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**AZB & PARTNERS**  
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS

## LAW FIRM PARTNER

# AZB & PARTNERS

AZB & Partners is a premier full-service Indian law firm, established in 2004, with offices in Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Chennai and Pune. The firm is widely recognised for its high-quality legal advisory services to domestic and international clients, including multinational corporations, financial institutions, private equity funds and emerging businesses. AZB & Partners advises across a broad spectrum of practice areas such as mergers and acquisitions, corporate and commercial law, banking and finance, capital markets, competition law, intellectual property, employment law and regulatory matters. The firm is known for its commercially astute, solution-driven approach and its ability to handle complex, high-value transactions.

AZB & Partners also maintains a highly regarded Dispute Resolution practice, which advises and represents clients in complex commercial, civil, constitutional and regulatory disputes. The firm regularly appears before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, specialised tribunals and arbitral forums. Its dispute resolution team has significant experience in domestic and international arbitration, shareholder and joint-venture disputes, competition litigation and enforcement proceedings. By combining rigorous legal analysis with strategic foresight, AZB & Partners effectively safeguards client interests while delivering pragmatic and timely dispute resolution outcomes.



# KEYSTONE PARTNERS

Keystone Partners is a specialist dispute resolution law firm established by a collective of first-generation lawyers, with offices in Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi. Keystone Partners, as an exclusive dispute resolution boutique, has built sustainable expertise in international and domestic arbitration, alongwith civil and commercial litigation.

As an exclusive dispute resolution boutique, Keystone Partners has built substantial expertise in international arbitration, domestic arbitration, and civil and commercial litigation. The firm is particularly recognized for its capabilities in high-value construction arbitrations, technology disputes, bet-the-company litigation, and contentious regulatory matters across sectors including energy, infrastructure, media and entertainment, and trade.

Keystone Partners regularly appears before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, specialized tribunals including the NCLT, and arbitral forums under ICC, LCIA, SIAC, and UNCITRAL Rules. The firm has been consistently ranked by leading legal directories including The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, and Benchmark Litigation for its excellence in dispute resolution.





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## POOVAYYA & CO.

Founded in September 1996 in Bangalore, Poovayya & Co. was established to address the need for a professionally managed, dynamic law firm adhering to international best practices. Over the years, the firm has grown into a full-service law firm, offering comprehensive legal solutions across General Corporate Advisory, Technology and Media, Mergers & Acquisitions, Electronic Commerce, Intellectual Property, Real Estate, and Dispute Resolution.

Poovayya & Co. is recognized among the best in the Indian legal industry. With its headquarters in Bengaluru and a branch office in New Delhi, the firm also operates through a robust network of associate offices in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, and Kochi.

Driven by a commitment to client satisfaction, Poovayya & Co. offers services that go beyond traditional advocacy. Whether identifying suitable vendors, drafting intricate service agreements, negotiating corporate commercial transactions, or resolving local and cross-border disputes, the firm ensures prompt and effective client service.





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## CMS INDUSLAW

Founded in 2000, CMS INDUSLAW is a top-tier full-service law firm, ranked as the 6th largest in India by ALB in the 'Asia's 50 Largest Law Firms' in 2023 and 2022. With offices across Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi & NCR, Hyderabad, and Mumbai, INDUSLAW has established a robust pan-India presence.

The firm comprises over 500 members dedicated to providing innovative and solution-driven legal counsel across practice areas and industries. CMS INDUSLAW's services encompass transactional goals, regulatory needs, and dispute resolution, making it a trusted partner for domestic and international corporates, financial institutions, investors, non-profits, and individuals.

A strong advocate of diversity and inclusion, CMS INDUSLAW's initiatives like the MOVE program underline its commitment to empowering women entrepreneurs. Recognized by prominent legal directories like Chambers and Partners and India Business Law Journal, CMS INDUSLAW has been consistently acknowledged for its exceptional client service and thought leadership.



## ALMT LEGAL

ALMT Legal is a dynamic and progressive full-service Indian law firm known for delivering high-quality legal expertise with strong international capability. With more than 20 years of professional excellence, the firm operates from strategically located offices in Mumbai and Bangalore and has built a strong reputation as one of India's top-tier law practices.

