



D Y PATIL
DEEMED TO BE
UNIVERSITY
— SCHOOL OF —
LAW
NAVI MUMBAI

**INTERNATIONAL
MEDIATION
AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
CONFERENCE**

**06 & 07 DECEMBER
2025**

CONFERENCE THEMES

Bias, Power
Dynamics, and
Justice in
Mediation

Innovations in
Mediation:
Embracing
Technology and AI

Mediation in
Commercial and
Business Disputes

CONTACT FOR QUERIES

DY PATIL DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

Nestled in the picturesque campus at Nerul in Thane district of Navi Mumbai, DYPU is synonymous with excellence in higher education. Since its establishment 21 years ago DYPU has made groundbreaking changes in the area of higher education and witnessed exceptional growth, and rewarding success of students and faculty. The vision of the University has been to provide quality education in all spheres of higher learning and healthcare services in India.

The University believes in creating the pioneers of tomorrow, who follow a vision of transforming India into a global platform for education, healthcare, and sports. With nearly 15,000 students walking out of its portals every year, DYPU boasts of a shining network of alumni who stand testimony to the University's ideals. Each one of them is the beacon bearer of the society, who will change the face of this world with passion, dedication, & willpower.

40

Years of Legacy
in Education

72

Acre Campus

20+

Harvard Business
School Online
Programs

SCHOOL OF LAW

DY Patil Deemed to be University, School of Law, is committed to nurturing industry-ready legal professionals equipped to meet the evolving demands of the legal world. The School offers a dynamic learning environment that blends academic rigor with practical exposure. Through student-managed committees, new initiatives, and social development programs, students gain a broader understanding of law beyond the classroom.

A distinctive feature of the program is the seamless integration of classroom learning, fieldwork, and real-world legal engagement. With each semester, students progress from foundational subjects to specialized areas of law and jurisprudence, supported by strong analytical and research training.

At DYPOL, we actively collaborate with the legal fraternity, law firms, and social institutions to instill professional excellence and a sense of responsibility. Guided by an exceptional faculty, our students are prepared to become capable advocates, solicitors, and legal scholars who contribute meaningfully to the Indian judicial system and society at large.



Padmashree Dr. D. Y. Patil
Founder , DY Patil Group

The former Governor of Bihar, Tripura & West Bengal, and recipient of the prestigious Padmashree Award, Dr. D. Y. Patil is a well-known educationist and philanthropist.

He firmly believed that youth in India needed a greater platform that offered multiple opportunities to educate themselves across geographies. He envisioned spreading education across the length and breadth of India and started the journey with the first engineering college called Ramrao Adik Institute of Technology (RAIT) in Navi Mumbai in the year 1983. There has been no turning back since with the DY Patil Group taking giant leaps in the fields of education, healthcare & sports under his mentorship.

We started our education journey close to four decades ago in the 1980s with the idea of making good education accessible for our youth. Throughout the course of this long and rewarding journey, our endeavour has been to build a diverse yet welcoming community that can be instrumental in shaping the future of our country. As the world grows smaller and more connected, we're beginning to live and work with people who don't look like us, don't think like us, don't come from the same place as us, and don't share the same values and principles as us. In this world's converging into one large community, lies the biggest opportunity for the current generation. The opportunity to come together, exchange perspectives and collectively solve problems and do good for the entire human race.



Dr. Vijay D. Patil
Hon'ble Chancellor & President

Dr. Vijay Patil is an Indian Educationist, Philanthropist, and Sportsman. He has for long been working on crafting an extraordinary transformation of the Indian education ecosystem as he envisions India to be a global destination for education in the years to come. From a very young age, he knew the importance of education and sports in his life. With his vision for the future of Indian youth, he founded several educational institutes in India and forever changed the standard of sports training.

A Computer engineer from the University of Mumbai, with a degree in Management from the Bond University, Australia, Dr. Vijay D. Patil is a beacon in the field of education, sports, and health care in young India. Applauded and recognized in all these three fields around India, his quest for delivering the best in each domain continues to prevail. He strongly believes in developing and delivering state-of-the-art projects that will act as catalysts for the growth of the nation and sustain for years, benefiting young India. Dr. Vijay D. Patil truly believes that in a proliferating global economy, the best way to empower the youth of the country would be to make good educational facilities available to them. He feels that the progress of the future generations is defined by the world we choose to create for them & hence the best way to empower the youth would be to develop an ecosystem that offers opportunities for them to learn, grow and excel.

