



**REPORT ON THE 1ST INTRA - MEDIATION/NEGOTIATION COMPETITION
2024**

**ORGANISED BY ADRC IN COLLABORATION WITH
PRO BONO CLUB**



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MESSAGE FROM THE HOD

Dear Students and participants, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has become an indispensable aspect of modern legal education and practice. In an era where pendency of cases in courts continues to rise, this platform offers a pathway to amicable and innovative dispute resolution mechanisms. I am immensely proud that our ADR Cell at the School of Law, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya work tirelessly to organise the 1st Intra-departmental Mediation-Negotiation competition which foster law students with a platform to hone their advocacy and problem-solving abilities and showcase their analytical and writing skills. Through this initiative, we are committed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application of the law.

After three days of fervent debate and insightful discussion our ADR Cell stand united to rejoice in the extraordinary triumph of this event. Throughout this competition, we witnessed the extraordinary dedication and prowess exhibited by our participants. I extend my commendations to each team for their commendable performance which undeniably elevated the standard of legal advocacy at our university. Also, I would be remiss if I did not express my deepest appreciation to our faculty-in-charge of this ADR Cell and Competition Asst. Prof. Sudhanshu Shekhar Bisen, without his support and wise counsel the competition could not been organised. Looking forward, we continue to strive and transform ADR into a core pillar of legal education in our department.

REGARDS,
PROF. (Dr.) SUDHANSHU RANJAN MOHAPATRA

WORD FROM THE FACULTY-IN-CHARGE



**SUDHANSHU SHEKAR
BISEN**

ADRC, FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) represents the future of conflict resolution in a world that increasingly values efficiency and mutual understanding. The theoretical study of law lays the foundation but to navigate the complexities of modern disputes practical exposure to ADR mechanisms is what truly equips our students with necessary skills. At the outset, I would like to extend my congratulations to the entire ADRC organising committee and faculty, for their unwavering dedication and meticulous efforts in bringing the 1st Intra-departmental Mediation-Negotiation Competition to life and expose our students to the practical applicability of law. Lastly, I hope we can build on this culture of competition and establish our department as a leader in ADR education and practice.

As we conclude this competition, I firmly believe that with the talent and enthusiasm of our students we have taken a stepping stone towards many more impactful ADR initiatives.

WORD FROM THE PRO BONO FACULTY-COORDINATOR



**DR. SAGAR KUMAR
JAISWAL**

**PRO BONO CLUB, FACULTY
COORDINATOR**

Access to justice is a fundamental right and as legal professional it is our responsibility to bridge the gap between legal institution and the communities that need them the most. The 1st Mediation/Negotiation Competition 2024 is organised in collaboration with the Pro Bono Club, this club is established under the under the Nyaya Bandhu Scheme of the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, is dedicated to providing free legal aid to marginalized communities, supporting Lok Adalats and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) tribunals. Mediation and negotiation are key tools in achieving swift and fair resolutions, ensuring that justice is not just a privilege for a few but a right for all. This competition served as a practical extension of our mission by equipping students with the skills necessary to engage in community dispute resolution, client counselling, and legal aid services —cornerstones of pro bono work.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the ADR Cell and Pro Bono Associates, School of Law, GGV, for their initiative and dedication in organising this competition, and to all the participants for their commitment to the principles of justice and fair dispute resolution.

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ABOUT ADR CELL

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Cell is a student-run body at the School of Law, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya. The ADR Cell serves as a pioneering platform for fostering awareness, education, and practical skills in mediation, arbitration, and conciliation. Our mission is to educate, empower, and inspire law students to explore and engage with ADR as an essential component of their legal education. Under the guidance of Asst. Prof. Sudhanshu Shekhar Bisen (Head Faculty Coordinator) and other legal professionals, the ADR Cell conducts workshops, seminars, and training sessions to equip students with hands-on skills and theoretical knowledge essential for careers in dispute resolution. By managing regular events, competitions, and expert guest lectures, we strive to build a strong culture of ADR in the legal community while promoting it as an effective alternative to traditional litigation.



ABOUT PRO BONO CLUB

The School of Law at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, has made a remarkable stride by being enrolled in the Pro Bono Legal Services Scheme, popularly known as the Nyaya Bandhu Scheme, initiated by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice. As part of this initiative, the Department has established a Pro Bono Club to provide free legal aid to marginalized communities and support Lok Adalats and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) tribunals in ensuring equal access to justice. This initiative bridges the gap between underserved populations and the legal system, offering practical solutions to legal challenges while promoting fairness and equity. For law students, it provides invaluable practical exposure to real-world legal issues, fostering their skills in legal processes, client interaction, and case management while instilling a strong sense of social responsibility and preparing them to become public-spirited legal practitioners. Simultaneously, the Club supports pro bono advocates by offering research assistance, documentation, and other resources, improving the quality and efficiency of their work. By integrating legal education with social responsibility, the Pro Bono Club empowers aspiring lawyers, strengthens community engagement, and aligns with the Department's mission to uphold justice, equity, and the rule of law, making a significant impact on society.

