

# Usha: National Arbitration Moot Competition, 2023

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Winners of the Competition will get an opportunity to  
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NMIMS School of Law,  
Navi Mumbai Campus

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- ❖ 1st April - Virtual
- ❖ 2nd April - Virtual
- ❖ 8th April - Offline



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# Message from the HOD



**Mrs. Manisha Band**  
**Programme Chairperson**

Greetings,

It gives me immense pleasure to present to you all Usha: National Arbitration Moot, 2023 in collaboration with 'Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan' organized by NMIMS School of Law, Navi Mumbai. The School of Law was established under the aegis of the NMIMS university in 2018. Over the years, it has been recognized and ranked as one of the leading law colleges in the country.

Alternate Dispute Resolution today is increasingly considered the norm rather than an exception as conceived earlier. The competition is an excellent opportunity to sharpen your advocacy skills with a focus on ADR methods in the ever-evolving legal and economic environment. The aim is to foster the study of arbitration and provide practical training to students interested in the field. Alongside, it is also a melting pot for experts, academicians and students who find ADR as the focal point of their interests.

I hope that this event would be productive and provide an unparalleled learning curve to all the participants. More than anything else, wish you a fun filled and an enriching experience at the event.

I hereby cordially invite you all to participate in this Usha: National Arbitration Moot, 2023 in collaboration with 'Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan' and welcome you all to join in our endeavor and make this event a grand success.

Manisha Band  
Programme Chairperson & Assistant professor,  
NMIMS School of Law, Navi Mumbai

# Special Thanks To



**Mrs. Anshul Sharma (TEDx Speaker)  
Assistant Director - Placements**

Mrs. Anshul Sharma is a highly accomplished professional with over 24 years of experience in the corporate and education industries. She has worked with renowned organizations such as Oracle Corporation, Zee Education, and UP Airways. She is a distinguished TedX speaker, certified communication and soft skills trainer, and social servant. She is also a national level Judo player and passionate biker.

She has made significant contributions to social causes and corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. She is the Vice President for Maharashtra with Salute Tiranga, an NGO that works for families of soldiers, and General Secretary of Maharashtra for Humanity First Foundation (HFF), a national human rights organization. She is also Maharashtra incharge for #WomePower A Global Movement and associated with Rastriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA), a state government initiative for conducting career guidance sessions for senior secondary students.

Her dedication to empowering women and her community is reflected in her various outstanding achievements and contributions. She was awarded the Women Excellence Award 2022 by Global Talent Company India, and was the winner of the Asia's 1000 Women Awards 2021 in the Education category by Womennovator. Anshul has also been recognized with numerous awards, including the Women Iconic Award 2020-21 for contributing towards women empowerment by Megacosmos, and the Corona Warriors Award by Malabar Gold & Diamonds on Women's Day 2021.

# Supporting Organizations

## Knowledge Partner



Jus Mundi is an online platform that provides access to a wide range of legal information and resources related to international law. It offers a comprehensive database of treaties, cases, arbitral awards, and other legal documents, as well as analytical tools and features to help users navigate and interpret this information. Jus Mundi also provides news and updates on international legal developments, and offers various subscription plans to cater to the needs of legal practitioners, academics, and students.

## Technology Partner



Webnyay provides an end-to-end solution for grievance redressal, dispute resolution, and compliance. Webnyay saves time, costs, and professional relationships. Webnyay uses electronic hearing bundles, virtual hearing, breakout rooms, document management, and other features to streamline the dispute resolution process.

## Media Partners

**Swiss Arbitration  
Centre**

The Swiss Arbitration Centre is an independent institution that provides high-quality arbitration and mediation services worldwide. Every year, the Centre helps hundreds of companies and individuals resolve their disputes in a fair, private and effective manner. The Centre's services are available for any dispute, regardless of its nature, the nationality of the parties, the place of arbitration and the applicable law. The Centre can settle disputes promptly and efficiently, which allows the parties to move on quickly and get back to business.

**Swiss Arbitration  
Association**

The Swiss Arbitration Association is a non-profit association with over 1000 members in Switzerland and all over the world. ASA is Switzerland's leading arbitration organization and brings together the world's most eminent arbitration practitioners from six continents and 50+ jurisdictions.

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# About NMIMS School of Law

SVKM's NMIMS, School of Law, Navi Mumbai was established in the year 2018 and aims to provide quality legal education through offering two courses, BA LLB (Hons.) and BBA LLB (Hons.). The courses are designed in such a way that apart from imbibing knowledge of law, it also prepares the students for the real world by helping to hone one's skill of presentation and interpretation in the most efficient manner. Students also get exposure through internships and various para-academic activities such as Alternative Dispute Resolution, Moot Court, Debates, etc.