Dr Vijay D Patil shares a special bond with the students, staff and faculty of the institutions of the group. He is an approachable leader, constantly keen to understand the needs of the organization and looking for ways to create a better experience for all, through collaboration and cooperation. It has always been DY Patil University's goal to enhance the employability of graduates. The programs are backed by research, a sound curriculum and delivered by faculty who have been educated and trained at some of the best educational institutions in the country and abroad. Our university's academic structure is at par with the best in the world today.



Ms. Shivani V. Patil
Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor & Vice-President

Dr. Shivani Patil is the dynamic force propelling growth and innovation within the DY Patil Group. Her unparalleled dedication to the group's initiatives and overarching goals has been instrumental in achieving new levels of success. As a central figure in cultivating a thriving organizational culture, Dr. Patil ensures that every member of the DY Patil Group is both aligned with and empowered to contribute meaningfully to the group's larger vision. This commitment has created an environment where each individual's professional journey is not only fulfilling but also marked by growth and opportunity.

In her pivotal role, Dr. Patil leads crucial aspects of the group's strategic direction. She transforms the vision of delivering an exceptional educational experience into a tangible reality, contributing to the establishment of the DY Patil Group as an institution of inspiration and distinction. Her leadership is characterized by a clear focus on excellence, which has helped shape the group into a beacon of educational prowess and ambition.

Dr. Patil's vision is closely intertwined with the broader vision of the university. She holds a deep conviction that the future of the nation hinges on the quality of its educators who shape the next generation. This belief has inspired her to create an environment at DY Patil University that nurtures a comprehensive and enriching teaching-learning experience. The positive impact of her efforts is evident in the impressive achievements of the student community at the university, reflecting the effectiveness of her vision and leadership. Under Dr. Patil's guidance, the university has not only thrived but also demonstrated a profound commitment to faculty empowerment, student welfare, and the development of a dynamic youth force. Her strategic approach ensures that the university is not just an educational institution but a catalyst for national growth, fostering a new generation poised to drive progress and innovation.



Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Mishra Chaturvedi
Vice-Chancellor, DYPU

Dr. Vandana Mishra Chaturvedi is a dynamic and forward-thinking leader whose influence has profoundly shaped the direction and development of the University. Her leadership is marked by a clear and ambitious vision that has been instrumental in transforming the institution's academic landscape. Through her strategic insight and innovative approach, Dr. Chaturvedi has fostered an environment of excellence, creativity, and progress. Under her stewardship, the University has adopted a global perspective, reflected in numerous international collaborations and partnerships. Dr. Chaturvedi's strategic foresight has facilitated connections with leading institutions across the globe, significantly enhancing the University's international presence. This has opened up a wealth of opportunities for students and faculty, including cross-cultural exchanges and collaborative research endeavors, which have greatly enriched the institution's academic and research programs. Dr. Chaturvedi's efforts have not only broadened the University's global footprint but also elevated its standing in the global academic and research communities. Her leadership has been a catalyst for transformative change, driving the University's evolution through visionary strategies that emphasize the integration of interdisciplinary approaches. This forward-thinking approach has ensured that the University remains at the cutting edge of academic and research excellence, continually advancing and adapting to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world.



Prof. (Dr.) Karuna Akshay Malviya
Director, DYPU, School of Law

Dr. Karuna Akshay Malviya is a distinguished academic and legal professional with a Ph.D. in Law and a Senior Research Fellowship from the University Grants Commission. She holds an LL.M. in Criminal Law from the University of Mumbai with distinction and has also qualified the UGC-NET with Junior Research Fellowship. Her areas of expertise include Criminology, Constitutional Law, Legal Research, and Clinical Legal Education.

Before joining DY Patil School of Law, she held key positions at Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai, including Director of the Centre for Advanced Training, Coordinator of the Centre for Women, Law and Gender Justice, and Head of the Department of Research. A certified mediator, she has guided several Ph.D. scholars, appraised numerous theses, and served as Principal Investigator for the Maharashtra segment of a national project on prison reforms.

