



The Centre For Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR)

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (RGNUL)

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, was established in 2018 with the vision of advancing Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as a means of achieving socio-economic and political justice. Dedicated to nurturing academic and professional excellence, CADR serves as a dynamic platform for students, researchers, and professionals to explore and deepen their engagement with ADR. Supported by a dedicated team of faculty and students, the Centre is committed to strengthening ADR mechanisms in India and fostering a culture of innovative dispute resolution.

In line with its objectives, CADR has introduced a range of innovative and impactful events in collaboration with esteemed partners. Below is an overview of some of the Centre's flagship initiatives:

CADR-RGNUL'S CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ON ADR

S. NO.	NAME OF THE EVENT	COLLABORATORS	YEAR
1.	2 nd National Seminar on ADR in Consumer Protection in India	Centre for Consumer Protection Law and Advocacy, RGNUL; Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR	2024
2.	1 st Annual National Seminar on ADR in India: The Way Forward	Dr. P. C. Markanda Chair on Alternative Dispute Resolution	2023
3.	CTIL-RGNUL Conference on Dispute Settlement in International Trade Agreements	Centre for Trade & Investment Law (CTIL), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)	2022
4.	International Conference on Regulation of Sports & Entertainment Law	JLU School of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal	2021
5.	Joint Colloquium on Institutional ADR	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.; Triumvir Law; Centre for Mediation & Conciliation, Bombay Chambers of Commerce; Hyderabad Arbitration & Mediation Centre; Indian Institute of Arbitration & Mediation; International Centre for Dispute Resolution; Singapore International Arbitration Centre; Shehata & Partners, Egypt	2021



6.	Law Practicum Series: Deconstructing Ad Hoc and Institutional Arbitration	Beihai Asia International Arbitration Centre (BAIAC)	2021
7.	National Seminar on the Development of Mediation Regime in India	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.; Geeta Institute of Law	2020
8.	Panel Discussion on the Interface Between Arbitration and Mediation vis-à-vis Singapore Convention	Justice K. Kannan; Mr. Paul E. Mason, Mr. Francis Goh, Dr. Sukhsimranjit Singh, Ms. Bhavya Mahajan	2020
9.	International Webinar on Mediation: A Peek into Post Covid -19 Scenario	Ms. Arlene Kiefer, Ms. Iram Majid, V. Inbavijayan, Mr. Akhila Raj	2020
10.	SAM-CADR-LADRC Webinar Series on Arbitration Law	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.; Llyod Law College, Noida	2020
11.	Webinar on Arbitrability of Consumer Disputes	Dr. Sushila, Assistant Professor, NLU Delhi, Advocate Prateek Mahajan	2020
12.	Master Class on Emergency Arbitration and Online Dispute Resolution	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.; Chambers of Rattan K. Singh	2020
13.	RGNUL Multidisciplinary Congress on Foreign Direct Investment in South Asian Region	Centre for Trade and Investment Law, New Delhi; School of Social Sciences and Inter-disciplinary Studies, RGNUL	2019
14.	SAM-PACT Bootcamp on Arbitration Law	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. and The PACT	2019
15.	Panel Discussion on Role of Mediation and Arbitration in Bi-lateral Trade and Investment Between India and Australia	Australian Disputes Centre, Sydney, Australia	2019

CADR-RGNUL'S CREDIT COURSES & WORKSHOPS

S. NO.	NAME OF THE COURSE/WORKSHOP	COLLABORATORS	YEAR
1.	Seven-Day Capacity Building Workshop on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)	Sama	2024
2.	Online Certificate Course in Mediation	Dr. P. C. Markanda Chair on Alternative Dispute Resolution	2024



3.	Online Certificate Course in Sports Law & Dispute Resolution	Dr. P. C. Markanda Chair on Alternative Dispute Resolution	2024
4.	Assignment-Based Workshop on the Importance of Seat of Arbitration	Beihai Asia International Arbitration Centre (BAIAC), Singapore	2021
5.	Certificate Course on International Taxation and Tax Policy Post BEPS World	Peshori Consultants, Mumbai	2020
6.	Credit Course on Investment Arbitration	Triumvir Law Firm	2019

