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International Conference On  
**"Frontiers in Alternative  
Dispute Resolution:  
Navigating Change in a  
Globalized World"**



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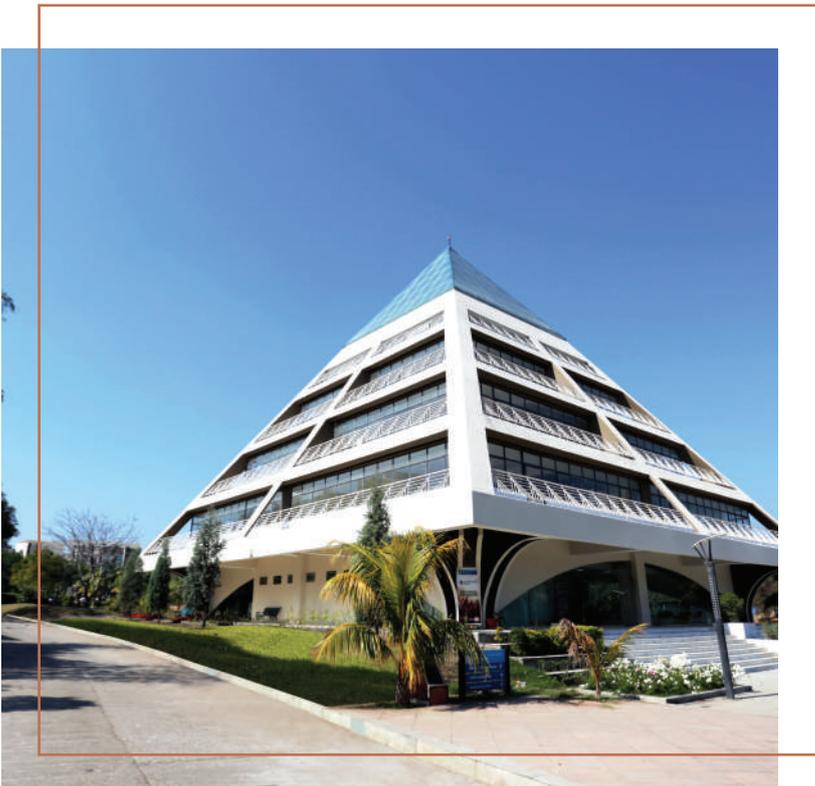
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FACULTY OF LAW

## About Jagran Lakecity University

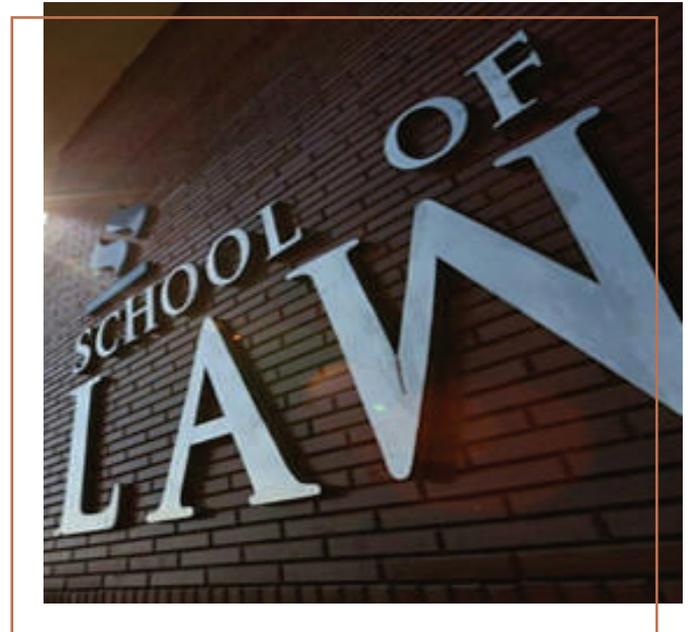
Jagran Lakecity University (JLU) Bhopal is a private university established under Section 2(f) of UGC Act 1956 and is based out of Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. JLU Bhopal is one of the fastest growing and one of the most awarded universities of Central India having practice-based pedagogy at its core. Currently, the university is offering 50+ degree programs to more than 2500 students from 8 countries and 27 states of India.