Dr. Malviya has authored books such as Contemporary Development in Arbitration (Thomson Reuters) and Banking and Insurance (Sai International Scientific Publications). Under her leadership, DY Patil School of Law has hosted national and international conferences, training workshops, and community initiatives promoting legal awareness and social justice.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The International Mediation and Dispute Resolution Conference 2025 seeks to provide a global platform for dialogue on the evolving role of mediation in fostering peaceful and effective dispute resolution across jurisdictions. While globalization has historically facilitated cross-border trade and economic interdependence, it now faces mounting pressures due to rising protectionism, trade tariffs, and the growing fragility of multilateral frameworks.

These developments have not only strained international cooperation but have also amplified conflicts—ranging from economic disputes to protracted geopolitical crises such as those between Russia and Ukraine, and Israel and Palestine. Within this context of contested globalization, mediation emerges as a crucial peace-building mechanism capable of restoring dialogue, trust, and cooperation.

By emphasizing developments such as the Singapore Convention on Mediation and India's Mediation Act, 2023, and by situating mediation within the broader challenges of overburdened courts and technological transformation, the conference aims to bring together jurists, practitioners, scholars, and policymakers to reimagine mediation as a cornerstone of global dispute resolution architecture and a resilient instrument of international peace-building.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

06 December 2025

10:00 AM – Inauguration & Keynote

11:30 AM – Panel Discussion 1

01:00 PM – Lunch

02:30 PM – Panel Discussion 2

04:00 PM – High Tea

07 December 2025

10:00 AM – Mock Mediation by Experts

11:30 AM – Panel Discussion 3

01:00 PM – Lunch

02:30 PM – Paper Presentations

**04:00 PM – Certificate Distribution
followed by High Tea**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

To register for the conference, please complete the **Google Form** accessible via the **link below or by scanning the QR code**.

Timelines:

Early Bird Registration: **07th November 2025**

Last date to register for conference: **15th November 2025**



Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/xNJsVVe4tT9Ychfb9>

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference invites original, unpublished research papers from scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students on the evolving landscape of mediation and dispute resolution in the global context. The Conference seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue on how mediation can strengthen peacebuilding, enhance access to justice, and address the complexities of disputes arising from globalization, technological transformation, and the shifting dynamics of multilateralism.

THEMES

Contributors are encouraged to engage with a wide range of themes, including but not limited to:

- Compulsory pre-litigation mediation and its implications for access to justice
- Ethics, confidentiality, and accountability in mediation practice
- Neutrality, impartiality, and perceived bias in mediation
- Cultural dimensions of mediation and cross-border dispute resolution
- The impact of the Singapore Convention on Mediation and the Indian Mediation Act 2023
- Technology-enabled mediation and online dispute resolution (ODR)
- Mediation as a peacebuilding and restorative justice mechanism in international and community conflicts

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Interested participants are requested to submit an **abstract of not more than 300 words by 10th November 2025**. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed, and authors of selected submissions will be notified by 14 November 2025. **The full paper, between 4,000–6,000 words, must be submitted by 30 November 2025**. Papers should follow the **APA 7th edition citation** style and be submitted in Word format (.doc/.docx) to [dypsol.events@dypatil.edu]. Co-authorship of up to two authors is permitted.

Selected papers may be considered for publication in an edited volume or conference proceedings, subject to editorial review.

FEES

Conference Registration Fees

- Students: ₹1500 (Early Bird – ₹1000)
- Academicians & Research Scholars: ₹2000 (Early Bird – ₹1500)
- Practitioners & Industry Experts: ₹2500 (Early Bird – ₹2000)

Includes: Conference kit, study material, participation certificate, breakfast, lunch, & refreshments.