The firm comprises approximately 80 lawyers and 26 partners who offer an extensive range of services covering corporate, commercial, investment, finance, banking, tax, employment, dispute resolution, shipping, aviation, immigration and specialist legal areas for both domestic and international clients. ALMT Legal is widely recognised for its comprehensive expertise, efficient case handling, and practical solutions to complex legal and business challenges.

Established in 2000 as one of the first Indian law practices in the UK, ALMT Legal expanded into India with its Mumbai office in 2001 and later broadened its practice areas through a merger in 2003, which also led to the opening of its Bangalore office.





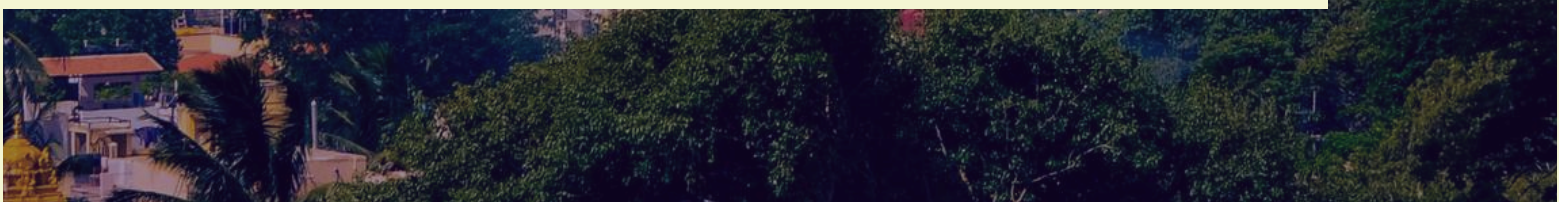
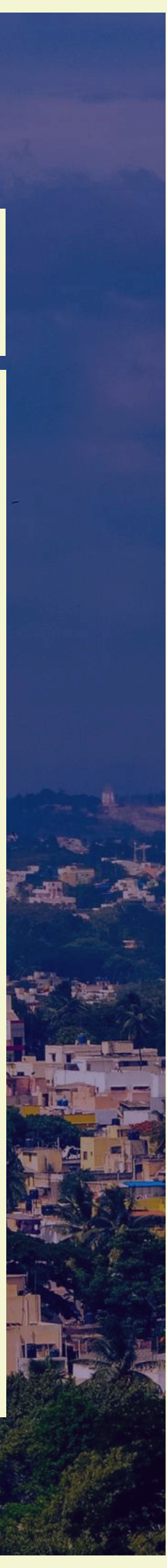
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# CRESTLAW PARTNERS

Established in 2006, CrestLaw Partners is a renowned full-service law firm based in Bangalore, India. The firm has built a strong reputation for providing high-quality legal services across a wide range of practice areas, including corporate law, intellectual property, litigation, real estate, and family law.

CrestLaw Partners operates out of a strategically located office in Bangalore. The firm's experienced team of legal professionals is committed to providing innovative solutions and client-focused services, making it a preferred choice for individuals, startups, and large corporations alike.

The firm offers tailored legal solutions and prides itself on its proactive approach to resolving complex legal matters, making it a go-to firm for a diverse range of clients across industries.







## SUPPORTING PARTNER

# INDIAN WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Indian Women in International Arbitration (IWIA) is a global collective committed to empowering and advancing Indian women in the field of international arbitration and dispute resolution. Established in response to the longstanding underrepresentation of Indian women in this domain, IWIA serves as more than a professional network, it is a supportive and collaborative community that fosters connection, visibility, and growth. Bringing together practitioners from law firms, corporations, academia, and international institutions across jurisdictions, IWIA promotes diversity, inclusion, and excellence through mentorship, strategic networking, and shared resources.

Beyond strengthening professional engagement, IWIA actively contributes to the evolution of the international arbitration landscape by creating meaningful opportunities for learning, leadership, and dialogue. Through carefully curated events, knowledge-sharing initiatives, and platforms that celebrate achievements, the group nurtures professional development and inspires the next generation of arbitration practitioners. Guided by a commitment to equity and representation, IWIA continues to work toward a more inclusive and dynamic global dispute resolution community ensuring that Indian women play a visible and influential role in shaping its future.



