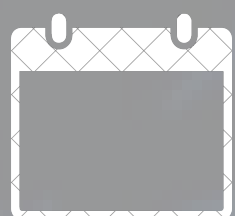




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ABOUT THE VICE CHANCELLOR



**PROF. (DR.) ASHOK R.
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Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil has over 25 years of distinguished teaching experience in legal academia. Previously, he served as a Professor at NLSIU, Bengaluru, where he administered the Chair on Consumer Law & Practice established by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India. He is the Chief Editor of the SCOPUS and UGC CARE-listed International Journal on Consumer Law and Practice and March of Consumer Law and Practice. His recent works include the “Commentary on Consumer Protection Act, 2019” (Thomson & Reuters) and a chapter in Consumer Protection in Asia (HART Publishing, UK).

He has consistently bridged academia and policy, offering expert opinions before several Parliamentary Committees and his work continues to shape the development of consumer protection and dispute resolution frameworks in India.

ABOUT THE FACULTY CONVENOR



Dr. Satyabrata Mishra is an Assistant Professor at NUSRL, Ranchi, specialising primarily in International Law, with a focus on International Trade Law and International Investment Law. A certified arbitrator from IIAM, New Delhi, she is trained in both International Commercial and Investment Arbitration. She actively contributes to international law scholarship through guest lectures, conferences and publications in reputed national and international journals.



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ABOUT NUSRL

NUSRL Ranchi was established by Act No. 4 of the Jharkhand State Assembly in 2010. It is one of India's premier law universities, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in law. Located in the heart of Jharkhand, NUSRL has the potential to become a hub for research and capacity building in the trade and investment policy, leveraging its academic resources and strategic geographical position.

ABOUT CRADR

The Centre for Research in Alternative Dispute Resolution (CRADR) serves as a flagship initiative under the aegis of NUSRL, Ranchi. The Centre is dedicated to promoting research and academic discourse in fields including international arbitration, mediation, trade, and investment policy.

ABOUT THE CONCLAVE

The 1st Annual Conclave on International Trade, Investment, and Dispute Resolution, a flagship initiative of CRADR, NUSRL, provides a platform for critical discussions on the evolving landscape of cross-border trade and dispute resolution. It aims to bridge theory and practice by bringing together legal luminaries and practitioners to share insights on current trends, challenges, and the future of trade and investment in India.



GLIMPSE OF THE SESSIONS



VENUE: NUSRL
Time: 11 AM to 1: 45 PM



THE SPEAKERS



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Garv is an international disputes lawyer, Indian litigator and a skilled mediator. Before starting Skywards Law, he worked overseas at Drew & Napier LLC, Singapore and Collyer Law LLC, Singapore to gain practical experience in South Asia. He has extensive experience in representing individuals, companies, and state-owned entities in ad hoc arbitration involving matters relevant to Indian, Singapore and English laws; under SIAC, ICC, UNCITRAL & LCIA rules, etc.



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Devesh is working as a Senior Associate in the Dispute Resolution practice of MRP Advisory. With over four years of experience in dispute resolution and commercial litigation, his practice primarily focuses on arbitration, both international and domestic as well as original side litigation. He has successfully managed high-stakes arbitrations and commercial disputes, particularly involving large-scale infrastructure projects, representing government agencies, multinational conglomerates, and private entities.



THEMES



THE END OF THE OLD ORDER: NAVIGATING INDIA'S POST-TERMINATION TREATY PATH

Following the mass termination of its older-generation BITs, India promised a more balanced approach through prioritizing regulatory sovereignty and reducing the risk of liability. Nearly a decade later, the India–UAE BIT emerges as the first real test of this vision. While the new BIT makes strides in aligning with India's goals of regulatory autonomy and investor facilitation, it also raises concerns about the erosion of investor protections through diluted FET and MFN clauses, mandatory exhaustion of local remedies, and restrictions on third-party funding. This raises a critical question: *Is this the 'new' model BIT that India may go forward with, and will investors accept it?*

BETWEEN VISION AND VOID: THE FRACTURED MARCH TOWARDS MAKING INDIA AN ARBITRATION HUB

India's ambition to emerge as a global arbitration hub is being tested—not by external resistance, but by internal contradiction. Even as the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2024 promises sweeping reforms in institutional arbitration, efforts are undermined by a growing trend of withdrawal by major government agencies. The Delhi PWD's decision to abandon arbitration clauses, coupled with the Ministry of Finance's advisory urging PSUs to mediate disputes above ₹10 crores, has triggered a debate. The question is: *Is India sending mixed signals that threaten its credibility as a preferred seat for arbitration?*

TARIFF TENSIONS AND TRADE TALKS: CHARTING INDIA'S ROLE IN A RECALIBRATED GLOBAL ORDER

Recent U.S. tariffs on strategic imports signal a shift from multilateral trade norms to a more protectionist and interest-driven global order. As global supply chains are reshaped and trade alliances reconsidered, India stands at a critical juncture—balancing self-reliance with global integration. In light of the shifting dynamics of global supply chains, *how will India shape its trade regime as it moves towards finalizing the India-EU Trade Deal by 2025?*



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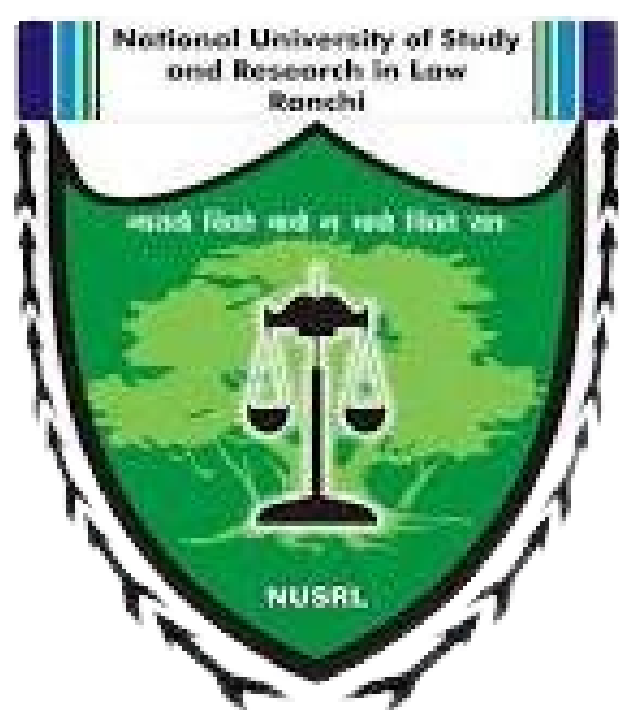
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