** There is no fee or APC for publication of selected papers.*

*** Registration fee can be waived for selected participants who submit high quality abstracts and full paper for the conference. For waiver, they must write by an email to the conference director.*

**** All delegates must arrange their own accommodation.*



CONFIRMED SPEAKERS



Justice Roshan Dalvi
Former Judge, Bombay High Court



Dr. Gitanjali Prabhu Shetty
Mediator



Dr. Aman Hingorani
Senior Advocate



Namita Shah
Co-Founder Presolv 360



Pusshp Gupta
Coordinator-in-Chief EMW



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Advocate & Mediator



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Prathmesh Popat
Mediator



Aziz Tayabali Samiwalla
International Mediator

Convenor



Prof. (Dr.) Karuna Akshay Malviya
Director, DYPU, School of Law

Co-Convenor



Dr. Chirag Balyan
Associate Professor (Law)

SPEAKER PROFILES

Dr. Aman Hingorani

Dr. Aman Hingorani is a Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and a renowned mediator and trainer in alternative dispute resolution. He combines academic depth with rich litigation experience, holding a Ph.D. in International Law and a master's in mediation and conflict resolution. Dr. Hingorani has been a visiting faculty member at several national law universities and has contributed significantly to the field of ADR through publications, lectures, and training programs. His book *Unravelling the Kashmir Knot* reflects his analytical approach to legal and political conflicts, and his mediation work bridges theory and practice in both domestic and cross-border contexts.

Dr. Gitanjali Prabhu Shetty

Dr. Geetanjali Prabhu Shetty is a highly accomplished lawyer with over 20 years of experience in property, commercial contracts, mediation, and various legal fields. She has also held prominent positions in organizations such as the Indian Merchants Chambers and the World Mediation Organisation. With a doctorate focusing on mediation and peacebuilding, she has conducted numerous training sessions across India and has been instrumental in promoting a culture of dialogue in institutional and community settings. Dr. Shetty has served as a faculty member at leading law schools and as a consultant for mediation centers, contributing to the institutionalisation of mediation practices in India. Her work reflects a deep commitment to integrating empathy and professionalism in dispute resolution.

Namita Shah

Namita Shah is the Co-founder of Presolv360, India's leading Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform that leverages technology to make dispute resolution more accessible and efficient. A lawyer by training, Namita has been at the forefront of ODR innovation in India, collaborating with government bodies, corporations, and institutions to design scalable digital resolution systems. Her expertise lies at the intersection of law, technology, and policy, and she has been recognised for pioneering initiatives that promote preventive dispute management. She represents a new generation of professionals redefining mediation and arbitration for the digital age.

Kanchan Gupta

Kanchan Gupta is the Co-founder of CADRE (Centre for Advanced Dispute Resolution Excellence), a leading ODR institution dedicated to promoting cost-effective and time-efficient conflict resolution mechanisms. With a background in law and public policy, she has been pivotal in expanding the scope of digital dispute resolution in India. Under her leadership, CADRE has worked closely with industry and government stakeholders to institutionalise ODR systems and create awareness of its potential benefits. Kanchan's work reflects a forward-looking vision that combines technological innovation with a commitment to justice accessibility.

Hitesh J. Thakkar

Hitesh Thakkar is the Vice President of NAREDCO Maharashtra and a leading professional in the real estate and construction industry with a keen interest in dispute resolution and mediation. His work combines business leadership with advocacy for transparent and collaborative dispute management within the real estate sector. Through his involvement with NAREDCO, he has contributed to policy discussions on housing and urban development and has been instrumental in promoting ADR mechanisms for resolving property and commercial disputes efficiently. His practical industry perspective adds significant value to mediation and conciliation dialogues.

SPEAKER PROFILES

Pusshp Gupta

Pusshp Gupta is a professional mediator and the Coordinator-in-Chief of EMW. Her work focuses on building mediation networks, developing mediator capacity, and strengthening institutional collaboration in India and abroad. Pusshp has played a crucial role in training and coordinating mediators under EMW's initiatives and has worked extensively on promoting community and cross-border mediation. She brings both practical and organisational expertise to the mediation ecosystem and advocates for mediation as a tool for peacebuilding and sustainable conflict management.

Payel Chatterjee

Payel Chatterjee is a Partner at Trilegal, one of India's premier law firms, where she leads practice areas relating to dispute resolution, arbitration, and mediation. With over two decades of professional experience, she advises on complex commercial disputes and has represented major clients before courts and tribunals in India and abroad. She is a strong advocate of mediation and has contributed to developing mediation policies and frameworks within corporate and institutional contexts. Payel's work exemplifies how structured legal practice can effectively integrate mediation into mainstream dispute management.

