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ABOUT THE INSTITUTION



SVKM's NMIMS Indore (Deemed-to-be University) was established as part of the SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, which began in 1981 to meet India's growing need for high-quality professional education. NMIMS grew from its foundational management programme into a multi-disciplinary university with campuses across India, including Indore, and is recognised for its commitment to academic rigour, research, and industry relevance. Academic activities at the Indore campus span a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across Management, Commerce, Technology Management & Engineering, Law and Pharmacy. These programmes are designed to blend theoretical insight with practical application, enabling students to develop analytical skills, ethical judgement, and professional versatility.

The University is located on a 25-acre campus near Indore's Super Corridor, with infrastructure and learning environment that support collaborative learning and industry engagement. Faculty at NMIMS Indore hold advanced qualifications and are actively involved in research, curriculum development, and initiatives that enhance student learning outcomes. The University is recognised under the University Grants Commission (UGC) norms and maintains academic affiliations and accreditations that reflect its adherence to national standards of quality education. Through strong industry linkages and a supportive learning environment, NMIMS Indore prepares its graduates to contribute meaningfully across diverse sectors at national and global levels.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law, NMIMS Indore, has swiftly emerged as a distinguished hub for contemporary legal education. Recognized by the Bar Council of India, the institute is committed to shaping competent legal professionals through an exceptional balance of theoretical foundations and practical exposure. Beyond academics, the School of Law emphasizes holistic development by organizing a diverse range of co-curricular, extracurricular, and cultural activities. These initiatives foster leadership, confidence, and interpersonal skills, ensuring students develop into well-rounded individuals.

Our faculty comprises an accomplished group of legal scholars, seasoned practitioners, and subject-matter experts who bring unparalleled academic insight and industry experience to the classroom. Their guidance enables students to engage closely with the legal fraternity including prominent members of the Bar, reputed law firms, and the judiciary thereby ensuring unmatched professional exposure and valuable internship opportunities. The School of Law further enriches the academic experience through an array of interactive platforms, including Moot Court sessions, Client Counseling workshops, Mock Trials, Arbitration and Mediation training, Debates, and National Conferences. These activities are meticulously designed to enhance advocacy skills, analytical abilities, and global legal competence, empowering students to excel in the dynamic legal landscape.

ABOUT SAMADHAN



Samadhan, the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee of NMIMS Indore, is a dynamic and student-run body that came into existence in 2022. The committee focuses on promoting modern approaches to resolving disputes, such as mediation, negotiation, and arbitration. With ADR gaining importance in both legal and business environments, Samadhan works to equip students with hands-on skills and a solid understanding of these mechanisms as strong alternatives to the traditional court process.

The committee nurtures a culture of teamwork and professionalism within the campus. It highlights the value of conflict-resolution techniques, effective communication, and ethical conduct. Under the ADRC, several initiatives have been organised, including three successful editions of the Intra-Client Counselling and Mediation Competition, two successful editions of Inter-University Mediation Competition, along with orientations, training sessions, and workshops. All these events have contributed to building a more informed and skilled community of students. Furthermore, Samadhan actively collaborates with legal professionals and ADR experts to enhance students' practical exposure. Through guest lectures, specialised sessions, and skill-based engagements, the committee ensures that students gain a deeper understanding of dispute-resolution practices. These initiatives reinforce Samadhan's commitment to developing competent, ethically grounded, and practice-ready professionals.

ABOUT PREVIOUS EDITION



The Second Edition of the Inter-University Mediation Competition, held in April 2025 in a hybrid format, marked a key step in the competition's growth and reach. It saw strong participation from leading law schools across India, including several NLUs, along with international representation such as a team from Amity University, Dubai.

Organised in collaboration with prominent law firms and knowledge partners, the competition offered a rigorous, practice-oriented platform for developing mediation skills. Guided by an experienced panel of judges, with the final round adjudicated by senior partners from leading law firms, the event provided participants with meaningful academic and professional exposure. Its successful conclusion reinforced NMIMS Indore's commitment to advancing mediation education and fostering a culture of constructive dispute resolution.

VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



DR. RAMESH BHATT

Vice- Chancellor, SVKM'S NMIMS

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all participants, faculty members, practitioners, and institutions to the Third Inter-University Mediation Competition. Such initiatives reflect the evolving nature of legal education, with an increasing emphasis on collaborative, humane, and solution-oriented approaches to dispute resolution.

Mediation today lies at the intersection of law, ethics, and social responsibility, demanding not only legal acumen but also patience, empathy, and attentive listening. Competitions like this play a crucial role in nurturing these skills among young legal minds by offering realistic, practice-oriented exposure to mediation as a professional discipline. They encourage students to move beyond adversarial thinking towards resolving disputes in ways that preserve relationships and promote lasting outcomes.

I commend the organizing committee, faculty advisors, and collaborating institutions for their dedication in creating a platform that blends academic rigor with practical relevance. I am confident that this competition will be a valuable learning experience for all participants and will contribute meaningfully to the growing culture of alternative dispute resolution. I wish the competition every success and hope it inspires future mediators and peacemakers.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



DR. ANSHUMAN JASWAL

Director, SVKM'S NMIMS,
Indore Campus

Warm greetings from SVKM's NMIMS, Indore, as we proudly present the third edition of the Inter-University Mediation Competition 2026. At NMIMS, we place strong emphasis on the growing relevance of Alternative Dispute Resolution, particularly mediation, as an efficient, empathetic, and collaborative mechanism for resolving disputes in the contemporary legal landscape.

This competition brings together promising legal minds from universities across the country and offers a dynamic platform to engage with the practical dimensions of mediation, bridging the gap between theoretical understanding and real-world application. It seeks to promote dialogue, learning, and professional growth while encouraging participants to move beyond adversarial approaches.

Beyond testing legal acumen, the event celebrates the core values of mediation, collaboration, effective communication, empathy, and constructive problem-solving. I encourage participants to approach this competition not only as a pursuit of achievement but as a meaningful journey of learning and growth. I look forward to witnessing the talent, skill, and innovative perspectives each of you will bring to this enriching experience.

DEAN'S MESSAGE



DR. DURGAMBINI PATEL

Dean, SVKM'S NMIMS
Kirit P. Mehta School of Law

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to the third edition of the Inter-University Mediation Competition 2026, organized by SVKM'S NMIMS, Indore. In an increasingly complex legal environment, mediation has assumed a significant role as an effective mechanism for resolving disputes through dialogue, understanding, and consensus. At NMIMS Indore, we recognize that effective mediation is not confined to procedural knowledge alone. It demands analytical depth, empathy, and the ability to facilitate constructive engagement between parties. Through this competition, we seek to cultivate these essential competencies and prepare future legal professionals for the realities of modern dispute resolution.

This competition offers a valuable platform for students from various institutions to engage meaningfully with the principles and practice of alternative dispute resolution. Participants are encouraged to view this opportunity not merely as a contest, but as a learning experience that contributes to the broader development of the ADR ecosystem. I encourage all participants to conduct themselves with professionalism, integrity, and respect for the mediation process. We look forward to hosting you at NMIMS Indore and to a successful and enriching event that reflects our shared commitment to excellence in mediation.

FACULTY COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE



ASST. PROF. SAGAR JAIN

Faculty Coordinator,
SAMADHAN

It is deeply encouraging to see the growing enthusiasm for Alternative Dispute Resolution at the School of Law, NMIMS Indore. The Inter-University Mediation Competition reflects the expanding role of ADR in contemporary legal practice, bringing together committed and capable law students to meaningfully engage with a discipline that continues to redefine the manner in which disputes are resolved. The third edition of this competition reaffirms our institutional commitment to nurturing practical legal skills by providing students with a rigorous and immersive platform to understand and practice mediation. Through this initiative, participants are exposed to the collaborative, solution-oriented approach that lies at the heart of effective dispute resolution.

Beyond serving as a competitive forum, the Mediation Competition highlights the growing demand for skilled mediators in an evolving legal ecosystem. It is an honour to be associated with an endeavour that not only contributes to the professional development of future legal practitioners but also supports the progression towards a more responsive, efficient, and equitable justice system.

