



5TH
JAGANNATH MEMORIAL
MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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PRELIMINARY ROUND (ONLINE)

27th March, 2026

ADVANCED ROUND (OFFLINE)

17th - 18th April, 2026

ORGANIZED BY:

MOOT COURT SOCIETY, JIMSEMTC DEPARTMENT OF LAW, 2026

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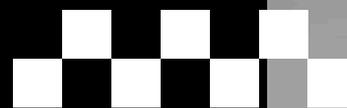
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JIMS Engineering Management Technical Campus (JIMSEMTC) is a premier institute located in Knowledge Park III Greater Noida, established under the aegis of the Jagannath Gupta Memorial Educational Society. The campus (JIMSEMTC) is vibrant multidisciplinary campus offering B.Tech., BBA, B.Com., BCA, Journalism, B.Ed., BBA LL.B. (Hons.) and BA LL.B. (Hons.) programmes that blend academic excellence with real world skills. The campus carries forward a legacy of value-based education combined with modern learning methodologies. The institute is affiliated with Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), Delhi, and approved by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), and the Bar Council of India (BCI), Delhi. The institute stands among the leading colleges in Delhi/NCR. The institution is known for its academic excellence, industry oriented programs, and commitment to holistic development. The institute ensures that all its programs meet rigorous national standards of quality and professional relevance. The institution focuses on nurturing competent professionals equipped with technical expertise, managerial skills, ethical values, and leadership qualities. The campus offers state-of-the-art infrastructure, experienced faculty, advanced laboratories, well-equipped libraries, and strong industry collaborations. Through academic rigor, practical exposure, internships, research opportunities, and placement support. The institute prepares students to thrive in today's competitive global environment. At JIMSEMTC, education goes beyond classrooms, it shapes future leaders.

MOOT COURT SOCIETY



The Moot Court Society at JIMSEMTC, Department of Law, plays a crucial role in equipping students with practical legal skills, including clinical legal training, research, and writing. These activities help students build confidence in articulating their views and effectively communicating in front of an audience.

The society organizes various events, including the prestigious Jagannath Memorial Moot Court Competition, which attracts participants from law colleges and universities across India, and the Novices Senate Intra Moot Court Competition, exclusively for students of JIMSEMTC, Department of Law.

By fostering an interest in mooting, the society helps students master the intricacies of legal research, effectively utilize online legal databases, and organize research into concise and coherent legal arguments. Additionally, it encourages and prepares students to participate in national-level moot court and trial advocacy competitions hosted by various institutions.



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Glimpse of Previous National Moot Court Competitions

The Department of Law, JIMS Engineering Management Technical Campus has successfully organized multiple editions of the **Jagannath Memorial National Moot Court Competition**, establishing it as a prestigious national platform for legal advocacy, research, and professional excellence.

The **1st Jagannath Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2019**, recorded participation from **36 teams** across the country, with a moot proposition based on Constitutional and Civil Law. The competition was adjudicated by eminent members of the judiciary, including **Hon'ble Justice D.D. Jha (Former Judge, Allahabad High Court)**, **Hon'ble Justice S.N. Dhingra (Former Judge, Delhi High Court)**, **Justice Zaki Ullah Khan (Former Judge, Allahabad High Court)**, and **Justice V.B. Gupta (Former Judge, Delhi High Court)**. The Ideal Institute of Management and Technology & School of Law, GGSIPU, emerged as the winner.

The **2nd Jagannath Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2020**, witnessed participation from **20 teams** nationwide and was graced by distinguished legal luminaries including **Prof. M. Afzal Wani, Justice Zaki Ullah Khan (Retd.)**, **Justice V.B. Gupta (Former Judge, Delhi High Court)**, **Justice Swatanter Kumar (Former Chairperson, National Green Tribunal)**, along with senior advocates from the Delhi High Court. Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, secured the winning position.

The **3rd Jagannath Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2021**, saw participation from several prestigious law schools and universities across India. The event was presided over by eminent judges and legal experts, including **Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, Justice A.K. Ganguly, Justice Zaki Ullah Khan (Retd.)**, **Hon'ble Justice Ravindra Singh (Former Judge, Allahabad High Court)**, and senior advocates from the Supreme Court of India. The competition provided an intellectually rigorous platform for enhancing mooting and research skills.

