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National Seminar on Mediation

From Conflict to Consensus

*Reimagining Justice through
Mediation in India*

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About the Seminar

Concept Note

Where Dialogue Meets Justice

Mediation in India has traversed a considerable arc — from the conciliatory traditions of the village community and the Lok Adalat, through court-annexed mediation centres, to a dedicated statutory regime. With the enactment of the Mediation Act, 2023 and the establishment of the Mediation Council of India, the nation stands at a defining juncture. The inquiry is no longer whether consensual processes belong within the justice system, but how they may be rendered equitable, accessible and worthy of public confidence.

This National Seminar convenes academicians, jurists, judges, practitioners, research scholars and students to interrogate the law, practice and prospects of mediation — its institutional architecture and safeguards, its reach into families, markets and communities, its encounter with technology, and its place within a transnational framework of consensual justice.



The University

Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya (formerly the University of Saugor) was established on 18 July 1946 through the donation of the lifetime savings of Dr. Harisingh Gour. The oldest and largest university in Madhya Pradesh, it bears the singular distinction of having been founded through the munificence of a single individual. Renamed in 1983, its 1,312-acre campus is regarded as among the most picturesque in India.



About the School

Instituted in 1946 with the University's commencement, the School of Law is the oldest law department in Madhya Pradesh. Guided by its motto, "To Serve the Law and the Nation", it offers the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.B. programmes under the Legal Education Rules, 2008, and the LL.M. programme in accordance with UGC



The Founder

Dr. Harisingh Gour was a highly renowned jurist, legislator and scholar, and the author of the celebrated commentary *The Penal Law of India*. A member of the Central Legislative Assembly and the Constituent Assembly, he was a steadfast champion of social reform and the protection of women. He was the founding Vice-Chancellor of the University of Saugor and of the University of Delhi, and also served as Vice-Chancellor of Nagpur University.

Call for Papers

Themes & Sub-Themes

The Mediation Act, 2023: Statutory Design, Institutional Architecture and the Exigencies of Operationalization

- ✦ The Mediation Council of India: Regulatory Remit, Constitutive Framework and the Imperatives of Operationalization
- ✦ Accreditation, Registration and Quality Assurance: Regulating the Mediator and the Mediation Service Provider
- ✦ Mediated Settlement Agreements as Decrees: Finality, Enforceability and the Circumscribed Grounds of Challenge
- ✦ Confidentiality and Privilege in Mediation: The Statutory Shield and Its Juridical Limits
- ✦ Mediation Institutes and the Mediation Fund: Towards a Statutory Mediation Ecosystem

Pre-Litigation Mediation: Statutory Compulsion, Party Autonomy and the Normative Promise of Access to Justice

- ✦ Section 5 of the Mediation Act, 2023 and Section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015: Reconciling Concurrent Statutory Mandates
- ✦ The 'Urgent Interim Relief' Exception after Patil Automation: Judicial Scrutiny and the Peril of Evasion
- ✦ Counterclaims, Re-instituted Suits and Section 12A: Emergent Judicial Trajectories
- ✦ Compulsory Mediation and the Right of Access to Courts: A Constitutional Inquiry
- ✦ Pre-Institution Mediation through Legal Services Authorities: An Empirical Appraisal

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Sector-Specific Mediation in a Transforming Economy: Sectoral Imperatives and Institutional Responses

- ✦ Institutional Commercial and Corporate Mediation: Prospects, Impediments and the Role of In-House Counsel
- ✦ Delayed-Payment Disputes in the MSME Sector: The Efficacy of Mediation and Institutional Lacunae
- ✦ Mediation and Conciliation in Industrial and Labour Disputes under the New Labour Codes
- ✦ Intellectual Property and Digital Marketplace Disputes: The Mediation Imperative
- ✦ Consumer, Real Estate, Insurance and Medical Negligence Disputes: Amenability to Mediation and Requisite Safeguards

Technology, Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Mediation: Algorithmic Governance and Procedural Integrity

- ✦ Online Mediation under the Mediation Act, 2023: Confidentiality, Informed Consent and Procedural Fairness
- ✦ AI-Assisted Mediation: Prospects, Ethical Perils and the Imperative of Human Oversight
- ✦ Algorithmic Bias and Procedural Equity in Online Dispute Resolution Platforms
- ✦ Data Protection in Online Mediation under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023
- ✦ Online Mediation of Mass Disputes: Safeguarding the Weaker Party and Bridging the Digital Divide

Submission Guidelines

Abstract

- Abstracts of 200–300 words, accompanied by 5–6 keywords.
- Cover page: title of the paper, relevant theme, name(s), designation and affiliation of the author(s), and contact details of the corresponding author.
- Abstracts must conform to one of the Seminar's four themes.
- Submissions are welcome in English or Hindi.
- Co-authorship is permitted up to a maximum of two authors, subject to registration.

Full Paper

- Original and unpublished work not exceeding 3,500 words, exclusive of footnotes.
- Similarity index not exceeding 10%;
- AI-generated content not exceeding 30%.
- Microsoft Word format (.doc/.docx) only; PDF submissions shall not be accepted.
- Citation in the Bluebook (21st Edition);. Non-conforming submissions shall be rejected.

Formatting – English Papers

- ✎ Main text: Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5-line spacing.
- ✎ Headings: Times New Roman, 14 pt, bold.
- ✎ Footnotes: Times New Roman, 10 pt, single spacing.
- ✎ Footnotes and citations: Bluebook (21st edition).

Formatting – Hindi Papers

- ✎ Main text: Kruti Dev or Devanagari font, 12 pt,
- ✎ 1.5-line spacing.
- ✎ Headings: Kruti Dev or Devanagari font, 14 pt, bold.
- ✎ Footnotes: Kruti Dev or Devanagari font, 10 pt, single spacing.

Presentation & Publication

- ✎ All papers accepted upon review shall be presented; parallel sessions may be convened.
- ✎ Certificates of participation shall be provided to all presenters and participants; certificates will not be issued in absentia.
- ✎ The selected papers may be published in the form of a book by a reputed publisher and shall contain an ISBN number.

Seminar Timeline



Registration Fees:

S No.	Particulars	Amount
1.	Students	₹500
2.	Research Scholars	₹800
3.	Faculty	₹1,200
4.	Attendees	₹200

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Registration & Submission link (Form)

<https://forms.gle/fbu1nohehYenh66c7>

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About ADR Society

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Society at the School of Law, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, stands as a premier student-driven academic initiative dedicated to cultivating excellence in non-adversarial justice. Rooted in the noble vision of our founder, Sir Dr. Harisingh Gour, we actively bridge the gap between theoretical classroom jurisprudence and the dynamic, real-world demands of modern legal practice. Our society provides a collaborative platform for students to master the essential mechanisms of mediation, commercial arbitration, strategic negotiation, and professional client counselling.

We strive to empower the next generation of legal professionals with the specialized prowess to resolve complex conflicts through dialogue, structured adjudication, and empathy. By fostering an intellectual environment that prioritizes consensus and ethical advocacy, we aim to redefine standards of practice within our university. Committed to innovation and skill-based learning, our society serves as the foundational launchpad for students aspiring to lead in the evolving landscape of global dispute resolution and uphold the principles of

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