FACULTY COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE



ASST. PROF. PRIYANSH SHARAN

Faculty Co- Coordinator,
SAMADHAN

As Alternative Dispute Resolution continues to gain prominence as an effective mechanism beyond conventional litigation, NMIMS Indore remains committed to fostering its understanding and practice. The third edition of the Inter-University Mediation Competition underscores this commitment by providing aspiring legal professionals with a platform to develop the insight, competence, and approach required for meaningful mediation. It is a privilege to be associated with this initiative, and I encourage participants to engage with the competition not merely as a contest, but as a learning experience that challenges perspectives and sharpens practical skills. We look forward to hosting you at NMIMS Indore for a thought-provoking, engaging, and enriching mediation competition.

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ABOUT MIRAE ASSET FOUNDATION



The Mirae Asset Foundation is the dedicated CSR arm of Mirae Asset in India, established to channel the group's commitment toward meaningful social impact. Set up as a Section 8 non-profit company, the Foundation focuses on building long-term, transformative interventions rather than short-term charity, with education at the core of its mission. The Foundation believes that education is a powerful catalyst for social change, and therefore invests in improving learning environments, offering scholarships, upgrading school infrastructure, and supporting skill-development programmes for underprivileged youth. Its initiatives are designed to enhance both access to education and the overall quality of learning, ensuring that students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds can realise their full potential.

Rooted in the global Mirae Asset philosophy of “heartening capitalism,” the Mirae Asset Foundation brings international standards of social responsibility to India while working closely with local communities. Through partnerships with schools, NGOs, and skill-training institutions, the Foundation continues to expand its impact, empowering learners, strengthening educational systems, and contributing to a more equitable future.

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SNG & Partners is a full-service law firm with a strong practice in dispute resolution, corporate advisory, and regulatory matters. The firm regularly represents Indian and international clients in commercial litigation, arbitration, and advisory work across sectors such as infrastructure, banking, real estate, and manufacturing. Known for its balanced approach combining legal rigour with commercial practicality, SNG & Partners provides strategic counsel tailored to the evolving needs of businesses and institutions.

With a reputation for handling legally complex and commercially sensitive matters, the firm's dispute resolution practice covers arbitration, commercial litigation, and regulatory proceedings before courts and tribunals. Its lawyers are known for their structured advocacy, strong procedural command, and ability to translate intricate legal issues into clear and effective strategy.

The firm also maintains a strong advisory and transactional practice, assisting clients with corporate structuring, compliance, risk management, and ongoing commercial support. Emphasising long-term client relationships, the team offers advice that is both legally sound and aligned with business realities, enabling it to support clients across industries and at different stages of growth.

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Poovayya & Co. is a leading Indian law firm with a strong reputation in dispute resolution, particularly arbitration and commercial litigation. The firm is recognised for its rigorous legal analysis, strategic advocacy, and its handling of complex domestic and international disputes across sectors and jurisdictions. With extensive experience before arbitral tribunals and constitutional courts, Poovayya & Co. brings a practice-driven and commercially grounded perspective to contemporary dispute resolution, including mediation and other alternative mechanisms.

The firm has represented a wide range of clients, including multinational corporations, Indian conglomerates, financial institutions, public sector undertakings, and State entities, in high-value and legally intricate matters. Its arbitration practice spans both ad hoc and institutional proceedings, covering disputes arising from infrastructure and construction projects, energy and natural resources, shareholder and joint venture arrangements, technology-driven businesses, and complex commercial contracts. A defining feature of Poovayya & Co.'s approach is its emphasis on strategic dispute management rather than purely adversarial outcomes. The firm places importance on early assessment, risk evaluation, and the selection of dispute resolution processes best suited to the parties' objectives, recognising mediation as a valuable and effective tool for resolving disputes efficiently and constructively. Its collaboration with this event reflects a shared commitment to promoting mediation culture and equipping future legal professionals with practical, solution-oriented dispute resolution skills.

OUR COLLABORATORS



Hammurabi & Solomon Partners is a leading full-service law firm in India, known for its strong litigation practice and its work at the intersection of law, policy, and public interest. The firm has built a solid reputation for handling complex and high-stakes matters across constitutional law, commercial disputes, regulatory litigation, and arbitration, regularly appearing before the Supreme Court of India, High Courts, and specialized tribunals.

