

Ajmal Foundation

Foreword Message from Principal



It is a matter of great pride and satisfaction to welcome all participants to the **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026**, organized by Ajmal Law College. As an institution committed to academic excellence and professional legal training, we are delighted to provide a platform that promotes advocacy, legal scholarship, and practical learning.

Moot court competitions occupy a central place in legal education. They enable students to develop essential skills in legal research, drafting, critical analysis, oral advocacy, and courtroom etiquette. Beyond competition, mooting encourages confidence, discipline, teamwork, and an appreciation of the ethical responsibilities that accompany the legal profession.

The launch of this national moot court competition reflects our vision of creating opportunities that prepare students to meet the challenges of an evolving legal landscape. By bringing together talented law students from across the country, this event seeks to encourage intellectual dialogue, professional growth, and a spirit of healthy competition.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the organizing committee, faculty members, student volunteers, and all stakeholders whose efforts have made this event possible. I also warmly welcome our esteemed judges, legal practitioners, and academicians whose presence will greatly enrich the learning experience of the participants.

I wish every team a rewarding and memorable experience and hope that this competition becomes a distinguished annual tradition in the years ahead.

Dr. Akkas Ali

Principal

Ajmal Law College

About Ajmal Law College

Ajmal Law College, Hojai, Assam, established in 2018 under the aegis of the Ajmal Foundation, is one of the premier institutions under the Ajmal Group of Institutions (AGI), committed to providing quality legal education along with extensive practical exposure, fostering academic excellence and professional competence among aspiring legal professionals. Affiliated to Gauhati University and approved by the Bar Council of India, the college offers both the Three-Year LL.B. Programme and the Five-Year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Programme, designed to equip students with a strong foundation in legal principles, analytical reasoning, advocacy, and professional ethics.

Situated in the heart of Hojai, the institution is committed to nurturing socially responsible and professionally competent legal practitioners. The college emphasizes a holistic approach to legal education by integrating classroom learning with practical training through moot courts, legal aid activities, seminars, workshops, debates, and community engagement programmes. This approach enables students to develop critical thinking, research aptitude, leadership qualities, and a deep understanding of contemporary legal challenges.

Guided by its vision of promoting justice, equity, and constitutional values, Ajmal Law College strives to create an academic environment that encourages intellectual inquiry, ethical legal practice, and social responsibility. The institution seeks to produce graduates who are not only skilled legal professionals but also responsible citizens committed to upholding the rule of law and contributing meaningfully to society.

With modern infrastructure, dedicated faculty members, and a student-centric learning environment, Ajmal Law College continues to emerge as a centre of excellence in legal education in Northeast India, preparing future lawyers, judges, academicians, and policymakers to meet the evolving demands of the legal profession with competence, integrity, and confidence.



About Moot Court Society

The Moot Court Society of Ajmal Law College is a premier academic and co-curricular body established in the year 2024 which is dedicated to bridging the gap between theoretical legal education and practical courtroom advocacy. It focuses on developing essential skills such as legal research, memorial drafting, public speaking, logical reasoning, and critical analysis through regular moot sessions, workshops, and internal competitions.

The Society prepares students for inter-collegiate and national moot court competitions, fostering confidence, professionalism, and strong argumentative abilities. It also promotes teamwork, discipline, and intellectual growth by encouraging senior-junior mentorship. Ultimately, the Moot Court Society serves as a vital training ground for nurturing competent, ethical, and skilled future legal professionals.



About the Competition

The Moot Court Committee of Ajmal Law College proudly presents the **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026**, a premier national-level event designed to promote excellence in legal education and advocacy. As the inaugural edition of the competition, it aims to provide a dynamic and intellectually stimulating platform for law students from universities and law schools across India to demonstrate their legal acumen and courtroom skills.

The competition seeks to cultivate and strengthen essential professional competencies, including legal research, memorial drafting, analytical reasoning, oral advocacy, and effective argumentation. Structured to replicate real courtroom proceedings, the event offers participants an opportunity to engage with complex legal issues, present arguments before experienced judges, and gain valuable practical exposure to the functioning of the legal system.

