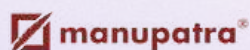


# CNLU NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION 2024





# About CNLU

Chanakya National Law University came into being on 15th July 2006 under the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Bihar Act No. 24 of 2006) and included in sections 2(f) & 12(B) of the U.G.C. Act, 1956.

No Educational Institution is complete without adequate facilities for its Students, Faculties, and employees. CNLU provides a wide range of facilities on its campus. In addition to general practice services, CNLU provides a range of specialist clinics and visiting practitioners. Regular career fairs, training workshops, and one-to-one guidance for students are organized at the University from time to time. Apart from being academically oriented CNLU also provides Counseling Service, which aims to enable students to achieve their academic and personal goals by providing confidential counseling and support for any difficulties encountered while at CNLU. Debating, Mooting, ADR Competitions, and Co-Curricular Activities are part of the normal routine of CNLU students, giving them the opportunity to put their academic knowledge to practical use.

A number of retired Judges of the Supreme Court, High Courts, and lower Judiciary as well as Senior Advocates & educationalists have offered to assist the CNLU in its teaching and research programs making education at CNLU a rare and exciting experience for the students. CNLU admired the example of maintaining financial autonomy along with greater accountability. It is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure for the successful imparting of legal education of the highest standards. The faculty at CNLU comprises highly acclaimed and experienced academicians who are proactively involved in grooming the younger generations to take CNLU to greater heights.

**CNLU IS READY AGAIN!  
ARE YOU?**





# About CCADR

The Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CCADR) was established at Chanakya National Law University, Patna, in the year 2021, with the objective of promoting academic research on themes pertaining to the resolution of disputes. Alternative Dispute Resolution is a new and emerging interdisciplinary field that is concerned with, inter-alia, the following themes: (a) the study of the causative structural factors and the subjective motives of the actors giving rise to disputes; (b) the study of the formal and informal institutions dedicated to the resolution of disputes; and (c) the study of the laws and regulations to produce fair outcomes of disputes.

With the establishment of this research centre, we aim to develop a congenial environment for students and researchers to further their interest in ADR, which enables skill development and helps us compete at the national and international levels. CCADR will strive to promote Lok Adalat as an indigenous means of the dispute resolution process, involved in the policy framework related to ADR, and encourage law students to take up activities in the field of ADR by conducting competitions, workshops, and encouraging research.

We strive to collaborate with governmental authorities as well as both national (NLUs) and international universities, colleges, and centres to encourage research and innovation in the field of ADR. In the future, CCADR will conduct certification, online training, diploma/degree programs, and specialized courses in the field of ADR.

BEYOND DISPUTES  
TOWARDS HARMONY



# About the First Edition

The first edition of the CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2023, was inaugurated in a virtual ceremony on January 21, 2023.

The competition was organised under the aegis of the Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution. The centre aims to develop the ADR culture among students by encouraging them to participate in activities in the field of ADR by organising such competitions. The Inaugural Ceremony was attended by the Chief Guest Tariq Khan (Registrar IAMC-Hyderabad), Vice-Chancellor of the University Justice Mridula Mishra (Retd.), Registrar Manoranjan Prasad Srivastava, and other faculty members.

Hon'ble Justice Mohit Shah & Hon'ble Justice Dr Anushman, Judges of the Patna High Court, Mr. Varun Pathak, Partner Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., Ms. Ankit Khushu, Partner, Kachwaha & Partners, and Mr. Rama Subramanian, Professional Mediator - among others, graced the event and judged the final rounds which was followed by the valedictory ceremony in the presence of Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh, then Chief Justice of Patna High Court.





# About the Competition

After the resounding success of the first edition of the CNLU National Mediation Competition (NMC), 2023 — we at Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution are now ready to organise a bigger, better, and even more challenging — Second Edition of the flagship — CNLU NMC!

The 2nd Edition of CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2024, shall be organised in a hybrid mode, and will have its preliminary and quarterfinal rounds in an online mode on 17th and 18th February 2024, and the semifinal and final rounds on 16th March 2024.



The Centre was established to promote academic research and develop an ADR culture among the students that would enable personal and professional skill development and help students compete at the national and international levels. CCADR conducts various online and offline training, diploma/degree programs, Guest Lectures, Workshops, and specialized courses in the field of ADR. For its students at the University, it is the committee responsible for conducting the ADR Intra and inculcating an environment of learning in the field of Dispute Resolution.

The very objective of organizing this Mediation Competition is to inculcate a deep sense of understanding of the complexities and intricacies of the mediation process by enabling students to learn and interact with experienced practitioners, distinguished luminaries and esteemed academicians in the field. For this national event, we expect overwhelming participation from esteemed Universities and Colleges from different parts of India.