What sets the firm apart is its deep engagement with governance and public law issues alongside private commercial disputes. Hammurabi & Solomon Partners advises government bodies, public sector undertakings, corporations, and individuals on matters involving regulatory compliance, legislative challenges, and policy-driven litigation. The firm's approach combines rigorous legal research with strategic advocacy, allowing it to address disputes that have significant economic, social, and institutional impact.

With a team that brings together courtroom experience, academic depth, and policy insight, Hammurabi & Solomon Partners offers clients clear, practical, and principled legal solutions. Its work reflects a commitment to strengthening the rule of law while delivering effective dispute resolution in an increasingly complex legal environment.

OUR COLLABORATORS



Wadhwa & Co. is a leading full-service Indian law firm recognised for its comprehensive legal advisory and strong commercial focus. The firm provides strategic and result-oriented legal solutions to a wide range of clients, including domestic and international corporations, startups, financial institutions, investors, and high-net-worth individuals. The firm's practice spans key areas of law such as corporate and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture capital, banking and finance, real estate, dispute resolution, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property rights. Wadhwa & Co. is known for handling complex and high-value transactions and disputes, offering clients end-to-end legal support across the entire lifecycle of their matters.

What distinguishes Wadhwa & Co. is its client-centric and business-driven approach. The firm places strong emphasis on understanding the commercial objectives of its clients and tailoring legal strategies that align with practical business needs. Its team of experienced lawyers brings together in-depth legal knowledge, industry insight, and a solution-oriented mindset to deliver efficient and effective outcomes. Committed to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and ethical practice, Wadhwa & Co. maintains a reputation for reliability and excellence in legal service delivery. The firm consistently adapts to the evolving legal and regulatory environment, ensuring that clients receive advice that is current, precise, and actionable. Through its focus on quality, innovation, and long-term client relationships, Wadhwa & Co. continues to be a trusted legal advisor and a significant contributor to India's dynamic legal and corporate ecosystem.

SPECIAL PARTNER



MentBlue is a legal education and professional development platform focused on bridging the gap between academic learning and practical legal skills. It works closely with law students and young professionals through structured mentorship, workshops, competitions, and skill-based programmes designed to build real-world competence. The organisation places strong emphasis on experiential learning, offering exposure to drafting, research, negotiation, advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution. Its initiatives are curated and delivered by experienced legal practitioners, ensuring that participants gain insight into both doctrinal clarity and practical application.

Through collaborations with universities, law firms, and industry professionals, MentBlue has created a growing ecosystem that supports learning, guidance, and professional growth. Its approach combines academic grounding with hands-on training, making it a valuable platform for aspiring legal professionals. By encouraging early engagement with the legal profession, MentBlue aims to nurture confidence, ethical awareness, and long-term career readiness among students. Its programmes are designed to be accessible and student-centric, fostering a supportive learning environment that promotes clarity, skill development, and informed career choices within the legal field.

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Manupatra is India's leading online legal research platform, offering seamless access to an extensive repository of judicial decisions, statutes, notifications, agreements, and regulatory materials. As a pioneer in digital legal services, it was the first to introduce electronic access to comprehensive legal databases, revolutionising legal research in India.

Operating across Legal Tech, SaaS, E-Learning, Analytics, and Enterprise Mobility, Manupatra provides advanced AI-driven tools such as intelligent search, citation analysis, document comparison, and real-time legal updates, enhancing efficiency and accuracy for legal professionals, corporate teams, government bodies, and academic institutions.

Beyond research, Manupatra supports legal education through e-learning modules, webinars, and training programmes while continuing to drive innovation in legal technology, bridging traditional research methods with digital transformation to make legal information more accessible, efficient, and future-ready.

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LawBhoomi is a widely read legal knowledge platform that focuses on making law accessible, practical, and relevant for students and young professionals. Known for its crisp explainers, academic resources, internship updates, and insights into legal careers, LawBhoomi has built a strong digital community across India. Its consistent engagement with contemporary legal issues makes it an important bridge between legal education and practice.



Lawctopus is one of India's most trusted legal portals for law students, recognised for its extensive database of internships, competitions, courses, and academic opportunities. Beyond listings, it offers thoughtful articles, interviews, and resources that help students navigate law school and early professional life. Over the years, Lawctopus has played a significant role in shaping awareness and access within legal education.