Through multiple rounds of rigorous competition, participants will be challenged to apply legal principles to contemporary issues while demonstrating professionalism, teamwork, and ethical responsibility. The competition also serves as a forum for academic interaction, encouraging the exchange of ideas among students, legal practitioners, academicians, and members of the judiciary.

As the host institution, Ajmal Law College is committed to providing an enriching academic environment that fosters innovation, critical thinking, and professional excellence. Through this national moot court competition, the institution reaffirms its dedication to nurturing competent legal professionals who are prepared to contribute meaningfully to the justice system and society at large.

The **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026** aspires to establish itself as a prestigious annual event that promotes legal scholarship, advocacy skills, and the enduring values of justice, fairness, and the rule of law.

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Timeline of the Competition

Event	Date
Opening of Provisional Registration	29 th June, 2026
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Inaugural Ceremony & Preliminary Rounds	29 th August, 2026
Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Final & Valedictory Ceremony	30 th August, 2026

Rule Book

The Organising Committee of the **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition – 2026** will have exclusive authority to interpret the rules in the interest of just and fair competition. The definitions placed below by the Organising Committee shall be final and the decision of the Organising Committee regarding the applicability of these rules will be final. These rules may be called the rules for the **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition – 2026**.

Definitions

1. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them herein:

1.1 Competition

The term "Competition" shall mean the **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition – 2026** organized by Moot Court Society, Ajmal Law College, Hojai.

1.2 Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee shall mean the Committee constituted by Ajmal Law College for the administration and conduct of the Competition

1.3 Participating Institution

The parent College, University or Institution represented by a participating team.

1.4 Participating Team

A team duly registered and confirmed by the Organizing Committee in accordance with these Rules.

1.5 Court Master

An official appointed by the Organizing Committee to facilitate the smooth conduct of the oral rounds.

1.6 Memorial

The written submissions prepared on behalf of both parties in accordance with these Rules.

1.7 Oral Rounds

The rounds during which participating teams present oral arguments before the judges.

1.8 Memorial Evaluation Committee

The Committee appointed by the Organizing Committee for evaluating memorials.

1.9 Researcher's Test

The written assessment conducted to determine the recipient of the Best Researcher Award.

1.10 Rules

These Rules shall govern every aspect of the Competition.

2. General

2.1 Short Title

This Competition shall be known as the **1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition – 2026**.

2.2 Date and Venue

The Competition shall be conducted in **offline mode** on **29th and 30th August, 2026** at **Ajmal Law College, Fakirabasti, Hojai, Assam**.

2.3 Eligibility

The Competition is open to students enrolled in:

- Three-Year LL.B. Programme; or
- Five-Year Integrated LL.B. Programme.

Only **two teams per institution** shall be permitted to participate.

2.4 Official Language

The official language of the Competition shall be **English**. All memorials and oral submissions shall be made only in English.

2.5 Dress Code

Participants shall wear professional advocate's attire throughout the Competition.

For Gentlemen

- White Shirt
- Black Trousers
- Black Blazer/Coat
- White Neck Band
- Black Shoes

For Ladies

- White Shirt with Black Trousers/Skirt or White Salwar-Kameez
- Black Blazer/Coat
- White Neck Band
- Black Shoes

2.6 Interpretation of Rules

The interpretation of these Rules shall vest exclusively with the Organizing Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

3. Team Composition & Registration

3.1 Team Composition

Each participating team shall consist of **three (3) members**, namely:

- Two Speakers; and
- One Researcher.

A team consisting of only two members shall designate both members as Speakers.

The composition of a team shall not be altered after confirmation of registration except with the prior permission of the Organizing Committee under exceptional circumstances.

3.2 Provisional Registration

Teams intending to participate in the Competition shall complete the **Provisional Registration** by submitting the prescribed Google Registration Form within the stipulated time.

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/tpvRbfunimDqtUb37>

Submission of the Provisional Registration Form shall be treated only as an expression of interest and shall not, by itself, guarantee participation in the Competition. The Organizing Committee shall verify the details submitted by each team before proceeding with the registration process.

