

# **ARJUNLAL AGARWAL MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025**

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# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

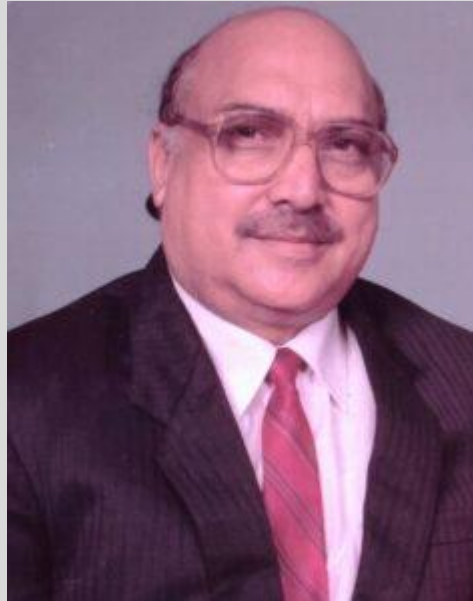
Birla Global University (BGU) is a self-financed private unitary institution established by the Birla Global University Odisha Act, 2015. Located on a 30-acre campus at IDCO Plot No.2, Gothapatna, Bhubaneswar, the university is managed by a Board of Governors chaired by Smt. Jayashree Mohta, with the Honorable Governor of Odisha serving as Chancellor. Late Basant Kumar Birla and Late Sarala Birla, successors of Late G.D. Birla, founded the Birla Academy of Art & Culture (BAAC) in Calcutta in 1964 to promote arts, culture, literature, and education. The academy has played a crucial role in the establishment of Birla Global University. The University aims to be the premier destination for aspiring professionals, redefining educational quality through cutting-edge facilities, exceptional infrastructure, and distinguished faculty. It currently operates seven schools: Birla School of Law, Birla School of Management, Birla School of Communication, Birla School of Commerce, Birla School of Social Sciences & Humanities, Birla School of Applied Sciences, and Birla School of Engineering & Technology.



# ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

The Birla School of Law (BSOL) under Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar was established in 2018 with the goal of being the best destination for aspiring new-generation lawyers, it is committed to redefine the 'quality' in legal education with state-of-the-art facilities, the best infrastructure, and the finest faculty. The school provides quality teaching in the field of law and interdisciplinary studies. Students are provided opportunities for internships and placement. Our students actively engage in Moot Courts, Trial Advocacy and Legal Aid activities. They are also encouraged to conduct independent research in their specific areas of interest. The intake capacity for 5 years integrated BBA LLB (Hons) is 60 students per batch. The minimum qualification prescribed for the students seeking admission is +2 pass in Arts/Science/Commerce with a minimum marks of 45%.





Born on February 1, 1941, in Angul, Arjun Lal Agarwal came from the esteemed lineage of Sri Mangtaram Agrawal, a renowned philanthropist and social worker. He completed his education at Government High School, Angul, earned a B.A. from G.M. College, Sambalpur, and a Law degree from M.S. Law College, Cuttack.

He began his career as an Advocate on January 11, 1966, specializing in Taxation Laws, and practiced at the Orissa High Court and before various tax authorities across India. Highly respected in legal and academic circles, he served as a member of the Senate and Finance Committee of Utkal University, contributed to institutions like Ravenshaw College and M.S. Law College, and led seminars on taxation laws nationwide.

His long-standing service to the profession included 26 years as a member of the Orissa State Bar Council, where he was elected Chairman in 1997, and a tenure on the Disciplinary Committee of the Bar Council of India (1992–1994). He also held key positions such as Secretary of the All Orissa Tax Bar Association and Vice-President of the All India Federation of Tax Practitioners.

A man of integrity and service, Arjun Lal Agarwal's life reflected excellence in law, leadership in education, and deep commitment to society, leaving a legacy of inspiration and selfless dedication.

# ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The **2nd Edition of the national level Moot Court Competition by Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar** is conducted in honor of **Late Arjunlal Agarwal**, the visionary founder of *Agarwal Law Office*, established in the late 1960s. Late Arjunlal Agarwal's remarkable legacy of expertise, dedication, and service to the legal profession continues to inspire generations of lawyers. *Agarwal Law Office* stands today as a testament to his vision, combining the comprehensive expertise and capabilities of a large firm with the personalized attention and responsiveness of a boutique practice. With its presence spanning across India, the firm remains committed to delivering exceptional legal services tailored to the diverse needs of its clients. This competition seeks to commemorate the life and contributions of Late Arjunlal Agarwal, whose values of integrity, commitment, and excellence remain at the heart of the legal community.



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## ELIGIBILITY

- Students of three-year and five-year integrated law degree courses from any University/Law School/College/ Department are eligible to participate in the competition. However, a maximum of one team shall be allowed to participate from any one University/Law School/College/ Department.

## COMPOSITION

- Each team shall consist only of three members, comprising two speakers and one researcher.
- Any alteration of the names of the team members shall be informed in writing to that effect, addressed to the Dean, Birla School of Law, Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar, by the Vice Chancellor / Dean / Director / Head of the Department of the University / School / Department / College of Law, of the team requesting such alteration. However, any such alteration shall be permitted only once.
- Once the Competition commences, the team composition cannot be altered under any circumstances whatsoever. Inability of any team member to participate in accordance with the rules of this Competition shall lead to immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition.



## ROUNDS

- To determine the order of participation in the **preliminary rounds**, a **draw of lots** will be held on **23 October 2025**, followed by memorial exchanges and team orientation. Each team will argue twice in the preliminary rounds: once for the petitioner and once for the respondent. Scores will combine memorial and oral scores.
- The top four teams from the preliminary rounds will advance to the **Semi-finals**, where winners will be determined based on the combined scores of oral and memorial performances. The winners of the Semi-finals will proceed to the **Final Rounds**, which are decided by oral scores. In case of a tie, the best speaker's oral score will break the tie, followed by the memorial score if needed.
- Scouting is strictly prohibited and scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

## REGISTRATION

- Teams interested in participating must confirm by emailing a scanned copy of Annexure-A (Registration Form) and a screenshot of the payment receipt to [bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in](mailto:bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in) by 05 October 2025. This will result in provisional registration. The non-refundable registration fee is Rs. 2000/-, payable via QR code and Account Transfer at the end of this document. If accommodation is needed, the total fee is Rs. 4000/-. Annexure-A is attached to this brochure. Upon receiving the documents, a team code will be issued via email by 10 October 2025, which must be used in all future correspondence.
- Teams must also submit a soft copy of Annexure-B (Travel Details) to [bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in](mailto:bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in) by 18 October 2025. Annexure-B is also attached to this brochure.



# **RULES FOR THE COMPETITION**

## **MEMORIALS:**

- All memorials submitted for the purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules as stated below.
- Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides, i.e. Petitioner(s) and Respondent(s).
- The registered teams shall submit the pdf copy of their memorial for both sides by e-mail to bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in by 23:59 hours of 18 October 2025 and shall submit 6 spiral bound printed copies (for each side) of such memorials by 13:00 hours on 23 October 2025 at the registration desk in an envelope with team code written on its top.
- While sending the memorials by e-mail in pdf format, please name the file pertaining to the memorial for the respondent as R accompanied by the team code and the file pertaining to the memorial for the petitioner as P accompanied by the team code. For example, for a team assigned a code of 100, the pdf file for the respondent should be named as 'R100' and the pdf file for the petitioner should be named as 'P100'.
- The cover page of the memorials sent, for both the soft and printed copies, shall clearly mention the word “P” for memorials on behalf of the Petitioner, and the word “R” for memorials on behalf of the Respondent, followed by the team code for both the instances, such being clearly inscribed on the top right-hand corner of the cover page of the memorial for the Petitioners and Respondents. For example, if a team had been assigned a code of 100, the memorials sent by such team shall have “P100” and “R100” clearly marked on the top right-hand corner of the cover page of the respective memorials.

