

Vidhi Parivartan presents Law Fest 2025 – Judgment Writing Competition

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Judgment Writing Competition (Law fest edition) organized by Vidhi Parivartan presents an exciting opportunity to law students to step into the shoes of a judge and deliver a reasoned and well articulated judgment. The participants are expected to base their judgments on a thorough and diligent appreciation of the factual matrix. The competition encourages innovative judgments that have meticulously examined and applied relevant legal concepts.

ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open for all law students, PhD academicians, legal professionals, etc.
- Co-authorship **i.e. 2 participants are allowed to participate together.**
- The participants shall be provided with a factual matrix and would be required to write a judgment based on the same.
- The participants shall write a single opinion. Multiple opinions are not allowed.

CONTENT OF THE JUDGMENT

The Judgment should inter alia include (in no particular order, except the Operative Part which must come last): –

- Jurisdiction
- Determination of facts Admissibility/Maintainability
- Issues for determination
- Framing specific questions for determination.
- Relevant Legislation
- The arguments for both Appellant and Respondent
- Reasoning of the Court
- Reference to precedents and authorities.
- Holding

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- The author shall strictly adhere to the 20th Edition of Bluebook.
- The manuscript shall be in A4 layout with 1.5 line spacing and justified.
- Headings – Times New Roman – 14 – Bold.

- Main Body – Times New Roman – 12.
- Footnotes – Times New Roman – 10, Line spacing 1.0 and justified.
- Plagiarism allowed 15%

Note: In the absence of compliance with the guidelines and plagiarism limit will lead to deduction of marks.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The participants have to submit their judgments on or before **Nov 10th, 2025** by emailing it to **events.vidhiparivartan@gmail.com**
- The subject should read **Submission: Judgment Writing Competition – Law Fest Edition**
- **The details of the participants should be mentioned in the body of the email**
- Nothing in the document should reveal the identity of the participants. Otherwise the same would lead to immediate disqualification.
- In case multiple emails are sent by the participant, the copy of the draft sent last will be considered, both for the purposes of evaluation and also for awarding the penalty for late submission (if any).

ASSESSMENT PARAMETERS

1. Adherence to the Rules:	20 Marks
2. Formatting:	20 Marks
3. Arrangement of facts and issues addressed:	20 Marks
4. Statement of contending parties and framing of issues:	30 Marks
5. Knowledge of legal principles, and citing of relevant case laws, statutes, and opinion of jurists:	40 Marks
6. Critical analysis of the problem and analytical reasoning:	20 Marks
TOTAL:	150 Marks

PROPOSITION

Court: High Court of Pravaas (Appellate Jurisdiction)

Background Facts:

On the morning of 16th May 2018, the body of Sanya Mehra, a 14-year-old girl, was discovered in her bedroom in her family's apartment in Noida, Pravaas. Her throat had been slit, and there were signs of blunt-force trauma. The family's domestic help, Hemant Rawal, who had been missing since that morning, was initially suspected of the murder.

However, the very next day, Hemant Rawal's decomposed body was found on the terrace of the same house — also with a slit throat and head injuries. This shocking revelation redirected suspicion toward Sanya's parents, Dr. Ritesh Mehra and Dr. Kavita Mehra, both reputed dentists owning a prominent dental clinic in the city.

Investigation:

1. The local police, followed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), investigated the matter in two phases.
2. The first investigative team concluded that the parents had committed the murders, alleging that Dr. Ritesh found Sanya and Hemant in an "objectionable position" and, in a fit of anger, killed them both.
3. However, due to inconclusive forensic evidence, contradictory statements, and no eyewitnesses, the case was reassigned to another CBI team.
4. The second team found insufficient evidence against the parents and filed a closure report, stating that the case remained "unsolved."
5. The Magistrate rejected the closure report, took cognizance, and summoned the parents to face trial.

Trial Court's Findings:

- The Trial Court convicted both Dr. Ritesh and Dr. Kavita under Sections 302 (Murder), 201 (Destruction of Evidence), and 203 (Giving False Information) of the Indian Penal Code.
- The Court relied heavily on circumstantial evidence, including the "last seen" theory, alleged tampering of the crime scene, and inconsistencies in the accused's statements.

- Both were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Appeal:

The accused have appealed before the High Court of Pravaas, contending that:

1. The conviction is based on suspicion and conjecture, not proof beyond reasonable doubt.
2. The prosecution failed to establish motive or a complete chain of circumstances.
3. Mishandling of evidence and a media trial violated their right to a fair trial under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The State, on the other hand, argues that:

1. The accused were the only adults present in a locked house, and thus, under Section 106 of the Indian Evidence Act, the burden of explaining the deaths lay upon them.
2. The circumstantial chain is complete, proving their guilt beyond reasonable doubt.
3. The accused's conduct after the incident and their inconsistent statements reinforce their culpability.

Issues for Adjudication:

1. Whether the prosecution has established the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt through circumstantial evidence.
2. Whether the Trial Court erred in shifting the burden of proof under Section 106 of the Indian Evidence Act.
3. Whether media interference and public perception compromised the fairness of the investigation and trial.
4. Whether the conviction and sentence passed by the Trial Court are sustainable in law.

Instructions for Participants:

Participants shall write a reasoned judgment as if they are Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Pravaas.

The judgment must include:

- ✓ Brief Statement of Facts
- ✓ Issues for Determination
- ✓ Arguments by Prosecution and Defence (summarized)
- ✓ Judicial Reasoning and Analysis
- ✓ Final Decision and Justification

- ✓ Word Limit: 2500–3000 words.

Participants are encouraged to refer to constitutional principles, judicial precedents, and evidentiary law where relevant.

Disclaimer:

This proposition is a purely fictional academic exercise inspired by legal and investigative themes for the purpose of educational and analytical learning.

All characters, names, and incidents are fictitious, and any resemblance to actual persons, living or deceased, or to any real events is purely coincidental.

This material is not intended to hurt or offend the sentiments of any individual, institution, or community.

REGISTRATION FEES

1. Single Author: Rs. 300/-
2. Co-Authorship (Maximum 2 authors): Rs. 500/-

The registration fee can be transferred to Ms. Nancy Garg via UPI or Googlepay at 8168515340.

MODE OF REGISTRATION

Participants are required to fill in the Google form link provided below for the purpose of registration. The screenshot of the payment for registration should be attached in the Google form in order to successfully complete the registration. Once registered successfully, a confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours.

The link given below will be active till 29th Oct, 2025 (11:59 pm).

Registration Link - [CLICK HERE](#)

PRIZES

1. Cash Prize of Rs. 5000 to Winner, Rs. 3000 to 2nd Position holder, Rs. 2000 to 3rd Position holder.
2. Certificate of Merit to top 10 performers
3. E-Certificate of Participation will be given to all the participants.
4. Internship opportunity at Vidhi Parivartan to top 10 performers
5. 50% discount on all our services to all the participants.

TIMELINE

1. Last Date of Registration: 29th Oct, 2025 (11:59 pm)
2. Last Date of Submission: 10th Nov, 2025 (11:59 pm)
3. Declaration of Results: 20th Nov, 2025

CONTACT DETAILS

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