Ranked as the 7th Best Private Law College in India in the fifth edition of India Today's Best Colleges, it synchronously imbibes the western education model with its emphasis on skill development to ensure that the students are transformed as leaders who can thrive amidst the challenging dynamics of a turbulent international business environment.

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# About Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan



Lakshmikumaran  
& Sridharan  
attorneys

An ISO 27001:2013 certified law firm

Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan is a full-service law firm based in India. The firm has 14 offices and has over 400 professionals specializing in areas such as corporate & commercial laws, dispute resolution, taxation and intellectual property. Over the last three decades, the firm has worked with a variety of clients – start-ups, small & medium enterprises, large Indian corporates and multinational companies.

Their professionals have experience of working in both traditional sectors such as commodities, automobile, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals and modern sectors such as e-commerce, big data, renewables. They combine their knowledge of the law with industry experience to design legal solutions that our clients can implement.

Even today, the firm prides itself for its commitment towards knowing the law and encouraging its professionals to be at the forefront of the latest legal developments. An early choice that the firm made was to combine the knowledge of law with the highest ethical practices.

# About Dispute Resolution Committee

The Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) was constituted to promote interest in ADR methodologies given its relevance to the legal profession. The DRC was established in 2018 as an initiative to provide a platform for ADR enthusiasts from across the world to interact with the NMIMS student body to facilitate knowledge and growth in this emerging field.



Our work profile includes three notable events in the field of dispute resolution.

- 1.** Rachna: National Negotiation-Mediation Competition, which was held in 2021, with *L&L Partners* as our patrons, supported by *Samvad Partners, Live Law, SCC Online* and *EBC*.
- 2.** Webinar on 'Practical Facets of Dispute Resolution Clauses in Contracts' by Adv. Ravitej Chilumuri, Partner at *Khaitan & Co.*
- 3.** Webinar on the 'Nuances of Arbitration' by Adv. Sushil Jethmalani, Senior Associate at *Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.*



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# About

## Usha: National Arbitration Moot, 2023

The vision of NMIMS, School of Law for promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) can be best achieved by organizing and hosting student teams from universities across the nation at our flagship event – Usha: National Arbitration Moot, 2023.

The Arbitration Moot is a simulation of a dispute arising out of a contract between two parties, which provides for settlement through arbitration in India. This competition will be evaluated by distinguished scholars and practitioners in the field of arbitration who will act as arbitrators to judge the various teams.

Participating in the competition will enable students to exercise and develop essential legal skills that are critical to their future careers, including legal writing, delivering convincing oral pleadings, conducting research into commercial laws, and effectively communicating within a team.

Usha: National Arbitration Moot, 2023 represents an outstanding opportunity for law students to enhance their legal knowledge and practical skills while networking with peers and professionals in the field of arbitration.

## Registration Fees:

All teams participating in the competition are required to pay an initial 'preliminary registration fee' of **INR 4000 inclusive of GST**. In addition, teams that qualify for the Semi-Final rounds shall be charged an additional 'final registration fee' of **INR 3000 inclusive of GST**. The final registration fee includes only accommodation for the duration of the competition.

## Team Composition:

Each team will consist of 2 Counsels and 1 Researcher.

**Counsel:** Counsels represent one of the party in the moot court competition. They are responsible for presenting oral arguments to a panel of judges. The counsels must analyze and apply legal principles to the moot proposition. They must also respond to questions from the judges and make persuasive arguments in support of their position.

**Researchers:** Researchers are responsible for conducting legal research and analysis to support the counsel's arguments. They must identify relevant legal precedents, statutes, and regulations, and use them to construct a coherent legal argument.

# Structure of the Competition

The participants will be divided into two teams, with one team representing the claimant and the other team representing the respondent. The teams present arguments and evidence to a panel of arbitrators, who will then render an award in the case.