Iram Majid

Iram Majid is the Executive Director of the Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation (IIAM), and Director at Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (APCAM). She is a leading voice in the ADR and ODR movement in India. A lawyer, accredited mediator, and trainer, she has over two decades of experience in designing mediation frameworks, training programs, and policy dialogues. Under her leadership, IIAM has strengthened its role as a key institution for mediation standards, accreditation, and cross-border cooperation. Iram is also associated with several international mediation initiatives and continues to promote the integration of mediation into India's legal and commercial systems.

Justice Roshan Dalvi (Retd.)

Justice Roshan Dalvi is a former Judge of the Bombay High Court and one of India's most respected judicial figures in the field of mediation and gender justice. During her tenure, she delivered landmark judgments and actively supported judicial mediation and conciliation initiatives. Since retirement, Justice Dalvi has been engaged in training mediators, conducting awareness programs, and advising on ADR reforms. Her deep judicial insight and commitment to access to justice make her a highly respected mentor and thought leader in the mediation community.

Prathamesh D. Popat

Prathamesh D. Popat is an accredited mediator, trainer, and ADR consultant with over three decades of experience in law and mediation. Beginning his legal practice at the Bombay High Court in 1991, he has since mediated hundreds of cases across commercial, family, property, and cross-border matters. Accredited by LEADR (Resolution Institute, Australia) and certified by the International Mediation Institute (IMI), The Hague, he is also a faculty member for mediation training programs across India and abroad. Prathamesh is recognised for his facilitative and transformative mediation style and his contribution to institutionalising mediation practices within the judiciary.

SPEAKER PROFILES

Ethelwald O. Mendes

Ethelwald O. Mendes is an Advocate and Accredited Mediator based in Goa with over three decades of legal practice. Enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa since 1987, he is empanelled with several mediation centres, including APCAM and IIAM, and serves as a mediation trainer. His practice spans civil, criminal, maritime, and commercial law, and he has been actively involved in both court-annexed and private mediation. Known for his facilitative and interest-based approach, Ethelwald has contributed extensively to developing mediation awareness in Goa and the broader western region of India.

Sahil Kanuga

Sahil Kanuga is a Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, one of India's top law firms, where he co-heads the international disputes and arbitration practice. With extensive experience in domestic and international arbitration, commercial litigation, and cross-border dispute resolution, Sahil is also an accredited mediator. He regularly speaks at national and international forums on arbitration and ADR policy. His practical insight into how mediation and arbitration intersect with business disputes makes him a valuable contributor to India's evolving ADR ecosystem.

Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat

Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat is the Managing Director and Group General Counsel of the Essar Group, where he oversees legal, compliance, and governance functions across diverse sectors. With more than 30 years of experience, he is recognised for promoting preventive legal strategies and integrating mediation into corporate dispute management. Dr. Gemawat is also an author, academician, and thought leader in corporate law and governance. His commitment to ethical leadership and responsible corporate governance has made him a respected figure in India's business and legal communities.

Aziz Tayabali Samiwalla

Aziz Tayabali Samiwalla is a distinguished advocate-and-solicitor, mediator, arbitrator, and neutral evaluator based in Singapore with over four decades of litigation and alternative dispute resolution experience. He began his legal practice in Singapore's courts in 1976 and, over the course of forty-eight years, has developed extensive expertise in commercial, construction, employment, shareholder, family, estate, and commodity trading disputes.

An accredited mediator for more than twenty years, Mr. Samiwalla received his initial mediation training in 2002 and has since added significant arbitration credentials, including completion of the ICC Masterclass for Arbitration in 2014. He is empanelled with several leading dispute resolution institutions, including the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and the Kigali International Arbitration Centre, and serves on the Law Society of Singapore's Panel of Neutrals for evaluation and mediation.

Fluent in English, Hindi, Malay (Bahasa Melayu), and Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia), Mr. Samiwalla continues to serve as counsel, mediator, and arbitrator through his firm, Aziz Tayabali & Associates, in Singapore. His long-standing commitment to mediation and cross-border dispute resolution reflects his deep understanding of multicultural dynamics in conflict management and settlement.

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