

National Seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution [P-1477]

(20th & 21st December 2025)

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

SESSION(S)	THEMES
	Day-1 20.12.2025 (Saturday)
SESSION 1 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<i>Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) – Legal Framework & Institutional Structures</i> <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal framework of ADR• Judicial Role in Referral to ADR – Principles, Precedents & Good Practices• Institutional ADR mechanisms and court annexed centres• Effective use of Technology in ADR <i>Justice G.S. Kulkarni</i> <i>Justice Advait M. Sethna</i>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Tea Break	
SESSION 2 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	<i>Scheme of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act: Towards A Model Dispute Resolution Regime</i> <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019 & 2021• Promoting Institutional Arbitration• Limiting Judicial Intervention <i>Justice M. Sundar</i> <i>Justice G.S. Kulkarni</i>
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM – Lunch Break	
SESSION 3 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM	<i>Balancing the role of Court and Arbitral Tribunal</i> <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctrine of <i>Kompetenz-kompetenz</i>• Interplay of powers between the court and arbitral tribunal• Grounds for setting aside arbitral awards <i>Justice Somasekhar Sundaresan</i> <i>Mr. Abhijeet Sinha</i>
04:00 PM – Tea	

Day-2
21.12.2025 (Sunday)

<u>SESSION 4</u>	<i>Mediation as a Tool for Dispute Resolution</i>
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding Key Principles of Mediation• Comparison between judicial process, mediation, and arbitration.• Cases suitable for referral• Mediation Act 2023: Community Mediation
<i>Dr. Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain</i> <i>Ms. Iram Majid</i>	
<i>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Tea Break</i>	
<u>SESSION 5</u>	<i>Conciliation, Lok Adalats, and other ADR Mechanisms</i>
12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	<u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role of the conciliator, the process, and its advantages• Types of cases suitable for Lok Adalats.• The role of judges and other stakeholders in Lok Adalats• Hybrid ADR Models: Med-Arb and Arb-Med• Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism (ODR)• Negotiations
<i>Dr. Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain</i> <i>Ms. Iram Majid</i>	
<i>01:30 PM - 01:40 PM - Audit of the Course by Participants</i>	
<i>Lunch & Departure</i>	

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