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LEX PAX Mediation Competition 2.0

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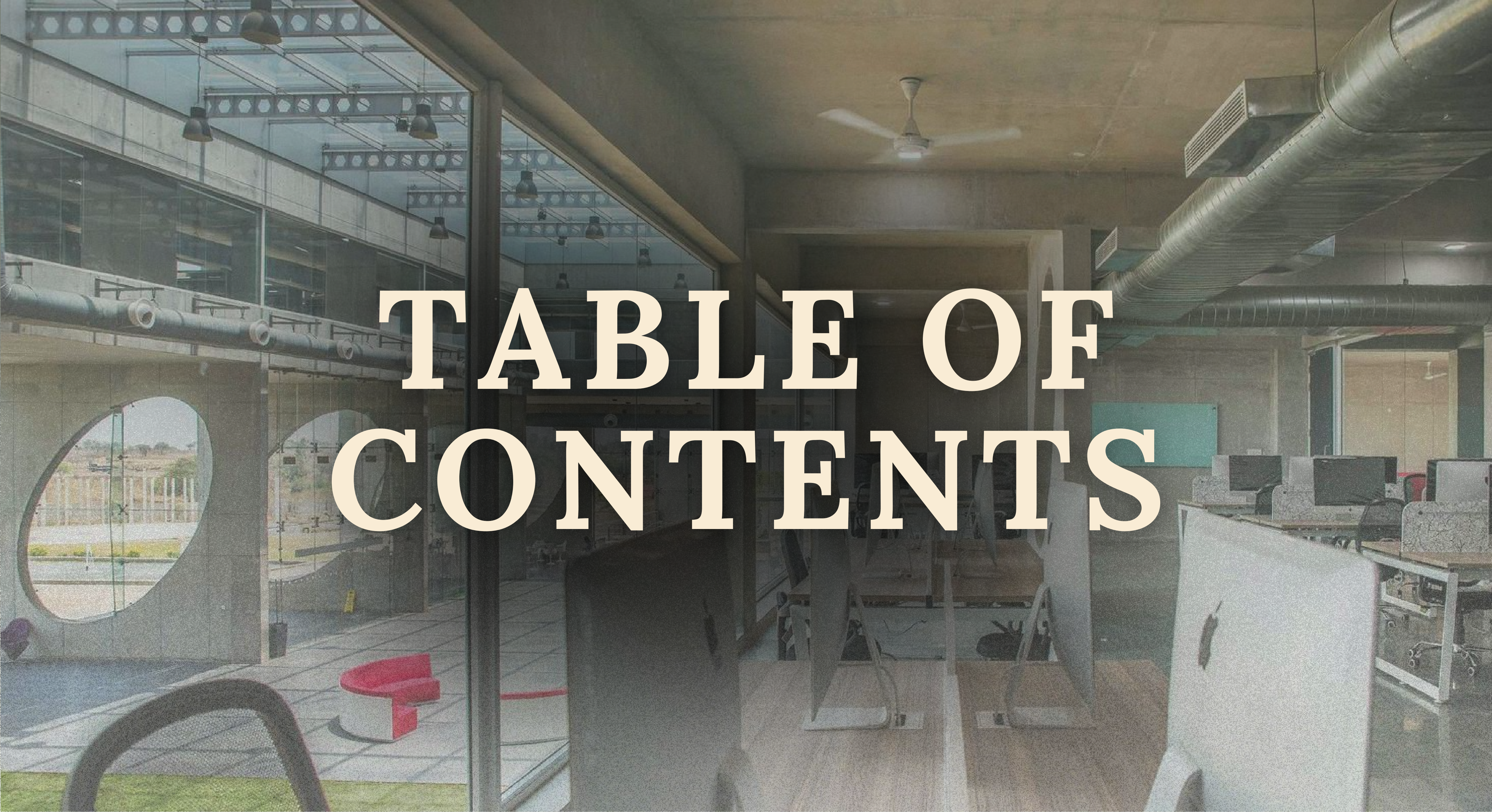