- The teams should not disclose the identity of their institution anywhere on the memorial. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
- The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper and must contain the following sections in the Order as stated below-
  - Cover Page;
  - Table of Contents;
  - List of Abbreviations;
  - Index of Authorities;
  - Statement of Jurisdiction;
  - Statement of Facts;
  - Statement of Issues;
  - Summary of Arguments;
  - Arguments Advanced;
  - Prayer.
- Non-compliance with above criteria shall result in penalty of two marks per missing section.
- The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman font with 12 font size and with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font with 10 font size and with 1.0 line spacing. The memorials should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- The 'Arguments Advanced' section should not exceed 25 pages.
- The memorials as a whole should not exceed 40 pages including the cover page.
- The numbering should be on the bottom-center of each page.
- The cover page of the petitioner's memorial shall be printed on Blue colour A4 size paper, and the cover page of the respondent's memorial shall be printed on Red colour A4 size paper.

- The teams have to use a uniform mode of citation throughout the memorial.
- There shall be no speaking footnotes in the memorial.
- The maximum scores for the memorials shall be 100 marks.

The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of Law and Facts: 30 Marks
- Proper and Articulate Analysis: 30 Marks
- Extent and Use of Research: 20 Marks
- Clarity and Organization : 10 Marks
- Grammar and Style : 10 Marks

## **RESEARCHER'S TEST**

- The test will be held in the evening of October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The best researcher award shall be presented to the researcher scoring the highest marks in the test.

## **ORAL ROUNDS**

- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes during the preliminary round to present their case. For the Semi-final and Final rounds, each team will be permitted a total time of 60 minutes. The time stated above includes the time required for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- Any team exceeding the time limit stated above shall be penalized with a deduction of one mark for every two minutes exceeded.
- The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
- The researcher must be present with the speakers during the oral rounds.

- Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher is allowed, upon discretionary rejection by the Judges.
- Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points per speaker, and which shall be judged on the following criteria:
  - Knowledge of Law: 20 Points
  - Application of Law to Facts: 20 Points
  - Ingenuity and Ability to Answer: 20 Points
  - Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor: 20 Points
  - Time Management and Organization: 20 Points

## **AWARDS**

- **Winning Team Award** – The winning team will receive a trophy and a prize worth Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only).
- **Runner's Up** – The runners up team will receive a trophy and a prize worth Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only).
- **Best Memorial** -The team submitting the best Memorial will receive a trophy and a prize worth Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only).
- **Best Researcher** – The Best Student Researcher will receive a trophy and a prize worth Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only).
- **Best Speaker** - The Best Student Speaker will receive a trophy and a prize worth Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only).

**Note: The best speaker will be judged on the basis of preliminary rounds.**



## **ANONYMITY**

- The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds and must use the assigned team code for all correspondence.
- All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institutions at any time and in any manner during the entire Competition. Non-compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team.

## **FINALITY OF DECISIONS**

- The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final. For all purposes and in any dispute, the decision of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Competition shall be final and binding.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

- All the participating teams shall arrange their own transportation to reach the organizing college. The teams shall arrange their own transportation from the Airport/Railway Station/Bus Terminal to reach the college and to leave it after completion of competition or as the case may be. The transportation to and from the place of accommodation to the venue of the competition shall be taken care by the Organisers.
- Teams not availing the accommodation provided by the organizing college shall take care of their own transportation. Teams shall be provided with accommodation by the University from the afternoon of 23 October 2025 till the morning of 26 October 2025.
- Teams participating from Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, Odisha shall not be provided with accommodation.

