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**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
IN A CHANGING WORLD:
TECHNOLOGY, POLICY & PRACTICE**



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**A 186+ YEAR JOURNEY OF LEADERSHIP,
INNOVATION & GROWTH MARCHES ON!**

1835-95

1838 The original precursor of The Times of India (TOI) is launched as The Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce.



1861 The paper acquires The Telegraph and Courier to form Bombay Times & Standard & is then renamed as The Times of India. A truly national platform is born.

1892 TJ Bennett partners with FM Coleman to form Bennett, Coleman & Co Ltd (BCCL).

1940-86

1946 Ramkrishna Dalmia buys BCCL & the paper passes from British to Indian hands.



1947 Launch of Hindi newspaper Navbharat Times & the Delhi edition of The Times of India

NBT
नवभारत टाइम्स

1952 Movie industry magazine Filmfare is launched.

FILMFARE

1954 First edition of the iconic Filmfare Awards, to honour artistic & technical excellence in the Hindi-language film industry. These became an institution with the upgradation and broadcast of not just the national Filmfare Awards, but also their regional variants.

1955 Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain buys BCCL from his father-in-law Ramkrishna Dalmia.



1959 Femina, magazine for women, is launched.

FEMINA

1961 The Economic Times, No. 1 business newspaper in India, is launched.

1962 Marathi newspaper Maharashtra Times is launched.

महाराष्ट्र टाइम्स

1964 The first Miss India pageant is held. This became a pathbreaking platform for women's empowerment, especially when it was telecast across the country in later years.



1987



In 1987, a brand new era began with **Vineet Jain** joining the BCCL Group, transforming it from a newspaper and magazine company into one of the largest media and education conglomerates, with leadership across **Print, Radio, Digital, TV, and Out of Home Media.**

1988-2004

1990 Times School of Marketing is launched. It, along with Times' Media School (which was set up earlier), emerges as a major source of talent for the media industry.

1991 BBC features The Times of India among the world's six great newspapers.

BCCL ventures into TV programme production for Doordarshan under the brand Times TV.



1993 Vineet Jain launches India's first private FM radio entity under the brand name Times FM for FM radio programming on a single channel shared by many media companies.

1994 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches TOI's trailblazing entertainment and lifestyle supplements namely Bombay Times, Delhi Times, etc. They were the first of their kind by any newspaper in the world and became a template for others.

1996 Launch of economicstimes.com - ET's news website and timesofindia.com - TOI's news website - the Group's first foray into the Internet, as conceived of by Vineet Jain, followed by Indiatimes.com a year later.

1998 In a major initiative for a media company, the group launched Times Music which currently owns ~45,000 musical tracks across genres.

TIMES
MUSIC

1999 Vineet Jain incorporated Times Internet Limited - India's biggest digital media entity.

2001 Radio Mirchi - Nationwide private FM broadcasting company is launched by Vineet Jain.



2004 Group enters TV broadcasting with the launch of Zoom, a Bollywood & Lifestyle channel.

ZOOM

2004 JV with BBC to form magazine publishing company Worldwide Media. Subsequently, the Times Group bought BBC's share to make WWM a wholly-owned company.

2005-15

2005 Times OOH, the No.1 Out of Home advertising company in India, is established by Vineet Jain. The Times of India is acclaimed as world's No. 1 selling English daily broadsheet newspaper.

TIMES OOH

2006 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches leading property services entity Magicbricks.com

Launch of leading TV news channel Times Now.



2007 Launch of Jungle Music, a brand of Times Music dedicated to film music, with acquisition of music rights of Akshay Kumar starrer 'Welcome'.



2009 Launch of ET Now business news channel.



2010 Launch of English movie channels Movies Now & Romedy Now 3 years later.



2013 Vineet Jain conceives of and launches Times Pro, an award-winning EdTech initiative, for Indians who want to advance their careers; tie-ups with IITs/IIMs for executive education courses.