Introduction

CONVENER: Mr. Sudhanshu Shekhar Bisen, Asst. Prof., SOS LAW, GGV



ADRC's flagship events include the 1st Intra-Departmental Mediation-Negotiation Competition 2024. This event is a step towards equipping the next generation of legal professionals with the skills and mindset necessary to champion ADR mechanisms. Also, this event consistently brought negotiation enthusiasts of our department together and provide a platform for practical learning and skill development in negotiation and mediation.

The 1st Intra-Departmental Mediation-Negotiation Competition was held in School of Law, GGV, Bilaspur from 21st to 23rd November, 2024. The event was formally inaugurated by **Chief Guest, Mr. Y.C. Sharma, Senior Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh**, in the esteemed presence of Prof. M.N. Tripathi (Dean, School of Law) and Prof. Sudhanshu Ranjan Mohapatra (Head of Department, Law). Asst. Professor Sudhanshu Shekhar Bisen, Faculty Head of the ADR Cell, welcomed all participants, emphasizing the role of ADR in modern legal practice and its growing significance in resolving disputes efficiently outside of traditional litigation. This year's competition saw registrations from 27 teams and participation of jury from High Courts and Prestigious legal Institute. The event began with enlightening workshop sessions, which is held on 12th November 2024 and from 21st November 2024 onwards, the event proceeded with inaugural Ceremony along three competitive rounds, where participants alternated between the roles of client, counsel, and mediator to showcase their comprehensive negotiation skills. The second day is featured with quarter-finals and semi-finals where top-performing teams advanced to showcase their deeper problem-solving and negotiation strategies in final. On the third day, the finalist demonstrated their exception skills and also on the same day, the prize distribution ceremony was also held.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

REPORT - 21st November, 2024

The 1st Intra -Mediation/Negotiation Competition 2024, organized by the ADR Cell, School of Law, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, officially commenced on 21st November 2024 with the Preliminary Rounds. The day was marked by enthusiasm, intellectual rigor, and a commitment to fostering the culture of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) among budding legal professionals.



INAUGURAL CEREMONY

CHIEF GUEST: MR. Y.C. SHARMA

The day commenced with an inspiring speech by Mr. Y.C. Sharma, who highlighted the importance of ADR mechanisms in addressing the challenges of an overburdened judicial system. He spoke about the practical implications of mediation and its role in ensuring access to justice. Following this, Prof. Sudhanshu Ranjan Mohapatra, Head of Department, emphasized the significance of mediation in the Indian legal framework and encouraged students to actively engage in such competitions to enhance their professional competencies. Asst. Professor Sudhanshu Shekhar Bisen, Faculty Head of the ADR Cell, addressed the participants, setting the stage for the competition and emphasizing how mediation fosters collaborative problem-solving, critical thinking, and negotiation skills—all crucial elements of a modern legal career.



STRUCTURE OF THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

PANELIST: ESTEEMED FACULTY MEMBERS FROM SCHOOL OF LAW ACTED AS PANELISTS

The Preliminary Rounds of the competition were designed to evaluate the participants on their mediation and negotiation skills across different dispute scenarios.

- Number of Participating Teams: **27**
- **Evaluation Criteria- *Participants were assessed on:*** Dispute Understanding, Problem-Solving Skills, Confidence and Oratory, Session Management and Team Coordination, Discipline and Ethics.



MEDIATION SCENARIO FOR PRELIMINARY ROUND

CASE: "BRAWN WRESTLING CLUB VS. SOORMA WRESTLING CLUB"

Background: The case revolved around an international sports sponsorship dispute between Brawn Wrestling Club (UK) and Soorma Wrestling Club (India). A disagreement arose when Soorma Wrestling Club unilaterally changed the location of a proposed wrestling academy, leading to contractual issues and disputes over funding utilization.

Key Issues Mediated:

- Breach of Contract and Sponsorship Agreement
- Relocation of the Wrestling Academy
- Financial Transparency and Trust Issues
- Feasibility of Continuing the Partnership

The participants were tasked with assuming the roles of mediators, counsel, and clients to find an amicable resolution to this high-stakes international sports business dispute.

QUARTER & SEMI- FINAL REPORT -

22nd November, 2024

The Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals of the 1st Intra-Mediation/Negotiation Competition 2024, organized by the ADR Cell, School of Law, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, were held on 22nd November 2024. This day marked a significant step forward in the competition, as the most skilled and strategic teams from the Preliminary Rounds faced off in high-stakes mediation sessions. With the competition intensifying, top teams demonstrated exceptional legal acumen, negotiation tactics, and mediation expertise as they tackled a complex dispute in the entertainment industry



STRUCTURE OF THE QUARTER & SEMI FINALS

PANELIST: ADVOCATES OF HIGH COURT, CHHATTISGARH

The competition followed an elimination-based format, where only the best teams from the Quarter-Finals proceeded to the Semi-Finals, and subsequently, the top two teams advanced to the Final Round.