LiveLaw is a leading legal news and analysis platform known for its accurate, timely, and in-depth coverage of court proceedings, landmark judgments, and legal developments in India. With a strong emphasis on constitutional values, judicial accountability, and public legal awareness, LiveLaw has become an essential resource for lawyers, academics, and students alike. Its reporting contributes meaningfully to informed legal discourse in the country.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

As mediation gains increasing recognition as an effective and efficient mechanism for resolving disputes, this competition seeks to provide a structured and meaningful platform for law students to engage with its principles and practice. The competition is designed to simulate real-world mediation scenarios, encouraging participants to apply legal knowledge alongside critical thinking, communication skills, and emotional intelligence. Through role-plays and problem-solving exercises, students are challenged to move beyond adversarial approaches and explore collaborative, interest-based solutions that lie at the heart of mediation.

By bringing together teams from universities across the country, the competition promotes intellectual exchange, professional growth, and a deeper understanding of mediation as a vital component of the modern legal system. Participants gain valuable exposure to negotiation dynamics, ethical considerations, and the practical challenges faced by mediators in diverse dispute contexts. The Third Inter-University Mediation Competition reflects NMIMS Indore's continued commitment to nurturing future legal professionals who are equipped to respond to the evolving demands of dispute resolution. The event aspires to foster dialogue, innovation, and professionalism, while contributing meaningfully to the growth of ADR in India's legal landscape.

IMPORTANT DATES



15th January, 2026

Commencement of Registration



15th February, 2026

Closing of Registrations



16th February, 2026

Problem Release (Preliminary Rounds)



18th February, 2026

Draw of Lots



20 & 21st February, 2026

Preliminary Rounds (Online)

IMPORTANT DATES



23rd February, 2026
Results (Preliminary Rounds)



8th March, 2026
Travel Form Submission



10th March, 2026
Problem Release for Advance Rounds



14th March, 2026
Quarter / Semi Final Rounds



15th March, 2026
Final rounds & Valedictory Ceremony

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. MODE OF THE COMPETITION

The Third Edition of the NMIMS Indore Inter-University Mediation Competition will be held in hybrid mode, i.e preliminary rounds will be held in online mode on **20- 21 February, 2026** and the advanced rounds, i.e., quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final rounds will be conducted in offline mode at NMIMS Indore campus on **14-15 March, 2026**.

2. DEFINITION

- **“ADRC”** refers to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, established under the aegis of the School of Law, NMIMS, Indore.
- **“Advanced Round”** refers to the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final rounds of the Competition, which shall be conducted offline on the campus of NMIMS, Indore.
- **“Competition”** refers to the third edition of the Inter-University Mediation Competition of the School of Law, NMIMS, Indore.
- **“Clarifications”** refers to the queries arising out of the mediation problem that would only be accepted and reverted to in the timeline prescribed.
- **“Caucus”** refers to a separate meeting between the Mediator and a Client and Counsel pair, in which they disclose or elaborate on their confidential information. During the caucus, the overall duration of the mediation session remains in continuation.
- **“Confidential Information”** refers to factual information given exclusively to one Negotiating Team in accordance with the competition rules.

- **“General Information”** refers to the background factual information of the Problem for the use by each Party, the Judges, and the Mediator.
- **“Grant in Aid”** A Grant-in-Aid College is an institution recognized under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956, and approved to receive financial assistance from the Government or UGC. Such colleges comply with prescribed academic, governance, and regulatory standards and are eligible for concessional participation benefits.
- **“Hybrid Mode”** refers to the combination of both virtual and offline modes.
- **“Judge”** refers to a Professional selected by the Organising Committee to evaluate and score the Teams’ performance during a Mediation Session according to the Competition Rules.
- **“Judging Criteria”** refers to the criteria set out in the Score Sheet and criteria defined in the marking scheme.
- **“Mediation Session”** refers to a structured and facilitated scenario where two parties in dispute work with a mediator to collaboratively explore and generate mutually acceptable resolutions to their issues.
- **“Mediating Pair”** refers to the pair of client and counsel in the Participating Team.
- **“Mediator”** refers to a member of a team of three who shall be acting in an individual capacity as a mediator for the competition.
- **“Organizing Committee”** refers to the members and volunteers of ADRC who are in charge of organizing and managing the competition.
- **“Participating Teams”** refers to and includes only the bona fide representatives of the University/College/Institute who have applied and registered for the Competition by complying with the procedure prescribed.

