



SHRI SHARDA BHAVAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S  
NARAYANRAO CHAVAN LAW COLLEGE,  
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# LATE KUSUMTAI CHAVAN MEMORIAL 11<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

24<sup>th</sup> January  
2026

Cash prizes of  
45000/-

45<sup>th</sup> year of conducting Moot Court Competitions.

To,  
The Principal/ Head of Department/ Director,

**Sub.: Late Kusumtai Chavan Memorial 11<sup>th</sup> National Moot Court Competition, to be held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Sir/ Madam,

It gives us immense pleasure to invite your esteemed institution to participate in Late Kusumtai Chavan Memorial 11<sup>th</sup> National Moot Court Competition to be held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in our college. This year's moot proposition is framed keeping in mind the emerging issue of the Law Governing POCSO.

Shri Sharda Bhavan Education Society's Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded, in its endeavour to enhance legal skills and augment knowledge of law, yearly organizes a Moot Court Competition. This is the 45<sup>th</sup> year of the Moot Court Competition and 11<sup>th</sup> National Level Moot Court Competition, which is ever known for adopting new practices.

We request you to send a team of three (03) students for participation in the above-mentioned competition. The Registration Form along with the moot problem and rules are enclosed herewith. Kindly ensure that the duly filled Registration Form reaches us on or before 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025, along with the Registration Fee as per the mode provided in this brochure, so as to facilitate us to make necessary arrangements.

Your participation would be our privilege. For any information or clarification, please write to us or call us.

Regards,

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**Encl.:**

1. Moot Proposition
2. Rules of Competition.
3. Registration Form

# IMPORTANT DATES

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<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Date of Registration	On or before 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Announcement of Team Codes	On 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026
Last Date of seeking Clarification	On or before 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Issuing Clarification	On 3 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Submission of Memorial	On 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Date of Competition	Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
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# LATE KUSUMTAI CHAVAN

## A LEGACY OF INSPIRATION

Now in its 11th edition, the Late Kusumtai Chavan Memorial Moot Court Competition has grown into one of the most respected student-oriented legal events in Maharashtra. It brings together aspiring advocates from law colleges across India to engage in intellectual battle not of swords, but of words, logic, and law. The competition aims to foster advocacy, research, and analytical skills among budding lawyers while upholding the values of justice and fairness.

Each year, the moot problem revolves around pressing constitutional or socio-legal issues, encouraging students to explore the depth of Indian jurisprudence and think like real-world litigators. Participants draft memorials, present oral arguments before experienced judges, and learn to combine reasoning with persuasion qualities that define great lawyers.



## KUSUMTAI CHAVAN

The city of Nanded has been home to many inspiring personalities whose contribution to education and society continues to shape young minds. Among them, Late Kusumtai Chavan stands as a symbol of service, compassion, and dedication. Her life's work was devoted to empowering people through education and moral values. Institutions established in her memory, such as the Kusumtai Chavan D.Ed. College and various schools bearing her name, are living tributes to her vision of an educated and progressive society.

Kusumtai Chavan's legacy extends beyond education it is a reminder of how one person's values can influence generations. Her memory inspires students, teachers, and professionals to lead with integrity and compassion. To honour her lasting impact, Shri Sharda Bhavan Education Society's Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded, organizes an annual event of national repute: the Late Kusumtai Chavan Memorial Moot Court Competition.

# NARAYANRAO CHAVAN LAW COLLEGE, NANDED

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Founded in 1970 by Shri Sharda Bhavan Education Society, Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded was established to spread legal education and awareness in the Marathwada region. Named after Late Narayanrao Bhauraoji Chavan, a renowned jurist and freedom fighter, the college is affiliated with Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University.

It continues to nurture skilled, ethical, and socially responsible legal professionals dedicated to justice and nation-building.



## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all participants and guests to the 11<sup>th</sup> Late Kusumtai Chavan Memorial Moot Court Competition. This event is a tribute to Late Kusumtai Chavan, whose life and values continue to inspire dedication, discipline, and service through education.

Moot court competitions play a crucial role in shaping confident, skilled, and ethical advocates. They bridge the gap between classroom learning and courtroom practice while promoting research, reasoning, and teamwork.

I congratulate all participants for their enthusiasm and commend our organizing committee for their hard work and commitment. May this competition not only honour the memory of Late Kusumtai Chavan but also inspire every participant to uphold justice and excellence in the legal profession.

Best wishes to all.

Dr.Vina V. Patil

Principal, Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded

# FACT SHEET

## **(1) SLP(Cri.) No. 123 Of 2025 : Leela V. The State of Madhav Pradesh.**

A 14-year-old student Natkhat Mehta (Due to anonymity name changed) of St. Joseph's High School, Chandore, alleged that his private tuition teacher, Smt. Leela, aged 38, a divorcee residing nearby to his home, had repeatedly called him at her residence, after tuition hours under the pretext of "special coaching." Natkhat's parents noticed a negative approach on attending tuition classes, with this teacher and, upon inquiry, he disclosed that his tuition teacher had inappropriately touched & seduced him and had frequent forced physical contact, which he didn't liked at all.

The complaint was lodged for offences punishable under Sections 4, and 6 of the POCSO Act, against the tuition teacher. FIR mentions the commission of offences defined under section 3, 5 (1), (o), (p) of the POCSO Act. The accused filed a petition before the High court of Madhav Pradesh, for quashing the FIR as per section 528 of BNSS thereby invoking its inherent powers contending that, a woman cannot be an "offender" as per Section 3 and 5, since the Act uses the pronoun "he," implying only a male perpetrator, moreover the FIR nowhere mentions about the penetration, High court rejected the petition.

Being aggrieved with the decision, Accused went to the Supreme Court of Lotia, thereby filing SLP to seek clarity in the misconception by the High Court contending that, legislative intent under POCSO was not to criminalize acts by women as primary offenders.

## **(2) SLP(Cri.) No. 456 Of 2025 : Miss Lalita Sen V. State of Chambal.**

Ms. Lalita Sen (aged 29), a physical education teacher at Sunrise Global School, Udupi was accused by a 13-year-old girl student, Sweety, (Due to anonymity name changed) of forcing her into sexually explicit acts under the pretext of "training exercises." The FIR was registered under Sections 4, and 6 of the POCSO Act.

The complaint was lodged for offences punishable under Sections 4 and 6 of the POCSO Act, against the said teacher. FIR mentions the commission of offences defined under section 3, 5 (1), (o), (p) of the POCSO Act. The accused filed a petition before the High court of Udupi, for quashing the FIR as per section 528 of BNSS thereby invoking its inherent powers contending that the Act (POCSO) envisages only male offenders, moreover the FIR nowhere mentions about the penetration caused. The High Court took the same view as taken in above case, holding that the gender of the perpetrator is immaterial and that a literal reading excluding women would defeat the very object of child protection.

Being aggrieved with the decision, Accused went to the Supreme Court of India, thereby filing SLP to seek clarity in the misconception by the High Court contending that, the observations of High court are beyond the purview of law of interpretation, as legislative intent under POCSO was not to criminalize acts by women as primary offenders.

### **(3) SLP(Cri.) No. 789 Of 2025: Mx. Anay V. State of Jammu and Kashmir.**

In a third case, Anay, a 40-year-old transgender Beggar (assigned female at birth but identifying as male), was begging in railway. A 15-year-old boy, Rajas, (Due to anonymity name changed) accused Anay of sexual assault during his train travel. Thereby touched the private parts of the child. The FIR was registered for the offences punishable under Section 8 of the POCSO Act, in the police station under the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The accused filed a petition before the High court of Jammu and Kashmir, for quashing the FIR as per section 528 of CrPc thereby invoking its inherent powers contending that the Act (POCSO) envisages only male offenders. Petitioner contended that their gender identity falls outside the binary male–female classification, and that the POCSO Act does not recognize or define transgender offenders, thereby rendering the prosecution void for vagueness.