The **4th Jagannath Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2025**, was conducted in a hybrid format, with Preliminary Rounds held virtually on 24 February 2025, followed by the Advanced Rounds at the campus from 28 February to 1 March 2025. The competition was evaluated by experienced academicians, senior advocates, and former judges, with the Final Round adjudicated by **Dr. N.K. Bahl (Former District & Sessions Judge)** and **Mr. Japan Babu (Additional Legal Advisor, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India)**. The Government Law College, Mumbai, emerged as the Winning Team, while S.S. Khanna Girls' Degree College, Prayagraj, was declared the Runner-Up.

Timeline

REGISTRATION OPEN	27.02.2026
REGISTRATION CLOSED	21.03.2026
CLARIFICATION LAST DATE	21.03.2026
RELEASE OF CLARIFICATION	23.03.2026
SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL (SOFT COPY)	24.03.2026
INAUGURAL CEREMONY(VIRTUAL)	27.03.2026
RESEARCHER'S TEST	27.03.2026
PRELIMINARY ROUNDS	27.03.2026
QUARTER-FINALS/ SUBMISSION OF THE HARD COPY OF MEMORIAL	17.04.2026
SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS	17.04.2026
FINAL ROUND & VALEDICTORY CEREMONY	18.04.2026

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RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL

Date: The 5th Jagannath Memorial Moot Court Competition shall be held online on 27th March, 2026 and offline from 17th - 18th April, 2026

Dress Code: Participants are required to adhere to the following dress code at all times while being present in any Courtroom during the Competition.

- **Ladies:** Western Formals (White formal Shirt and Black Pant, Black Tie, Black Blazer).
- **Gentlemen:** Western Formals (White formal Shirt, Black Pant, Black Tie, Black Blazer).

LANGUAGE

Communication for all official purposes for the online/offline Moot Court Competition is English.

ELIGIBILITY

- The competition shall be open for Bonafide students who are pursuing a 5-year integrated LL.B programme or 3-year LL.B programme from an Institute or University situated in India and recognised by the Bar Council of India.
- Multiple teams can register from one college/university

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team shall strictly consist of three members. There shall be two speakers and one researcher in each team and the names of such speakers and researchers shall be informed at the time of registration. No additional member or observer shall be allowed to represent any team. Swapping of members is strictly prohibited.
- All participants shall bear with them at least one identity document for any probable verification during the mooting session(s).
- Each team shall be allotted a unique team code before the competition. During the competition, all teams shall be identified by the distinct team codes allotted to them.
- No Team shall disclose their identity or that of their institution or city etc. except to the organizers, when necessary, any such disclosure shall invite strict penalty including and not limited to disqualification, at the discretion of organizers.

REGISTRATION

- Online registrations starts from 27th February, 2026. The last date for registration is on 21st March, 2026 at <https://forms.gle/KRqycJZsHqgRaqIYA>.
- Early bird Registration fees upto 9th March, 2026 ₹1500/- per team
- Registration Fees: ₹2100/- per team
- Teams qualifying for the Advanced Rounds are required to pay an additional sum of ₹500/-
- Registration shall be done on a first come first serve basis.

NOTE: Registration shall be deemed final only after receipt of registration fees.

- Teams shall pay the registration fees in the following account detail:

Account Number: - 50100293527299

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Account Holder Name: Sudhir Kumar Dwivedi

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- The organising committee has the exclusive right to decide in case of any dispute. The decision of the organising committee in such a case shall be final.
- Screenshot of the Payment to be uploaded on form for confirmation of Registration.

TECHNICAL RULES

- Preliminary rounds shall be conducted via video conferencing (Virtual) and the advanced rounds shall be conducted via offline mode. Platform of video conferencing will be intimated to the participants beforehand.
- All the participants of the team are expected to keep their videos on during the oral rounds.
- The link for the Inauguration, and the Preliminary rounds shall be sent to all the participants in advance.
- Participants have to ensure high speed internet connection with good audio and video facilities. It is advisable for the participants to use laptops or desktop for the oral rounds.
- In case any participant disconnects during the round, the Court Clerk after waiting for 10 (ten) minutes, will proceed further with the Oral Round.