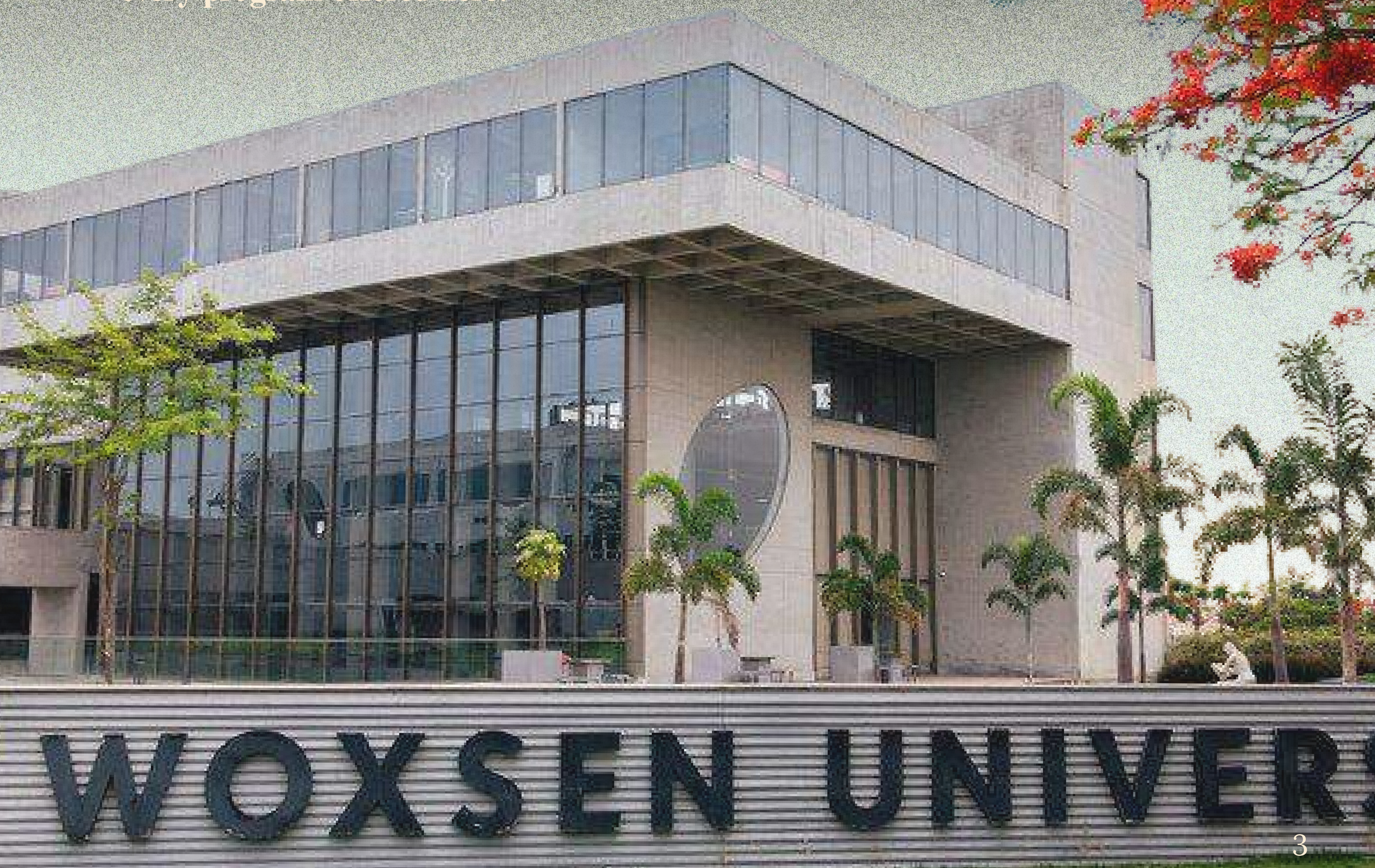
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About

WOXSEN UNIVERSITY

Woxsen University represents a pioneering initiative aimed at redefining education and knowledge acquisition. Founded in 2014, Woxsen University stands as a leading institution in the vibrant State of Telangana. Initially established as a School of Business, Woxsen has since grown to encompass a diverse range of disciplines, including the School of Arts and Design, School of Architecture and Planning, School of Technology, School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, School of Sciences, and School of Law. Woxsen University is envisioned as an institution of excellence in higher learning with a multicultural, yet inclusive cohort of global professionals contributing towards societal welfare. The University's relentless emphasis on experiential learning is entrenched in every program offered here.