CADR-RGNUL'S ESSAY WRITING COMPETITIONS

S. NO.	NAME OF THE COMPETITION	COLLABORATORS	YEAR
1.	2 nd RGNUL Arbitration Essay Writing Competition, 2023	Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)	2023
2.	1 st RGNUL Arbitration Essay Writing Competition, 2022	Australian Disputes Centre, Sydney	2022
3.	Ratan K. Singh Essay Competition on International Arbitration	The Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, USA; Mr. Ratan K. Singh	2019

CADR-RGNUL'S EDITORIAL & RESEARCH INITIATIVES

The CADR Blog

[The CADR Blog](#) is committed to publishing analytical and thought-provoking blogs on contemporary issues within the ADR discourse. Recognizing the significance of revisiting underexplored topics, the Blog also encourages contributions that bring fresh perspectives to longstanding discussions. The CADR Blog is accessible on the [CADR-RGNUL Website](#), which serves as a comprehensive resource for all information related to the Centre.

RADR: Upcoming Journal of CADR

The [RADR Journal](#) is aimed to be a prestigious platform that publishes articles offering analytical and novel perspectives on contemporary and relevant issues in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Adhering to a strict



double-blind peer review process, it shall ensure academic rigor and excellence, fostering meaningful contributions to the field of ADR through innovative and thought-provoking scholarship.

RADAR: CADR Newsletter

The quarterly [CADRadar Newsletter](#) delves into contemporary issues and pertinent developments pertaining to alternative dispute resolution. Each edition features an insightful analytical blog piece, offering critical perspectives and fostering discourse on key developments, ensuring readers stay informed and engaged with the evolving landscape of ADR.

CADR-RGNUL's Recommendations to Union Ministries on ADR Legislation

CADR actively contributes to the development of ADR through research-driven initiatives, including submitting recommendations to the Central Government Ministries on ADR-related legislation such as the [Draft Arbitration and Conciliation \(Amendment\) Bill, 2024](#), and the Draft Commercial Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2024, in collaboration with the Kautilya Society, RGNUL. These efforts promote progressive legal reforms in the field of ADR.

CADR-RGNUL'S ANNUAL ADR COMPETITIONS

RGNUL Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition (SEMC)

Launched in 2019, the RGNUL Sports and Entertainment Law Mediation Competition (SEMC) is a premier ADR event in India, dedicated to mediation in sports and entertainment law. Attracting top ADR talent nationwide, SEMC stands out for its focus on this niche domain. Renowned for its challenging problem statements and expert judging panels, the competition offers participants a platform to refine their skills and gain practical insights into resolving complex legal disputes.

RGNUL National Negotiation Competition

With 3 successful editions in collaboration with Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas (SAM), one of India's leading law firms, this competition provides an exceptional opportunity for participants to develop negotiation skills. Each year, the event witnesses participation from major law schools across India, fostering intense competition and providing an unmatched platform for learning about negotiation. The previous editions offered a dynamic platform for the practical application of multifaceted issues in Aviation Law, Company Law, extradition, expropriation, Family Law, International Law, Space Law and many other contemporary fields, honing their negotiation abilities on a national stage. The details about the previous editions can be accessed [here](#).

Surana & Surana & RGNUL International Arbitral Award Writing Competition

In collaboration with Surana & Surana International Attorneys, this Arbitral Award Writing competition has completed [5 successful editions](#). It offers participants the opportunity to refine their skills in writing



arbitral awards, judged by some of the most experienced professionals in the field. The competition's prestige and strong participation make it a standout event in the field of arbitration.

RGNUL Intra Mediation Competition

An annual event aimed at fostering an ADR culture within the RGNUL student community, this competition serves as both a preparatory platform for external competitions and a method for fairly allocating opportunities. In 2024, the competition saw participation from 339 students, marking it as one of the most highly attended internal events.

RGNUL Intra Client Counselling Competition

A key event organized annually by CADR, this competition helps students hone essential skills in client consultation and counselling—skills vital for legal practitioners. The 2024 edition saw 296 students engage with the latest legal developments, showcasing their abilities in realistic client scenarios. The event also determines the selection of teams in external client counselling competitions.