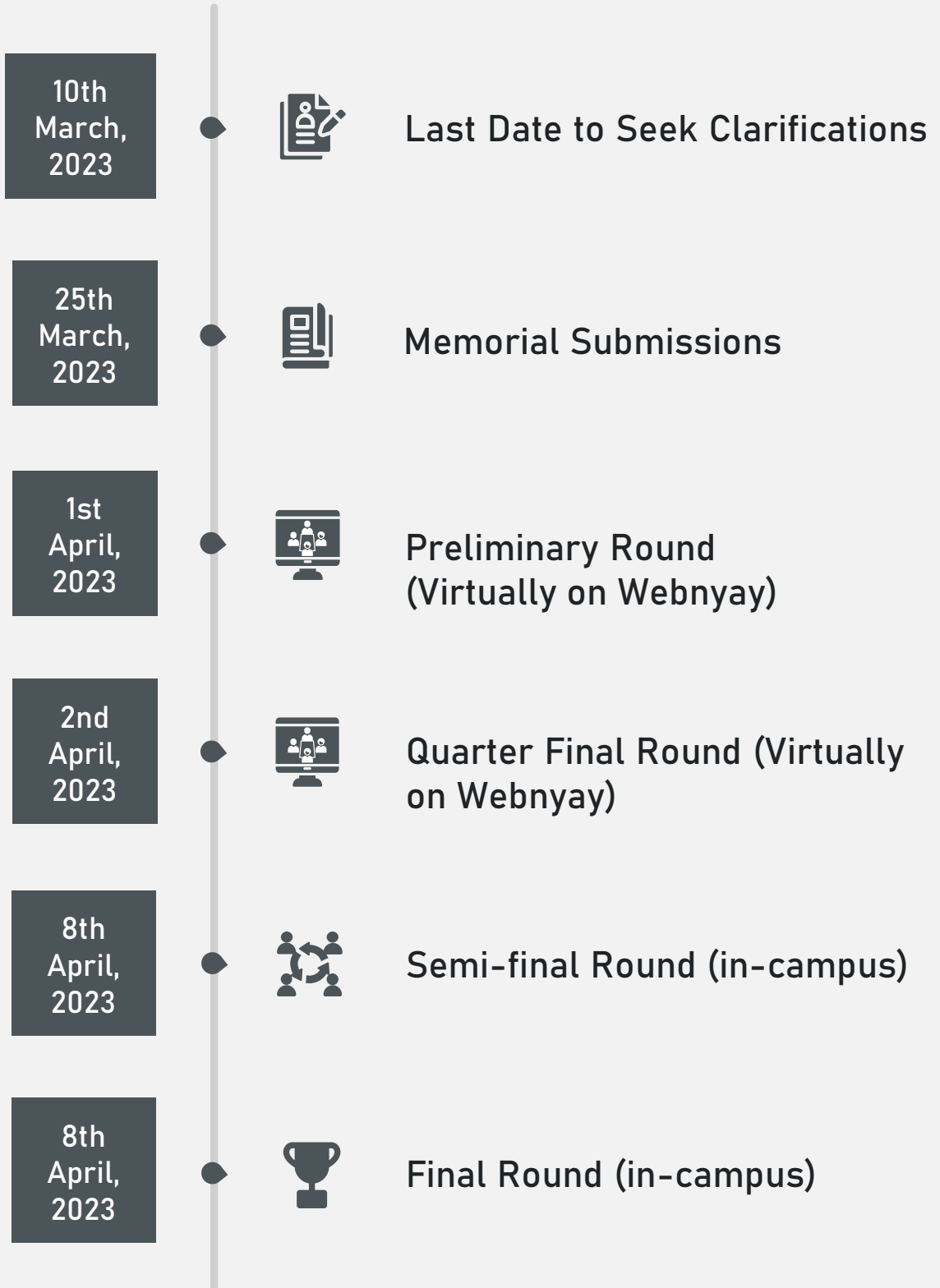
The Competition will be carried out through four rounds:

- ❖ Preliminary Round involving 16 teams – Virtually on Webnyay;
- ❖ Quarter-Final Round involving 8 teams – Virtually on Webnyay;
- ❖ Semi-Final Round involving 4 teams – in-campus;
- ❖ Final Round involving 2 teams – in-campus.



Note: The Preliminary and Quarter-Final Rounds will take place virtually on Webnyay platform and the Semi-Final and Final Round will take place at the premises of NMIMS School of Law, Navi Mumbai Campus.

# TIMELINE



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# Awards

The competition promises to reward excellence and promote healthy competition by offering generous awards.

- The Winning Team will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 16,000/-, while the runners-up will receive a cash prize of Rs. 12,000/-. The cash prizes serve as a tangible recognition of the hard work and dedication that the participants have invested in preparing for the competition.
- In addition to the cash prize, the winning team will receive a complimentary one-year subscription to Jus Mundi. This subscription is an invaluable resource for legal research and analysis, offering access to a vast library of legal documents, including case law, treaties, and legal publications. This resource is designed to help legal professionals stay up-to-date with the latest developments in the field of arbitration, and it can be a game-changer for those who are looking to excel in their careers.
- Winners of the competition will get an opportunity to intern at **Nishith Desai Associates**.



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These awards serve to recognize and encourage the hard work, dedication, and expertise of the participants while incentivizing them to strive for excellence in their profession. The awards demonstrate the competition's commitment to fostering a culture of excellence and advancing the field of law.

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