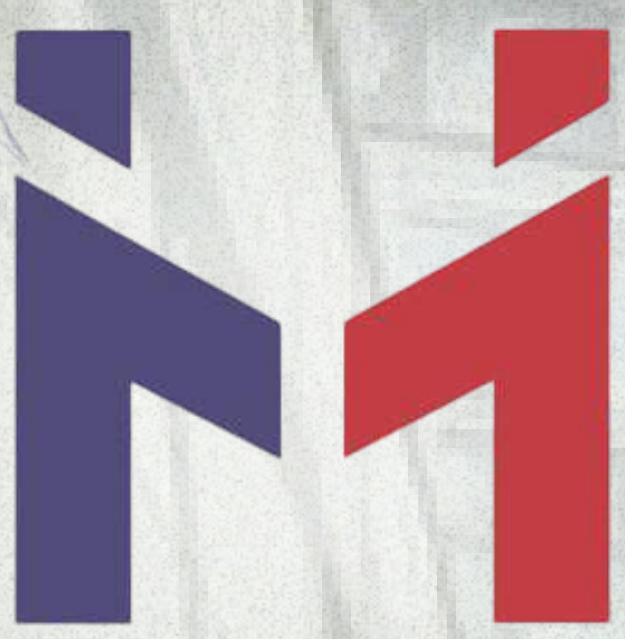


About

SCHOOL OF LAW

Woxsen University's School of Law, approved by the Bar Council of India, is committed to delivering world-class legal education through innovation, inclusivity, and experiential learning. With a state-of-the-art Moot Court, internationally renowned faculty and advisors, an interdisciplinary and industry-aligned curriculum, and extensive practical exposure through internships, legal aid clinics, client counselling, and moot court competitions, the School equips students with the skills and critical thinking required for the legal profession. Supported by exceptional research facilities, comprehensive career development and placement assistance, and a diverse, multicultural campus community, Woxsen School of Law provides a holistic learning environment that prepares students to become competent, ethical, and globally minded legal professionals.





Our

Collaborations

IAMC

IAMC, Hyderabad benefits from strong institutional support from the Government of Telangana and the High Court of Telangana, creating a credible and enabling environment for dispute resolution. The Centre combines professional administration with modern infrastructure to facilitate efficient and seamless proceedings. Its technology-driven systems include online filing, virtual hearing facilities, case management and billing software, dedicated broadband connectivity and other digital services. A qualified Secretariat, guided by an autonomous Governing Council of distinguished legal professionals and industry leaders, oversees the Centre's operations. IAMC further ensures smooth proceedings through specialised services such as transcription, interpretation and documentation, supported by dedicated case management officers who facilitate coordination, communication and adherence to timelines. Hyderabad's multicultural character, legal expertise, technological capabilities and linguistic diversity further strengthen IAMC's role as a modern dispute resolution centre.



Our Knowledge Partner

KFCRI

Kovise Foundation Conflict Resolution International (KFCRI), established in 2016 under Kovise Foundation, has worked to advance research and development in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), promoting peace and economic balance through effective resolution of social, economic, and political disputes worldwide. It built an institutional framework for ADR with global standards, tailor-made rules, and trained professionals, while running long-term capacity-building programmes. As a pioneering ADR accreditation body, KFCRI manages a functioning administrative centre supporting arbitration, conciliation, mediation, and negotiation, training practitioners and tribunal secretaries for international recognition. Its achievements include over 40 training programmes, 100+ seminars and conferences, 200+ accredited professionals, 25+ ADR roadshow institutions engaged, and 120+ cases supported through interns—reflecting steady progress in institutionalising and popularising ADR globally.