3.3 Registration Schedule

- Opening of Provisional Registration: **29th June, 2026**
- Last Date for Provisional Registration: **30th July, 2026**
- Communication of Final Registration Link to Eligible Teams: **before 31st July, 2026**
- Last Date for Final Registration and Payment of Registration Fee: **3rd August, 2026**
- Issuance of Team Codes: Upon successful completion of Final Registration

3.4 Registration Procedure

Upon verification of the Provisional Registration Form, the Organizing Committee shall intimate the eligible teams through their registered email address and provide a link to the **Final Registration Form**.

The Final Registration Form shall require the selected teams to:

- Submit the duly completed Registration Form (annexed to the Competition Brochure); and

- Pay the prescribed Registration Fee within the stipulated time.

Only after successful submission of the required documents and payment of the Registration Fee shall the registration of a team be treated as complete.

Upon successful completion of the Final Registration process, each team shall be allotted a unique **Team Code**, which shall be used for all future correspondence and throughout the Competition.

3.6 Registration Fee

- **₹2,000/- per team** (Without Accommodation)
- **₹4,000/- per team** (With Accommodation)

Accommodation, wherever opted for, shall include meals as specified by the Organizing Committee.

3.7 Team Code

Each participating team shall be allotted a unique **Team Code** after completion of the Final Registration process.

The Team Code shall be used in all correspondence with the Organizing Committee and on all memorials and other competition-related documents.

The identity of the participating institution shall remain confidential throughout the Competition, and no participant shall disclose the name of their institution before the judges during any stage of the Competition. Any violation of this Rule may attract penalties, including disqualification, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

4. Clarifications

4.1 Clarification Procedure

Any team seeking clarification(s) regarding the Moot Proposition may submit their queries only through the prescribed Google Form, the link for

which shall be communicated to the confirmed teams by the Organizing Committee.

4.2 Number of Clarifications

Each participating team may submit a maximum of **three (3)** clarification requests.

Multiple questions in a single clarification shall be treated as separate queries.

4.3 Timeline

- **Last Date for Seeking Clarifications:** 4th August, 2026
- **Release of Clarifications:** 5th August, 2026

The responses to all clarifications shall be released collectively and shall form an integral part of the Moot Proposition.

No clarification requests shall be entertained after the prescribed deadline.

5. Memorials

5.1 Submission of Memorials

Every participating team shall prepare Memorials from **both sides** of the Moot Proposition, namely:

- Memorial for the Petitioner/Appellant/ Prosecution (as applicable); and
- Memorial for the Respondent/Respondent State/Defence (as applicable).

Failure to submit Memorials from both sides shall attract penalties as determined by the Organizing Committee.

Soft Copy Submission

The Soft Copy of the Memorials shall be submitted on or before:

25th August, 2026

The Memorials shall be emailed to the address notified by the Organizing Committee.

The subject line of the email shall be:

“Memorials (Team Code) – 1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition, 2026”

Hard Copy Submission

Each team shall submit the prescribed number of hard copies of both Memorials at the Registration Desk on **29th August, 2026**, before the commencement of the Inaugural Ceremony.

Failure to submit the required hard copies within the stipulated time may attract penalties.

6. Format of Memorials

Each Memorial shall contain the following parts in the order mentioned below:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Index of Authorities
4. Statement of Jurisdiction
5. Statement of Facts
6. Issues Raised
7. Summary of Arguments
8. Arguments Advanced
9. Prayer

No Annexures or Appendices shall be permitted unless specifically allowed by the Organizing Committee.

Formatting Requirements

- Paper Size: A4
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size (Text): 12
- Font Size (Footnotes): 10
- Line Spacing (Text): 1.5
- Line Spacing (Footnotes): Single
- Margin: 1 inch on all sides
- Text Alignment: Justified

The citation format shall conform to the **Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition)**.

The Memorial shall not disclose, either directly or indirectly, the identity of the participating institution.

Only the Team Code shall appear on the Cover Page.