- **“Penalty”** refers to points deducted for any violation of the Rules according to the competition rules.
- **“Qualifying Rounds”** refers to Preliminary Round I and Preliminary Round II of the Competition.
- **“Requesting Party”** refers to the party in the proposition who initiated the mediation option.
- **“Requested Party”** refers to the party responding to the request for mediation in the mediation proceedings.
- **“Team”** refers to the Mediating Pair and Mediator representing their Institute.
- **“UTC”** refers to the Unique Team Code allotted to the team, which is used to identify them throughout the Competition.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Only Law Colleges/Universities recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate.
- Each University may nominate up to **2 teams** to participate in the competition.
- Only bonafide students pursuing 3-year/5-year LLB degree programs during the current academic year are eligible to participate. No Cross University teams shall be eligible to participate in this competition.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- A team is to be composed of **three (3) members** - a mediator and a client-counsel pair forming the mediating pair.
- The teams shall indicate which participants are designated as clients and counsel at the time of registration.
- It is important to note that the roles of the mediator and the client-counsel pair cannot be swapped during any round.

5. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

• MEDIATION SESSION

- i.** A Mediation Session shall comprise two client-counsel pairs in opposition to resolve a dispute in the presence of two mediators. Each mediator will be individually marked. The client-counsel pairs shall be denoted as mediating teams.
- ii.** Either the mediators or any member of the respective teams is authorized to initiate a caucus.
- iii.** Each round will entail with different set of facts and distinct confidential information designated for each opposing Negotiating Team, which will be provided before the commencement of the round.
- iv.** The Preliminary and Quarter Final Round will have a duration of **45 minutes** each, while the Semi-Final and Final Rounds will extend to **60 minutes** each.
- v.** A maximum of two (2) caucuses may be called. The maximum time allocated for caucuses is **10 minutes** for the Quarter-Final rounds and **15 minutes** for the Semi-Final Rounds and Final rounds.

• CAUCUS

A Caucus can take place between a mediator and both members of the Requesting Party or the Responding 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 **10 minutes (5 minutes per team)** out of **45 minutes** during the Quarter rounds.
- ii.** The maximum time limit for a caucus is **15 minutes (7.5 minutes per team)** out of **60 minutes** in semi-final and final rounds.

- iii.** The Caucus can be requested by either the Mediator or the client or counsel of any team during the session.
- iv.** The Mediator cannot reject the call for a Caucus initiated by the teams, while the teams may have discretion to accept it when initiated by the Mediator.
- v.** Mediator or mediating pair may request only one caucus during each round
- vi.** Teams going for Caucus will be sent to a separate room to maintain confidentiality.
- vii.** No caucus can be taken during the preliminary rounds.

- **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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

6. GENERAL PROTOCOLS

- **LANGUAGE**

The official language of the competition, for all purposes, shall be English. All written and oral submissions shall be made in English only.

- **DRESS CODE**

The dress code for the competition shall be **Court Formals** only.

- **CLARIFICATION OF COMMUNICATION**

i. All communications, queries, and clarifications concerning the competition may be emailed to **SamadhanADRC.solindore@nmims.edu** within the time allotted. The teams making such communications, raising queries, or requesting clarifications must mention their Team Code in the content of the email.

ii. The Clarifications shall be closed two days prior to the respective rounds.

iii. Any communication made or information conveyed to any member of a team shall be deemed to be communicated to the whole team.

- **GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL**

i. The organizing committee shall have the discretion to interpret the regulations as they deem fit, in the best interests of the participants and the organizers.

ii. The organizing committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for the participants' unethical, unprofessional, and immoral conduct.

iii. The organizing committee reserves the right to amend, alter, or vary any of the competition rules. Any such changes will be communicated to the teams in a timely manner.

iv. If any situation arises that is not covered by the rules, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final and binding.

