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## ABOUT LEX GAZETTE ACADEMY

Lex Gazette is an independent academic and educational initiative functioning under the Ram Shree Education Research and Social Welfare Foundation, a not-for-profit organization registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and also listed with NITI Aayog, Government of India. The Foundation is dedicated to promoting inclusive education, interdisciplinary research, and social welfare, especially in regions with limited access to academic infrastructure and opportunities.

The Academy serves as the core educational wing of the initiative. It regularly organizes national and international seminars, workshops, conferences, faculty development programs, and student-oriented activities such as moot courts and legal awareness drives. Despite its humble beginnings and initial financial challenges, LexGazette has steadily grown into a respected academic initiative. It continues to uphold values of academic excellence, accessibility, and ethical engagement, contributing meaningfully to the research and education landscape in India.

## ABOUT MOOT

The 1st Moot Court Competition, 2025, organized by Lex Gazette Academy, is a prestigious event aimed at promoting practical legal education among aspiring law students. Scheduled to be held virtually on the 14th and 15th of June, 2025, the competition seeks to cultivate critical legal thinking, research aptitude, and articulate advocacy through a simulated court experience.

Lex Gazette Academy envisions this initiative as a platform for students to explore real-world legal challenges and refine their courtroom skills in a competitive yet educational environment. The competition will unfold in four phases: Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Final Rounds, Semi-Final Rounds, and the Final Round, ensuring a rigorous and enriching experience for all participants.

This flagship event is designed to enhance the participants' understanding of legal principles, strengthen their argumentation abilities, and encourage a commitment to experiential learning, aligning with the Academy's mission to bridge the gap between legal theory and practice.



## Eligibility

Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law courses may apply to participate in the given competition. Students enrolled in post-graduation diploma or short-term certification courses are not eligible to apply.

## Team Composition

Each team participating in the competition shall consist of either two speakers or two speakers and one researcher. The inclusion of a researcher is optional, allowing flexibility in team composition based on participants' preferences and strengths.

## Registration Process

- 1.The deadline for registration is May 15, 2025, by 11:59:59 PM. All teams must complete the online registration by this date.
- 2.A registration fee of ₹4500 per team is applicable.
- 3.Teams must register by filling out the official registration form: FORM. || <https://forms.gle/SrNJC2ntzWqZEq6z7>
- 4.Registration will be deemed complete only after successful payment of the registration fee and submission of the Google Form.
- 5.Participants will receive a confirmation email from the organising committee within 48 hours of completing their registration.
- 6.The organising committee will coordinate with the Team's Point of Contact (POC) for all official communications.
- 7.Registration fees are non-refundable under any circumstances.



## MOOT PROBLEM

1. The Republic of Indravarsha is a sovereign democratic country governed by a written Constitution that guarantees essential rights to its citizens, including equality before law, freedom of expression, and the inviolable right to life and personal liberty. Over the years, the Parliament of Indravarsha has passed various forward-looking legislations to enhance women's rights and bridge gender inequalities. Despite this, deep-rooted societal norms such as patriarchy and stigma associated with women's reproductive autonomy continue to persist.

2. In 2024, the Indravarsha Parliament introduced a legislation titled the "Reproductive Health and Safety Act, 2024" (RHSA). The Act aimed to regulate access to Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECPs), with the stated intent of promoting safe usage, preventing misuse, and safeguarding women's health. The RHSA contains the following significant provisions:

- Section 3: "No individual shall sell or supply emergency contraceptive pills unless a legitimate prescription has been issued by a certified medical practitioner."
- Section 4: "Pharmacies and registered medical outlets are required to maintain comprehensive records of all ECP prescriptions, including the purchaser's full name, age, and contact information."
- Section 5: "Any person found violating the provisions under Sections 3 or 4 shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ₹5,000 or imprisonment up to one year, or both."

3. While the government justified the RHSA on the grounds of promoting "responsible contraceptive use," civil rights advocates, women's health activists, and legal scholars have raised serious concerns regarding its disproportionate impact on women, specifically on their ability to exercise reproductive autonomy without state interference.