IIDRC

IIDRC is a premier arbitration and mediation institution offering end-to-end dispute resolution services under its own carefully structured Institutional Rules, meeting rigorous international benchmarks. Backed by a stringent scrutiny process, it ensures procedural clarity, award credibility, and enforceability at par with global standards. Aligned with India's mission to become a business-friendly, investor-confident economic power, IIDRC enables timely justice, eases litigation burdens, and safeguards enterprise growth, positioning itself as where India arbitrates with purpose, power, and precision.

More than an arbitration centre, IIDRC is a complete resolution ecosystem built for modern commerce, featuring tech-enabled private hearing suites and a distinguished panel of judges, arbitrators, and domain experts committed to trust, efficiency, and discretion.

ABOUT OUR COMPETITION

Mediation is the art of resolving conflict through dialogue. A neutral third party, the mediator, enters not to judge or decide, but to guide, facilitating open communication, clarifying core issues, and helping parties find common ground. In doing so, the mediator transforms confrontation into collaboration, leading disputants toward a resolution both sides can embrace.

A mediation competition nurtures this very skill. It sharpens negotiation and communication abilities, deepens legal education, and champions Alternative Dispute Resolution as a credible path to justice. It also fosters networking among future legal professionals, encourages standardization of mediation practice, and raises public awareness of ADR's relevance across cultures and jurisdictions.

Through this Competition, the School of Law, Woxsen University, seeks to advance mediation as a practical means of resolving family, corporate, and commercial disputes — equipping future lawyers with the skills to drive justice.



KEY DEFINITIONS

1. **“Caucus”** refers to a private and confidential meeting held by the mediator with the parties separately to discuss options and work towards a resolution.
2. **“Competition”** refers to the Lex Pax Mediation Competition 2.0, 2026.
3. **“Competition Problems”** refers to the problems prepared by the Organizing Committee for use throughout the competition sessions/rounds.
4. **“Confidential Information”** refers to information shared with participating teams about the party they represent and must remain confidential.
5. **“Main Round”** refers to the stage of the Competition Session immediately after the Caucus, where Teams are required to resolve the Competition Problem.
6. **“Mediation”** refers to a process in which a neutral person assists the parties in resolving their dispute and reaching a mutually agreed-upon outcome through negotiation.
7. **“Mediation Session”** refers to the scheduled period during which the mediation process takes place, including any caucus.

8. **“Negotiating Pair”** refers to a team of two participants, one Counsel and one Client, from the same institution.
9. **“Oral Round”** refers to the mediation session.
10. **“Organizing Committee (OC)”** refers to the members and faculty responsible for conducting the competition.
11. **“Penalty”** refers to action taken by the Organizing Committee for violating competition rules, including point deductions, disqualification, or other disciplinary measures.
12. **“Preliminary Rounds”** refer to the initial oral rounds that determine the scores and ranks of participants for further rounds.
13. **“Room Coordinator”** refers to a person appointed by the Organizing Committee to oversee a Competition Room, ensure compliance with the rules, and address any issues.
14. **“Rule”** refers to a specific regulation in this Rulebook, along with its related sub-rules. Participants must understand and accept these regulations upon registering for the Competition.
15. **“Scouting”** refers to participating teams observing the sessions of other teams.
16. **“Team”** refers to a group of 3 members consisting of a mediator, a client, and a counsel.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Only bona fide students pursuing Law in a three/five-year degree program in the Law Colleges/Universities recognised by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate.
2. A maximum of 2 teams can participate from the same institution.
3. Participation is capped at 30 teams.

NOTE: The Organising Committee reserves the discretion to increase or decrease the number of teams if necessary.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. A team is to be composed of three (3) members: a **mediator** and a **client-counsel pair** forming the Negotiating Pair.
2. The teams shall indicate which participants are designated as mediator, clients, and counsel at the time of registration.
3. It is important to note that the roles of the mediator and the client-counsel pair **cannot** be swapped during any round. Doing so, will lead to disqualification.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

All participating teams must complete the registration process and pay the registration fee to confirm their participation in the competition.