7. Evaluation of Memorials

7.1 Each Memorial shall be evaluated on a total of 100 Marks based on the following criteria:

Particulars	Marks
Knowledge of Law	20
Application of Law to Facts	20
Interpretation and Use of Authorities	20
Originality and Depth of Research	20
Organisation, Presentation and Language	10
Citation and Formatting	10
Total	100

7.2 Penalties

The Organizing Committee may impose penalties for:

- Late submission of Soft Copy Memorials.
- Failure to submit Hard Copies within the stipulated time.
- Violation of formatting requirements.
- Disclosure of the identity of the participating institution.
- Non-compliance with these Rules.
- Plagiarism beyond prescribed limit.

The decision of the Memorial Evaluation Committee regarding the award of marks and imposition of penalties shall be final and binding.

The scores awarded to the Memorials shall be considered for determining the **Best Memorial Award**.

7.3 Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism up to **10% is permissible**. However, plagiarism beyond this limit is strictly prohibited. If any participating team is found indulging in excessive plagiarism, they shall be **disqualified** from the competition. The decision of the organising committee regarding plagiarism would be final and binding on all participants

8. Oral Rounds

8.1 General

The Oral Rounds of the Competition shall be conducted **offline** at the premises of Ajmal Law College, Hojai, Assam.

The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- Preliminary Rounds
- Quarter-Final Rounds
- Semi-Final Rounds
- Final Round

The decision of the Organizing Committee regarding the scheduling and conduct of the rounds shall be final and binding.

8.2 Courtrooms

The Organizing Committee shall allot courtrooms and team pairings prior to the commencement of each round.

No request for change of courtroom or pairing shall ordinarily be entertained.

8.3 Reporting Time

All participating teams shall report to the Registration Desk and thereafter to their respective courtrooms **at least thirty (30) minutes** prior to the scheduled commencement of their round.

Failure to report within the stipulated time may result in appropriate action by the Organizing Committee.

8.4 Courtroom Decorum

Participants shall maintain the highest standards of professional conduct and courtroom etiquette throughout the Competition.

Participants shall:

- address the Bench respectfully;
- refrain from interrupting opposing counsel except during rebuttals;
- maintain professional attire throughout the proceedings;
- ensure that mobile phones and electronic devices remain in silent mode; and
- comply with all directions issued by the Bench and the Court Master.

Any act of indiscipline or misconduct may invite penalties or disqualification.

9. Format of Oral Rounds

9.1 Preliminary Rounds

Each team shall participate in **two Preliminary Rounds**, once from each side of the Proposition.

The pairings for the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined by draw of lots.

At the conclusion of the Preliminary Rounds, the **Top Eight (8) Teams** shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds based on the cumulative scores obtained.

9.2 Quarter-Final Rounds

The Quarter-Final Rounds shall be conducted on a knockout basis.

The winning team from each Quarter-Final Round shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds.

9.3 Semi-Final Rounds

The winners of the Quarter-Final Rounds shall compete in the Semi-Final Rounds.

The winning teams shall qualify for the Final Round.

9.4 Final Round

The winners of the Semi-Final Rounds shall compete in the Final Round.

The winner of the Final Round shall be declared the **Winner of the 1st Ajmal Moot Court Competition – 2026**.

10. Time Allocation

10.1 Preliminary Rounds

Each team shall be allotted **Twenty (20) Minutes** to present its case.

The total time shall include:

- Oral Submissions;
- Rebuttal; and
- Sur-Rebuttal.

10.2 Quarter-Final Rounds

Each team shall be allotted **Twenty-five (25) Minutes**.

10.3 Semi-Final Rounds

Each team shall be allotted **Thirty (30) Minutes**.

10.4 Final Round

Each team shall be allotted **Forty-five (45) Minutes**.

10.5 Division of Time

Prior to the commencement of each round, every team shall inform the Court Master regarding the division of time between its Speakers.

No Speaker shall ordinarily be permitted to address the Bench for less than five (5) minutes.

Extension of time shall be entirely at the discretion of the Bench.

10.6 Rebuttal and Sur-Rebuttal

Only the first Speaker may reserve time for rebuttal.