2014 Vineet Jain expands Times Group into film production and distribution with the launch of Jungle Pictures, whose first movie (Dil Dhadakne Do) was released in 2015. It has released 10 award-winning movies till 2024 including Talvar, Bareilly ki Barfi, Raazi, Badhaai Ho, Badhaai Do, Doctor G, etc.

2014 ET Panache, the lifestyle supplement of The Economic Times conceived of and launched by Vineet Jain.



2015 Inaugural edition of India's leading business summit - ET Now Global Business Summit (GBS); graced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Chief Guest & in subsequent years.



2016



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A PEERLESS LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION IS LAUNCHED - With the vision to nurture and empower the youth, **Vineet Jain** launches Bennett University - in the multi-disciplines of **Engineering, Applied Sciences, Management, Law, Media and Liberal Arts.**

2017-24

2017 Radio Mirchi expands to a total 74 stations in 64 cities and becomes the No. 1 radio company in India by revenue and number of stations. Extension of English news channel space through the launch of Mirror Now & Times Now World.



2021 Launch of Hindi general news channel (Times Now Navbharat) and Hindi business news channel (ET Now Swades).



2023 Times Music forges long term equity partnership with Primary Wave, USA-based music publishing company & home to legends like Bob Marley, James Brown, Whitney Houston, etc.



2023 Launch of Maverik Movies, a film production house focussing on South Indian languages. Mirchi expands its digital offering by acquiring Gaana.



2024 Entry into sports on global scale: Major presence in new age & fastest growing sport - Pickleball - with the launch of Pickleball World Rankings (PWR), the PWR World Series, PWR World Tour, PWR India Tour & League in partnership with Pickleball Asia.



ABOUT BENNETT UNIVERSITY

Extending the core journalistic principles of trust, knowledge, and public service, Bennett Coleman and Co. Ltd. (BCCL) established over 187+ years ago, has undertaken initiatives for the betterment of Indian society. The group started expanding into the education sector with the launch of Times Pro which focuses on short-term courses for enhancing employability. It then inaugurated Bennett University, as a state private university in Uttar Pradesh with the aim of providing Ivy League quality education to undergraduate and postgraduate students making them 'life and career ready'. Bennett University, a State Private University has been established by the 'Times Group', India's largest media conglomerate through Act No. 24 of 2016 passed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The University at present offers unique interdisciplinary and contemporary courses through its Schools of Computer Science Engineering and Technology, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Management, Law, Media, Liberal Arts and Artificial Intelligence. In addition, the University has also established the Centres for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, External Relation and Executive Education.

14,500+ STUDENTS	70+ STARTUPS LAUNCHED	20+ CORPORATE COLLABORATIONS	₹125 Cr+ FUNDS RAISED BY STARTUPS	16+ SPORTS FACILITIES	68 ACRES FUTURISTIC CAMPUS
120+ INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS	40+ STUDENT LED CLUBS & SOCIETIES	50+ UNDERGRADUATE, POSTGRADUATE & DOCTORAL PROGRAMS	10,000 HOSTEL CAPACITY	90%+ PH.D. FACULTY	1200+ COMPANIES FOR PLACEMENTS



About the School of Law

Bennett University ventured into the domain of higher education in Law and established School of Law in 2017 with a vision to strive for excellence in teaching, research, and advocacy towards justice for all by shaping leaders in public policy of national and international dimensions. The school imbibes the best practices of national and international law schools in terms of curriculum, pedagogy, innovation in teaching methods and to add new interfaces addressing emerging new issues. Invested and promoted by the largest media enterprise, which is a natural ally in voicing people's rights, this school has envisaged to educate and train the future thought leaders in the field of Law. The school offers a range of enriching programs, including B.A., LL.B. (Hons.); B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.); LL.M.; and Ph.D. Bennett University provides world-class infrastructure, including amphitheater classrooms, a dedicated law library, and a Moot Court Hall, to create an industry-relevant environment. The School of Law, Bennett University is a knowledge space not only to acquire a professional degree but also to shape the compassionate individual under the professional robe. Legal education is no exception to the general criticism of the chasm between theory and practice. Redefining, reforming, and reshaping such gaps for seamless integration of theory and practice is the hallmark of progress. Keeping this need in mind, Bennett University has not just added another law school, but it has established a law school for imbibing national and international practices in pedagogy and providing an innovative and intellectual environment to indulge in skilled-based thinking and experiential learning. The School of Law, Bennett University is a knowledge space not only to acquire a professional degree but also to shape individuals humanistically under the professional robe.