The university has numerous Partnerships with Top Industries and International Educational Institutes, ensuring the students get great exposure both nationally and internationally. JLU Bhopal is the only participating university from Central India ERASMUS+ programme under the Tuning India Project, funded by the European Commission and is also currently the country chair for Association of Universities of Asia Pacific (AUAP). Jagran Lakecity University became the first university in MP & CG to be awarded the 'DIAMOND' rating by QS I-Gauge, an International Rating agency in June 2021. JLU was ranked 30th best private university in India by the Education World in 2021 and also got the E-Learning Excellence for Academic Digitisation (E-Lead) Certification 2020-21, by QS I –Gauge.



## About the Centre

The Center for Alternate Dispute Resolution Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal aims to establish a deliberation forum among students and professionals to understand the nuances and dynamics of the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution. The exponentially growing field of ADR requires lawyers of today's generation to understand the needs of their client and efficacy of systems resorted outside conventional litigation.



## About MediateGuru

MediateGuru is a social initiative led by members across the globe. The aim of the organization is to build a bridge using which more law students can be encouraged to opt for ADR methods. MediateGuru is creating a social awareness campaign for showcasing mediation as a future of alternative dispute resolution to provide ease to the judiciary by encouraging and empowering Law Professionals to take up the mantle of Mediation.

## About Luthra & Luthra

Luthra and Luthra Law Offices India adopts a forward-looking approach towards the practice of law, combining both conventional practice areas and emerging sectors, setting benchmarks and the highest technical standards within the legal fraternity. The Firm is known for its adeptness in identifying and mitigating risks by providing exceptional legal guidance and assistance to a wide range of domestic and international clients.

Since its inception in the early 90s, which coincides with India's economic liberalization, Luthra and Luthra Law Offices India has assisted numerous multinational corporations in setting up their presence in India and navigate the complex Indian legal system. Consistently ranked and globally recognized as leader in the field, the Firm ensures that clients receive practical, innovative, and cost-effective advice in a responsive manner while upholding the highest ethical standards.



## About the Conference

The conference, a joint initiative between MediateGuru and Jagran Lakecity University, seeks to illuminate the evolving landscape of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in the modern world. It is positioned as a global conclave of thought leaders, legal practitioners, scholars, and students who are passionate about the field of ADR and are enthusiastic about contributing to its future.

This event offers a unique opportunity for delegates to gain in-depth knowledge about ADR's transformative potential in different sectors, with a special emphasis on energy and infrastructure. They will get the chance to listen to, interact with, and learn from leading experts in the field. Attendees will have access to a diverse range of sessions that delve into key issues, emerging trends, and innovative strategies that shape the field of ADR.

The conference will navigate through crucial topics such as Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), ad hoc arbitration, international commercial disputes, and the potential of ADR as a tool to alleviate stress on traditional court systems. Each technical session has been meticulously planned to explore these themes and sub-themes in depth, providing a comprehensive view of the various facets of ADR.



In fostering an open and engaging environment, the conference aims to stimulate active dialogue and foster collaborations. It will offer a unique platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and consensus-building. We believe that such synergies can spark fresh insights and drive innovative solutions in ADR, benefitting not just the delegates but also the broader global community.

Ultimately, this conference seeks to redefine the role of ADR in a rapidly changing, increasingly globalized world, shaping a more efficient, equitable, and adaptable dispute resolution paradigm for the future.

## Objective

The objective of the conference is to foster a deeper understanding of ADR's potential and challenges, facilitate knowledge exchange on recent developments, and inspire collaborative solutions for evolving dispute landscapes. It seeks to encourage active dialogue and cultivate a strong, international ADR community to drive future innovations.



## Concept Note

The world today is witnessing unprecedented levels of interconnection and complexity. With the rise of global business networks, digital platforms, and transnational legal issues, the nature and scale of disputes are constantly evolving. Traditional dispute resolution mechanisms, largely rooted in the courts, are finding it increasingly difficult to address these multifaceted disputes effectively and efficiently. As a result, there is an urgent need for innovative, adaptable, and accessible solutions. This forms the core focus of our conference: exploring and advancing the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).



