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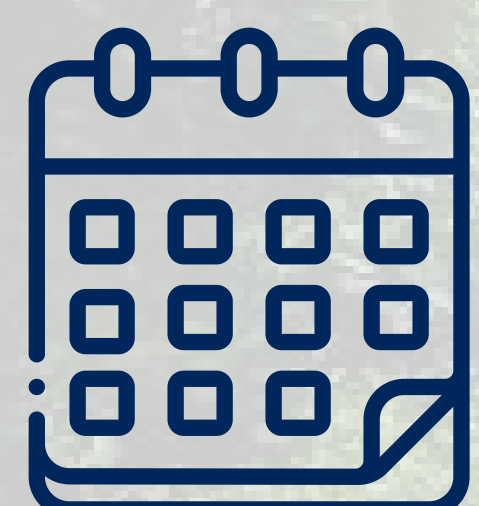
**Centre for Conflict Management & Dispute Resolution**

*Presents to you*

# **1<sup>st</sup> National Essay Writing Competition**

***ON THE THEME OF:***

***“NAVIGATING THE DYNAMICS OF MEDIATION IN  
CONTEMPORARY LEGAL PRACTICES”***



**July 8, 2024**

# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

## DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SONEPAT

The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat, (DBRANLU) established by the Government of Haryana stands as a testament to the legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, an eminent reformer and the principal architect of India's legal framework and Constitution. Under the magnanimous support and guidance of our University's Hon'ble Chancellor, Shri. Bandaru Dattatreya, Governor of Haryana, and Visitor, the Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Dr. Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, and led by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Archana Mishra, our institution is rapidly emerging as one of India's premier National Law Universities. Since commencing its first B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) batch in 2019, DBRANLU has expanded its offerings to include LL.M. and Ph.D. courses. In its brief journey, the university has established 7 Research Centres, initiated the prestigious DBRANLU Law Review Journal, and forged valuable collaborations through MoUs with esteemed organizations, furthering academic, research, and industry linkages.

# ABOUT THE CENTRE

## **Centre For Conflict Management & Dispute Resolution**

The establishment of the "Centre for Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution" at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonapat, marks a significant milestone in the pursuit of excellence in the fields of conflict management and dispute resolution. This centre serves as a focal point for advancing knowledge, promoting academic discourse, and encouraging practical skills in various methods of conflict resolution, including mediation, arbitration, negotiation, and conciliation.

The CCMDR is a multifaceted organization that promotes educational and professional development in conflict resolution. It conducts scholarly research to develop innovative solutions to complex conflicts and offers specialized courses, workshops, and training programs for students, legal professionals, and practitioners. These initiatives provide practical skills, theoretical insights, and ethical principles for effective conflict resolution practice. The centre also engages in outreach activities, such as seminars, conferences, public lectures, and awareness campaigns, to promote peaceful conflict resolution and the benefits of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). It encourages dialogue among stakeholders, fostering understanding and constructive approaches to conflict resolution. The centre also contributes to policy formulation and the adoption of ADR practices in various sectors. Its mission is to uphold ethical standards and principles in conflict resolution practice, upholding values like integrity, impartiality, confidentiality, and respect for the autonomy and dignity of parties involved in disputes.

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# ABOUT THE COMPETITION

**At the Centre for Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, we firmly believe in promoting innovation and brainstorming ideas related to mediation as a source for dispute resolution. We consider ideas as the driving force for change. With our National Essay Writing Competition 2024, we aim to inspire participants to think outside the box and delve into the intricacies, implications, and challenges within the realm of dispute resolution and conflict management.**

**Through this competition, we aim to stimulate intellectual discourse and critical analysis on various aspects of mediation, including its principles, processes, techniques, and ethical considerations. By inviting submissions from law students, academicians, practitioners, and researchers from around the globe, the competition seeks to encourage in-depth research, empirical studies, and theoretical exploration of mediation practices across different contexts and jurisdictions. Additionally, we seek to advance networking and collaboration among participants, providing a platform for sharing insights, best practices, and innovative approaches to mediation. Through recognition and reward for outstanding contributions, the competition aims to celebrate excellence in scholarly writing and research on mediation, with a view to advancing knowledge, promoting professional development, and enhancing the effectiveness of mediation as a means of resolving conflicts and promoting access to justice.**

# DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION

We warmly invite you to submit your essay entries on the theme of “navigating the dynamics of mediation in contemporary legal practices”. It encompasses several suggestive sub-themes aimed at stimulating innovative ideas and insightful analysis which are as follows:-

1. Mediation as an alternative to litigation in legal disputes
2. Mediation and social justice: promoting equality and fairness
3. The future of mediation: emerging trends and challenges
4. Mediation in International Conflicts
5. The Interplay between Mediation, Insolvency & Bankruptcy
6. Mediation in cases of Intellectual Property Rights disputes
7. Mediation Accessibility: Breaking Barriers for Equitable Dispute Resolution
8. Mediation in Crisis: Legal Frameworks for Emergency Conflict Resolution
9. Beyond Borders: International Mediation Law and the Quest for Consistency
10. Mediation Ethics in the Digital Era: Balancing Innovation and Integrity
11. Cultural Sensitivity in Mediation Law: A Path to Inclusive Justice
12. Smart Contracts and Mediation: A Synergistic Approach to Dispute Resolution
13. Restorative Justice and Mediation: Fostering Healing in the Criminal Justice System

**Note:** "These topics are merely indicative and non-exhaustive. Submissions should address relevant and contemporary legal and policy issues within the broad themes outlined herein."

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

To ensure wider reach and opportunity, the Competition will be open to all - including students (of all streams), academics, professionals, government officials, members of consumer forum, Voluntary Consumer Organizations (VCOs)/ NGOs etc.



# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The essay must be written in English and submitted in Microsoft Word document format (.doc/.docx).
2. Each essay must be submitted by a single author only. No co-authorship is permitted.
3. Only single submission is allowed per author.
4. The following formatting specifications need to be strictly adhered to: Main Body: Font – Times New Roman, Font Size – 12, and Line Spacing – 1.5; Footnotes: Font – Times New Roman, Font Size – 10, and Line Spacing – 1.0; Margins should be 1 inch or 2.54 cm on all sides; justified alignment.
5. The word limit is 1500 – 2500 words excluding footnotes. Footnotes must follow the Bluebook format of citation (Harvard, 20th edition).
6. All submissions should be made through the link shared below.  
<https://forms.gle/YmnYu6CP86jtnvbHA>
7. The essay must be accompanied by a separate document containing the following:
  - (i) full details of the participant i.e. name, institution affiliation, phone number, email ID etc ;
  - (ii) theme/topic chosen;
  - (iii) A declaration stating that the essay is an original work of the author: “I certify that my submission is original, has not been published elsewhere, and is not under review or consideration elsewhere.”
  - (iv) With signature of author in .pdf Format.
8. All submissions are subject to plagiarism check. A maximum of 10% similarity to existing publications is permissible in submitted works (excluding citations).
9. For any other details (doubts or clarifications), reach us at [ccmdr@dbranlu.ac.in](mailto:ccmdr@dbranlu.ac.in)

The Board reserves the right to summarily reject or return the submission to the author without feedback for non-compliance with these guidelines. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Board shall be final and binding.

The opinions/thoughts/ideas or any view of the author expressed and published on the article are respective views of the authors. The Centre or the Board shall not be held responsible or accountable for the opinion expressed by the author of the essay.

The Centre reserves the right to defer or terminate the competition without notice, in case suitable/quality entries are not received in the competition or of any other event outside our reasonable control.

## REGISTRATION

The authors are required to register themselves prior to their submission via the google form.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/kWDcHjaYkLh479T1A>

Registration Fee for which is Rs. 100/- INR.

## BANK DETAILS

Beneficiary's Account No. : 37717179978

Beneficiary's Bank IFSC No. : SBIN0001532

Beneficiary's Name: Registrar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, Rai, Sonapat.

## PRICES AND CERTIFICATES

First Prize: Rs. 15000/- INR, Certificate of Merit & Internship Opportunity

Second Prize: Rs. 10000/-INR, Certificate of Merit & Internship Opportunity

Third Prize: Rs. 5000/-INR, Certificate of Merit & Internship Opportunity

All the three winners will be given an internship opportunity at K&R Legal Advocates and Solicitors.

Certificate of Participation: All those who register and submit the essay will be provided with a certificate of participation.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Deadline: 1 July, 2024

Submission Deadline: 8 July, 2024

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