- **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The participants must not only disclose any potential conflicts of interest promptly to the competition organizers but also refrain from participating in cases where a conflict of interest may compromise neutrality or impartiality.

COMPETITION ROUNDS

1. The event shall be conducted in a Hybrid Mode, i.e. the Preliminary Round shall be conducted online, and Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and Final rounds shall be conducted in the offline mode.
2. Preliminary rounds will consist of two rounds, i.e., **preliminary I and preliminary II**, which shall be conducted in the online mode. Each round shall be conducted for **45 minutes** followed by Judges' feedback.
3. The top 8 teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Round based on the cumulative team score of both preliminary Rounds.
4. The top 4 teams from the Quarter-Final Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Final rounds on a knockout basis, i.e., one team per round.
5. The top two teams from the Semi-Final Rounds shall go to the Finals based on the cumulative team scores in the Semi-Final Rounds.
6. In case of a tie, for a mediating pair, the team 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 Opening Statement 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

1. Respect for Parties and Colleagues - Treat all parties, judges, and organizers with respect and courtesy. Avoid language or behaviour that may be perceived as disrespectful, discriminatory, or offensive to any individual or group.

2. Professionalism and Ethical Conduct - Participants must conduct themselves professionally and ethically, adhering to principles such as impartiality, neutrality, confidentiality, and respect for all parties.

3. Anonymity - Teams must keep their unique Team Code confidential, using it for all communication related to the competition except with administrators. Disclosing identity or attempting to do so will result in immediate disqualification.

4. Scouting - Participants must refrain from discussing case details or confidential information outside of the competition setting and ensure that all records, notes, or information obtained during the competition are kept confidential and not shared without explicit permission.

5. Integrity and Fairness - Participants must maintain the integrity of the mediation process, avoiding actions that undermine fairness or impartiality. Teams must respect judges' decisions and refrain from disputing or undermining their judgments.

6. Compliance - All participants are expected to comply with this code of conduct and any instructions or decisions made by the Organizing Committee or Administration.

7. Disqualification - Participants can be disqualified for violating the code of conduct or competition rules, including cheating or unethical behaviour. The Organizing Committee has the authority to take prompt disqualification or other disciplinary actions as deemed necessary.

8. Identity Disclosure - The Participants shall not, at any stage of the Tournament, disclose the name of their institution to the judges and shall have to use their assigned team code. Noncompliance with this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team.

9. Powers of OC - In case of any changes to the rules, the Organizers Committee shall communicate the details to the participants. All discretionary power for the interpretation of rules and the outcomes of the Competition rounds vests with the Organizers. The decision of the OC shall be final and binding.

MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE MEDIATING PAIR

1	Opening Statement	10
2	Constructive Approach	10
3	Advocating Interest	10
4	Teamwork and Coordination	10
5	Use of Services of Mediator	10
6	Effective Use of Confidential Information	10
7	Body Language	10
8	Mutually Generating Creative Options	10
9	Negotiation Strategy	10
10	Time Management	10
TOTAL		100

MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE MEDIATOR

1	Opening Statement	15
2	Creating appropriate environment	10
3	Control over the session	10
4	Ability to work as a team	10
5	Eliciting information from mediating pair	10
6	Conduct and demeanor	10
7	Facilitating option generation	10
8	Closing statement	10
9	Time management	15
TOTAL		100

REGISTRATION

- **Registration Link:** Interested Teams must register for the competition using the following link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_66TIRxscHZVqEm-C5kXsb_gKXa_q6TDA17aVrhXN-Suv9A/viewform?usp=header
- **Payment:** The registration fee of **INR 3500** for Preliminary rounds (Virtual Mode) and an additional fee of **INR 3000** for mediating team and **INR 1500** for mediator (Accommodation & Food) for the qualifying rounds (Offline Mode) must be submitted.
- The registration fee for Grant- in- Aid colleges* of **INR 1750** for Preliminary rounds (Virtual Mode) and an additional fee of **INR 1500** for mediating team and **INR 750** for mediator (Accommodation & Food) for the qualifying rounds (Offline Mode) must be submitted.
- The deadline for registration and payment is **15th February, 2026**.
- Kindly ensure that both registration and payment are completed before this date to secure your participation in the competition.
- A maximum registration limit of **60 teams** has been set, on a first come-first-served basis.
- The team composition as mentioned during registration, must be maintained consistently throughout the competition.
- Any alterations must be promptly communicated to the organizing committee before **10th February 2026**.