**INSTITUTIONAL PARTNER**

# **INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTRE HYDERABAD**

International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) is a first-of-its-kind institution established in Hyderabad, one of Asia's fastest-growing commercial hubs. Strategically situated in a city driven by thriving industries such as information technology, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology, IAMC is designed to serve as a premier destination for resolving domestic and international commercial disputes. Its location offers substantial savings in time and cost for businesses and investors while fostering an ecosystem that promotes ease of doing business through efficient and reliable dispute resolution mechanisms.

Dedicated to instilling confidence within the global business and investor community, IAMC focuses on resolving commercial and legal conflicts through impartial, cost-effective, and expeditious processes. The Centre offers comprehensive arbitration and mediation services supported by world-class infrastructure, advanced technology, and a panel of highly experienced arbitrators and mediators. By providing tailored in-person, virtual, and hybrid dispute resolution services, IAMC ensures flexibility and accessibility for parties across jurisdictions. Additionally, the Centre actively facilitates integrated dispute resolution processes such as Med-Arb and Arb-Med-Arb, enabling parties to benefit from the combined strengths of mediation and arbitration in achieving effective and sustainable outcomes.





## MEDIA PARTNER

# MEDIATEGURU

MediateGuru is a global social initiative led by members from across the world, founded with the objective of promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution, with a particular emphasis on mediation. The organization seeks to build a meaningful bridge between aspiring law professionals and effective dispute resolution mechanisms by encouraging greater adoption of mediation as a viable, efficient, and people-centric alternative to litigation.

MediateGuru aims to create widespread social awareness about mediation as the future of ADR. By empowering law students and legal professionals to take up the mantle of mediation, the initiative strives to ease the burden on the judiciary while ensuring that access to justice remains speedy, affordable, and effective. MediateGuru firmly believes that the right to justice should never be denied due to lack of awareness, resources, or direction. MediateGuru has a presence in over 120+ countries, with its international family expanding every day, reflecting the growing relevance and acceptance of mediation worldwide.

MediateGuru actively organizes and hosts a range of recurring international events aimed at capacity-building and knowledge sharing in the field of ADR. These include international webinars and a continuing series of global workshops, featuring renowned resource persons and experts from around the world who share their insights and practical experience with members. MediateGuru also conducts 40-Hour Mediation Training Program, designed to equip participants with the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge to become certified mediators.

# SCC TIMES

SCC Times is one of India's leading legal news and analysis platforms, dedicated to providing timely, accurate, and well-researched coverage of developments in law and justice. With a strong focus on credibility and clarity, SCC Times delivers updates on landmark judgments, legislative changes, policy developments, and emerging legal trends across diverse areas of law.

Through the effective use of technology and editorial expertise, SCC Times ensures quick access to reliable legal information while maintaining the highest standards of accuracy. Its content serves as a trusted source for legal professionals, academicians, and law students seeking concise yet meaningful insights into the evolving legal landscape.

SCC Times has been instrumental in promoting legal awareness and academic engagement among law students by consistently highlighting important judicial developments, competitions, and scholarly discourse. Having SCC Times as a Media Partner is a matter of pride for the law students' community, as it reflects its continued encouragement of legal education, research, and excellence.





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SCC Online has been helpful for law students for many years and continues to support them with reliable content. SCC is also known to be the most cited law report by the Supreme Court of India. It would be an honor for the law students' community to have SCC as a media partner as it shows their encouragement to all students as well as the participants.