Sur-Rebuttal shall be permitted only with the permission of the Bench.

11. Marking Criteria for Oral Rounds

Each Speaker shall be evaluated independently on a scale of **100 Marks**.

The evaluation shall be based on the following parameters:

Criteria	Marks
Knowledge of Facts	10
Knowledge and Application of Law	20
Interpretation of Authorities	20
Organisation and Structure of Arguments	10
Advocacy Skills and Courtroom Manner	15
Response to Questions from the Bench	15
Time Management	5
Persuasiveness and Overall Presentation	5
Total	100

The scores awarded by the Judges shall be final.

The cumulative scores of both Speakers, together with the Memorial Scores wherever applicable under these Rules, shall determine the ranking of teams during the Preliminary Rounds.

In case of a tie, the team having the higher combined Oral Scores shall be ranked higher. If the tie still persists, the team with the higher Memorial Score shall be preferred. If a tie continues

thereafter, the decision of the Bench and the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

12. Researcher's Test

12.1 Eligibility

Only **one (1) Researcher** from each participating team shall be eligible to appear for the Researcher's Test.

12.2 Mode of Examination

The Researcher's Test shall be conducted in **offline mode** at the Competition Venue.

The Test shall consist of objective and/or descriptive questions based upon the Moot Proposition and the applicable law.

12.3 Evaluation

The participant securing the highest marks in the Researcher's Test shall be declared the **Best Researcher**, subject to compliance with these Rules.

The decision of the evaluators shall be final and binding.

13. Delay in Appearance

13.1 Reporting

Every participating team shall report to the allotted courtroom at least **30 minutes** before the scheduled commencement of its round.

13.2 Failure to Report

If a team fails to report within **10 minutes** of the scheduled commencement of the round, the opposing team may be permitted to proceed **ex parte**, subject to the discretion of the Organizing Committee and the Bench.

13.3 Absence

A team remaining absent without prior permission of the Organizing Committee may be disqualified from the Competition.

13.4 Extraordinary Circumstances

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to permit or refuse participation in exceptional circumstances. The decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final.

14. Scouting

14.1 Prohibition

Scouting is strictly prohibited throughout the Competition.

14.2 Scouting shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- (a) Witnessing or observing oral submissions in any courtroom in which the observer's team is not participating.
- (b) Obtaining or attempting to obtain the memorials of another team except through the official exchange procedure.
- (c) Communicating with participants regarding the substance of any ongoing round.
- (d) Attempting to influence Judges, Court Masters, Evaluators or Organizing Committee Members.
- (e) Any other act which, in the opinion of the Organizing Committee, compromises the fairness or integrity of the Competition.

14.3 Penalty

Any team found guilty of scouting shall be liable to **disqualification**, and such decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final.



AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS SHALL BE PRESENTED DURING THE

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CASH PRIZE OF

₹75,000/-



RUNNERS-UP TROPHY

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

BEST SPEAKER



CASH PRIZE OF

₹30,000/-



TROPHY

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BEST MEMORIAL



CASH PRIZE OF

₹20,000/-



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BEST RESEARCHER



CASH PRIZE OF

₹20,000/-



TROPHY

CERTIFICATE

ADDITIONAL ACADEMICS BENEFITS



One complimentary **Manupatra Academy** course for each member of the **Winning Team**.

75%

75% scholarship/discount on one **Manupatra Academy** course for each member of the **Runner-up Team**.

15%

15% discount on **Manupatra Academy** courses for all registered participants.

10%

10% scholarship code to all the participants for **Lawctopus Law School** courses.



CERTIFICATES



CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION shall be awarded to all participants.



CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION shall be presented to Judges, Guests and Volunteers.

16. Dispute Resolution & Miscellaneous

16.1 Interpretation of Rules

The interpretation of these Rules shall vest exclusively with the Organizing Committee.

Its decision shall be final and binding upon all participating teams.

16.2 Copyright

The copyright in all Memorials submitted for the Competition shall vest jointly with Ajmal Law College and the respective participating teams. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to use the Memorials for academic and promotional purposes with due acknowledgement.