ADR, with its diverse techniques like arbitration, mediation, negotiation, conciliation, and online dispute resolution (ODR), offers promising avenues to navigate this complex dispute landscape. ADR mechanisms, due to their inherent flexibility, can be tailored to address the unique aspects of each dispute, thus offering customized, context-specific solutions. Moreover, by focusing on consensus-building and maintaining relationships, ADR techniques often ensure more satisfactory outcomes for all parties involved.

Our conference seeks to delve into the various aspects of ADR, with a special emphasis on its role in sectors like energy and infrastructure, which often grapple with high-stakes, complex disputes spanning multiple jurisdictions. We aim to explore key trends and challenges, dissect successful case studies, and debate on potential improvements to ADR mechanisms.

We will also spotlight Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), the newest member of the ADR family, and its potential to revolutionize dispute resolution in the digital age. ODR leverages the power of technology to make dispute resolution more efficient, accessible, and scalable, opening up exciting possibilities for the future.

Additionally, the conference will explore the emerging role of ad hoc arbitration, the increasing prevalence of international commercial disputes, and the potential of ADR as a stress reliever for overburdened court systems. Each of these facets provides critical insights into the future trajectory of ADR and how it can be optimized to deliver justice more effectively.

In essence, this conference is an exploration of the transformative potential of ADR, a deep dive into its changing landscapes, and a collaborative effort to shape its future. It aspires to inspire thought, foster dialogue, and catalyze innovation, ultimately contributing to a more just, efficient, and peaceful world.



## Main Theme

01 "Harnessing Online Dispute Resolution: Redefining Boundaries and Possibilities"



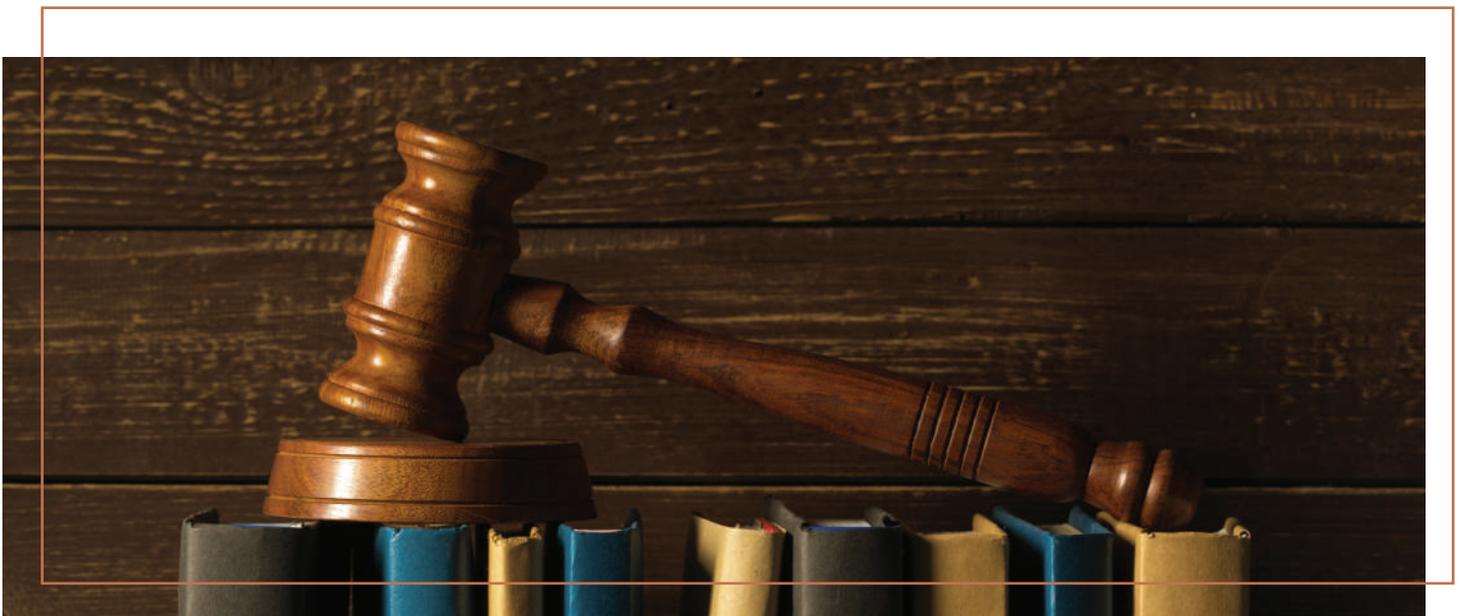
02 "Ad hoc Arbitration: A Game Changer in Dispute Management"