## **DRESS CODE:**

- Participants shall be appropriately attired throughout the conduct of the Competition (Inaugural Ceremony, Oral Rounds, Valedictory Ceremony and Prize Distribution) in the manner provided below:
  - For Men- Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers, black tie and a black blazer); and
  - For Women- Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal trousers/skirt and a black blazer) or Indian Formals (White kurta, black salwar and black dupatta along with the black blazer).
- Robes and collar bands are not permitted.

## **CLARIFICATION:**

- Any query pertaining to the Moot Problem should be sent to [bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in](mailto:bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in) by 12 October 2025. Questions submitted / clarification sought through any other means other than by e-mail shall not be entertained. A consolidated response for all questions and clarifications shall be mailed to all the participating teams on 15 October 2025.

# PAYMENT INFO

- The payment of registration fees shall be made through the link provided. The registration fees is 2000/- per team. If accommodation is needed then the fees is 4000/- per team.
- In case of any withdrawal after making the payment of the registration fee, the same shall not be refunded.

## PAYMENT MEDIUM:

1. UPI: Vyapar.171701106594@hdfcbank



## 2. ACCOUNT TRANSFER:

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# MOOT PROBLEM

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ODISHA (CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION)

Criminal Appeal No. 143 of 2025

Anish Kumar ...Appellant

Versus

State of Odisha ...Respondent

1. On the intervening night of 17–18 March 2025, the Border Intelligence Unit, Kolkata, received a tip from a confidential informant that a person is smuggling a consignment of heroin from Bangladesh, has already entered West Bengal, and would be entering Odisha through the Jaleswar Checkpoint, Balasore District.
2. The informant provided a specific description: the individual was a lanky man, riding a blue motorcycle.
3. This information was immediately relayed to the Odisha Police Narcotics Cell. Acting on this intelligence, Sub-Inspector Dev Kumar of Jaleswar Police Station constituted a raiding party at 1:30 AM. The team comprised Hawaldars Azhar Qureshi, Nakul Singh, and Gaurav Mishra.
4. They set up a trap on the NH-16 Highway, approximately 500 meters from the Odisha–West Bengal border.
5. At approximately 2:15 AM, the police team observed a man on a blue motorcycle matching the informant's description. The rider, upon spotting the police party, slowed down abruptly and appeared to be looking for a way to turn back.
6. Finding his behavior suspicious and consistent with the intelligence received, SI Dev Kumar signaled him to stop. The rider attempted to flee, but after a brief chase of about 200 meters, he was successfully apprehended.
7. Upon being questioned, the man disclosed his identity as Anish Kumar, aged 30 years, resident of Malda, West Bengal.
8. SI Dev Kumar informed him of the suspicion of carrying contraband and apprised him of his right under Section 50 of the NDPS Act to be searched in the presence of a Gazetted Officer or a Magistrate. Anish Kumar allegedly waived this right, stating “I have nothing to hide. Check whatever you want to”.



