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MediateGuru, a distinguished institute in the realm of alternative dispute resolution. We pride ourselves on being more than just a service provider; we are a dedicated community committed to facilitating amicable resolutions through expert mediation and arbitration services. Our team of seasoned professionals brings a wealth of experience and a deep sense of empathy to every case, ensuring a fair, efficient, and compassionate resolution process. We uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism, providing our clients with unparalleled support and guidance.

Beyond our core services, MediateGuru plays a pivotal role in enriching the ADR field through a series of meticulously curated events, competitions, and conferences. These initiatives are designed to foster professional development, encourage knowledge sharing, and cultivate the next generation of resolution experts.

Engage with industry thought leaders at our workshops, participate in challenging competitions, and become part of a network that values and promotes the principles of peace and resolution. At MediateGuru, we are steadfast in our mission to create a more harmonious world, one resolved dispute at a time.

Pooja Sinha v. Amit Kumar

1. In 2012, Amit Kumar and Pooja Sinha, both residents of Rajendra Nagar, Patna, married after a brief courtship. Amit, a junior engineer with the Bihar State Water Resource Department, often worked on field assignments across districts, while Pooja, a postgraduate in commerce, worked as an accounts assistant in a private coaching institute.
2. During the early years of the marriage, financial stability was modest but sufficient, and despite occasional disagreements about Amit's long work-related absences, the couple managed a reasonably peaceful relationship. In 2015, their son Rohan was born, shifting the household dynamics significantly.
3. Pooja took a brief break from work, during which she moved to her maternal home for postnatal care. Amit felt increasingly excluded from decisions regarding their child, as Pooja's mother assumed a strong influencing role in parenting choices, which Amit perceived as interference.
4. Over time, Amit complained that Pooja limited his interactions with Rohan and rarely consulted him on matters related to schooling, healthcare, and daily routines.
5. By 2019, tensions escalated as Pooja returned to work full-time to support the family's increasing expenses. Amit alleged that Pooja became excessively career-focused, leaving Rohan for long hours with domestic help and relying too heavily on her parents, who lived nearby, for child-related responsibilities.
6. Pooja, in contrast, asserted that Amit continued to spend most weekdays away on field assignments, contributing minimally to childcare, and displayed a growing temper when questioned about his whereabouts and finances. She claimed that Amit began staying overnight at project sites unnecessarily and refused transparency about his bank statements or departmental allowances.
7. Their disagreements intensified in 2021 when Amit purchased a plot of land on the outskirts of Patna in his sole name. Pooja insisted the investment used joint savings and was intended to be registered jointly, while Amit maintained it was purchased solely with his personal funds from his departmental project incentives. Arguments over the plot resulted in several heated confrontations, leading to prolonged periods of silence between them.

8. In early 2024, the relationship fractured further when Pooja expressed her desire to move out temporarily with Rohan to her parents' home, citing emotional distress and the increasingly "hostile environment" in the marital home.
9. Amit objected strongly, arguing that removing Rohan without his consent amounted to alienation and would affect the child's emotional stability, especially since Amit had recently been transferred back to Patna and wished to be more involved in his son's life.
10. Pooja moved out nonetheless, taking Rohan with her. Since then, Amit has complained that Pooja allows only limited and supervised video calls, preventing meaningful contact, while Pooja contends that Amit's temper and unpredictable behaviour justify the boundaries.
11. After months of failed attempts at reconciliation mediated informally by relatives, both parties have agreed to try formal mediation to resolve their issues.
12. Toward the end of these escalating tensions, both Amit and Pooja grew increasingly aware that continuing litigation would likely lead to prolonged delays, emotional strain, and significant financial exhaustion, given the already mounting legal expenses and the slow pace of proceedings in family courts in Patna.
13. Acknowledging the need to prioritise their son's well-being and to find a less adversarial path forward, Pooja proposed that the parties attempt mediation as a constructive alternative.
14. After initial hesitation, Amit agreed, recognising that a mediated resolution might offer them a more efficient, private, and less burdensome way to address their disputes. Thus, both parties consented to participate in the mediation process in hopes of achieving a mutually workable settlement.



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