- The participants should preferably have a plain background. The background or surroundings should not include any signage, color, logo, emblem, infrastructure, or any other display that reveals the identity of the participants or the institution they represent.
- Utmost care shall be taken by the teams as regards to external sound or noise while the proceedings are on. During the oral round, proceedings ensure that the same is conducted from a noise-free room.
- At the time when the other participant is speaking, you are expected to keep your mic mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she may be disqualified.

RULES REGARDING MOOT MEMORIALS:

- All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same shall result in disqualification, subject to the discretion of the organizers.
- Each team shall prepare Memorials for both sides to the dispute. i.e. Petitioner/ Appellant and Respondent.
- The soft copies of the Memorial from each side shall reach the Organizers at jimsnationalmootcourt@jagannath.org in pdf format latest by **24th March, 2026**. Attachments shall be titled as [TEAM CODE] [P/A] for Petitioner/ Appellant side and [TEAM CODE] [R] for Respondent side. e.g. 007 P/A and 007 R.
- No extension shall be granted to any team for memorial submission in any case.
- Submission of Compendium is upon the discretion of the participants.
- Hard copy of the memorial is to be submitted only by the qualifying teams for the Quarter Final Round on 17th April 2026, just after reaching the campus. **4 copies** from each side i.e. **4 Petitioner/ Appellant and 4 Respondent is required**. Please carry extra copy for your own use or convenience.

FORMAT OF MEMORIALS

1. **Cover Page:** The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
 - Team Code on upper Right-hand side corner.
 - The Case Title
 - The colour of the cover page must be Blue in case of Petitioner / Appellant and Red in case of Respondent.
 - The Party for which the Memorial has been prepared.

1. Table of Content
2. List of Abbreviations
3. The Index of Authorities
4. The Statement of Jurisdiction
5. The Statement of Facts
6. The Statement of Issues
7. The Summary of Arguments
8. The Arguments Advanced
9. The Prayer

MEMORIAL GENERAL FORMAT

- Spacing: 1.5 Line Spacing
- Margins: One-inch margin on all sides of each page.
- Font: The font for the body of the memorial shall be Times New Roman, Size 12.
- The Font for the footnotes: The font of the footnotes shall be Times New Roman, Size 10.
- Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.
- The memorials must not contain any annexures/photographs/sketches / exhibits / affidavits etc.
- Teams shall cite authorities in their Memorials by way of ILI Style of Citation or any other uniformed style of citation.
- The maximum number of pages in each Memorial shall not exceed 35 pages including 20 maximum pages for Written Submissions/Arguments.
- The memorials must not, under any circumstances, reveal any information that could identify the participating team, its members, or the institution/college/university they represent which may lead to disqualification.

EVALUATION OF MEMORIALS:- Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks and the team's memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides.

S.NO.	MARKING SCHEME	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Facts & Law	15
2	Extent & Use of Research	15
3	Application of Law	15
4	Drafting Skills	15
5	Originality in Presentation	15
6	Grammar, Style, and Coherency	15
7	Original Thought	10
	Grand Total	100

Researcher's Test

- The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on 27th March, 2026 through online medium.
- The Researcher's Test will consist of both Oral questions and subjective questions, focusing on the applicable laws, precedents, and facts related to the Moot Proposition.
- Only the participant registered as researcher from each team shall be allowed to appear for the Researcher's test.
- The participant shall ensure complete integrity and shall not resort to unfair means while attempting the test. Any such attempt shall result in disqualification.

- The Researcher's Test will be conducted online in a one-on-one format via video conferencing. Each researcher will have 15 seconds to orally answer each question. If a researcher fails to answer within the given time frame, the next question will be posed. The test will consist of 15 oral questions, each carrying one mark. Any detection of unfair practices will result in the disqualification of the team.

