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# CNLU National Mediation Competition 2026





# 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 & 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 careers 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-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.



# About CCADR

The Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CCADR) has been established at Chanakya National Law University, Patna, in the year 2021, with the objective to promote 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, involve 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.

# First Edition

The first edition of the CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2023, was inaugurated in a virtual ceremony on 21 January, 2023. The competition was organised under the aegis of the Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

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. Justice Mohit Shah & 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.

# Second Edition

The second edition of the CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2024, was inaugurated in a virtual ceremony on 17 February 2024. The Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution hosted the competition as part of its ongoing efforts to promote ADR awareness and engagement among students.

The Inaugural Ceremony was graced by the Ms. Alix Povey (COO, Mediation Chambers), Mr. Param Bhamra (Founding Partner, Mediate Guru), Ms. Mahak Rathee (Founder, ADR HOC), Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh and other faculty members. Renowned experts, such as Mr. Rama Subramanian and Ms. Vagisha, among others, adjudicated the final rounds, which concluded with a Valedictory Ceremony.

# Third Edition

The third edition of the CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2025, was inaugurated in a virtual ceremony on 24 January 2025. The competition was organised under the aegis of the Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

The Inaugural Ceremony was attended by the esteemed Keynote Speaker Dr. Rajesh Sharma, along with distinguished Guest Speakers Mr. Param Bhamra and Ms. Mahak Rathee, Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh, and other faculty members. Renowned experts such as Mayank Mishra, Vikash Kumar Jha and Diwakar Maheshwari adjudicated the final rounds, which concluded with a Valedictory Ceremony.



# Fourth Edition

Building on the resounding success of its previous editions, the Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution is proud to announce the Fourth Edition of the flagship CNLU National Mediation Competition, which promises to be a grander and more enriching experience.

The 2026 edition will adopt a hybrid format, with the inaugural ceremony scheduled to be held on the 10th of January, 2026 the preliminary rounds and quarter final rounds on January 11, 2026, followed by the semi-final and final rounds to take place on the 25th January 2026, on the CNLU Campus.

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. This national-level event is expected to witness enthusiastic participation from prestigious universities and colleges across India, furthering its legacy as a premier ADR competition.





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