

Centre for Alternative
Dispute Resolution &
Professional Skills

BROCHURE

SAMANVAY INTERNATIONAL
MEDIATION COMPETITION,
2023



HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW
UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA
16 MILES, SHIMLA-MANDI NATIONAL
HIGHWAY, GHANDAL, DISTT. SHIMLA,
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ABOUT HPNLU

Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU) is a renowned legal institution nestled in the serene and picturesque city of Shimla, India. Established by an Act of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha (Act 16 of 2016), HPNLU has quickly gained prominence as a leading centre for legal education and research in the region with the visionary scholar of law, and Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nishtha Jaswal at its helm.

In the seven years of its foundation, HPNLU, Shimla has seen tremendous growth and has undertaken a good number of innovative measures to enhance its academic potential. Despite the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown, HPNLU didn't waver in its mission of guiding students towards knowledge, by being at the forefront of using digital platforms to conduct competitions, conferences, seminars, capacity building programs, and workshops.

The university's curriculum emphasizes a holistic approach, blending theoretical knowledge, with training in practical skills to prepare our students for the dynamic legal profession. The university's serene location amidst the breathtaking Himalayan rangers offers a tranquil and conducive environment for learning. The natural beauty and cultural heritage of Shimla adds to the overall experience, providing students with a well rounded and enriching educational journey.

Additionally, the university's infrastructure, well-stocked library, and modern research facilities create an optimal learning environment for students. With its unwavering commitment to academic rigour and practical training, HPNLU contributes to nurture and shape the legal minds of tomorrow, leaving an indelible mark on the legal landscape of India.



ABOUT CADR & PS

Established in the year 2020 with the aim of promoting alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and enhancing professional legal skills among law students, the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution & Professional Skills (CADR & PS), Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application in the field of ADR.

The Centre firmly believes in holistic growth and recognises that a comprehensive understanding of law goes beyond the confines of a classroom. To achieve this, we, at CADR place strong emphasis on delving into the practical aspects of law, which we seek by organising multifarious events, both for the students of the university, and for professionals and students throughout the legal community.

Rooted in the principles of efficiency, accessibility, and adaptability, CADR offers a comprehensive array of resources, education, and training in various alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, including mediation, arbitration, negotiation, and conciliation. By fostering a deep understanding of these methods, CADR equips law students, practitioners, and the wider community with invaluable skills to navigate complex disputes in a more collaborative and timely manner.

The center's commitment to research and scholarship in the field of dispute resolution contributes to the advancement of best practices and the development of innovative approaches to resolving conflicts. In pursuance of its goal of conditioning law students to efficiently resolve disputes and after witnessing tremendous success in the first two editions, the Centre is keen to conduct the third edition of its flagship event.



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

After witnessing a great response and appreciation from the participants across 32 premier law colleges and assessors across the globe in our past two flagship national mediations, the **Samanvay International Mediation Competition, 2023** is yet another step taken by the Centre for ADR and Professional Skills, HPNLU, Shimla towards acting as facilitator in increasing the love for Mediation among aspiring students. In the milieu of the backlog of cases reaching its saturation, Alternative Dispute Resolution such as Mediation and Negotiation provide a practical way out.

The competition seeks to provide a prodigious experience that will amplify the interests of young minds in this niche practice of law. The competition will help students brainstorm probable solutions for realistic challenges while providing them with the comfort of choosing their roles as per their preferences. It, therefore, tries to break the monotony of theory-based learning and helps students in putting their knowledge and skills to use.

This competition will also provide an opportunity for the participants to develop the requisite negotiating and communication skills through training sessions conducted by industry professionals. The appealing and ever-growing fields of the law will be selected for this competition to expose the participants to a situation where the interests of clients are multifold, often going beyond mere commercial interests. The participants are expected to take a multi-dimensional approach to reach a settlement, showcasing the variety of skills that can be useful in effective mediation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

1. The competition is open to every student pursuing a five-year or three-year course in law from any recognized Schools/Colleges/Universities.
2. For eligibility, it is hereby clarified that all the participants in one team shall belong to one institution only. No cross-institutional composition of teams is allowed.
3. The provisional registration is to be done by the respective institutions officially. Each institution can reserve a maximum of two slots in the provisional registration.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each team shall comprise 3 participants- one mediator, one client, and one counsel.
2. The roles of the participants must remain the same throughout the rounds.