The High Court took the same view as taken in above case, holding that the gender of the perpetrator is immaterial and that a literal reading excluding women or even a transgender or a non-gender would defeat the very object of child protection. Being aggrieved with the decision, Accused went to the Supreme Court of India, thereby filing SLP to seek clarity in the misconception by the High Court contending that, the observations of High court are beyond the purview of law of interpretation, as legislative intent under POCSO was not to criminalize acts otherwise by than men as a primary offender.

The petition came to be admitted, notices issued to the relevant respondent States, the states in reply argued that, the Act's protection should extend to all children irrespective of the perpetrator's gender identity, and that the court must interpret the statute in light of constitutional values of better protection of interest of child being supremely national asset. In rejoinder the petitioner contended their violation of fundamental rights. Considering the constitutional importance of the case, the supreme court appointed an amicus curiae to argue on the point of violation of fundamental rights and the interpretation.

#### **ISSUES FOR ADJUDICATION:**

1. Whether the use of the masculine pronoun "he" in Section 3 of the POCSO Act restricts its application only to male offenders.
2. Whether the non-inclusion of female and transgender offenders under POCSO violates the constitutional mandate of gender equality and protection of children.
3. Whether registering an FIR against female and transgender in cases like this do violate fundamental rights of the accused?
4. To what extent can purposive interpretation and legislative intent override the literal wording of penal statutes?

**NOTE: -**

1. The laws of Lotia, are in Pari-Materia to that of laws of India.
2. All the names, characters, events, places and incidences are fictitious and having no resemblance with characters living, recently dead. If coincidentally found to have established the connection, shall be treated as coincidence only.
3. Participants are supposed to advance their arguments on the framed issues only.
4. The amicus curae is arguing favoring the arguments of respondents

**RULES FOR THE COMPETITION**

**A. Eligibility & Registration:**

1. Team from Law Colleges all over India, recognized by Bar Council of India will be eligible to participate in the competition.
2. The members of each team should comprise of three members consisting of two Speakers and one researcher. One college is allowed to send only one entry.
3. The members of each team should be under graduate law students either pursuing 3 Years or 5 Years law course.
4. Each team shall pay Registration Fees of Rs.6000/- in the name of Principal, Narayanrao Chavan Law College, Nanded via NEFT/ UPI at A/C No. **520101048956860**, IFSC Code: - **UBIN0910287, Union Bank of India, VIP Road, Nanded Branch.**
5. The teams must register on or before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026, by sending a scanned copy of Registration Form along with soft copy of proof of payment and an approval letter of institution at **iqacnclnanded@gmail.com**. The original hard copy of the registration form along with Approval letter shall be sent along with the memorials.

**B. Date & Venue:-**

1. Date of Competition : **24<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Saturday.**
2. Venue : **Narayanrao Chavan Law College, VIP Road, Nanded-431602 (Maharashtra)**

**C. Rules for the Competition:-**

1. The dress code for the participants shall be as prescribed by Bar Council Of India for Moot Court Competition. However, a Black Coat is Mandatory.
2. The competition shall be conducted in English only.
3. The participants shall have to prepare & argue the case as if they are appearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
4. All the participating teams will be expected to carry with them any case law & authorities which they intend to refer. Submitted citations in no case shall be returned to the team.
5. The decision of the judges as to assessment of oral submissions & written memorials shall be final & no dispute shall be entertained in this regard.
6. The total marks of each individual speaker shall be computed by addition of memorial marks & oral submission marks. The marks will be the aggregate of the marks given by both the judges to each participant.

