

EDITORIAL NOTE

In an aspirational young university, for a young research centre with aspirations, young law students have aspired to take the next first step towards contributing to the literature on the subject that they share a common passion for – Alternative Dispute Resolution. I am happy to introduce the first volume of CADR-RGNUL's *Review of Alternative Dispute Resolution (RADR)*, an endeavour that has been afoot for the past seven years, ever since CADR was constituted in 2018. Since CADR's inception, each blog published, each essay writing competition conducted, and every ADR seminar held has been a step towards building the competence, connections, and determination required for embarking on a regular and important academic commitment institutionally.

This maiden volume comes propitiously at a time when alternative dispute resolution is under great legislative and judicial focus. the Mediation Act, 2023 has been enacted recently, and the Supreme Court of India has settled long-standing questions in decisions such as *In Re: Interplay between Arbitration Agreements under the Arbitration and Conciliation, 1996 and the Indian Stamp Act, 1899* and *Central Organisation for Railway Electrification v ECL-SPIC-SMO-MCML (JV)*. Even to commemorate the 75th year of its establishment, the Supreme Court chose to organize a Special Lok Adalat where more than 1000 cases were settled over a period of five days.

Contributors to the present volume of *RADR* have similarly taken up fertile areas of discussion in their papers, dealing with crucial facets of mediating and arbitrating disputes arising out of Intellectual Property Law, Competition Law, Family Law, Commercial Law, Company Law, Insolvency Law, Media Law, and Medical Law. These research papers have undergone rigorous editorial scrutiny and are certain to be of interest and value to students and practitioners alike.

I am grateful to the entire Editorial Board of CADR for the inaugural volume of *RADR*, which in turn stands on the shoulders of past editorial teams. The Editorial Board is also immensely thankful to each member of the Peer Review Board and the Advisory Board, whose input has been worth its weight in gold and has helped steer the editorial process in the right direction.

I am confident that *RADR* will continue to progress from strength to strength, strive to publish quality legal scholarship, and thereby do its part in furthering discourse on alternative dispute resolution and making justice with finality accessible. As remarked by a Supreme Court Justice taking an alternative view of the pendency in Indian courts, increasing litigation is a reflection of the people's confidence in the legal system. I hope our readers repose similar faith in alternative dispute resolution and taste greater success therein.

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