4. In the city of Meghapur, a 28-year-old freelance writer named Anika Raghavan—well known for her bold opinion pieces on social justice and civil liberties—found herself caught in the very issue she had often reported on. After a consensual intimate encounter with her partner, Anika realized that they had not used protection. Cognizant of the situation and her options, she decided to obtain an emergency contraceptive pill to prevent an unplanned pregnancy.

5. Confident in her understanding of reproductive rights as exercised in many liberal democracies, Anika assumed she would be able to obtain the pill without much trouble. However, upon visiting a nearby pharmacy, she was shocked when the pharmacist refused to sell the pill without a doctor's prescription. Surprised, she questioned the requirement, only to be told bluntly that the RHSA 2024 prohibited the sale of ECPs without a valid medical prescription. The encounter, which took place in a busy store, drew unwelcome stares and murmurs, adding to her discomfort.



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6. Undeterred, Anika sought an appointment with a local gynecologist at a government-affiliated clinic. The waiting area was packed with patients, mostly accompanied by spouses or family members. When her turn finally arrived, Anika was subjected to uncomfortable and invasive questions. The male doctor inquired whether she was married, questioned her moral choices, and expressed disapproval over her request. Anika, though reluctant, provided her personal details—name, age, and mobile number—as required, knowing it would now be logged into an official register, thereby compromising her privacy.

7. Upon returning home, Anika reflected on the humiliation she had endured and the lack of dignity afforded to her during what should have been a confidential medical interaction. She believed the RHSA had, in effect, forced her to surrender her personal autonomy and right to make private medical decisions. Article 21 of the Constitution of Indravarsa guarantees the right to life and personal liberty, which the Supreme Court has previously interpreted to include the right to privacy and bodily autonomy. She saw the prescription requirement as a direct violation of these rights.

8. Furthermore, Anika believed that the RHSA discriminated on the basis of gender. Under Article 14, all citizens are entitled to equality before the law. While men could purchase condoms or other male contraceptives freely and anonymously, women seeking ECPs were compelled to undergo scrutiny, justify their actions, and reveal sensitive personal details. This unequal burden, she argued, reinforced outdated patriarchal standards and disproportionately targeted women.

9. Motivated to challenge the status quo, Anika authored a searing editorial titled "Her Choice, Not Their Control: Why RHSA Must Change". The piece went viral, sparking a wave of conversations and testimonials from women across Indravarsa who shared similar accounts of being denied access or shamed for seeking ECPs. Many recounted experiences of moral policing by healthcare professionals, privacy violations, and social stigma arising from the legal requirements under the RHSA.

10. Building on this momentum, Anika filed a writ petition before the Supreme Court of Indravarsa, challenging the constitutionality of Sections 3 and 4 of the Reproductive Health and Safety Act, 2024. The petition was admitted for hearing, drawing significant media coverage and public discourse.

11. In her petition, Anika made the following key contentions:

- That Sections 3 and 4 of the RHSA violate Article 21, which guarantees the right to privacy, bodily autonomy, and reproductive choice as integral components of personal liberty.
- That reproductive decisions, including the method and timing of contraception, must be recognized as a matter of individual informed choice, not subject to state regulation or oversight.



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- That the differential treatment of women—subjecting them to mandatory prescriptions and data collection for ECPs while allowing men unrestricted access to contraceptives—constitutes gender-based discrimination, violating the principle of equality under Article 14.
- That the law demeans the dignity of women and curtails their personal freedom by embedding societal prejudice into healthcare policy, thereby undermining both their self-respect and liberty.

12. The case, now titled *Anika R. vs. Republic of Indravarsha*, has become a landmark litigation testing the boundaries of state control over reproductive rights, gender equality in healthcare access, and the meaning of privacy in a modern constitutional framework.

13. The case of *Anika R. vs. State of Indravarsha (2024)* is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Indravarsha. The following issues have been framed for consideration:

### Issues for Consideration:

1. Whether Sections 3 and 4 of the Reproductive Health and Safety Act, 2024, violate the petitioner's fundamental right to privacy and bodily autonomy as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of Indravarsha.
2. Whether the requirement of mandatory prescription and collection of personal information under Sections 3 and 4 of the RHSA, 2024, amounts to unreasonable and arbitrary state interference with a woman's right to make informed reproductive choices.
3. Whether the impugned provisions of the RHSA, 2024, result in gender-based discrimination and thereby violate the guarantee of equality under Article 14 of the Constitution.
4. Whether the RHSA, 2024, by mandating disclosure of personal details and subjecting unmarried women to moral scrutiny, infringes the constitutional right to dignity and personal liberty under Article 21.