7. The Competition will be conducted before division bench. Depending upon the number of entries received the number of courts will be formed.
8. The competition shall be conducted in 2 rounds, i.e. Preliminary Round and Final Round.
9. In the preliminary rounds all the teams has to argue the case from both sides i.e. Petitioner & Respondent, in the same court which will be allotted to them before start of the competition. In the preliminary round, Speaker 1 will argue on behalf of petitioner against the speaker 2 of the same team, who is supposed argue on behalf of Respondents.
10. Each speaker shall be given a maximum of 08 min. (7+1) for oral submission in the preliminary rounds. There will be a warning bell after 07 minutes & a final bell after completion of 08 minutes of commencement of arguments by the Speakers. If the speaker exceeds time more than time given, except with the permission of the judges, the team would be liable for negative marking. Since both the Speaker of a team is arguing against each other belonging to the same institution, no time for rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal is permitted.
11. Each team shall be assessed out of 400 marks during oral submissions. 50 marks for each memorial will be separately added in order to count the merit. The marks will be calculated as 100 marks to each Mooter by each judge of the bench. The marks collectively scored by both the speakers along with the marks scored for memorial shall be computed for the purpose of qualifying for the final round.
12. Two highest scorer teams from each court shall qualify for the final rounds.

### **RULES FOR FINAL ROUND**

13. Final round shall be presided over by a full bench.
14. Two winning teams from each court in preliminary rounds shall be advanced to the final round and team scoring highest mark in the final round will be adjudged as winner team.
15. The allotment of sides of arguments and the opponent team in the final round shall be decided by draw of lots, to be taken place at the end of preliminary round. (Please note that, considering the time constraint no exchange of memorial is advanced during the competition).
16. Immediately after drawing lots, the final round shall commence.
17. In the final round each team will argue as a team and compete against another team.
18. The two speakers representing a University/College will argue from the same side dividing the arguments between themselves. Each team will be allotted with a 15 minutes time to complete the argument including rebuttal if any, of which the division of time will be communicated to the concerned court officer prior to the commencement of arguments. No Speaker can exceed 9 minutes time, of the 15 minutes. Final round shall be assessed out of 600 marks. Scoring 100 marks to each speaker by each judge of bench.

#### **D. Memorials: -**

1. Three copies of the memorials from each side (Total 06), in prescribed format are required to be submitted on or before 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. Late submission would be liable for negative marking of 2 points per day up to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. Memorials shall not be accepted thereafter and team shall be disqualified from the competition.
2. Memorials shall be strictly in the format given below-
  - a. Title Page (1 Page)
  - b. Table of Contents (1 Page)
  - c. Index of Authorities along with Bibliography (1 or 2 Pages)
  - d. Statement of Jurisdiction (1 Page)
  - e. Statements of Facts (1 or 2 Pages)
  - f. Statement of Issues. (1 Page)
  - g. Summary of Arguments. (1 or 2 Pages)
  - h. The Arguments Advanced (15 Pages)
  - i. Prayer Clause (1 Page)
3. Memorials should be typed & stapled with paper cover, in **Blue colour** for Petitioner and **Red colour** for Respondent.
4. Typing of memorial should be as per specifications given below-
  - a. Paper Size - A4
  - b. Font Size - 12
  - c. Font Type - Times New Roman
  - d. Line Spacing - 1.5
  - e. Margins - 1 Inch on each side.Specifications for foot notes are given below:
  - a. Font Size - 10
  - b. Font Type - Times New Roman
  - c. Spacing - 1
5. Participants are at liberty to use any convenient method of footnoting; however, they are supposed to apply a single method of footnoting throughout the pleading.
6. Memorials once submitted shall not be returned back to the participants in any case nor shall any amendment be allowed after submission of the memorials. Teams are supposed to carry compendium if any with them. In no case compendium once submitted shall be returned to the teams.
7. Teams are required to carry their own copies of memorials for the reference during competition. Organizers are not bound to help teams in such case by providing the copies of memorials submitted.
8. The format of the memorials should be strictly followed.