About The Centre For Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), School Of Law, Bennett University

Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution at School of Law, Bennett University, has been established to promote and facilitate alternative methods of dispute resolution such as arbitration, mediation, negotiation and conciliation. The body runs the Centre and is responsible for planning ADR activities within the School of Law. The Centre aims to cultivate a culture of amicable resolution of disputes among students by giving them practical experiences, workshops, and seminars dealing with ADR mechanisms. Furthermore, the centre organizes training sessions in arbitration and mediation, panel discussion forums, and competitions that aim at bringing about greater awareness with regard to dispute resolution other than traditional litigation. The Centre partners with practitioners, ADR bodies, and academia to afford students with a window into industry experience and networking. Through research, publications, and awareness programs, CADR contributes to the ongoing discourse on ADR in India and across the globe. This platform, in turn, enhances the students' legal acumen while also promoting the use of cost-effective, efficient, and amicable methods for resolving conflicts.

Recently, CADR organised a successful International Conference titled "Adapting to the Digital Era: Innovative Techniques for Selecting the Most Effective Dispute Resolution Mechanism" held on May 05, 2025 in collaboration with GAIL (India) Ltd. and with Law Circle as Knowledge Partner. The conference witnessed enthusiastic participation from eminent legal professionals, academics, industry experts, and students, and served as an excellent platform for discussing the integration of digital technologies in arbitration, mediation, and other dispute resolution mechanisms. The event fostered dialogue on adapting traditional dispute resolution to the digital era, promoting best practices, and inspiring future legal innovation.

About The Centre For Trade, Investment and Competition Law (CTIC), School of Law, Bennett University

The Centre for Trade, Investment and Competition Law (CTIC) is established with a view to support academic pursuits of the School of Law, Bennett University in the field of Trade Law. The vision of the Centre is to contribute to the development of a robust system of laws and policies relating to trade law. The mission of the Centre is to promote research in these and other related areas; engage with the stakeholders and create an ecosystem for exchange of knowledge and ideas; support the stakeholders in their matters through advocacy and consultancy and others. The Centre is established with the objective to pursue research and publications in the field of Trade laws and policies; undertake consultancy, advisory and advocacy projects; train, develop and cultivate core group of Trade Law experts in India and outside; provide an effective forum for exchange and analysis of ideas and information between industry, professionals, trade associations, government agencies and academia; support the academic pursuits of the School of Law, with research and practical training; explore and enter into collaborations and tie ups with national and international organizations and agencies, in furtherance of the objectives of the Centre.

Centre has conducted three-day International Conference on 'Trade and Investment Law: Emerging Legal and Economic Perspectives' from 30 November to 2 December 2023. This conference was organized by the Centre for Trade, Investment and Competition Law, School of Law, Bennett University in collaboration with Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, GOI, University of Greenwich and University of Bradford. The conference aimed to collectively address the challenges of the legal frameworks that underpin cross-border transactions, the resolution of disputes, and the promotion of equitable and sustainable practices. The conference witnessed around 50 expert talks and paper presentations from various national and international universities. Centre has organised online course on competition law from July 29- August 10, 2024 in which 7 resource person covered many areas in competition law.

Centre has also conducted International Conference on Multidisciplinary approach to achieving sustainability in Trade and Investment and Competition Laws from, November 27-29, 2024 in collaboration with Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, GOI, University of Birmingham and University of Bradford. The conference aimed to collectively address the challenges of attaining sustainability through law and policies relating to trade, investment, and competition. Recently in February 2026, Moot Court Committee & CTIC has organised Bennett International Moot Court Competition in Collaboration with Centre for Trade and Investment Law and WTO Chair Programme.