16.3 Code of Conduct

All participants shall maintain the highest standards of professional ethics and discipline throughout the Competition.

Any act of misconduct, misrepresentation, indiscipline or violation of these Rules may invite penalties, including disqualification.

16.4 Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of any situation not expressly provided for under these Rules, the Organizing Committee shall take an appropriate decision, which shall be final and binding.

16.5 Conflict of Interest

Teams shall immediately inform the Organizing Committee if they identify any conflict of interest concerning a Judge or Evaluator.

16.6 Official Communication

Any communication made by the Organizing Committee to any member of a participating team shall be deemed to have been communicated to the team as a whole.

All references to time in these Rules shall mean **Indian Standard Time (IST)**.

Important Dates

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MOOT COURT SOCIETY

AJMAL LAW COLLEGE, HOJAI, ASSAM

REGISTRATION FORM

(To be filled in BLOCK LETTERS)



NAME OF THE COLLEGE: _____



EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE MOOT COURT COMMITTEE: _____

SPEAKER-1:



NAME: _____



YEAR/COURSE: _____



EMAIL ID : _____



CONTACT NO. : _____



SIGNATURE: _____

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Photograph

SPEAKER-2:



NAME: _____



YEAR/COURSE: _____



EMAIL ID : _____



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RESEARCHER:

NAME: _____

YEAR/COURSE: _____

EMAIL ID: _____

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Photograph



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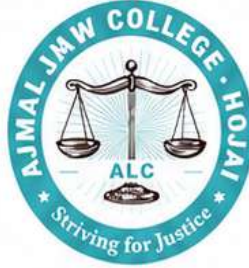
THE SPEAKERS AND THE RESEARCHER ARE THE **BONA FIDE** STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE.

(BY SENDING THIS REGISTRATION FORM, THE PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO COMPLY WITH
THE RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITION)

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION



THE DULY FILLED REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE UPLOADED THROUGH THE GOOGLE FORM
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Moot Proposition

The State of Hssam is a diverse Northeastern state of the Democratic Republic of Indos, known for its rich ethnic, linguistic, cultural, and religious plurality. It is home to numerous indigenous tribal communities protected under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, alongside substantial Sindu, Huslim, Phristian and other populations. For decades, matters of marriage, divorce, succession, adoption, and maintenance have been governed by respective personal laws and customary practices. On 15th May 2026, the Hssam Legislative Assembly passed the Hssam Uniform Civil Code Act, 2026 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), with the stated objective of promoting gender justice, equality, secularism, and national integration while respecting the unique cultural fabric of the State.

The Act seeks to introduce uniformity in family laws for all non-tribal residents of Hssam. It mandates compulsory registration of marriages and live-in relationships, fixes the minimum age of marriage at 21 years for males and 18 years for females, prohibits polygamy, instant triple talaq, halala, and child marriage with stringent penalties. It further provides for equal inheritance rights for sons and daughters, uniform grounds for divorce and maintenance (including for live-in partners), and recognizes live-in relationships with legal rights after a specified cohabitation period. The Act requires every couple entering into a live-in relationship to register such relationship within sixty days before a designated authority. Failure to register attracts monetary penalties and may disentitle the partners from claiming certain statutory benefits under the Act. The Act also empowers local authorities to maintain a public register of live-in relationships and permits objections by family members on specified grounds. Importantly, the Act expressly exempts tribal communities and Sixth Schedule areas from its application in order to protect their customary laws and cultural identity. The State has justified the legislation as a progressive step towards

fulfilling the Directive Principle enshrined in Article 44 of the Constitution.

The passage of the Act triggered widespread protests across Hssam. Tribal organisations expressed fears of cultural erosion and loss of identity, while several religious groups argued that the law interferes with their essential religious practices. On 10th March 2026, a prominent activist, Ms. Ayesha Begum, had filed a PIL seeking gender-just reforms in personal laws. She was later found dead under suspicious circumstances on 20th April 2026. In her dying declaration recorded before a Magistrate, she reportedly stated that she supported a Uniform Civil Code for ensuring equality but emphasised that it must respect the diversity of the State.