9. A thorough body search of Anish Kumar initially yielded nothing incriminating. However, from the inner pocket of his trouser, the police recovered a cotton pouch containing ₹40,000 in cash (20 notes of ₹2,000 each).
10. While securing the motorcycle, Hawaldar Azhar Qureshi, who had casually sat on the seat, felt a hard, unnatural bulge beneath the cushion. Suspecting something hidden, SI Dev Kumar, in the presence of the team, used a knife to tear open the motorcycle seat. They discovered five black polythene packets hidden inside the hollow space.
11. Upon opening the packets, the officers found each to contain a brown powdery substance. Based on their training and field experience, SI Dev Kumar and his team believed the substance to be heroin (brown sugar). The total weight of the substance was 305 grams.
12. Since it was night and the highway was deserted, no independent public witnesses were available despite the police party waiting for sometime. Consequently, Hawaldar Nakul Singh and Hawaldar Gaurav Mishra, both members of the police party, were made witnesses to the seizure memo.
13. The contraband was sealed on the spot using a cloth and wax and marked with the official seal of the Jaleswar Police Station.
14. The accused and the seized substance were brought back to Jaleswar Police Station. SI Dev Kumar registered Case No. 55/2025 under Section 21(c) of the NDPS Act, formally recording the seizure and arrest. He also documented the chain of custody, noting that the sealed packets were placed in the Malkhana (storage room) under his lock and key.
15. On 19 March 2025, Anish Kumar was produced before the jurisdictional Magistrate. During his statement recorded under Section 183 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), he allegedly confessed that he had smuggled the heroin from Bangladesh and intended to sell it to local contacts in Odisha.
16. Before the contraband could be sent to Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Bhubaneswar, for chemical examination, a major fire broke out in the Malkhana building on 20 March 2025. The fire destroyed several seized items, including those seized from Anish Kumar. As a result, no FSL report could ever be produced.
17. SI Dev Kumar, who was the seizing officer, also assumed charge as the investigating officer in this case. He recorded witness statements and presented the charge sheet against Anish Kumar.
18. At trial before the Special Court (NDPS), Balasore, Anish Kumar retracted his earlier confession, claiming that it was obtained under threat and coercion from the police. He pleaded not guilty, asserting that he was falsely implicated and that no contraband was recovered from him.

19. The prosecution, relying on the testimonies of the seizure witnesses, the confession before the Magistrate, and the presumptions under Sections 35 and 54 of the NDPS Act, argued that the guilt of the accused was proved beyond reasonable doubt despite the absence of the FSL report.
20. The trial court held that the seizure was proved by the consistent testimonies of the police officers, the confession was voluntary and was a valid piece of evidence, and the absence of the FSL report was not fatal to the prosecution case. Accordingly, by judgment dated 18 August 2025, the Special Court convicted Anish Kumar under Section 21(c), NDPS Act (commercial quantity of heroin) and sentenced him to 12 years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of ₹1,50,000, with a default sentence of 1 year.
21. Aggrieved, Anish Kumar has filed a criminal appeal before the High Court of Odisha, challenging the conviction and the sentence.

**In Appeal, Anish Kumar argues that -**

22. The search and seizure were conducted unlawfully without following the mandatory procedure under **Section 50 of the NDPS Act**.
23. The prosecution failed to prove that the recovered substance was a narcotic drug or psychotropic substance.
24. The conviction rests on an alleged confession made before a Magistrate, which the appellant later retracted.
25. The investigation casts serious doubt on the impartiality and credibility of the entire case presented by the prosecution.

**On the other hand, State of Odisha argues that –**

26. The appellant was clearly informed of his rights under Section 50 of the NDPS Act, and he voluntarily and unequivocally waived them.
27. The nature of the seizure of the contraband is sufficiently established by the confession.
28. The confession made before the Magistrate under Section 183 of the BNSS was voluntary and recorded under judicial supervision, free from police coercion.
29. The presumptions under Sections 35 and 54 of the NDPS Act operate against the accused once possession is proved.
30. The absence of the FSL report does not absolve the appellant of his culpability when there is a mountain of other evidence against him.
31. The case is now listed to be argued on merits.

**ANNEXURE -I**

**CONFESSIONAL STATEMENT U/S 183 BNSS**

**RECORDED BY LD. MAGISTRATE ADITI SINGH**

My name is Anish Kumar, Son of Shri Bipul Kumar, Resident of Malda, West Bengal. I was contacted near the Bangladesh border by a man, whose name I don't know, who offered me 70 thousand rupees to carry heroin into India. I agreed because I needed money. I was given a blue motorcycle. The heroin was hidden in the seat of that motorcycle. I was instructed to take it into Odisha, where someone else would collect it from me. Who would collect and where it would be collected was supposed to be told later.