ORAL PLEADING

☒ PRELIMINARY ROUND

- The Preliminary Round of the Competition will be conducted via online video conferencing and shall consist of Forty (40) minutes of Oral Pleadings. Both the sides shall be allotted twenty (20) minutes each. The teams shall indicate their allocation of 20 minutes before the beginning of the round and no Speaker shall plead for more than twelve (12) minutes, including rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal.
- Before the beginning of the Preliminary Round, each Team shall indicate to the Court Clerk how it wishes to allocate its 20 minutes among
 1. its first Speaker,
 2. Its' second Speaker, and
- Rebuttal (by Petitioner/ Appellant) or Sur-Rebuttal (by Respondent). At the discretion of the judges.
- There will be one preliminary round of arguments per team.
- Preliminary rounds will be held on 27th March, 2026, the top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the Quarterfinals.
- The criteria for succeeding in these rounds will be based on the aggregate marks of the team gained in the Rounds.

☒ QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

- Quarter-finals will be held on 17th April, 2026.
- Quarter-Final rounds shall consist of Fifty (50) Minutes of oral pleadings. Both sides shall be allotted Twenty-Five (25) minutes each. Further, the time for Rebuttal and sur-rebuttal will be 5 minutes. (Total time of each team will be 25+5 minutes). The teams shall indicate their allocation of 25 minutes before the beginning of the round and no Speaker shall plead for more than fifteen (15) minutes, excluding rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal.
- The Quarter-final will be on a knockout basis, four teams from Quarter-finals Rounds will qualify for the Semi-Finals.

☒ SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- The Semi-Final Rounds will be held on 17th April, 2026 and will be knockout rounds. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Final Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots.
- Semi-Final rounds shall consist of Sixty (60) Minutes of oral pleadings. Both sides shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes each. Further, the time for Rebuttal and sur-rebuttal will be 5 minutes. (Total time of each team will be 30+5 minutes). No Sur-Sur Rebuttal is allowed.
- The teams shall indicate their allocation of 30 minutes before the beginning of the Semi-final round. No speaker shall plead for more than 18 minutes during the Semi-Final Round, excluding Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal.
- Semi-Final rounds will be on a knockout basis, two teams from the Semi-Final rounds will qualify for the Finals.

☒ FINAL ROUND

- The Final Rounds will be held on 18th April, 2026.
- The final round shall consist of Ninety (90) Minutes of oral pleadings. Both the sides shall be allotted forty-five (45) minutes each. Further, the time for Rebuttal and sur-rebuttal will be 7 minutes. (Total time of each team will be 45+7 minutes).
- The teams shall indicate their allocation of 45 minutes before the beginning of the final round. No speaker shall plead for more than 25 minutes during the Final Round excluding Rebuttal or Sur-Rebuttal.
- Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion- Judges may, at their discretion, extend total team oral arguments time maximum by 5 minutes.

GENERAL RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS:

- Order of Submission- The order of the oral submissions in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be: Counsel (Petitioner/ Appellant) 1 --> Counsel (Petitioner / Appellant) 2 -> Counsel (Respondent) 1 --> Counsel (Respondent) 2 -> Rebuttal - Counsel (Petitioner/ Appellant 1 or 2) --> Sur-rebuttal - Counsel (Respondent 1 or 2).
- Ex Parte Procedure: In exceptional circumstances, such as when a team fails to connect for a scheduled oral round, the Court Clerk may allow the oral round to proceed ex parte after waiting for ten (10) minutes. During an ex parte proceeding, the attending team will present its oral pleading, which will be scored by the judges to the

extent possible, as if the absent team had been present and arguing. In such cases, the team that fails to connect for the scheduled round will forfeit all points for the oral round and be disqualified from the competition.

- In case of an odd number of teams or Ex-Parte at the competition, the organizers shall have the discretion of having one team from the organising institute for the purpose of even teams / ex-partes in the preliminary rounds and that team shall not be considered as a part of the competition.
- If a team from the organizing institute scores higher marks than the competing teams, the next highest-scoring team will still be given preference

SCORING

EVALUATION OF ORAL ROUNDS:

S. NO.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
2	Application of law to facts	20
3	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	15
4	Presentation Skills	15
5	Time Management and Organisation	10
6	Court Etiquettes	10
7	Logical coherency in Arguments	10
	Grand Total	100

SCOUTING

- Teams will not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification.
- Any team can file a written complaint to the Organizers for the same. The Organizer's decision regarding scouting shall be final.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

- The results of the Preliminary Rounds will be announced after the completion of the rounds.
- The results of the Quarter-Final Rounds will be announced following the round.
- The results of the Semi-Final Rounds will be announced after the conclusion of the round.
- The winners of the competition will be announced during the valedictory ceremony.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

- All interpretation, as well as any waiver, consent or other decisions in the administration of the competition are at the complete discretion of the Organizers.
- Any decision made by the Organizers shall be final and binding on all the participating teams.