FORMAT

1. The Mediation Propositions for the Preliminary Rounds is being released herewith.
2. In order to qualify for the oral rounds, the teams have to prepare and submit 2 Mediation Plans based on the propositions for Preliminary Round I and II. The top 32 teams selected upon assessment of their written submissions shall proceed to the oral Rounds based on the cumulative scores for their written submissions.
3. There will be a total of 6 rounds- 2 Preliminary Rounds, one Octa-Final, one Quarter-Finals, one Semi-Finals, and the Final Round.
4. Post preliminary rounds, ballots will be scored for each team, and the top 16 Negotiating pairs and Mediators will qualify for the Octa-Finals.

5. Post Octas, ballots will be scored for each team, and the top 8 Negotiating pairs and Mediators will qualify for the Quarter-Finals.
6. The Teams that qualify for the Quarter Final rounds shall be invited to the HPNLU Campus for competing in the Advanced Rounds.
7. Post Quarters, the top 4 Negotiating pairs and Mediators shall qualify for the Semi-final Rounds on a knockout basis.
8. Post the Semi-Finals, the top two performers from each category of roles, i.e., Negotiating pair and Mediator, played by the participants, will qualify for the Final round, on a knockout basis.

MODE

1. The Competition shall be held in **Hybrid** mode, whereby the Training, Workshop, Inaugural Ceremony, Preliminary Rounds and Octa Final Round shall be conducted virtually via Google Meet, while the Quarter Finals, Semi Final and Final rounds of the competition shall take place physically at the university campus.
2. Kindly note that the Offline conduction of the advanced rounds shall be contingent on the weather conditions of Himachal Pradesh and may be shifted to the Online mode in case the same is not favorable.

REGISTRATION

1. Provisional registration shall be opened for all eligible institutes from which thirty-two (32) teams will be selected for the competition.
2. Selection will be based on the screening process comprising of assessment of the two Mediation Plans with respect to the Propositions of Preliminary Rounds I and II.
3. **Provisional Registration Amount -**
 - Indian Teams - INR 2,000/-
 - Foreign Teams - \$ 30/-

4. The institutes must complete the “Provisional Registration” only through the Google Form link annexed below, on or before **5th October 2023**.

<https://forms.gle/uvUPvsvpD4KDYjD17>

5. Account Details: The Provisional Registration can be made via our ERP Portal with any of the modes provided for in the link attached herewith.

https://erphpnl.in/anon_evForm.htm?ev=22

6. After the assessment of the Mediation plans, the final list of teams (along with the waiting team list) will be released by **6th October 2023**.

7. The “Final Registration” shall be completed only when the participants pay the registration fees, which shall be done on or before **10th October 2023**.

8. Final registration details will be released to participants individually via e-mail only after completing the provisional registration process.

9. Final Registration Amount (the details for final registration shall be shared after selection of the final teams) -

- Indian Teams - **₹ 8,000 (rupees eight thousand only)**
- Foreign Teams - **\$ 130 (one hundred and thirty dollars only)**

10. Any clarifications with respect to the competition or the propositions can be sought via mail at cadhr@hpnlu.ac.in.

REWARDS

Best Negotiating Pair	10,000
Best Mediator	8,000
Runner-Up Negotiating Pair	6,000
Runner-Up Mediator	5,000
Best Negotiating Pair in Preliminary Rounds	4,000
Best Mediator in Preliminary Rounds	3,000
Best Mediation Plan	4,000