*(Thumb Impression of Anish Kumar)*

## **ANNEXURE II**

### **Prosecution Witness 1: SI Dev Kumar**

#### **Examination-in-Chief (Ld. Public Prosecutor)**

**PP:** State your name and designation.

**Witness:** My name is Dev Kumar. I am a Sub-Inspector posted at Jaleswar Police Station.

**PP:** What occurred that night?

**Witness:** Around 2 A.M., we noticed a lanky man on a blue motorcycle. He hesitated on seeing the police and tried to flee. We apprehended him. He identified himself as Anish Kumar.

**PP:** Did you inform him of his rights?

**Witness:** Yes. I told him he had a right to be searched before a Gazetted Officer or Magistrate. He declined and said he had nothing to hide.

#### **Cross-Examination (Defence Counsel)**

**DC:** Inspector, Did you note the serial numbers of the notes?

**Witness:** No, we only counted the notes and sealed them.

**DC:** Are you aware of a tea stall located about 100 meters from the naka point?

**Witness:** I had heard that there could be a shop open nearby, but was not sure of the distance.

**DC:** So despite an independent civilian being nearby, you chose not to call him?

**Witness:** My focus was on apprehending the suspect.

**DC:** I put it to you that you deliberately avoided independent witnesses to prevent contradiction of your version.

**Witness:** That is not true.

### **Prosecution Witness 2: Hawaldar Azhar Qureshi**

#### **Examination-in-Chief (Ld. Public Prosecutor)**

**PP:** On the night of 17-18 March 2025, were you part of a raiding team led by SI Dev Kumar?

**W:** Yes, I was part of the team.

**PP:** Can you narrate what you observed?

**W:** At around 2 AM, we intercepted a man on a blue motorcycle near the Jaleswar Road. He identified himself as Anish Kumar. He was searched, and cash was recovered from his person.



**PP:** What happened after that?

**W:** While checking the motorcycle, I casually sat on the seat and felt something hard inside it. It seemed unusual, so SI Dev Kumar cut open the seat with my knife. Inside, we found five black polythene packets. Each packet contained a brown powder-like substance.

**Cross-Examination (Defence Counsel)**

**Def:** You said the seat was cut open the seat with your own knife. Was the knife sealed or marked as evidence later?

**W:** No, it was my personal knife. It was not sealed.

**Def:** Do you always carry a knife with you on searches and do other officers do the same?

**W:** No, it was a coincidence and I don't know about other officers.

**Def:** Was any independent witness present when you found these packets?

**W:** No, only police personnel were present.

**Def:** You mentioned SI Dev Kumar weighed the packets. Did you check or verify the accuracy of the weighing scale?

**W:** No, I trusted the officer.

**Prosecution Witness 3: Hawaldar Gaurav Mishra**

**Examination-in-Chief (Ld. Public Prosecutor)**

**PP:** What happened when the accused was apprehended?

**W:** After the accused was stopped, SI Dev Kumar informed him of his rights and conducted a search. Cash was recovered from his pant's inner pocket. On checking the motorcycle seat, five packets containing a brown powdery substance were recovered. SI Dev Kumar prepared the seizure memo on the spot. I was present during the weighing and sealing of the packets. The packets were sealed with the official seal of Jaleswar Police Station.

**PP:** Did you sign the seizure memo?

**W:** Yes, I signed the seizure memo along with Hawaldar Nakul Singh.

**PP:** Was the accused present during this procedure?

**W:** Yes, the accused was present when the contraband was seized and sealed.

**Cross-Examination (Defence Counsel)**

**DC:** So you were not an independent witness, correct?

**W:** I was a member of the raiding team.

**DC:** You did not personally recover or count the cash or cut open the seat or take out the packets, did you?

**W:** No, SI Dev Kumar recovered the cash and cut open the seat. The packets were taken out in my presence.

**DC:** You only signed what your superior officer prepared?

**W:** I signed after seeing the seizure and sealing process.

**DC:** I put it to you that you merely signed on papers prepared by your superior and cannot independently vouch for the recovery

**W:** That is not true. I personally witnessed the recovery and sealing.

### **ANNEXURE III - DEFENSE WITNESS EXAMINATION**

#### **Defence Witness 1: Anish Kumar (Accused)**

##### **Examination-in-Chief (Defence Counsel)**

**DC:** Please state your name and occupation.

**W:** My name is Anish Kumar. I am a resident of Malda, West Bengal. I work occasionally as a labourer and mechanic's assistant.