REGISTRATION FEE: INR 3000/- PER TEAM

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/ufx3ZThh6rFdhtdJ7>

MATCH-UPS AND ALLOTMENTS

1. Time slots, match-ups, and online room allocations will be determined by the Organizing Committee.
2. The match-up process will be used solely for the purpose of grouping Negotiating Pairs and Mediators. It will not determine the sides that the parties will represent during the competition.
3. The sides to be represented by each team will be assigned on the day of the competition through a draw of lots decided by the Organizing Committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

COMPETITION DATES - 9TH - 10TH OCTOBER, 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN - 25TH AUGUST, 2026

REGISTRATION CLOSURES - 1ST OCTOBER, 2026

PRELIM AND QUARTER FINALS - 9TH OCTOBER, 2026

**SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL & VALEDICTORY CEREMONY - 10TH
OCTOBER, 2026.**

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

MEDIATION SESSION

- i. A Mediation Session shall comprise two Negotiating Pairs, each consisting of one Client and one Counsel, representing opposing parties, and two Mediators.
- ii. Either Mediator or any member of either Negotiating Pair may request a Caucus during the Mediation Session.
- iii. The Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds shall have the same Problem but different Confidential Information, while the Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall have different Problems and Confidential Information.
- iv. The Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds will have a duration of 30 minutes each, while the Semi-Final and Final Rounds will extend to 45 minutes each.
- v. A maximum of one (1) caucus may be called. The maximum time allocated for caucuses is 6 minutes for the Preliminary Round, 8 minutes for the Quarter-Final rounds, and 15 minutes for the Semi-Final Rounds and Final rounds.

CAUCUS

A Caucus may be conducted between a Mediator and the Client-Counsel Pair representing either the Requesting Party or the Requested Party.

During each Mediation session, the Mediator and the Competing Teams have the right to call for a Caucus under the following terms:

- i. The maximum time limit for a caucus is 6 minutes (3 minutes per team), excluding the 30 minutes in the Preliminary Round.
- ii. The maximum time limit for a caucus is 8 minutes (4 minutes per team), excluding the 30 minutes in the Quarter-Final rounds.
- iii. The maximum time limit for a caucus is 15 minutes (7.5 minutes per team), excluding the 45 minutes in semi-final and final rounds.
- iv. The Caucus can be requested by either the Mediator or the client or the counsel of any team during the session.
- v. A Mediator shall not refuse a Caucus requested by a Negotiating Pair, while the Negotiating Pair may have discretion to accept it when initiated by the Mediator.
- vi. Only one (1) Caucus may be conducted during each Mediation Session.
- vii. Negotiating Pair going for Caucus will be sent to a separate virtual room to maintain confidentiality.
- viii. Mediator's Session: Before the commencement of each round, the two mediators shall have a five-minute session to discuss and mutually determine their respective roles, responsibilities, and approach for the round.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- i. For Preliminary Rounds: 45 minutes before the rounds.
- ii. For Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds: 60 minutes before the rounds.
- iii. The teams shall not disclose their confidential information to any other participant throughout the competition.
- iv. Disclosure of confidential information by any team before or after their round shall be grounds for immediate disqualification from the competition.

COMPETITION ROUNDS

1. The event shall be conducted in Virtual Mode, i.e., all rounds shall be conducted in virtual mode.
2. There shall be 1 Preliminary Round, which shall be conducted for 30 minutes, excluding caucus, followed by Judges' feedback.
3. The eight (8) highest-scoring Negotiating Pairs and eight (8) highest-scoring Mediators from the Preliminary Round shall qualify independently for the Quarter-Final Round.
4. The four (4) highest-scoring Negotiating Pairs and four (4) highest-scoring Mediators from the Quarter-Final Round shall qualify independently for the Semi-Final Round.
5. The two (2) highest-scoring Negotiating Pairs and two (2) highest-scoring Mediators from the Semi-Final Round shall qualify independently for the Final Round.
6. In case of a tie for a Negotiating Pair, the pair with the higher marks in the Opening Statement criteria shall be given preference. If a tie persists, then the score under Teamwork and Coordination shall be considered.
7. In case of a tie for Mediators, the Mediator with the higher marks in the Effective Mediating Skills criteria shall be given preference. If a tie persists, then the score under Time Management shall be considered.
8. All decisions taken by the judges in case of a tie shall be binding and final.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Fairness & Anonymity

Teams shall communicate only through their respective Team Codes.