# Associate Partner

## PSL Advocates & Solicitors



PSL Advocates & Solicitors ('PSL') is a new-age boutique law firm offering expertise in commercial dispute resolution including International & Domestic Arbitration, Insolvency & Bankruptcy, White Collar Crimes, Commercial Litigation, Tax and Corporate Advisory. PSL has a formidable peer reputation and is widely recognised as a thought leader in the legal services industry. The firm constantly undertakes niche research initiatives focusing on emergent legal development in its practice areas to assist its clients and create a robust knowledge repository. PSL has also pioneered and forged unique knowledge associations with reputed and upcoming law schools to effectively assist the student bodies in successfully undertaking organisation of competitions and workshops pertaining to ADR mechanisms.

PSL is consistently engaged by leading Indian and Multi-National Corporations spanning across various industry sectors, Sovereign States, Financial Institutions, Government Instrumentalities and Public Sector Undertakings, Royal Families, and Individuals for advisory and representation assignments before diverse judicial and quasi-judicial forums. PSL has been regularly recognized and awarded by various coveted international and national publications in the domain of commercial dispute resolution, which is a testament to its flourishing practice and confidence reposed by its esteemed clients. The team at PSL comprises of a group of dynamic counsels with rich experience, who are relentlessly committed to the cause of providing bespoke and highly efficient legal solutions to their clients in a short turnaround time.

PSL is headquartered in New Delhi with offices in Mumbai, Bengaluru and Chandigarh.

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Client satisfaction is the cornerstone of the Firm's work culture and Kochhar & Co. takes pride in consistently adopting the highest international standards on all client matters. The Firm's philosophy and commitment to its clients embrace the highest levels of accessibility, integrity, quality, and responsiveness, which can be aptly summed up in our motto - "Legal service with a passion". To achieve the objective of optimizing client satisfaction, the Firm pioneered a client satisfaction bible diligently followed by all lawyers while providing legal support on all client matters. The Firm takes special care to ensure that all legal services are provided in a cost-effective and innovative manner, keeping in view the client's specific business goals. The Firm adopts a creative and solution-seeking approach while providing legal advice to clients from a practical and local Indian perspective. All lawyers in the Firm are meticulously trained to continuously develop and strengthen their skills towards achieving these objectives.

# Knowledge Partners

## International Arbitration and Mediation Centre



Aiming to instill confidence within the business and investor community, the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, located in Hyderabad, focuses on assisting in resolving commercial and legal conflicts by providing efficient, cost-effective, and impartial methods of eliminating hurdles at various stages of the life cycle of the conflict. To this end, the Centre provides both Arbitration and Mediation services, by combining first-class client service, cutting-edge technology, top-notch facilities, and highly experienced arbitrators and mediators to provide tailored, in-person, virtual, and hybrid conflict resolution services. The Centre also facilitates the adoption of mediation and arbitration – through the processes of Med-Arb and Arb-Med-Arb, by which parties get the advantages of both arbitration and mediation in finding a resolution to their disputes.

## Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration



MCIA is a first-of-its-kind arbitral institution in India, established in a joint initiative between the domestic and international business and legal communities.

The MCIA aims to be India's premier forum for commercial dispute resolution by providing:

- arbitral rules which draw on the latest innovations in international arbitration best practice and are also attuned to the Indian market;
- a dedicated secretariat which facilitates the efficient, flexible, cost-effective and impartial administration of arbitration proceedings.



# Knowledge Partners

## MediateGuru



MediateGuru, is a distinguished institute in the realm of alternative dispute resolution. The organization prides itself on being more than just a service provider; rather they are a dedicated community committed to facilitating amicable resolutions through expert mediation and arbitration services. Their 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. They uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism, providing our clients with unparalleled support and guidance. Beyond their 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

## ADR HOC



ADR HOC is established under the aegis KnowledgeSteez EduHUB (LLP AAM 8357) in order to propagate research and development in the area. As the name suggested it is an organization formed for the promotion of Alternate Dispute Resolution in India. The organization aims to create awareness regarding the field among people. Facilitate Extensive research and explore possible career options in the field of ADR. The organization would regularly conduct national/international webinars, conferences, and panel discussions with eminent industry experts. Apart from that, it conducts various competitions and invites applications for internships, certificate courses, etc. The Organisation aim to be a one-stop avenue for all the ADR aspirants

## Society of Construction Law



Founded in 2016, SCL India was created to educate the stakeholders in the construction industry about construction law and to promote India-wide adherence to international standards and practices. Through its programs, scholarly publications and membership activities, led by many of the top global experts and supported by many of the most actively engaged organizations, corporations, law firms and individual practitioners, SCL India is an important forum on contemporary issues in the field of construction law. The mission of SCL India is to provide leading educational and professional activities for all the stakeholder in the construction industry through programs and publications that examine, critique and seek to improve the practice and study of construction law and provide opportunities to enhance the construction industry and community/ pool of professionals.