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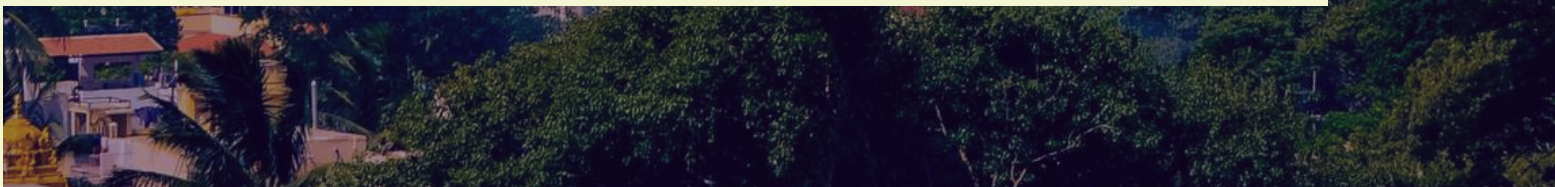
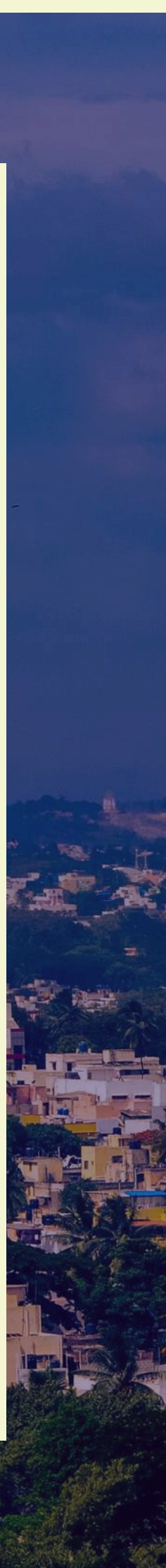
# ABOUT CHRIST

## (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, is rooted in the educational vision of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, a 19th-century reformer who founded the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) congregation in 1831. It began in 1969 as Christ College, pioneering modern and holistic higher education in India through innovative curricula, academic rigour, and a commitment to character formation. Over time, the institution evolved significantly, gaining autonomy in 2004. It was recognised by the UGC as an “Institution with Potential for Excellence” in 2006 and was declared a Deemed University in 2008. CHRIST University is accredited with an ‘A+’ grade by NAAC, affirming its high standards of education. The University is ranked 63rd in the NIRF India Rankings 2025 by the Ministry of Education, placing it among the top 100 universities in the country.

Today, CHRIST stands as a truly multidisciplinary university, nurturing students across a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes, from humanities and social sciences to commerce, management, sciences, engineering, architecture, education, and law. Its Bangalore campuses, located at Central (Hosur Road), Bannerghatta Road, Kengeri, and Yeshwanthpur, create a vibrant and welcoming environment where students from every state in India and from many countries around the world come together as one academic community.

Beyond the classroom, CHRIST actively fosters a culture of inquiry and creativity. The University publishes several peer-reviewed journals, contributes extensively to scholarly literature, and encourages a rich blend of sports, music, literary pursuits, and community engagement, ensuring holistic growth and a meaningful student experience.





# ABOUT SLCU

## SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

The School of Law, a constituent of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, draws its vision and values from the parent institution founded and administered by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. As part of a renowned academic community committed to excellence and service, the School of Law continues the University's legacy of fostering high standards in education.

With a strong focus on building comprehensive legal understanding, the School of Law offers programmes designed to blend foundational knowledge with practical exposure. Students benefit from a wide range of enriching opportunities, including internships, clinical initiatives, supervised research, and structured writing programmes. To strengthen engagement with the legal fraternity, the school regularly organises seminars, guest lectures, and workshops featuring experts from various fields of law.

Beyond the core curriculum spanning ten semesters, the School of Law has introduced several value-added courses and specialised programmes aimed at enhancing students' academic and professional growth. Recognised as a centre for advanced legal education, it offers rigorous undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral pathways that combine academic depth with experiential learning, preparing students to become competent, ethical, and socially conscious legal professionals.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

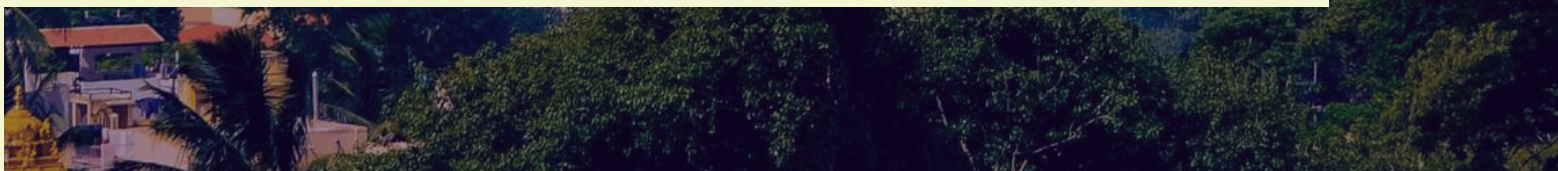


The School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, is delighted to extend a warm welcome to all students, participants, and esteemed guests joining us for the 6th CHRIST Mediation and Arbitration Competition, 2026. This competition delivers our institution's belief in providing not just theoretical legal education, but practical, future-ready skills. We strive to create a vibrant space where young lawyers are challenged to think deeply and strategically.