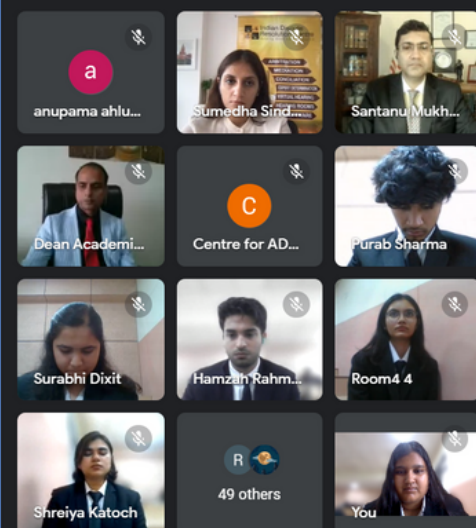
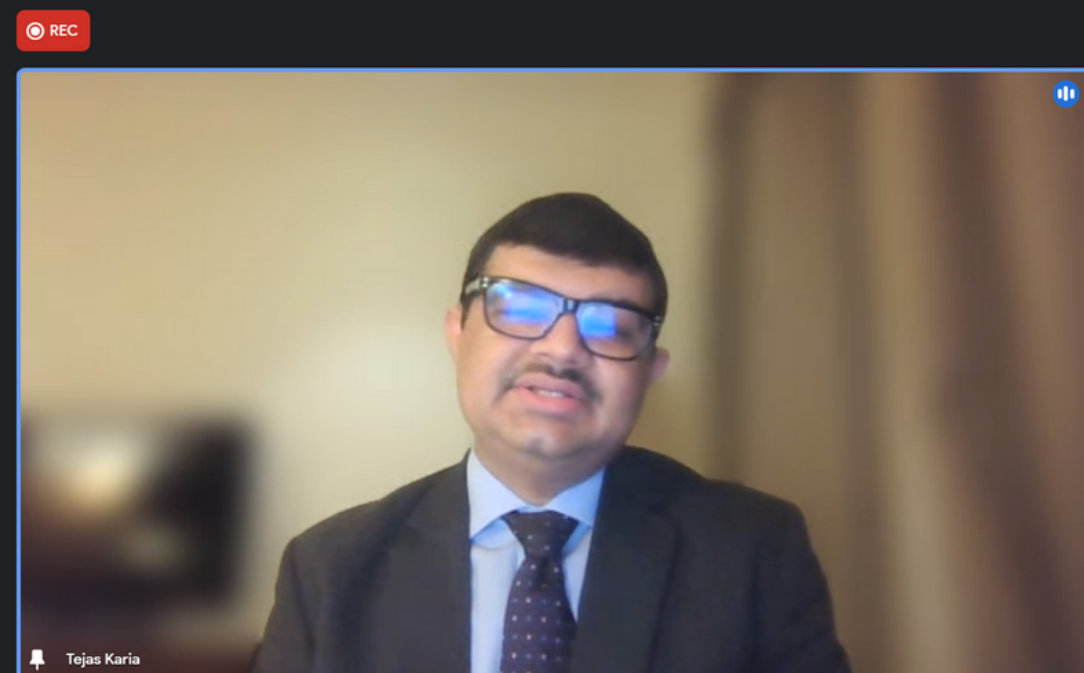
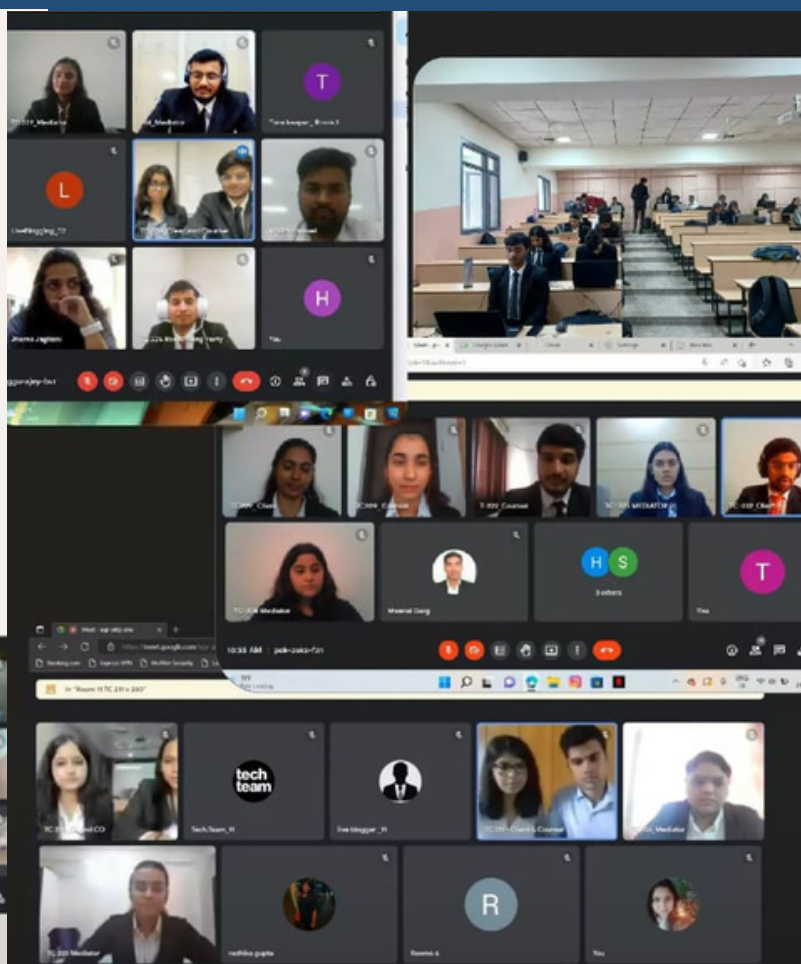
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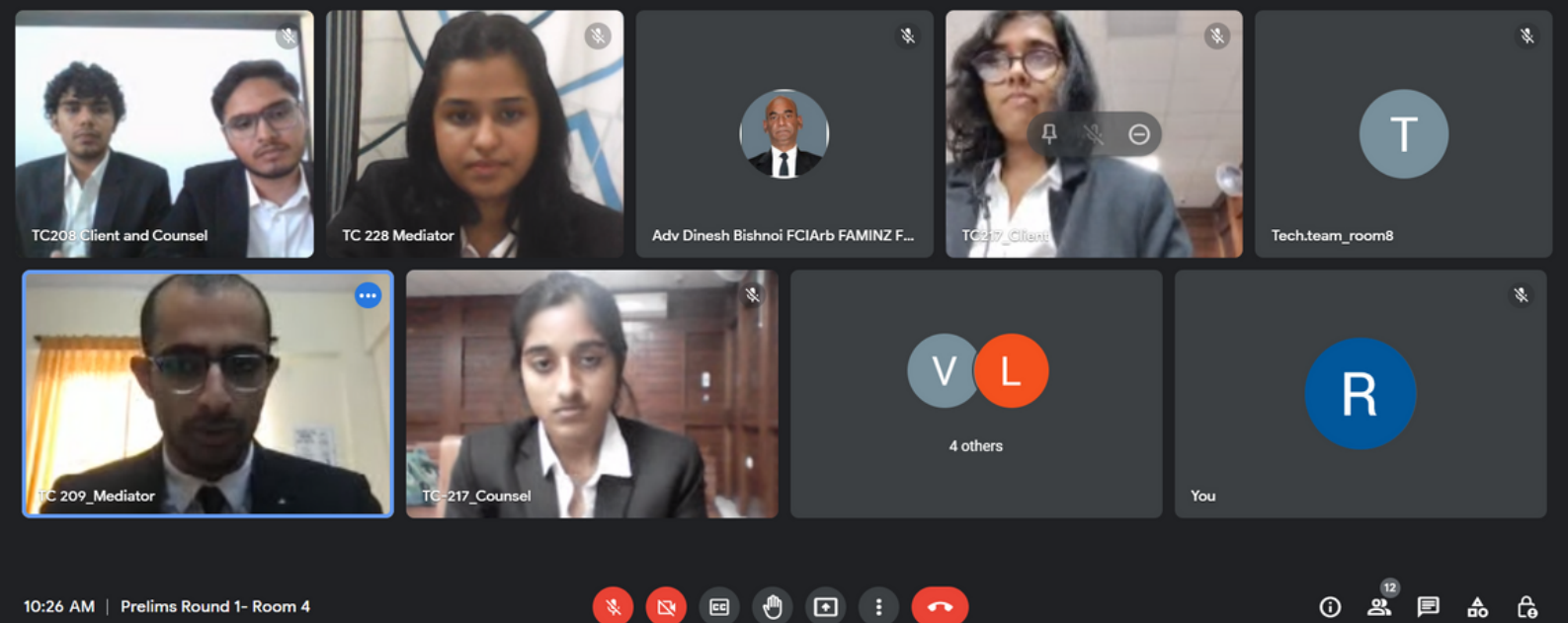
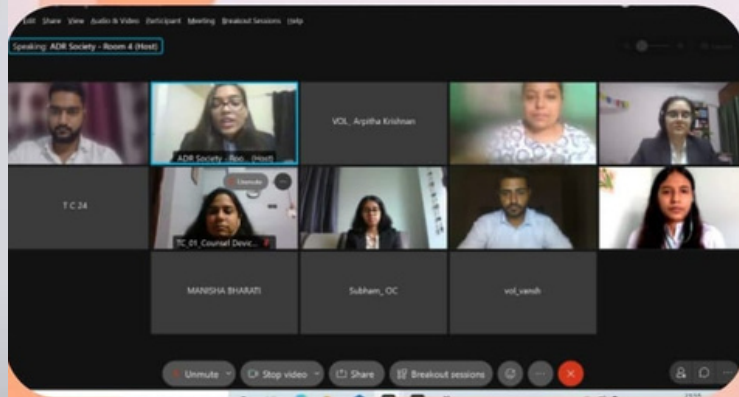
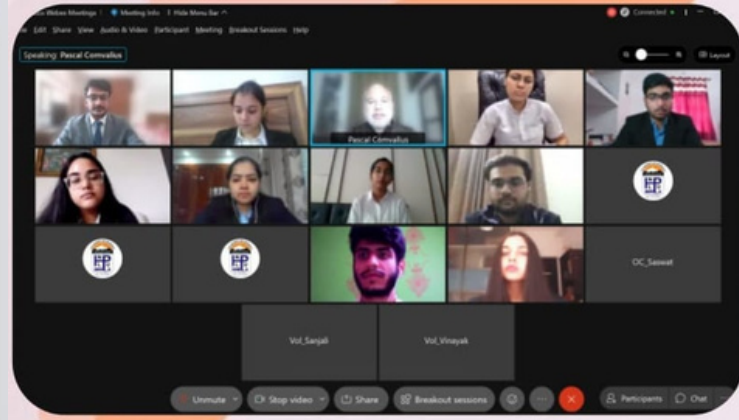
SCHEDULE

Opening of Provisional Registration	23rd September 2023
Closing of Provisional Registration	5th October 2023
Clarification Release	6th October 2023
Closing of Final Registration	12th October 2023
Training Workshop	20th October 2023
Inaugural Ceremony	21st October 2023
Preliminary Round 1	21st October 2023
Preliminary Round 2	22nd October 2023
Octa-Final Round	22nd October 2023
Quarter-Final Round	4th November 2023
Semi-Final Round	4th November 2023
Final Round	5th November 2023
Valedictory Ceremony	5th November 2023

Note: The dates, schedules and details pertaining to the competition are tentative in nature and subject to change depending upon the weather conditions in Himachal Pradesh. In case of any change, the details shall be communicated by the organizing committee at the earliest. Please follow us on social media for timely updates.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION





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