COPYRIGHT

- The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials.
- The organizers reserve the right to publicly display, electronically or otherwise, and distribute this information in any manner they choose. They shall not be held liable for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, nor for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the materials provided.

CLARIFICATIONS

- The moot proposition will remain unchanged, and no modifications will be made under any circumstances.

- The organizers reserve the right to alter, amend, or add to the moot proposition, and any such changes will be communicated to the registered teams well in advance.
- Clarifications regarding matters other than the moot proposition may be sought directly from the organizers.

NOTE: Complete and Final Technical Rules will be intimated to the participating teams at a later date.

The Organising Committee will not provide accommodation or travel expenses. Participants are required to make their own arrangements.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATE

The following awards shall be given away during the Valedictory & Prize Distribution:

- Winning Team ... (₹ 15,000) + Trophy
- Runners-up ... (₹ 10,000) + Trophy
- Best Mooter ... (₹ 3,000) + Trophy
- Best Memorial ... (₹ 3,000) + Trophy
- Best Researcher ... (₹ 3,000) + Trophy

In addition to the above awards, certificates will be awarded to the winners. All participants will receive participation certificates. The awards will be presented during the Valedictory Ceremony.

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MOOT PROPOSITION

Every country has its own set of rules and regulations, and it's the duty of every person to abide by the law set up by their respective country's ruling government. If they have any discrepancy, they must explore the remedies available under their set of rules or by approaching the temples of justice. Taking matters into their own hand isn't the solution to every conflict; it creates differences and many times lead to situations that are not beneficial for the country as well as for its citizens.

In today's world, electronic media agencies are flourishing and touching new heights of success and with the increased capabilities, they now explore more information that they were not able to access in older times. It's a need of an hour that these media agencies must remain free from all kinds of governmental restraints and work in a safe environment. These media agencies give us information about what's happening around the world and also in our surrounding areas, information about government public welfare schemes, new laws enacted, and any kind of important info which affects common public directly or indirectly. All information must be circulated properly without hiding any fact and remain unbiased. But it was seen that in the name of news or information circulation they started making up their own assumptions stating under the header of public opinion which is totally wrong and unacceptable, setting up of panel discussions without any controlled/editing setup, usage of provoking language which many times turn into lip boxing matches where people loses control and says something unintentional which many times turns out into the law and order situation because of the sensitivity of the topic and people are not in a mood to listen up such things or to accept the same in a discussion mode which turns situation messy and sometimes uncontrolled. It was also seen that these media agencies provoke the panellists to increase the viewership and sometimes cook up the news/information under the tag of "our sources have revealed," which has no connection or link with the actual issue or problem.

The Democratic Republic of United Province has been facing this issue for the last 75 years. Many regulations were introduced to control fake news spread and even many times journalist and news agencies are warned by the government not to spread or circulate such news or information which does not have any backing or coming from non-authentic sources but in-spite of stopping the spread of such information many media companies taking an excuse of free speech and safe themselves in one or the other way stating that it's our duty to show what is available and if the information is wrong it's the duty of government to clarify. They are least bothered that it may turn into public unrest and many times severe law and order situation arises where people lose their loved ones too.

United Province based media company “UMB Media Pt. Ltd.” organised a debate show in Peoples Right Federation Conference hall and the topic of discussion is “Religion Beliefs and Disbelief” on 27th March 2025 in the mid of the debate one of the panellist Mr. Ajay Ahuja the well-known “Religious Expert” by profession in the heat of the argument spoken some words against the other community which are appropriate in nature but somehow mention in one of the religious texts, another panellist Mr. Arif Khan, Religious Scholar and Author by profession who tried to provoke Mr. Ajay by pressing some unauthenticated facts turn the whole discussion away from the said topic and passed derogatory statement not only against Mr. Ajay but also the community from which he belongs. He also passed some derogatory remarks against the Hon’ble President of United Province and threatened to turn over his presidency in the matter of time. It was seen that the other panellists tried to calm down Ajay and Arif, but the anchor of the news company, Mr. John Adams, Senior Editor UMB Media Pt. Ltd., tried to worsen the situation by passing some comments from both sides, making the situation more complicated so that his show gets the highest viewership. This debate broadcast hurts many people's sentiments, which ultimately turns law-and-order situations in many states and at many places, night curfew was imposed by their respective police administrations to control mob movement and many places experienced the imposition of Sec 163 of BNSS.