**DC:** Were you carrying narcotics on the night of 17 March 2025?

**W:** No. I was travelling on a motorcycle, and the police stopped me without any reason. They stopped at me, robbed my money and damaged my motorcycle.

**DC:** Did you see the recovery?

**W:** What recovery? I saw the police cutting open the seat of the motorcycle. I saw nothing else.

**DC:** Did you voluntarily confess before the Magistrate?

**W:** No. I was threatened and coerced by the police into saying those things.

**DC:** Do you admit that you were involved in smuggling?

**W:** No. I am innocent. I have been falsely implicated.

**Cross-Examination (Public Prosecutor)**

**PP:** You say you are innocent, but in your statement before the Magistrate you admitted that you were offered ₹70,000 to carry heroin from Bangladesh. Did you not say this?

**W:** I said those things because the police forced me to. I had cash on me that I saved for my sister's marriage and they took it.

**PP:** You also affixed your thumb impression before the Magistrate, correct?

**W:** Yes, but I was under pressure.

**PP:** I put it to you that your confession was voluntary and truthful, and you are retracting it only to escape punishment. The cash was part payment before the final delivery.

**W:** That is not true. You all are framing a poor person.

#### **Defence Witness 2: Ramesh Prasad (Tea Stall Owner)**

##### **Examination-in-Chief (Defence Counsel)**

**DC:** Please state your name and occupation.

**Witness:** My name is Ramesh Prasad. I run a tea stall near Highway 16 at the border.

**DC:** What did you see on the night of 17-18 March 2025?

**Witness:** Around 2 A.M., I saw police stop a man on a motorcycle. They shouted at him. I later saw them cutting open the seat of the motorcycle and then they returned with some item in their hands, but I cannot say from where exactly it came.

##### **Cross-Examination (Public Prosecutor)**

**PP:** How far is your stall from the naka point?

**Witness:** About 100–120 meters.

**PP:** At 2 A.M., was your stall actually open?

**Witness:** Yes, I keep it open late for truck drivers.

**PP:** How close did you get to the scene?

**Witness:** A bit. Maybe 50 meters or 70 meters. Any further and the police would have spotted me and I didn't want any trouble.

**PP:** So you did not clearly see the recovery?

**Witness:** I cannot say for certain what was recovered or from where.

**Defence Witness 3: Rajiv Kumar (Friend of Accused)**

**Examination-in-Chief (Defence Counsel)**

**DC:** Please tell the Court your name and occupation.

**Witness:** My name is Rajiv Kumar. I am a mechanic.

**DC:** How do you know the accused?

**Witness:** He is my friend. He often borrows motorcycles from me.

**DC:** Did you ever find anything hidden in the motorcycles?

**Witness:** No. I never noticed anything suspicious.

**Cross-Examination (Public Prosecutor)**

**PP:** You repaired this motorcycle before giving it to Anish?

**Witness:** Yes, I worked on its brakes.

**PP:** Did you check the seat compartment?

**Witness:** No.

**PP:** So you cannot confirm whether anything was concealed inside?

**Witness:** That is correct.

**PP:** Since you are also a close friend of the accused, Then would it be correct to say that your testimony is biased in his favour ?

**Witness:** I am telling only the truth.



**ANNEXURE IV**  
**SEIZURE MEMO**

Police Station: Jaleswar Police Station

Case No.: 55/2025

Date: 18.03.2025

Time: 02:34 A.M.