The Competition offers a unique blend of mediation and arbitration, backed by well-crafted propositions that reflect the growing shift toward alternative dispute resolution. For any successful legal professional today, mastering the art of non-adversarial problem-solving is essential. The competition challenges participants to utilise mediation and arbitration to solve practical problems and apply their legal knowledge in ways that mimic real-world complexities.

I commend the dedication of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board in bringing this event to fruition. We extend our best wishes to all participating teams for an insightful, enriching, and memorable experience. It is our sincere hope that this competition marks a significant and positive step in your development as legal professionals.

**Fr. Thomas T.V.**  
**Director**  
**School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**



# MESSAGE FROM **THE DEAN(IN-CHARGE) & HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**



My warmest greetings go to all distinguished participants as we welcome you to the 6th CHRIST Mediation and Arbitration Competition, 2026. Over the past six years, this competition has played a vital role in furthering of goal of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

We view this competition as a crucial platform that shapes the discourse on amicable dispute resolution. It is designed to rigorously test and enhance the essential skills of critical analysis, mediation and commercial advocacy. I am especially pleased to see the committee strengthening its professional engagement through collaborations with respected law firms and organizations, experienced practitioners and esteemed judges.

We encourage you to embrace this experience and to learn from every challenge.

**Dr. Sapna S.**  
**Dean (In-charge) and Head of Department**  
**School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**





# MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT



I extend my warmest welcome to every student and guest participating in the 6th CHRIST Mediation and Arbitration Competition, 2026. This competition offers an invaluable, hands-on opportunity for personal and professional transformation, setting it apart as a true investment in your career development.

Your participation signifies your commitment towards the goal of furthering alternative dispute resolution in India. We have ensured that the scenarios you face will challenge you to think creatively, collaborate effectively, and apply your legal knowledge with empathy and precision. I urge you to use this platform to refine your strategic thinking, connect with peers, and acquire the practical wisdom that will undoubtedly give you a significant advantage, as you transition into the professional practice of law.

**Dr. Shibu P.**  
**Associate Head of Department**  
**School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**



# ABOUT THE BOARD

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Board (ADR Board) of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, is dedicated to advancing the study and practice of non-adversarial dispute resolution mechanisms within the legal community. The Board strives to equip students with the skills and exposure required to navigate processes such as Arbitration, Mediation, Negotiation, and Conciliation, which today form an integral part of modern legal systems.

Through workshops, training sessions, lectures, and competitive platforms, the ADR Board fosters an environment where students can gain hands-on experience in resolving disputes collaboratively and efficiently. The Board's initiatives are designed to deepen understanding, encourage critical thinking, and promote the adoption of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as a viable and effective means of settling conflicts.

As part of its endeavour to nurture competent future professionals, the ADR Board proudly organises its National Flagship Event of the Year, CHRIST Mediation-Arbitration Competition (CMAC) which brings together law students from across the country. This competition serves as a dynamic platform for participants to engage with the unique hybrid mechanism of Mediation-Arbitration (Med-Arb), a process that blends the conciliatory approach of mediation with the determinative efficiency of arbitration.

The CHRIST Med-Arb Competition aims to enhance participants' abilities to negotiate, mediate, and adjudicate disputes with professionalism and strategic insight. It encourages students to explore innovative dispute-resolution techniques while appreciating the importance of fairness, neutrality, and procedural balance within the justice system.





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# ABOUT CMAC

## 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE FLAGSHIP EVENT

The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the CHRIST Mediation-Arbitration Competition, 2025, serves as the flagship event of the ADR Board for the academic year. The competition is designed to provide participants with first-hand professional exposure to Arbitration and Mediation, supported by meticulously drafted and expertly reviewed propositions.

