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5TH CNLU INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2027

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ABOUT CNLU

Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna, is one of India's premier National Law Universities, established under the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Bihar Act No. 24 of 2006), and recognised under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956. The University was founded on July 15, 2006, with a clear and visionary mandate: to provide quality legal education of the highest standard, raise national legal standards to a competitive international level, and promote legal awareness within the broader community in furtherance of the constitutional goals of justice, equality, and the rule of law.

CNLU is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure to facilitate the highest standards of legal education. A number of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, Senior Advocates, and eminent educationalists have offered their expertise to assist CNLU in its teaching and research programmes, making education at CNLU a distinctive and enriching experience. Debating, Mooting, ADR competitions and co-curricular activities form an integral part of the CNLU student experience, giving students the opportunity to put their academic knowledge to practical use.



ABOUT CCADR



The Chanakya Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CCADR), established in 2021 at Chanakya National Law University, Patna, serves as a hub for academic research, practical skill-building, and professional engagement in dispute resolution. The Centre promotes an interdisciplinary study of conflicts ranging from commercial and institutional to state-level disputes, with a focus on frameworks including the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and international standards such as the UNCITRAL Model Law.

CCADR aims to foster a congenial environment within CNLU and beyond for students, researchers, and practitioners to pursue their interest in ADR and compete at national and international levels. The Centre organises national and intra-college ADR competitions, panel discussions, workshops, training sessions, lectures, and interactive engagements with practitioners, academicians, and industry experts.

Its flagship initiatives include the CNLU National Mediation Competition (NMC), National Client Counselling Competition (NCC), bimonthly newsletter Samvaad, ADR blog Untangled, ADR Radio, ADR'o Clock, and the Arbitral Award Writing & Presentation Competition, 2026–27. CCADR has collaborated with leading law firms, ADR institutions, and organisations including Kochhar & Co., Singhanian & Partners, TT&A, HSA Advocates, PSL Advocates & Solicitors, King Stubb & Kasiva, Poovayya & Co., Dentons Link Legal, JSA Advocates & Solicitors, MCIA, IAMC Hyderabad, Manupatra, SCC Online, LiveLaw, Bihar Tourism, and international ADR organisations such as TiradoADR and McPhilamy ADR.

OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

FIRST EDITION

The first CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2023, was inaugurated virtually on 21 January 2023 under the aegis of CCADR, in the presence of Mr. Tariq Khan (Registrar, IAMC-Hyderabad), Vice-Chancellor Justice Mridula Mishra (Retd.), Registrar Mr. Manoranjan Prasad Srivastava, and faculty members. The final rounds were judged by Justice Mohit Shah, Justice Dr. Anushman, Mr. Varun Pathak, Ms. Ankit Khushu, Mr. Rama Subramanian, among others, followed by a valedictory ceremony graced by Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh, then Chief Justice of Patna High Court.



SECOND EDITION



The second edition of the CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2024, was inaugurated in a virtual ceremony on 17 February 2024. The Inaugural Ceremony was graced by Ms. Alix Povey (COO, Mediation Chambers), Mr. Param Bhamra (Founding Partner, Mediate Guru), Ms. Mahak Rathee (Founder, ADR HOC), Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh, and other faculty members. Renowned experts such as Mr. Rama Subramanian and Ms. Vagisha, among others, adjudicated the final rounds, which concluded with a Valedictory Ceremony.

THIRD EDITION

The third edition of the CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2025, was inaugurated in a virtual ceremony on 24 January 2025. The Inaugural was attended by Keynote Speaker Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Guest Speakers Mr. Param Bhamra and Ms. Mahak Rathee, Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh, and faculty members. Renowned experts such as Mr. Mayank Mishra, Mr. Vikash Kumar Jha, and Mr. Diwakar Maheshwari adjudicated the final rounds, which concluded with a Valedictory Ceremony.



FOURTH EDITION



The fourth CNLU National Mediation Competition, 2026, was successfully hosted in a hybrid format in collaboration with ADP Law Offices, HSA Advocates, and Panag, Babu & Sarangi. The inaugural ceremony on 10 January 2026 featured Mr. Sukhsimranjit Singh, Ph.D. (JAMS) as Chief Guest, Mr. Siddharth Jha (SIMC) as Guest of Honour, and a mediation training session by Dr. Ashu Dhiman (MediateGuru).

The final rounds were adjudged by Mrs. Nivedita Nirvkar, Mr. Amaresh Kumar Singh, Mr. Shodhan Babu, Mr. W. Patrick McPhilamy III, and Mr. Joe Tirado. The competition concluded with a Valedictory Ceremony at CNLU, addressed by Registrar Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh and Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, alongside the dignitaries.

FIFTH EDITION

INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2027

Building on the resounding success of its four preceding editions, CCADR is pleased to announce a significant milestone, unveiling the first-ever International Mediation Competition (IMC), 2027. While this marks the fifth occasion on which CCADR has organised this Competition, it represents the Centre's inaugural undertaking on a global platform, promising a grander and more enriching experience for all participants.

The 2026-27 edition shall once again adopt a hybrid format, this time welcoming the participation of institutions, peers and practitioners from India and abroad. The Online Rounds are scheduled for 16th-17th January 2027, with the results for the Top 8 Teams to be released between 17th-18th January 2027, followed by the Offline Rounds, to be held at the CNLU campus, on 13th- 14th February 2027.

The Mediation Competition aims to cultivate a comprehensive understanding of the mediation process through engagement with experienced practitioners, distinguished experts, and academicians. As its first international edition, the Competition seeks participation from prestigious institutions across India and abroad, further establishing its legacy as a premier ADR competition of international standing.

Interested participants may provisionally register by filling out the form through the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCQACE4ymYxlh3AMZPrBowxAP9yvDmMALD3FwifDHXskDyBA/viewform?usp=dialog>



OUR PAST PARTNERS



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For further updates, follow CCADR at ccadr.cnlu.ac.in and on our social media handles.

Complete details regarding registration, eligibility, rules, and evaluation criteria shall be released shortly through the formal Competition Brochure.