03 "Arbitration in Energy and Infrastructure: Navigating International Commercial Disputes"



04 "ADR as: An Exploration of Mandatory Mediation and Beyond"



## Sub-Themes

- Unleashing the Potential of Online Dispute Resolution: This will explore how technology can broaden the reach and enhance the effectiveness of dispute resolution.
- Redefining Arbitration with Ad hoc Mechanisms: This delves into the potential of ad hoc arbitration as a flexible, effective method for dispute resolution.
- Arbitration in the Eyes of Indian Business: This analyses the perspective of the Indian business community towards arbitration, its preferences and challenges.
- International Commercial Disputes: The Crossroads of WTO and Commercial Arbitration: This discusses the pros and cons of WTO and commercial arbitration in handling international commercial disputes.
- Third-Party Funding in Arbitration: This explores the emerging role and potential pitfalls of third-party funding in arbitration.
- The Seat of Arbitration - Its Significance and Implications: This investigates the importance of the 'seat' in an arbitration and its impact on the process and outcome.
- Reality Testing in Mediation: This explores the concept and practice of 'reality testing' in mediation, and how it can affect the mediation process.
- The Impact of Mandatory Mediation in Family Matters: This probes into the effectiveness of mandatory mediation in resolving family disputes like matrimonial issues, property disputes, and custody cases.
- Overcoming Barriers with Intercultural Mediation: This investigates the role of intercultural mediation in addressing conflicts in a multicultural setting.
- The Power of Community/Peer Mediation: This examines the potential of community and peer mediation in resolving local and interpersonal disputes.
- ADR: An Elixir for Court Stress? This discusses how ADR can help reduce the burden on courts and contribute to a more effective justice system.

\*This list is not exhaustive

# Eligibility Criteria for Participation in the Conference

1. Professionals in the Legal Field: Legal practitioners including lawyers, arbitrators, mediators, and judges with a keen interest in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

2. Academic Scholars and Researchers: Individuals from academic institutions who are actively involved in research related to ADR, including professors, lecturers, and researchers.

3. Students: Law students, both undergraduate and postgraduate, who have an interest in ADR are welcome. Students from related fields such as business, international relations, and public policy may also apply if they have a specific interest in dispute resolution.

4. Policy Makers: Individuals involved in crafting policies related to ADR, including but not limited to representatives from governmental and non-governmental organizations, are encouraged to participate.

5. ADR Practitioners: Individuals and professionals who are actively involved in providing ADR services such as mediation, arbitration, and negotiation.

6. Business and Corporate Representatives: Representatives from businesses, particularly those from sectors like energy and infrastructure, that frequently engage with ADR mechanisms are encouraged to apply. This includes legal counsels, HR professionals dealing with workplace disputes, and executives involved in contract negotiation.





Last date to register: 20th August

Last date for Abstract submission: 20th August

Full Paper submission: 30th September

**\*Selected papers will be published in an ISBN book**

### Participation Fees:

- 1) Students: Rs 1000
- 2) Research Scholars: Rs 1500
- 3) Professionals: Rs 2000

Link for Registration Form:

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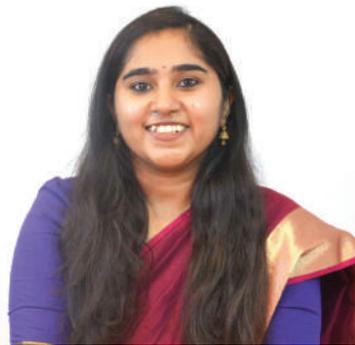
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