CADR-RGNUL'S STUDENT ADR ACHIEVEMENTS

S. NO.	ADR COMPETITION	POSITION	YEAR
1.	4 th National ADR Fest, Concordat 4.0, IFIM Law School (Med-Arb Segment)	Winners	2024
2.	2 nd Samanvay International Mediation Competition, 2024, HPNLU Shimla	Runners-Up	2024
3.	4 th Amity University Madhya Pradesh National Mediation Competition	Runners-Up	2024
4.	4 th AZB-GLC ADR Triathlon 2024	Runners-Up Contingent, Best Negotiating Pair	2024
5.	X NLS NMC (Negotiation Segment)	Runners-Up	2024
6.	1 st National Competition on Negotiating Transactional Documents by UPES, Dehradun	Best Negotiator	2024
7.	3 rd NALSAR Mediation Tournament	Runners-Up	2024
8.	GNLU, The PACT, SAM, Mediation Championship India	Runners-Up	2023



9.	3 rd National Negotiation Competition, 2023, UPES Dehradun	Winners	2023
10.	3 rd AZB-GLC National ADR Triathlon 2023	Runners-Up	2023
11.	3 rd International Mediation Competition 2023, Newcastle University, UK	Winners	2023
12.	1 st Maharishi Markandeshwar (DU) National Mediation Competition	Winners, Best Team	2023
13.	7 th HSF-NLUD International Negotiation Competition, 2022	Winners	2022
14.	FDI Mediation Moot 2022	5 th Best Negotiating Team	2022
15.	2 nd National Mediation Competition by Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla	Runners-Up	2022
16.	CONCORDAT 2.0, IFIM Law College, Bangalore	Winners	2022
17.	3 rd Mediation Bombay Competition 2022, MNLU, Mumbai	Second-Runners-Up	2022
18.	National Mediation Tournament 2022, NMIMS	Winners	2022
19.	3 rd NLU Jodhpur National Deal Mediation Competition, 2022	Winners	2022
20.	2 nd Christ-Med Arbitration Competition, 2022	Best Arbitrator	2022
21.	1 st National Mediation Competition, 2021, Amity University, Madhya Pradesh	Runners-Up (Mediator)	2021
22.	2 nd S.K. Misra Memorial International Mediation and Negotiation Competition, 2021	Best Speaker (Finals)	2021
23.	1 st Prof SK Singh Memorial National Client Counselling Competition, 2021 (Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow)	Runners-Up and Best Counsel	2021
24.	3 rd TNNLU National Med-Arb Competition, 2021	Best Client-Counsel Pair	2021



25.	1 st National Mediation Competition, Amity University, Madhya Pradesh	Runners-Up (Mediator)	2021
26.	Late (Shri.) TJ Varghese Tharakan National Virtual Client Counselling Competition, LawInternships	Winners, Runners-Up	2021
27.	1 st National Online Client Counselling Competition, Karnataka Lingayat Education (KLE) College of Law, Navi Mumbai	Winners	2021
28.	Christ University Mediation-Arbitration Competition	Best Arbitral Award	2021
29.	7 th National Client Consultation Competition, School of Law, North Cap University	Runners-Up	2021
30.	3 rd TNNLU National Med-Arb Competition, 2021	Winners	2021
31.	3 rd SYAR Mediation & Negotiation Competition, 2021	Best Negotiating Pair	2021
32.	9 th NLIU INADR Mediation Tournament, 2021	Best Mediator	2021
33.	S.K. Misra Memorial International Mediation and Negotiation Competition 2.0, Lloyd Law College	Best Negotiating Team	2021
34.	4 th Amity National ADR Tournament, 2021 (Client Counselling Segment)	Runners-Up	2021
35.	VIII NLS NMC (Client-Attorney Segment)	Winners	2021
36.	1 st KLE Law College Bombay Client Counselling Competition, 2021	Winners	2021
37.	2 nd National Online Negotiation Competition (NONC), Society for Young Advocates and Researchers (SYAR India)	Best Negotiating Team	2020
38.	3 rd JS Verma Memorial ADRCC, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi	Runners-Up	2020
39.	2 nd Negotiation Competition, SYAR	Best Negotiating Team	2020
40.	2 nd UPES National Mediation Competition	Runners-Up (Mediator)	2020



41.	1 st National Virtual Law Fair, 2020 (Client Counselling Segment)	Runners-Up	2020
42.	S.K. Mishra International Mediation Competition	Best Negotiating Team	2020
43.	1 st Legal Zems Client Counselling Competition, 2020	Winners	2020





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