## MOOT PROBLEM

### DISCLAIMER:

- The laws and Constitution of Republic of Indravarsha are in pari materia with those of India.
- The facts provided in this case are entirely fictional and have been created for the purpose of the competition. Any resemblance to actual persons, events, or occurrences, living or deceased, is purely coincidental.
- The facts in the case cannot be disputed, and no additions or modifications to the existing facts are allowed.
- No additional evidence or witness testimonies may be introduced by any team for the purposes of the moot. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
- This problem is not intended to offend or harm the sentiments of any group or individual.

## EVENT TIMELINE

Registrations Open	April 15, 2025
Moot Problem Release	April 15, 2025
Registrations Close	May 15, 2025
Allotment of Team Code	June 1, 2025
Written Memorial Deadline	June 4, 2025
Researcher Test	June 14, 2025
Oral Rounds	June 14 & 15, 2025.



## RULEBOOK

### Definitions

The definitions placed below by the Organising Committee shall be final, and the decision of the Organising Committee regarding the applicability of these rules will be final.

1. **'Bench'** refers to the members duly invited by the organizing committee to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively. The bench may be a bench of any number of judges as the Organizing Committee may decide.
2. **'Clarifications'** means any questions, queries, or doubts sent by the registered teams to the organizers, within the given deadline.
3. **'Penalty'** refers to the deductions imposed on the scores of a participating team for violation of the rules of the competition.
4. **'Participating Team'** means the team which has registered itself for the competition within the time limit prescribed as per the rules for registration.
5. **'Rejoinder'** refers to those arguments/questions that the Complainant may raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Speakers.
6. **'Sur-Rejoinder'** refers to the defense presented by the Respondent to the Rejoinder. Allowing Sur-Rejoinder shall strictly be upon the discretion of the judges.
7. **'Court Room'** shall refer to the online platform where the orals will take place.
8. **'Scouting'** means a person observing the Oral Rounds of a team other than the team such person is associated with.

## DRESS CODE

The participating teams must adhere to the following dress code during the competition:

- **Male:** White shirt, black trousers, black tie or white band, black coat, and black shoes.
- **Female:** White salwar and kurta along with white band or white shirt and black trousers along with black tie, a black coat, and black shoes.



## RULEBOOK

### MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

1. All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall firmly comply with the rules of the competition. Each participating team must prepare two written submissions, one for each Petitioner as well as Respondent side. Petitioner memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent(s) memorials are required to have a Red cover. Only soft copies of memorials shall be submitted in both .pdf and .doc/.docx format latest by 11:59:59 PM on 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.
2. Late submissions shall be penalized (5 marks per day) and no memorial shall be accepted after 11:59:59 pm on 06<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. The soft copy of the memorial shall be submitted only by email to [dlmootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:dlmootcourt@gmail.com) only. No other mode of submission shall be considered valid.

### MEMORIAL CONTENT

- Cover Page: The cover page shall contain the Case Title, Side of the Memorial, Year of the Competition, Name of the Court, and Team Code on the top right corner.
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviation
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

The Memorial shall not exceed 35 Pages in total, and Arguments Advanced shall not exceed 25 Pages.



## RULEBOOK

### FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- 1.The memorial shall be typed on an A4 size page and all the pages of the memorial should have a page number at the bottom.
- 2.Font and Size (General): Times New Roman, 12 pts.
- 3.Line Spacing (General): 1.5 lines.
- 4.Font and Size (Footnotes): Times New Roman, 10 pts.
- 5.Line Spacing (Footnotes): Single lines.
- 6.Page Margins: 1 inch on all sides.
- 7.All the citations and footnotes must be in compliance with the 20th Edition of Bluebook.