Aggrieved by the enactment, a coalition comprising PUCL Hssam, All Hssam Huslim Personal Law Board, Hssam Phristian Council, various women’s rights organisations, and tribal representatives filed a writ petition before the Hssam High Court challenging the constitutional validity of the Act. The Hssam High Court upheld the validity of the Act and defended the contention of the State for implementing equal laws based upon the socio political history of the state without considering the Constitutional validity of the provisions. Dissatisfied with the High Court’s judgment, the Petitioners have now approached the Supreme Court of Indos. The State of Hssam has strongly defended the legislation, contending that it is a legitimate exercise of sovereign power to reform discriminatory personal laws and implement the long-pending constitutional goal of a Uniform Civil Code.

The Petitioners contend that the Act violates the fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 15, 25, and 26 of the Constitution. They further argue that the compulsory registration of live-in relationships infringes the right to privacy, dignity, and decisional autonomy guaranteed under Article 21. According to them, the maintenance of a public register of live-in partners exposes individuals to social stigma, harassment, and

unwarranted State intrusion into intimate personal choices. The Petitioners also contend that permitting objections by family members effectively subjects consenting adults to societal and familial control, contrary to constitutional protections recognized in matters of marriage and personal relationships. They argue that the law interferes with essential religious practices and personal laws protected as part of the right to freedom of religion. They further submit that the selective application of the Code - exempting tribal communities while imposing it on others - amounts to arbitrary and unreasonable classification, thereby violating the right to equality. The Petitioners also highlight that the Act undermines the special constitutional protections granted to Northeastern states under Articles 29, 371B, and the Sixth Schedule, and that it was enacted without adequate consultation with all stakeholders, which may lead to social disharmony in a sensitive border State.

On the other hand, the State of Hssam asserts that the Act is a valid and necessary measure to advance gender justice and secularism. It submits that personal laws in their present form have been discriminatory towards women in matters of marriage, divorce, and inheritance. The State relies on its duty under Article 44 and its enabling power under Article 15(3) to make special provisions for women and children. It maintains that the exemption granted to tribal communities is a reasonable classification aimed at protecting vulnerable indigenous cultures and customary practices. The State further argues that the Act deals only with secular aspects of family life and does not interfere with core religious beliefs, and that similar initiatives have been successfully undertaken in other parts of the country. With respect to live-in relationships, the State argues that compulsory registration serves legitimate objectives such as preventing exploitation, ensuring maintenance rights, protecting women and children born from such unions, and facilitating access to legal remedies. The State contends that the registration mechanism is regulatory rather than intrusive and is necessary to

give legal certainty to relationships that have traditionally existed outside formal legal frameworks.

During the course of hearings, the Supreme Court has noted the complex socio-cultural realities of Hssam, including documented cases of child marriage, polygamy, and gender inequality on one hand, and the deep-rooted cultural and tribal identities on the other. The Court has also taken note of concerns regarding the constitutional validity of mandatory registration of live-in relationships, the extent of State regulation over consensual adult relationships, and the potential conflict between privacy rights and welfare-oriented regulation. The matter raises substantial question of law and has been referred to a Constitution Bench for authoritative pronouncement.

Issues

1. Whether the Petition is maintainable in its present form and manner?
2. Whether the Hssam Uniform Civil Code Act, 2026, is violative of Articles 14, 15, 25, and 26 of the Constitution of Indos and also violates the fundamental rights to privacy, dignity, autonomy, and personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of Indos?
3. Whether the exemption granted to tribal communities and Sixth Schedule areas under the Act is constitutionally valid, and whether the State of Hssam has the legislative competence to enact a partial Uniform Civil Code overriding existing personal laws and customs?
4. Whether the Act strikes a reasonable balance between the Directive Principle under Article 44, gender justice under Articles 15 and 21, and the protection of cultural and religious pluralism in a diverse Northeastern State like Hssam

Note- Constitution of Indos is *in pari materia* with the Constitution of India.