Seeing the situation getting worse and people demanding immediate arrest of all three person Police of South United State in United Province registered an FIR against Ajay, Arif and John under Sec. 192, 298, 353 United Province Penal Code (UPPC)[1] and started an investigation on 29th March 2025. Meanwhile High Court of North United, another state in the United Province, seeing the disturbing situation within the state, took suo-moto cognizance on 15th April under Article 226 of the Constitution of the United Province[2] and directed the Police Commissioner to immediately arrest these people within 24 hr. and control the law-and-order situation within the state, utilising all possible means. Police Commissioner North United immediately directed its subordinate Police Officers to disperse the crowd and send 3 teams comprising 7 police officers each to arrest these three people on an immediate basis. One team arrested Ajay from his residence and by the time police reached Arif's residence, he packed his bags and left for the “Rash Street” Town situated in the state of Western United.

John was arrested by the Police of South United during an investigation on 1st April 2025 under Sec. 192, 298, 353 United Province Penal Code (UPPC) and Learned District Judge (Windsor) sent him in 2 days' police custody, which was further extended to 5 days because of a police request that they still want some information related to the said case. District Court of Windsor directed the police to file a chargesheet and submit an affidavit regarding the other two accused that why they haven't been arrested till now.

[1] Consider UPPC (United Province Penal Code) same as Bharatiya Nayya Sanhita,2023.

[2] Consider Constitution of United Province same as Constitution of India, 1950.

North United Police Department informed the Hon'ble High Court of North United that we have arrested Ajay Ahuja and John Adams was under South United Police custody since 1st April, 2025 and also informed the Hon'ble High Court that they have no clue of Arif Khan's present location, so they seek more time from the court.

High Court of North United taking the matters into their own hands initiated the proceeding of Sec. 84 BNSS against Arif Khan and directed the Police to file an Affidavit mentioning reasons to delay the arrest Arif Khan or they will initiate contempt proceedings against Police Commissioner North United as they are not in a mood to listen excuses because delay in justice may lead to worsening the law-and-order situation in the state. Meanwhile, under the description and information received from North United Police, West United Police started searching for Arif Khan and circulated its posters within the state. After the gape of 3 days West United Police received an input from police spy network that Arif is hiding in one of his native-place in Rash Street Town they immediately send the team of highly skilled police officers comprising 2 Station Heads and 10 Armed Police Personals by the time police reached the said location, police find out that it's a honey trap setup by Arif Khan and his two of his close aids Amir and Mustad. All three of them opened heavy gunfire and threw 4 grenades towards the police convoy, resulting in 6 armed police personnel being killed on the spot and the rest sustain life threatening wounds. Arif fled from his native place, accompanied by two of his close aids. This incident shocked the whole country. Police notice that many news agencies that are continuously covering the incident on a day-to-day basis already broadcasted couple of minutes before the police's actual action that the police are planning to raid Arif Khan's native place and even made public which route the police convoy is going follow and at what time. This triggered an alert between Arif Khan and two of his aids and they planned this brutal shootout. Police later recovered 5 Assault Rifles AK56, 20 live bullet cartages, 3 Live Grenades, 5 kg RDX, Banned Literature and several pics of routes covered by The President of United Province during different state visits this completely shocked the police more that person of this scale is planning to do something destructive and he remained away from the eyes of every intelligence agency available in our country.

After this incident, West United Police registered the case against Arif Khan and 2 others under Sec. 54, 147, 152, 103, 109 UPPC & Sec. 3 and 4 Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act[3] and also under Sec. 25/27 Arms Act[4] and raised a sum of 5 lakh's whosoever gives the information about Arif Khan and his close aids on 27 May, 2025.

