

# National Seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution [P-1477]

(20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025)

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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

<b>Day-2</b> <b>21.12.2025 (Sunday)</b>	
<b><u>SESSION 4</u></b>  10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<b><i>Mediation as a Tool for Dispute Resolution</i></b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding Mediation: Key principles: Voluntary, neutral, confidential.</li> <li>• Comparison between judicial process, mediation, and arbitration.</li> <li>• Cases suitable for Mediation</li> <li>• Best Practices for Judges in Mediation: Encouraging parties to mediate; Effective referral mechanisms; monitoring and ensuring the integrity of the mediation process.</li> <li>• Mediation Act 2023: Community Mediation</li> </ul>
<b><i>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Tea Break</i></b>	
<b><u>SESSION 5</u></b>  12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	<b><i>Conciliation, Lok Adalats, and other ADR Mechanisms</i></b>  <b><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difference between Mediation, Conciliation and Lok Adalat</li> <li>• Role of the conciliator, the process, and its advantages</li> <li>• Types of cases suitable for Lok Adalats.</li> <li>• The role of judges and other stakeholders in Lok Adalats</li> <li>• Hybrid ADR Models: Med-Arb and Arb-Med</li> <li>• Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism (ODR)</li> <li>• Negotiations</li> </ul>
<b><i>01:30 PM - 01:40 PM - Audit of the Course by Participants</i></b>	
<b>Lunch &amp; Departure</b>	

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