



THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE  
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TNNLU Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

PRESENTS

# 7th National Med-Arb Competition (NMAC) 2026

Preliminary Rounds  
(Online) – 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026

Advanced Rounds  
(Hybrid) – 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026

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# ABOUT TNNLU



The Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU) located in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India is a premier National Law University established by the Government of Tamil Nadu by an Act of the State Legislature in 2012. With a built-up area of over 25 acres, TNNLU offers two five-year integrated undergraduate law programmes approved by the BCI viz. B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.), one-year LL.M Degree programmes, and Doctor of Philosophy Programmes [PhD (Law) and PhD (Interdisciplinary)]. TNNLU is committed to excellence through faculty-to-student, student-to-student, and faculty-to-faculty academic engagement in curriculum development and improvement, teaching and learning, interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research, knowledge dissemination, innovation through continuous cross sectional stake-holder engagement, and high quality education pedagogy. Interdisciplinary approaches remain the central hallmark of the research and teaching culture of TNNLU.

Recognizing the significance of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms, TNNLU places great importance on understanding ADR mechanisms and their principles. With the provision of clinical and specialized courses in the field, Intra-University competitions, a centre dedicated to research in ADR mechanisms and dedicated participation in external competitions, TNNLU has a bustling ADR culture. The Centre for ADR in particular undertakes robust research in the value of ADR mechanisms and how they may be improved.

# THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (ADRC)

## ABOUT US

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (ADRC) at Tamil Nadu National Law University was established in 2018 to serve as a comprehensive platform to introduce law students to the dynamic world of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Our commitment is rooted in preparing law students for the evolving landscape of dispute resolution, where ADR methods are gaining prominence. In furtherance of this commitment, the ADRC has successfully conducted workshops, intra-university ADR competitions, along with six editions of its flagship event, the TNNLU National Med-Arb Competition (NMAC).

## OUR GOAL

In a world where traditional dispute resolution mechanisms often falter, we believe in the transformative potential of ADR. The ADRC's mission is to expose and equip budding legal minds with the skills and knowledge necessary to engage in various ADR methods. We aspire to inculcate in our student community the ability to reshape the way disputes are resolved.

# TNNLU NATIONAL MED - ARB COMPETITION (NMAC)

## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The National Med-Arb Competition (NMAC) is built upon the edifice of the Med-Arb model of dispute resolution—a mechanism that offers a simple, cost-effective, and decisive course of action for achieving a party-oriented settlement or award. It tests the versatility of a mediator who transitions into the role of an arbitrator while simultaneously challenging the adaptability of participants who must act as a collaborative client-counsel pair during the mediation phase and seamlessly transition into a counsel-counsel dynamic during the arbitration phase. This dual assessment both evaluates and enhances the mediation and arbitration skills of participants.

TNNLU would be honoured to invite your esteemed institution to the Seventh Edition of the TNNLU National Med-Arb Competition, 2026.

## ESTEEMED ADJUDICATION PANELS

NMAC has always been adjudicated by a panel of adjudicators with immense experience in their respective areas of expertise. Every year, judges from diverse areas are called to the table to use their collective wisdom and experience to make unparalleled discernments of skill and uphold the highest standards of impartiality and ADR prowess throughout the duration of each edition of IMAC and NMAC. Following is a list of the panel of judges in the Final Round of past NMACS:

Year	Judges and Designations
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nikshita Niranjana: Deputy Registrar, International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Hyderabad</li> <li>• Mr. Tamilarasan Varadarajan: Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Senior Legal Consultant to the Ministry of Social Justice and Environment, Government of India</li> <li>• Ms. Priyanga T: Assistant Professor, Government Law College</li> <li>• Ms. Sasee Devi: Advocate and Mediator, Madras High Court</li> </ul>
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Chitra Narayan: Advocate and Mediator, Madras High Court</li> <li>• Ms. Rathna Thara: Advocate and Mediator, Madras High Court</li> <li>• Ms. Sasee Devi: Advocate and Mediator, Madras High Court</li> <li>• Mr. Parthasarathy Raghavan: Designated Senior Advocate</li> <li>• Mr. Raghavan Ramabadran: Partner, Lakshmikumaran &amp; Sridharan, Chennai</li> <li>• Mr. V. Raghavachari: Designated Senior Advocate</li> </ul>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retd. Justice Kannan Krishnamurthy: Retired Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, originally from the Madras High Court, and Founder of Madhyasthanam</li> <li>• Ms. Chitra Narayan: Registered Mediator, Madras High Court</li> <li>• Mr. A.J. Jawad Registered: Mediator, Madras High Court</li> <li>• Mr. R. Sankaranarayanan: Additional Solicitor General Of India, Southern Zone</li> <li>• Mr. Karthik Seshadri: Partner, Iyer and Thomas, Chennai</li> <li>• Mr. Inbavijayan Veeraraghavan: International Commercial Arbitrator &amp; Founder, Kove Global LLP</li> </ul>

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF NMAC

- Many teams from recognised National law Schools participated in the Preliminary Rounds, which were conducted offline on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- Top teams qualified for the Advanced Rounds which were conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024, which included Semi-Finals and Finals.
- The Valedictory ceremony was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> EDITION OF IMAC

- A total of 20 teams participated in the Preliminary Rounds, which were conducted online to ensure accessibility for teams worldwide.
- The top 12 teams qualified for the offline Advanced Rounds, which included a Qualifier Round, Semi-Finals, and Finals.
- The Advanced Rounds commenced on 19th April 2025.



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# VII TNNLU NATIONAL MED - ARB COMPETITION (NMAC)

The ADRC of TNNLU is proud to introduce the Seventh Edition of the International Med-Arb Competition (NMAC), a premier platform for aspiring dispute resolution professionals across the globe. Med-Arb stands out as a hybrid process that combines the collaborative approach of Mediation with the decisive framework of Arbitration. This competition seeks to provide participants with a holistic understanding of this innovative mechanism, preparing them to excel in real-world conflict resolution.

This competition consists of two separate Stages of Mediation and Arbitration in every Round. The team reprising the role of Client-Counsel in the Mediation Rounds will become the Counsels in the Arbitration Rounds. The participant reprising the role of a Mediator in the Mediation rounds dons the role of an Arbitrator in the Arbitration Rounds. After the completion of each online Preliminary Round, the participants reprising the role of Mediator/Arbitrator shall be given time to draft an Arbitral Award. The preliminary rounds of the competition will be conducted online, ensuring accessibility for teams .

The top 16 teams from the 32 teams participating in the Preliminary Rounds will then proceed to the offline Advanced Rounds, consisting of a Qualifier Round, Semi-Finals, and Finals. The Advanced Rounds, set to be hosted at the TNNLU campus in Tiruchirappalli, India, will see participants engage in Med-Arb rounds in a vibrant and immersive setting.

# AWARDS

The following awards will be distributed at the Valedictory Ceremony of the Competition. The winners will received exciting prizes!

- 1. Winner – Negotiating Team**
- 2. Runner Up – Negotiatin Team**
- 3. Winner – Mediator-Arbitrator**
- 4. Runner Up – Mediator-Arbitrator**
- 5. Best Memorial**
- 6. Best Arbitral Award**

## COMPETITION TIMELINE

Commencement of Provisional Registration	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Release of Problem	24 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Deadline for Provisional Registration	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Confirmation of slots & commencement of Final Registration	28 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Deadline for Seeking Clarification	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
Deadline for Final Registration	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Release of Clarifications	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

Deadline for submitting soft copy of Arbitration Memorandum(s) for Preliminary Rounds	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Preliminary Rounds of TNNLU National Med-Arb Competition (NMAC), 2026	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Advanced Rounds of TNNLU National Med-Arb Competition (NMAC), 2026	28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Valedictory Ceremony	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

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