After 5 days of West United incident Arif Khan sent an email from undisclosed source that he is ready to surrender along with his two aids, Western United Police immediately prepare for surrender and arrested all three from village Isabel a small village near North United and West

[3] Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984

[4] Arms Act, 1959

United states border while bring them back they started arguing with the police officers and tried to snatched police weapons and because of which police vehicle loose control taking advantage of the said situation all three of them jump out of police vehicle and tried to flee again which turns into gun battle between Police Personnel's and Arif Khan in which two Arif Khan close aid were killed and Arif Khan sustains bullet injuries.

Many news agencies again broadcast that it's a cooked-up story of the West United Police and the gun fight was a fake encounter done by the West United Police. Arif was safe because one of the media vans following the police convoy arrived on time at the encounter spot and started recording. This news circulation raises many questions about the workings of the West United Police Department.

An appeal filed in the Hon'ble High Court of West United by the deceased family members on 6th June, 2025, that the police killed their wards intentionally and prayed that the Hon'ble High Court must set up a Judicial Commission to enquire into the whole incident as they have no trust on West United Police Department Administration. Hon'ble High Court of West United, while accepting the appeal, passed an order dated 15th June, 2025.

“ Judicial Enquiry Commission under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. Ayenger, Rt. Former Chief Justice High Court of West United is going to investigate the full incident taken place, and until all 8 police officers involved in this incident remain suspended from their respective duties, they are not allowed to meet or contact any person linked with this case directly or indirectly. West United Police Department must cooperate fully in this enquiry without any ill will and must follow the commission summons and the commission must submit its findings by 20th June, 2025.” (See Annexure I for Judicial Commission findings)

Single Judge Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of North United passed an order dated 8 July, 2025.

“While examining all the submissions made during court proceedings, this court concludes that Ajay Ahuja is proven guilty under Sec. 192, 298, 353 United Province Penal Code (UPPC) and this court is going to decide the quantum of punishment on 15th July, 2025. While hearing this case, this court accepts the request made by Additional Advocate General and grant two-week time to submit final submissions on John Adam and Arif Khan.”

Not happy with the single judge bench judgement, Ajay Ahuja filed a petition before the Divisional Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of North United against the order passed by the single judge bench on 10th August, 2025, stating the following issues:

- a. He didn't get the proper chance to represent his side of the case.
- b. He was not allowed to present concrete proof that whatever he said is mentioned in the religious text.

Public outrage is growing day by day due to the delay in court proceedings. Seeing the situation, the Central Home Ministry of United Province came into action and directed all three states to submit a status report within 2 weeks of time by 3rd September, 2025 and must mention what actions they have taken to control the violent mob and the current status of the court proceedings in their respective states.

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- c. That Hon'ble Court must bar media coverage in this case to stop the circulation of unrealistic opinions and misinformation.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of the United Province, while accepting the appeal on 21st November 2025 and passed an interim order

“All the cases linked directly with the said appeal should be clubbed altogether and transferred to the Supreme Court by 10th Dec,2025. Learned High Court of North United and West United to hold their ongoing proceedings and Windsor District Court not to proceed any further or pass any adverse order in the said subject matter. This court even bars media coverage till further orders. This court directs the Judicial Enquiry Commission under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice R. Ayenger Rt. High Court Chief Justice of West United to submit its report directly to the Supreme Court.”

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of United Province also raised the following issues and directed both the parties to be ready with their submissions on Feb,2026

*That Ajay, Arif and John are guilty under Sec. 192, 298, 353 United Province Penal Code (UPPC) or not.

*That media debates and miss information circulation by the media are subject to Judicial scrutiny, or they are protected under the guise of free speech.

*That Arif Khan, Amir and Mustad are guilty under Sec. 54, 147, 103, 109 UPPC & Sec. 3 and 4 Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and also under Sec. 25/27 Arms Act or not.

*That Amir and Mustad encounter is the fake encounter planned by the police or not and why the need of Judicial Enquiry Commission arises.

*That Police is failed to control the law and order situation or their actions are not adequate while controlling law and order situations.

*That withdrawing general consent by the state of Western United in handing over the investigation to the Central Investigation Agency is justified or not.