In an era defined by rapid technological progress and evolving legal frameworks, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) remains an indispensable mechanism for the efficient, fair, and specialized resolution of disputes. India's longstanding tradition of ADR can be traced to ancient systems such as Panchayats and councils of community elders, which emphasised reconciliation and consensus over formal legal procedures. These foundations continue to influence modern practices through institutions such as the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) and Lok Adalats, which play a pivotal role in promoting ADR across commercial, labour, and civil domains. In accordance with the established convention, this edition continues to highlight the Med-Arb structure, integrating the processes of Mediation and Arbitration.

Teams from distinguished universities participate in both formats with the objective of achieving amicable settlements consistent with the principles of fairness and justice. Mediation involves parties engaging with an impartial and trained mediator to work toward mutually acceptable solutions, while Arbitration constitutes a private dispute resolution process in which parties submit their disagreements to appointed arbitrators whose decisions are binding.





# AWARDS\*

## **Winning Client-Counsel Pair**

Prize of **Rs. 15,000** to the pair  
**Client - Internship at J. Sagar Associates**  
**Counsel - Internship at AZB & Partners**

## **Runner-up Client-Counsel Pair**

Prize of **Rs. 7,500** to the pair  
**Client - Internship at J. Sagar Associates**  
**Counsel - Internship at AZB & Partners**

## **Best Mediator**

Prize of **Rs. 15,000**  
**Internship at Keystone Partners**

## **Runner-up Mediator**

Prize of **Rs. 7,500**  
**Internship at Keystone Partners**

## **Best Arbitral Award**

Prize of **Rs. 6,000**  
**Internship at Poovayya & Co. (1 slot)**

## **Best Memorial**

Prize of **Rs. 6,000**  
**Internship at CMS INDUSLAW (3 slots)**

## **Best Client-Counsel Pair in Preliminary Rounds**

Prize of **Rs. 5,000**  
**Internship at ALMT Legal (2 slots)**

## **Best Mediator in Preliminary Rounds**

Prize of **Rs. 5,000**  
**Internship at ALMT Legal**

Note(\*): The ADR Board's role is limited to facilitating an opportunity for internship for award recipients. Internship applications are subject solely to the respective firm's internal policies, including its independent evaluation and selection procedures on the participant's individual merit. Award-winning participants may apply by writing to the ADR Board with details of their achievement following which the ADR Board will facilitate the opportunity with the concerned firm; however, acceptance or rejection shall be based entirely on the firm's merit-based assessment internal interview and/or selection process. The ADR Board does not guarantee placement or selection and has no role to play beyond the facilitation of the opportunity. Prize amounts displayed or advertised represent the gross value of the award. Disbursement of prize money shall be subject to applicable statutory deductions, including tax deducted at source, as mandated by law.

# TIMELINE

**Commencement of  
Provisional Registration**

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Last date for  
Provisional Registration**

**04<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Confirmation of  
Final Slots**

**05<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Last date for Final  
Registration & Payment**

**15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Last day for  
seeking clarifications**

**10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Last date for  
Submission of Memorials**

**22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026**

**Competition Dates**

**04<sup>th</sup> - 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**



# REGISTRATION

It is with great pleasure that we offer your esteemed institution with an opportunity to provisionally register for the competition. The final allotment of slots will be at the discretion of the Board, subject to availability. As we anticipate a high level of interest and participation in this year's competition, we are currently in the process of assessing available slots.

To confirm the slot, the duly filled provisional registration form must be submitted on or before 04<sup>th</sup> January 2026, on or before 11:59 p.m.

## **Provisional Registration Form:**

The institution must duly fill out the provisional registration form to confirm their slot, which can be accessed at: <https://forms.gle/tLyE9RanDroz94tf9>

The institution shall receive confirmation of their slot allotment from the ADR Board on the email address provided by them soon after filling out the provisional registration form. Further details regarding final registration, payment procedures, and written submissions for teams will be communicated subsequently.

## **Registration Fees: ₹5,000 per team**

Accommodation for participating teams will be arranged in a 3-star hotel at a cost of ₹4,500 per person (₹13,500 per team of three); in the event that the entire team opts for the accommodation facilitated by the Organising Committee, assistance with a discounted rate may be extended, as it would enable smoother and more efficient coordination. Additionally, local transportation between the accommodation venue and the competition venue will be provided by the Organising Committee.

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