### MARKING CRITERIA: MEMORIAL

Marking Criteria	Total Marks
Precise Drafting	10
Knowledge of Laws and Facts	10
Quality of Research	10
Creative Approach in Appreciation of Facts and Evidences	10
Grammar and Formatting	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>



## RULEBOOK

### **Preliminary Round:**

The Preliminary rounds shall consist of 2 Rounds: Preliminary 1 & Preliminary 2. Each team shall argue for both sides i.e., Petitioner and Respondent, during the preliminary round.

**Explanation:** If a team has argued for the Petitioner side in Preliminary – 1, it shall argue for the Respondent side in Preliminary – 2 and vice versa. Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time (if permitted by the judge(s)). Extension of time may be permissible at the discretion of judges. No speaker shall speak for more than 12 minutes, subjected to a maximum time limit of 20 minutes for the team. The top 8 teams of teams winning both Preliminary rounds shall qualify for Quarter Finals. If less than 8 teams win both rounds of the Preliminary round, then all the teams winning both rounds of Preliminary rounds and top-scoring teams in the remaining space shall qualify for Quarter Finals. In case of a tie in scores calculated, the team with the higher score in the Written Submission (Memorials) shall proceed to the next round.

### **Quarter Final Round:**

Quarter Finals shall consist of only one round. Each team shall strictly get a total time of 30 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time (if permitted by the judge(s)). No speaker can speak for more than 18 minutes, subjected to a maximum time limit of 30 minutes for the team. Extension of time may be permissible at the discretion of judges. The winning teams of the Quarter Final Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.

### **Semi Final Round:**

Each team shall get a total time of 35 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time (if permitted by the judge(s)). No speaker shall speak for more than 20 minutes, subject to a maximum time limit of 35 minutes for the team. A time extension may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge. The winning teams from the Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the final round.



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### Finals Round

Each team shall get a total time of 40 minutes which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time [if permitted by the judge(s)]. No speaker shall speak for more than 25 Minutes subjected to maximum time limit of 40 minutes for the team. A time-extension may be granted to Each team at the discretion of the Judge. The Team scoring maximum marks in Final Round shall be adjudged as winner of 1st Judexis Moot Court Competition, 2025.

## MARKING CRITERIA: ORAL ROUNDS

Marking Criteria	Total Marks
Application of Laws to Facts	20
Use of Authorities	10
Responsiveness to Judges' Questions	20
Style of Presentation	20
Court Mannerism	20
Effectiveness of Prayer	10
Total	100

**Calculation of Marks: Marks obtained in Oral Round + Marks obtained in Memorial**



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### GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

The competition shall be conducted on a Virtual Platform (Google Meet or other platform). The description of the platform shall be intimated to the teams 1 week prior to the competition.

- The teams must ensure that they have a strong internet connection (along with good audio and video facilities) for the smooth running of the Competition. In case any participant or team is logged out due to connection issues, reasonable time may be given to the respective participant or team to join in.
- The participants must ensure that no background disturbance is impeding the flow of the moot court competition. Hence, it is recommended for the participants to be seated/situated in a quiet room.
- Entering/indulging in any kind of misconduct, or violating the aforementioned rules and regulations shall lead to immediate disqualification.
- In case of a tie in any round, the team scoring higher marks in the memorial shall be adjudged the winner. The decision of the judges with regards to the oral rounds shall be final.
- Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition. The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name, etc., of the University represented.
- Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.
- Any violation of the rules mentioned will attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the organizing committee.



## RULEBOOK

### MISCELLANEOUS

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change, or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage.
- The Organising Committee shall convey any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.
- If a team is of the perspective that a violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) shall inform within half an hour after the completion of the round to the Organising Committee.
- Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.
- The Organisers shall not be responsible for any loss or slow or unstable Internet Connection during the Competition.

### AWARDS AND ACCORDS

**WINNER**



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**RUNNER UP**



Trophy + Rs 10,000 + Books + Certificate Course + Internship Opportunity + Certificate of Award

**2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER UP**



Rs 5,000 + Certificate Course + Certificate of Award

**BEST SPEAKER**



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**BEST MEMORIAL**



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**Note:** A full (100%) Article Processing Charge (APC) waiver will be granted for two manuscript publications at Lex Gazette International Multidisciplinary Research Journal. The other two manuscripts will be eligible for a 50% APC discount. Terms and conditions apply.

## ACCOUNT DETAILS

### ACCOUNT HOLDER

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