

GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution

ARBITRATION WEEK 2025



About the Centre

The GNLU Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (GCADR) was established in 2010 at the Gujarat National Law University with a dedicated mission to promote knowledge, training, and research in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Under Faculty Advisor Prof. (Dr.) Vikas Gandhi, the Centre has consistently worked towards organizing various training programs, certificate courses, conferences, and seminars since its inception.

About the Arbitration Week 2025

Certificate Course on Practical Aspects of Commercial Arbitration (Days 1–4) and Conference on Commercial Arbitration (Day 5)

Dates: 24th March 2025 to 28th March 2025

Venue: Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of Contract law and Dispute resolution mechanisms

Eligibility: Second Year and onwards of five-year LLB program, and students from any year of a three year LLB program.

Top Performers of the course will get Internship opportunities with **Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas** and **P&A Law Offices**; Along with Editorial Positions with **The Arbitration Digest**

We are offering fully funded scholarships to two meritorious students based on their CV and SoP



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Introduction to the Program

GCADR is pleased to announce its Second Annual Arbitration Week, featuring an intensive 4-day Commercial Arbitration Course and Conference at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, from March 24 to March 28, 2025.

In today's globalized business landscape, commercial arbitration has emerged as the preferred mechanism for resolving complex disputes. As commercial relationships become increasingly sophisticated, proficiency in international arbitration has become indispensable for legal professionals. This specialized course arrives at a crucial time when expertise in commercial arbitration is more vital than ever.

The cornerstone of our program is the comprehensive 4-day Commercial Arbitration Certificate Course, meticulously designed to provide participants with both theoretical foundations and practical applications of the arbitration regime.

Led by partners from leading law firms, renowned arbitrators, and practitioners in the field, the course offers unparalleled insights into the nuances of commercial arbitration. Participants will benefit from the extensive experience of these distinguished professionals through carefully curated case studies and practical sessions.

We will also be offering internship opportunities at renowned law firms for meritorious based on an MCQ test post the completion of the course. The test will be based on the instructions provided during the duration of the course and will include questions framed by our course instructors.



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Inaugural Address



Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar

Director

Gujarat National Law University,
Gandhinagar



Dr. Nitin Malik

Registrar

Gujarat National Law University,
Gandhinagar



Prof. (Dr.) Vikas Gandhi

Professor of Law

Gujarat National Law University,
Gandhinagar

Course Instructors



Vineet Unnikrishnan
Partner, Cyril Amarchand
Mangaldas



Vijay Purohit
Partner, P&A Law Offices



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Partner, Shardul Amarchand
Mangaldas



Annirudh Krishan Gandhi
Partner Designate Saraf and
Partners



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Sapna Jhangiani KC
Blackstone Chambers



Mohit Pandey
Counsel, Chambers of
Mr. Gourab Banerji



Mrinal Jain
MD, Secretariat



Devarsh Saraf
Founder & CEO
Bombay Founder's Club

Course Schedule

DAY 1- 24 MARCH 2025 (MONDAY) INTRODUCTION TO COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

10:00 AM IST-11:00 AM IST

Introduction to Commercial Arbitration— Sources and History

11:15 AM IST-12:15 PM IST

Arbitration Agreements— Formation and Key Considerations:

12:30 PM IST- 13:30 PM IST

Seat, Venue, and Procedural Considerations in Arbitration

Lunch Break

14:30 PM IST- 15:45 PM IST

Managing Evidence and Document Production

16:00 PM IST- 17:30 PM IST

Jurisdictional Challenges & Kompetenz-Kompetenz



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DAY 2- 25 MARCH 2025 (TUESDAY)
PROCEDURAL AND EVIDENTIARY ASPECTS OF
ARBITRATION

10:00 AM IST-11:00 AM IST

Joinder of third party in
arbitration proceedings

11:30 AM IST- 13:00 PM IST

Interim Relief and Emergency
Arbitration

Lunch Break

14:30 PM IST- 15:30 PM IST

Third-Party Funding in
Commercial Arbitration

16:00 PM IST- 17:30 PM IST

Calculation of Compensation
and Damages



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DAY 3- 26 MARCH 2025 (WEDNESDAY)
SUBMISSIONS, HEARING AND DRAFTING OF AWARDS

10:00 AM IST-11:30 AM IST

Submissions and Hearings in Arbitration

11:45 AM IST-13:30 PM IST

Drafting Arbitral Awards (Virtual session)

Lunch Break

**14:30 PM IST- 15:45 PM
IST**

Recourse Against Arbitral Awards

**16:00 PM IST- 17:30 PM
IST**

Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards

DAY 4- 27 MARCH 2025 (THURSDAY) CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND FUTURE OF ARBITRATION	
10:00 AM IST-11:00 AM IST	Unpacking the Draft Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2024
11:15 AM IST-13:00 PM IST	Technology & AI in Arbitration
<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:15 PM IST- 15:30 PM IST	India's Evolving Arbitration and Investment Law
15:45 PM IST-17:15 PM IST	The Future of Arbitration in India – Challenges & Reforms



Panel Discussion

The learning experience culminates in the GCADR Arbitration Conference on March 28, 2025, featuring a distinguished panel addressing contemporary developments and emerging trends in international arbitration. This conference provides an exceptional platform for networking with established practitioners and thought leaders in the field.

This integrated program offers a unique opportunity for professional development at one of India's premier law schools. All course participants receive complimentary access to the conference, maximizing their learning and networking opportunities. Join us for this prestigious academic endeavour where scholarly rigour meets practical expertise in the sophisticated domain of commercial arbitration.



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Panellists



Sanchit Suri (Moderator)
Managing Counsel,
Singularity Legal



Ganesh Chandru
Partner, Dua Associates



Shreya Gupta
Partner, Shardul Amarchand
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Panelists



Shruti Sabharwal
Partner, Shardul Amarchand
Mangaldas



Garv Malhotra
Partner, Skywards Law



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Pricing and Registration:

- General Registration (inclusive of Accommodation and Meals): ₹7500
- General Registration (excluding Accommodation): ₹6500
- GNLU Students: ₹6000
- Registration link: [Here](#)
- Payment Link: [Here](#)

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