# Media Partners

## Manupatra



Innovating at the intersection of Law and Technology since 2000, Manupatra has designed and developed technology products that streamline the operations for lawyers, law firms, and legal departments. Manupatra pioneered online legal research in India with the launch of our legal research platform built over the most exhaustive legal and business information database. A perfect blend of law and technology, their intuitive platform helps users bring down research time from days to minutes. Manupatra wants to be the indispensable partner of legal professionals, helping them win cases, manage their work more efficiently, and serve their clients better. To achieve this, the company has grown and diversified its product portfolio over the years and now offers tools for compliance, contracts, litigation management, online learning, and more.

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LiveLaw started its journey in 2013. In the last ten years, LiveLaw has grown as India's No-1 Legal News Portal. We could reach this position owing to non-sensational, fact-based, independent legal journalism. Since we meet our operational expenses out of subscription and minimal advertising income, we are able to maintain independence. The subscription rates of LiveLaw have been kept as minimum as possible for its affordability and wider reach. LiveLaw also runs a Hindi Version and it is not under any subscription paywall. You are all aware that law as a subject touches all other disciplines, the basic legal awareness is essential to establish our rights and also perform duties in a meaningful way. The endeavour of LiveLaw is to bring in more transparency in legal reporting without lowering the supremacy of law.

## SocioLegal Corp



Socio Legal Corp is on a mission to protect and enforce the rights of the public. The organisation believes that too many people have too little knowledge and access to legal rights and hence, are unable to prevent their rights from being violated. SLC serves as a medium for the public to be aware of the legal and policy decisions of the judiciary and legislature and aware of the impact they will have on their day-to-day life. They are committed to ensuring legal literacy is part of every human being which can be used as a tool to protect their basic legal and human rights.

# Associate Sponsors

## Bihar Tourism



Bihar Tourism is the initiative of the Ministry of Tourism, Bihar Government to promote and incentivise the tourism opportunities in the state. The fundamental activities of the department include developing the conditions and infrastructure to make the state conducive to travel and tourism. In addition, Bihar Tourism is also focussed on helping tourists find destinations, routes and experiences that are to their liking. Whether it is in the form of circuits that cover a specific set of spiritual, natural, or historical places, or different types of food and festivals, Bihar Tourism offers something for everyone.

## Central Bank of India



Founded in 1911, Central Bank of India stands as a beacon of indigenous banking, being the first Indian commercial bank entirely owned and operated by Indians. With Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala's visionary leadership and Sir Pherozesha Mehta as its inaugural Chairman, the bank was proudly hailed as the 'property of the nation and the country's asset'. Over its illustrious 109-year history, Central Bank of India has consistently navigated challenges, transforming threats into opportunities. Pioneering innovative services, it has shaped the banking landscape. Committed to national development, Central Bank actively promotes key sectors like agriculture and small-scale industries. With a vast network spanning 28 states and 7 union territories, comprising 4493 branches and 1 extension counter, the bank serves as an indispensable financial partner nationwide.





# Awards

**Winner of the Mediation Competition (Negotiating Team):** Trophy along with a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 and an internship opportunity at Kocchar & Co.

**Runners-up of the Mediation Competition (Negotiating Team):** Trophy along with a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and an internship opportunity at IAMC, Hyderabad & MCIA, Mumbai.

**Winning Mediator:** Trophy along with a cash prize of Rs. 12,000 and an internship opportunity at Kocchar & Co.

**Runner-up Mediator:** Trophy along with a cash prize of Rs. 6,000 and an internship opportunity at IAMC, Hyderabad & MCIA, Mumbai.

**Best Mediator (Preliminary Rounds):** Certificate of Merit for the along with a cash prize of Rs. 5,500 and an internship opportunity at PSL Advocates & Solicitors.

**Best Negotiating Pair (Preliminary Rounds):** Certificate of Merit and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 along with an Internship Opportunity at PSL Advocates & Solicitors.



# Timeline of the Event

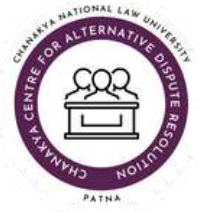




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