## E. Marking criteria for memorials

1. Memorial from each side shall carry total of 50 marks in preliminary rounds. The marks for memorial shall not be calculated to adjudge the team prizes in final round.
2. The prize for best memorial shall be determined on the basis of sum total of marks obtained in both memorials. The following shall be the criteria for marking memorials.

Sr. No.	Marking criteria	Marks allocated
1	Articulate use of facts & Law	10
2	Originality of thought & Proper analysis	10
3	Grammar and Format	10
4	Extent of citation in research	10
5	Clarity and organization	10
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>50</b>

## F. Marking criteria for arguments

1. Each speaker will be marked out of 100 marks by each bench judge.
2. The following will be the marking criteria and the marks allocated to each speaker by each judge in the round:

Sr. No.	Marking criteria	Marks allocated
1	Appreciation and application of facts	15
2	Substance in arguments	25
3	Skills of advocacy	25
4	General Impression, Court Manners, answer to court questions and behavior.	35
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>100</b>

## G. Prizes:

1. Best Team - Cash Prize of ₹21,000/-, a Trophy and Certificate
2. Runner up Team - Cash Prize of ₹11,000/-, a Trophy and Certificate
3. Best Mooter - Cash Prize of ₹5,000/-, a Trophy and Certificate
4. Runner up Mooter - Cash Prize of ₹4,000/-, a Trophy and Certificate
5. Best Memorials - Cash Prize of ₹4,000/-, a Trophy and Certificate

Certificates of participation shall be given to all the participants after the competition is over.

## H. Other Rules:

1. All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition & are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
2. The organizer's decision regarding the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
3. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizer's decision on the same shall be final.

## **I. Miscellaneous:**

1. Travelling allowance of the participants shall be borne by the respective institution.
2. The registration fees are inclusive of Accommodation for two days only i.e. from the morning of 23<sup>rd</sup> January to the morning of 25<sup>rd</sup> January. In no case stay can be extended beyond 47 hours. The Accommodation shall be provided to the team only on advance request that too for maximum three persons only. Additional members accompanying the team shall have to make their own arrangements for accommodation.
3. Food shall be provided to the participants only during the competition. (Breakfast, Lunch, High Tea on 24<sup>th</sup> January)
4. Participants should inform the organizing committee, well in advance, as to their travelling schedule as well as date & time of arrival. The organizers to their best efforts shall arrange for pickup and drop to Railway station, Airport, Bus stand.
5. The details along with the rules of competition, Moot Problem, Registration Form and any future information, including the amendments if any, in the competition shall be communicated to the participating teams only.
6. The result of the competition & prize distribution shall be on the same day i.e. on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## **J. How to Reach Nanded:**

By Air - Nanded (NDC) Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Airport.

By Railway - Hazur Sahib Nanded Railway Station (NED)

By Road - Nanded.

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**Note:** All clarification shall be addressed through registered mail and at the registered mail

In case of any query drop us a mail at [iqacnclnanded@gmail.com](mailto:iqacnclnanded@gmail.com)

Telephonic contact should be made only in case of urgency that to preferably between

12.00 Noon to 5.00 P.M.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name of the Institute :- \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Institute:- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Institute Email/ Website:- \_\_\_\_\_

Transaction No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Single Point of contact: - Participant's Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Id:- \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation: - Required / Not required

1.	Name of the Speaker 1		Photo
	Class		
	Address		
	Contact No.		

2.	Name of the Speaker 2		Photo
	Class		
	Address		
	Contact No.		

3.	Name of the Researcher		Photo
	Class		
	Address		
	Contact No.		

\* Photographs should be self - attested by the Mooter. Further, the Principal/ Head shall certify that the two mooters and researcher are bonafide students of the Institution.

**Signature and Seal of the Principal /  
Head of the Institution**