Concept Note

The CADR, in collaboration with the CTIC, is pleased to announce the International Conference on “Alternative dispute resolution in a changing world: technology, policy & practice”. This conference serves as a premier forum for examining the dynamic role of (ADR) within sectors reshaped by technological innovation, complex cross-border regulation, and the deepening interconnectedness of global systems.

As digital economies undergo rapid expansion, disputes arising from cross-border e-commerce, smart contracts, international trade and investment, cryptocurrency transactions, construction Arbitration, data-driven platforms, and automated systems often transcend the reach of traditional legal frameworks. In this evolving landscape, the development of adaptable, efficient, and technology-literate ADR mechanisms is imperative for resolving conflicts where conventional litigation may prove inadequate.

The conference will also host critical discussions on digital sovereignty, data localization, cybersecurity, AI governance, decentralized finance (DeFi), migration, humanitarian issues, and the protection of cultural heritage. Furthermore, it will address emerging challenges in international sports, e-sports, and virtual gaming environments. Each of these spheres presents distinct complexities that necessitate innovative, neutral, and internationally harmonized dispute resolution strategies.

By convening a diverse assembly of scholars, policymakers, traders, investors, maritime experts, technology specialists, and legal practitioners, this conference aims to foster high-level dialogue and interdisciplinary synergy. This initiative is dedicated to contributing to a forward-looking global ADR framework that reinforces commercial certainty, fosters technological progress, ensures sustainable development, and enhances international cooperation in an increasingly complex and rapidly evolving world.

Thematic Areas for the Submission

Falling within the broad theme of the conference, are the following sub- themes:

1. Maritime and Admiralty Dispute Resolution:

- Shipping, Charter Party & Freight Disputes through Arbitration Admiralty
- Jurisdiction Conflicts & Arrest of Vessels
- Marine Insurance & P&I Club Arbitration
- Port Operations, Logistics, and Trade Disputes
- Salvage, Collision, and Marine Pollution Claims via ADR
- International Maritime Arbitration Institutions (LMAA, SCMA, SMA, etc.)

2. ADR and Digital Economies:

- Arbitration in Cross-Border E-Commerce Disputes
- Digital Consumer Protection through ODR
- Online Marketplaces & Platform Liability Disputes
- Smart Contracts and Autonomous Dispute Resolution
- Jurisdiction Issues in Virtual Business Transactions

3. Space, Aviation, and Defence Disputes:

- Space Law Arbitration (Satellite Collisions, Space Debris Liability)
- Defence Procurement Disputes & Confidentiality Challenges
- Aviation Passenger Rights and ADR Mechanisms
- Public-Private Partnerships in Space Sector & ADR

4. ADR in Global Health & Biosecurity:

- Pandemic-Related Contractual Disputes and Mediation
- ADR in Pharma Supply Chain Conflicts
- Biotechnology Patents & ADR
- WHO and International ADR Frameworks for Global Health Emergencies

5. Digital Sovereignty & Data Localisation Conflicts:

- ADR Approaches to Data Localisation Restrictions
- Cross-Border Data Transfer Disputes
- Jurisdictional Conflicts in Digital Investigations
- Arbitration Clauses in International Cloud-Service Contracts

6. ESG-Driven Corporate Conflicts (Beyond Environment Alone):

- Social Equity Disputes (labour rights, diversity issues) through ADR
- Corporate Governance Failures & ADR Intervention
- ESG-Driven Investor–Company Disputes
- ADR for Ethical Supply Chain Violations (forced labour, child labour)

7. ADR in Emerging Financial Technologies:

- FinTech, RegTech & Crypto-Asset Arbitration
- DeFi (Decentralised Finance) Smart-Contract Disputes
- Cross-Border Cryptocurrency Fraud Arbitration
- CBDCs and Monetary Dispute Resolution

