



**Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell,  
HPNLU Shimla**

# **3<sup>rd</sup> SAMANVAY INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2025**

## **BROCHURE**

**Online Rounds: 18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Offline Rounds: 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> October**



# About us

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

## ABOUT HPNLU SHIMLA

In the nine 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, the university didn't waver in its mission of guiding students towards knowledge, by being at the forefront of platforms using digital to conduct competitions virtually.

The university's serene location amidst the breathtaking Himalayan ranges 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, Shimla contributes to nurture and shape the legal minds of tomorrow, leaving an indelible mark on the legal landscape of India



# ABOUT ADRC

Established in the year 2020 with the aim of promoting alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and enhancing professional legal skills among law students, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell (erstwhile, 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 Cell firmly believes in holistic growth and recognises that a comprehensive understanding of law goes beyond the confines of a classroom. Rooted in the principles of efficiency, accessibility, and adaptability, ADRC offers a comprehensive array of resources, education, and training in various alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, including mediation, arbitration, negotiation, and conciliation.






# About Samanvay International Mediation Competition, 2025

## THE COMPETITION

After witnessing a great response and appreciation from the participants across premier law colleges and assessors across the globe in its maiden and second edition, we present yet another edition the Samanvay International Mediation Competition, 2025 as a step taken by the ADRC HPNLU, Shimla towards acting as facilitator in increasing the zeal for Mediation among aspiring students. 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.

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

The cell is committed 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 of our National Mediation Competition and the first and second Samanvay international Mediation Competition, the Cell is keen to conduct the third edition of its flagship event.



# 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.*
- 3.No cross-institutional composition of teams is allowed.*
- 4.The provisional registration is to be done by the respective institutions officially.*
- 5.Each institution can reserve a **maximum** of **three 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 3rd Samanvay International Mediation Competition, 2025, will be held in a hybrid mode, that is, partly online, and partly in the campus of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, surrounded by the serene Himalayas.*
- 2.There will be a total of 6 rounds - 2 Preliminary Rounds, one Octa-Final, one Quarter-Finals, one Semi-Finals, and the Final Round.*
- 3.The allocation of the slot is contingent on the availability of the total number of slots available with the Cell.*
- 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, Shimla Campus for competing in the Advanced Rounds.*

*\*Participation of teams from foreign universities is subject to political clearance given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.*

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. Institutes interested in sending across a team must fill the following **Provisional Registration form** latest by **8th August 2025**.
3. Upon selection by the Organizing Committee, an email confirming the slot of the institute along with the final registration form and payment link will be sent on the concerned email ID (either of the registered ADR Cell or of the point of contact).
4. The Registration fee for the competition is **INR 15,000/-** per team (for Indian teams only), and **USD 200** (for international teams only), which is inclusive of the cost of food, accommodation, registration and other logistical charges. However, the fee does not include Transportation costs.
5. Please note that this fee is non-refundable.
6. Final Registration of the team is subject to the successful payment of the registration fee within the stipulated time.
7. The Final Registration shall be completed only when the participants pay the registration fees, which shall be done on or before **20th August, 2025**.
8. Any clarifications with respect to the competition or the propositions can be sought via mail at [adrc@hpnlu.ac.in](mailto:adrc@hpnlu.ac.in).

# AWARDS

AWARD	AMOUNT
Best Negotiating Pair	45,000
Best Mediator	25,000
Runner-Up Negotiating Pair	20,000
Runner-Up Mediator	10,000
Best Negotiating Pair in Preliminary Rounds	10,000
Best Mediator in Preliminary Rounds	5000
Best Mediation Plan	5000

*\*Internship and other benefits will also be provided .*

*\*\*Amount in INR.*



# SCHEDULE

Opening of Provisional Registration	18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025
Closing of Provisional Registration	8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2025* (*Subject to Extension)
Closing of Final Registration	20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2025
Training Workshop	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
Inaugural Ceremony	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
Preliminary Round-I	19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
Preliminary Round-II	19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
Octa-Final Round	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
Mediation Plan Deadline	10 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025** (**only for Teams qualifying for the Advanced Rounds)
Training Session Offline	13 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025
Quarter Final Rounds	14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025
Semi-Final Rounds	14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025
Networking Event	14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025
Final Rounds	15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025
Valedictory Ceremony	15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025

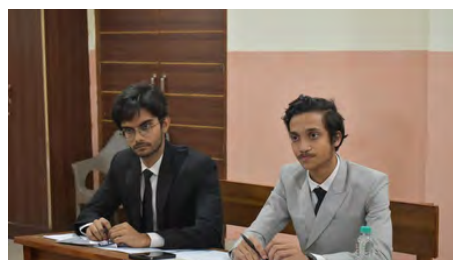
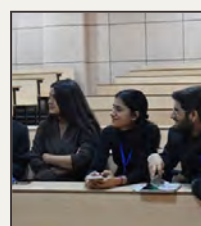
Note: The dates, schedules and details pertaining to the competition are tentative in nature and subject to modification based on prevailing weather conditions in Himachal Pradesh. In the event of any changes, the particulars shall be communicated by the organizing committee at the earliest. Kindly follow our official social media for timely updates and notifications.



# PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION







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