Disclosure of the identity of participants or their institution, directly or indirectly, is strictly prohibited.

Visible identifiers (badges, uniforms, ID cards, virtual backgrounds, file names, etc.) that reveal identity are forbidden.

Any breach shall result in immediate disqualification.

Participant Responsibility

Participants are responsible for ensuring stable internet connectivity, functional devices, and timely access to the competition platform.

The Organizing Committee shall not be liable for technical or connectivity issues faced by participants.

Conduct & Compliance

Teams shall maintain professional conduct and comply with all competition rules throughout the event.

Misconduct may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Discretion of the Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to disqualify teams for repetitive violations of the Rules.

In the event of any dispute or conflict, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

From the date of circulation of the Competition Brochure until the completion of the Competition, all participants shall strictly comply with this Code of Conduct and any instructions, directions, or notifications issued by the Organizing Committee.

GENERAL RULES

Mediation Problem: The problem for the Preliminary Round and Quarterfinals shall be the same, and for the Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall be different. The Problem for the Preliminary Round shall be released three days prior to the competition, while the Problems for the Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall be released to the advancing teams one day prior to the respective Rounds, following the declaration of the Quarter-Final results.

Problem Interpretation: Teams must base their strategies solely on the information provided in the mediation problem. Negotiating Pairs and Mediators are prohibited from introducing new facts or modifying existing ones within the mediation problem. However, they are permitted to draw reasonable conclusions from the given facts. Deviating from a sensible interpretation of the case may lead to penalties. Should there be any uncertainties or questions about the interpretation of any aspect of the competition, the decision of the organizing committee shall be considered final and binding.

The Organizing Committee retains exclusive authority over all matters related to the competition's problems.

PENALTIES

- i. The Organizing Committee may impose penalties, including **deduction of marks or disqualification**, for **ANY** violation of the Competition Rules or Code of Conduct.
- ii. Failure to comply with the directions of the Organizing Committee may result in penalties as determined by the Judges or the Organizing Committee, as applicable.
- iii. Before imposing any penalty, the concerned team shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.
- iv. The decision of the Organizing Committee regarding the imposition of penalties shall be final and binding.

MARKING CRITERIA: NEGOTIATING PAIR

(TOTAL: 100 MARKS)

1. Opening Statement
2. Relationship-Building
3. Problem-Solving
4. Advocating Interests
5. Information Gathering
6. Mutually Generating Creative Solutions
7. Collaboration With Other Party
8. Teamwork And Coordination
9. Use of Mediator
10. Effective Use of Caucus Session

MARKING CRITERIA: MEDIATOR

(TOTAL: 100 MARKS)

1. Opening Statement
2. Establishing Working Atmosphere
3. Mediation Process
4. Profiling Parties Interests
5. Effective Mediating Skills
6. Comprehending Party's Apprehension
7. Eliciting Information
8. Facilitating Solution Generation
9. Effective Use of Caucus Session
10. Sensitivity to Ethical And Cross-Cultural Issues

AWARDS & OPPORTUNITIES

**BEST
NEGOTIATING
PAIR: INR 25,000/-**

RUNNER-UP NEGOTIATING PAIR: INR 12,500/-

BEST MEDIATOR: INR 6,000/-

RUNNER UP MEDIATOR: INR 3,000/-

**BEST NEGOTIATING PAIR FROM PRELIMS
ROUND: INR 6,000/-**

BEST MEDIATOR FROM PRELIMS: INR 2,500/-

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH
IAMC-HYDERABAD, KFCRI, AND IIDRC.**

CLARIFICATION

All queries regarding the competition must be submitted in writing to the designated email address **kalravkrishna.tripathi@woxsen.edu.in** with the subject line “Clarification to the competition problem”. We will circulate responses to queries to all participating teams to ensure transparency. Clarifications can be sought only by the participating teams. Please request clarifications only for ambiguity or possible errors, not to inquire about further information, as the Problems are self-contained.

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

We understand the importance of addressing your concerns promptly and efficiently. We are committed to resolving your concerns and providing a satisfactory resolution. For any further information or if you have any grievances, kindly contact the numbers provided.

In the event of any ambiguity arising during the mediation competition, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final and binding.

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