Judicial Enquiry Commission

Enquiry on West United

Encounter Final Report

To,
The Registrar
High Court of the West United

From,
Justice R. Ayenger (Rd.)
Former Chief Justice
High Court of the West
United

As per the police records, they got an email from an undisclosed location which is under investigation by the National Forensic Science Department, West United, state regional centre, that Arif Khan and his two aids Amir and Mustad, are ready for surrender. West United State Police Department prepared its team of highly skilled police officers comprising 5 Anti-Terror Squad Members, 2 Assistant Commissioner Rank Officers and 10-Armed Police Constables to make sure that the surrender takes place in a safe manner.

They prepared to arrest all three in 4 police vehicles comprising one-Armed Bullet-Proof Vehicle to guard the convoy from the front if any blockage happens and the rest of the petrol vehicles what West Police Department uses for daily activity. By the statements given by the Police Officer, it may be a tricky surrender as they have already killed 6 police personnel and do not hesitate to change this surrender into a gun battle.

It was noted that the place of surrender was 26 km. away from urban land area, that's why West United Police is extra cautious. All three of them surrendered and were taken into custody following standard procedure. Commission members visited the place of surrender and talked to the natives of the village, Isabell small village near the North United and West United state border. It was noticed by the team that the village people know all three of them very well and even know that the police are coming to arrest them.

During the course of bringing them back, all three started arguing with the police personnel and started abusing them, as narrated by one of the police personnel, it came to notice that all three of them were sitting together. Amir made a move and tried to snatch a police rifle and the other two accompanied him immediately because of this fist fight driver lost control of the vehicle and all three of them jumped and started running, firing towards the police. The police immediately responded, taking cover and the situation turned into a gun battle between them.

After some time, when firing stopped from Arif's side police immediately rushed to Arif's location and found that Arif was alive rest two, Amir and Mustad, are dead. Arif sustains bullet shots 2 in his leg and 3 more in different parts of the body. Police immediately sent him to the nearest hospital for treatment and recovered police fire arms snatch by them during the first fight. The commission even saw the report and video circulated by the local news reporter, where he claimed that Arif was safe because he reached the spot just on time when cross firing is said to be going on. My team came to the conclusion that the video captured by the news reporter does not have concrete proof to show that the police cooked up this incident as presented and run by the news channels.

The forensic science report concluded that the video played on news channels is an encrypted video and doesn't have any concrete proof. The Forensics Department also marked the bullet shells and bodies of the deceased. The forensics department find big difference between the bullet shells recovered from the police side and the shells recovered from the positions occupied by Arif, Amir and Mustad.

My team summoned and questioned every police officer involved in the said incident, the reporter who claims to have recorded the incident and villagers and came to a conclusion that the said incident took place in the heat of an argument and the police fired towards all three accused in the line of self-defence and there is no concrete proof that it's a planned killing.

I conclude and submit the said report and request the Hon'ble Court to dismiss the suspension order passed against the police officers involved in the said incident.

Signed:

Copy of the same emailed to:

1. Registrar General's office (Supreme Court and High Court)
2. Assistant Registrar General (High Court)
3. Ministry of Home Affairs (West United State and Centre)
4. Police Commissioner (West United)

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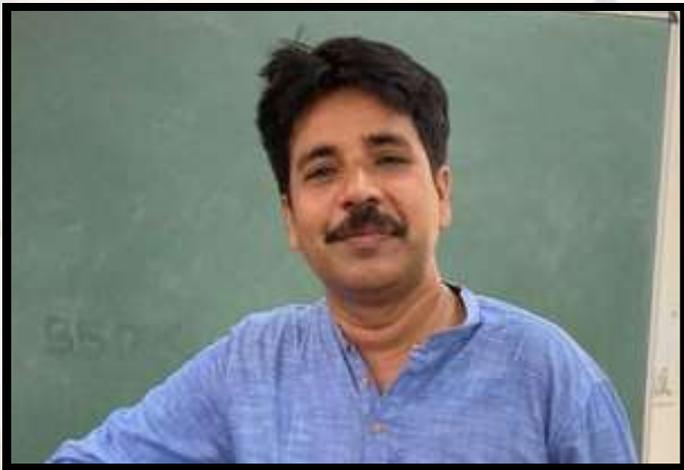
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