Place: Highway 16, entry point to Odisha

During naka-bandi, accused Anish Kumar was intercepted on a blue motorcycle, number plate missing. Upon personal search, from the inner pocket of his trousers, a cotton pouch containing twenty banknotes of ₹2,000 denomination (₹40,000 total) was recovered. On further checking of the motorcycle, five black polythene packets containing a brown powdery substance were recovered from inside the seat. Total weight of the substance: 305 grams. Both the packets and the recovered cash were sealed on the spot and taken into custody.

*Witnesses:*

*Gaurav Mishra* *Anish Kumar*

*Seizing Officer :*

*Dev Kumar*

Accused's Statement at the spot: *"I have nothing to do with these packets. I do not know how they came inside the motorcycle."*



*(Thumb Impression of Anish Kumar)*

# TIMELINE FOR THE COMPETITION

S.no	PARTICULARS	DATE & TIME
1	Disclosure of Proposition & Information Brochure	20 September, 2025
2	Last Date of Provisional Registration (via e-mail) along with a scanned copy of Annexure- A & Payment Receipt	05 October, 2025
3	Confirmation of Provisional Registration & Team code allotment	10 October, 2025
4	Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	12 October, 2025
5	Release of Clarifications	15 October, 2025
6	Soft-copy Memorial & Travel Plan (Annexure B) Submissions	18 October, 2025
7	Hard-copy Memorial & Registration Form (Annexure A) Submissions	23 October, 2025 1:00 PM
8	Draw of Lots followed by exchange of memorial	23 October 2025 3:00 PM
9	Researcher's Test	23 October 2025
10	Inaugural Ceremony	24 October 2025 10:00AM
11	Preliminary Round	24 October, 2025 10:30AM–5:30 PM
12	Result of Preliminary Rounds Followed by Draw of Lots & Memorial Exchange for Semis	24 October 2025 6:00 PM onwards
13	Semi Final Rounds	25 October 2025 10:00 AM – 12 Noon
14	Final Rounds	25 October 2025 2:00 PM Onwards
15	Result Declaration and Trophy Distribution	25 October 2025 4:00 PM Onwards

# ANNEXURE A (Registration Form)



## **ARJUNLAL AGARWAL MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025**

BIRLA SCHOOL OF LAW, BIRLA GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, BHUBANESWAR

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

All Participating Teams are required to fill the details in this form in **block letters**, scan and email a soft copy to [bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in](mailto:bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in). The organizers must receive the soft copies as mentioned in the Rules to the Competition.

NAME OF UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ID: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPEAKER 1**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENDER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE No. :** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPEAKER 2**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENDER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE No. :** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM MEMBER 3 (RESEARCHER)**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENDER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE No. :** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seal & Signature of the Head of the Institution**

**Please mail the scanned copy of the duly filled registration form ~~alongwith~~ payment receipt by 05th October 2025. Mail it to [bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in](mailto:bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in) and kindly mark a copy of mail to [ashna.siddiqui@bgu.ac.in](mailto:ashna.siddiqui@bgu.ac.in).**

# ANNEXURE B (Travel Details Form)



## **ARJUNLAL AGARWAL MEMORIAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025**

BIRLA SCHOOL OF LAW, BIRLA GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, BHUBANESWAR

### **TRAVEL DETAILS FORM**

Name of College/ University:

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	Date	Mode of Travel	Time	Travel Details
Arrival				
Departure				

Any Additional Information:

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Please mail the scanned copy of the duly filled travel details form to [bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in](mailto:bsolmcc@bgu.ac.in) latest by 15th October 2025. Kindly mark a copy of mail to [ashna.siddiqui@bgu.ac.in](mailto:ashna.siddiqui@bgu.ac.in). The hard copies of the registration form along with the payment receipt and travel form should be submitted at the desk to the organizers by 23rd October 2025, 1pm.



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