*The Organizing Committee shall be exclusively vested with the right to determine and regulate the number of Grant-in-Aid colleges to be taken, and such decision shall be final and binding

REGISTRATION

- The Organizing Committee will send a confirmation of participation email after verifying the entire process as enlisted under the clauses.
- Upon the successful completion of all final registrations, teams will be assigned their Unique Team Codes.
- The qualifying teams for the Quarter-Final rounds are required to complete the remaining payment and share their travel details via Google form and mail to the committee on official Mail ID of **SamadhanADRC.solindore@nmims.edu** latest by **8th March**.
- In case of any withdrawal after making the payment of the registration fee, the same shall not be refunded.
- Any failure or non-adherence with the procedure may be treated as a withdrawal from the competition and no claim of whatsoever nature shall be entertained thereafter.

TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

- Accommodation for all qualifying teams participating in the competition shall be arranged by the organising Committee / NMIMS for the duration of the event. The accommodation will be provided at facilities designated by the organising committee and shall include meals as specified by the organisers.
- The accommodation charges for qualifying teams shall be **INR 3000** per meditating pair and **INR 1500** per mediator, and for Grant - in - colleges **INR 1500** per mediating pair and **INR 750** per mediator, payable for the entire duration of the competition. These charges cover lodging and meals during the competition days.
- The venue and details of the accommodation shall be communicated to the qualifying teams separately after the declaration of results. The organising committee reserves the right to finalise and allocate accommodation at its discretion.
- It is mandatory for all qualifying teams to avail themselves of the accommodation arranged by the organising committee. In the event that a team chooses to make independent accommodation arrangements, payment of the prescribed accommodation charges shall nevertheless remain compulsory.
- All participants are advised to adhere to the accommodation guidelines and instructions issued by the organising committee to ensure smooth conduct of the competition.

PAYMENT GATEWAYS

a) The registration fee for the competition is INR **3500/-** per team & registration fee for Grant- in- aid colleges is INR **1750/-**
Participants have the choice to transfer the fees by the following link or QR Code: **<https://nmims.edu/payments/final/dataFrom.php>**



b) After the completion of the Accommodation payment process for qualifying teams, those teams are supposed to mail the additional payment details and team composition before **8th March, 2026** On **SamadhanADRC.solindore@nmims.edu**.

PAYMENT GATEWAYS

Important Note:

- Participants must fill out an additional form which will appear on the screen while making the payment. In this form, participants must enter their contact number (instead of the student number). To ensure the contact number is in the correct format, add a zero (0) at the end to make it an 11-digit number. (For example, if the contact number ends in xxxxxx1384, it should be entered as xxxxxx13840).
- Please select "Event Registration" from the dropdown menu in the 'Purpose of Payment' section.
- Under the 'Event Name' field, participants are required to enter "IUMC".
- Under the 'Purpose of Payment' / 'Category' field, participants are required to select "Event Registration" from the drop-down menu.
- Under the 'Campus' field, participants are required to enter Indore Campus.

AWARDS

BEST MEDIATING PAIR

- Cash Prize of ₹15,000
- Certificate of Achievement
- Internship opportunity



BEST MEDIATOR

- Cash Prize of ₹7,000
- Certificate of Achievement
- Internship opportunity

RUNNER-UP MEDIATING PAIR

- Cash Prize of ₹12,000
- Certificate of Merit
- Internship opportunity



RUNNER-UP MEDIATOR

- Cash Prize of ₹5,000
- Certificate of Merit
- Internship opportunity

2ND RUNNER UP MEDIATING PAIR

- Certificate of Merit
- Internship opportunity



2ND RUNNER MEDIATOR

- Certificate of Merit
- Internship opportunity

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- Complementary Course Access on Mentblue for winning teams.
 - Exclusive 50% discount on Mentblue courses for all the registered participants.
 - All the position holders will have the internship opportunity at the below mentioned firms.

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