8. AI-Governance, Algorithmic Accountability & ADR:

- AI-Generated Harm: Liability and ADR
- Algorithm Bias Disputes & Tech-Mediation Disputes Involving Autonomous Vehicles and Robots
- AI-Regulation Compliance Conflicts

9. ADR for Global Migration & Humanitarian Issues:

- Refugee Rights Disputes and Mediation
- Cross-Border Family Disputes & Humanitarian Arbitration
- Statelessness & Identity Issues in International Mediation
- ADR in Disaster Relief Contracts

10. Cultural Preservation, Heritage, and Indigenous Rights:

- ADR for Indigenous Land and Resource Conflicts
- Cultural Heritage Restitution Disputes
- ADR in Community-Led Environmental Conservation Projects
- Traditional & Customary Justice Systems vs. Modern ADR

11. ADR in International Sports, Betting, and Gaming Technologies:

- E-Sports Arbitration & Digital Athlete Rights
- Integrity and Anti-Doping Disputes in Next-Gen Sports
- Cross-Border Online Gaming and Betting Disputes
- Intellectual Property Conflicts in Virtual Sports Platforms

12. Innovation & Future-Oriented Themes

- Digital Trade, AI, and the Future of Arbitration
- Next-Generation Arbitration: Technology, Transparency, and Trust
- Adapting Arbitration to Emerging Investment Landscapes
- Sustainable Trade and Investment: The Expanding Role of Arbitration
- Construction Arbitration

Structure of the Conference

Apart from the inaugural and valedictory session, the International Conference will be organized in the following two parts:

Part A: Theme based Panel Discussion

Part B: Paper Presentations in Technical Sessions

Call for Papers

Research papers/articles in English language are invited from academicians, professionals, practitioners, researchers, students of law, social science and environmental science, and other stakeholders on the emerging issues and related areas on the broader sub-themes given above.

The selected papers based on quality may be considered for publication.

Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts

- Each applicant must submit a 1000-word abstract providing an overview of the proposed paper by e-mail to CADR@bennett.edu.in.
- Abstract must contain details about the names of the author(s), contact details, institutional affiliation, and designation.
- Maximum of 5 keywords are to be provided along with the abstract.
- Abstract must be submitted in word (.doc or .docx) format only.
- Co-authorship is permissible, Maximum two.
- On selection of the abstract, the author(s) must pay the required registration fees for conference presentation.

Guidelines for Final Paper Submission

- All papers must be submitted to CADR@bennett.edu.in and Link attached hereinafter.
 - The full-length paper must have the abstract and details of the authors.
 - In case of co-authorship at least one author must attend the conference to present the paper.
 - The main text should be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and spacing of 1.5. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with single spacing. Referencing style: OSCOLA citation system
 - Plagiarism: All submissions must be the author's original and unpublished work. Maximum of 10% plagiarism is permitted and AI is strictly prohibited.
 - The paper must be submitted in word document (.doc or .docx) format only.
 - Select papers shall be published in book format by a reputed publisher with ISBN number.
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Registration Charges

- 2500 INR for Faculty/ Academicians/ Professionals/Industry/Certified Mediators & Arbitrators
- 1500 INR for Research Scholars
- 500 INR for students (UG& PG)
- 30 USD for International Participants for Faculty/ Academicians/ Professionals/Industry/ Certified Mediators & Arbitrators
- 20 USD for International Students
- Co-Author(s) payment will be separate as per their respective designations.

Payment Details

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Important Dates

SUBJECT	DEADLINE	LINK FOR SUBMISSION
Abstract Submission	August 30, 2026	CADR@bennett.edu.in
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	On Rolling Basis	
Last Date of Registration and Payment	September 15, 2026	
Full Paper Submission Deadline	September 30, 2026	
International Conference	October 28, 2026	

BENNETT UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP



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Awarded Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2013 for transforming BCCL into India's Most Respected and Largest Media Group



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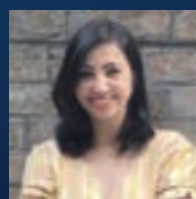
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