- **Quarter-Finals:** Featured the top 8 teams that had excelled in the Preliminary Rounds.
- **Semi-Finals:** The top 4 teams from the Quarter-Finals progressed to the Semi-Finals, competing for a spot in the Final Round.

Roles in Mediation:

- **Mediator:** Neutral facilitator guiding the discussion.
- **Counsel:** Advocated for the respective parties' interests.
- **Client:** Provided real-time inputs based on their business and personal interests.



MEDIATION SCENARIO FOR QUARTER & SEMI

CASE: "MUSIC BAND DISPUTE - ROOHANIYAT BAND VS. GLOBAL-TALENT RECORDS"

The mediation problem for this stage revolved around a contractual dispute between Roohaniyat Band and Global-Talent Records, focusing on intellectual property rights, financial obligations, and ethical considerations in the entertainment industry.

Background: Roohaniyat Band, a rising independent music group from Delhi, had signed a 10-year exclusive representation contract with Global-Talent Records, a renowned talent management agency. The agreement required the band to produce a minimum of one album per year while Global-Talent Records managed their performances, marketing, and commercial engagements.



PERFORMANCE & KEY OBSERVATIONS

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS & FINALISTS: TC-09 & TC-13

The teams exhibited remarkable legal and negotiation strategies, making the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals some of the most intense sessions of the competition.

- ✓ **Mediators:** Ensured a balanced discussion between the parties, maintaining a structured and solution-oriented approach.
- ✓ **Counsel:** Demonstrated strong advocacy skills, effectively presenting their client's position while remaining open to compromise.
- ✓ **Clients:** Negotiated with realistic yet strategic bargaining points, adding depth to the mediation process.

The panelists praised the participants' ability to blend legal reasoning with emotional intelligence, highlighting their potential as future ADR practitioners.

FINAL ROUND REPORT - 23rd November, 2024

The Final Round of the 1st Intra-Mediation/Negotiation Competition 2024, organized by the ADR Cell, School of Law, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, was held on 23rd November 2024, marking the culmination of three days of rigorous competition. The final round brought together the best teams of the tournament, showcasing their exceptional mediation and negotiation skills in a high-stakes dispute resolution scenario.



STRUCTURE OF THE QUARTER & SEMI FINALS

PANELIST: MR. SHAILESH PANDEY & ADV. ALI AFZAAL MIRZA

The Final Round was conducted in a highly structured manner, with each team assuming different roles to negotiate a settlement between the disputing parties.

Roles in Mediation:

- ✓ **Mediators:** Facilitated discussions and ensured a balanced, solution-oriented dialogue.
- ✓ **Counsel:** Advocated for the interests of their respective clients, Bhagwati Bai and TSP.
- ✓ **Client:** Provided real-time strategic inputs and clarified key concerns.

Note: This round was judged by Mr. Shailesh Pandey, Scholar, HNLU, and Advocate Ali Afzaal Mirza, two distinguished professionals who brought their expertise in ADR and legal negotiations to the competition.

MEDIATION SCENARIO FOR QUARTER & SEMI

CASE: "BHAGWATI BAI VS. TALKING STORIES PRODUCTION PVT. LTD."

Background: Bhagwati Bai, a member of the Gond tribe from a remote village in Chhattisgarh, had endured severe hardships, including violence, child marriage, and eventual leadership of a vigilante group. After her surrender, she spent seven years in prison, gaining national attention for her complex life journey. Talking Stories Production Pvt. Ltd. (TSP) saw her story as an opportunity to create a compelling biopic, aiming to educate the masses on issues of violence, sexual assault, and social justice. Bhagwati Bai and TSP entered into a formal agreement allowing the company to produce a film based on her life, with specific terms regarding content adaptation and creative liberties.

PERFORMANCE & KEY OBSERVATIONS

WINNERS: TC-09 & RUNNERS-UP : TC-13

The Final Round witnessed a high level of strategic thinking and advocacy, as both teams presented compelling arguments to reach a mutually beneficial resolution.

- ✓ **Mediators:** Maintained neutrality while navigating complex cultural and legal issues.
- ✓ **Counsel:** Demonstrated strong advocacy skills, balancing legal reasoning with ethical considerations.
- ✓ **Clients:** Played an active role in shaping the final agreement, ensuring their interests were well-protected.

The panelists commended the finalists for their ability to engage in deep legal reasoning, cultural empathy, and problem-solving, making the final decision incredibly close.



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY- 23RD NOVEMBER, 2024

The Prize Distribution Ceremony of the 1st Intra-Mediation/Negotiation Competition 2024 was held on 23rd November 2024, marking the grand conclusion of three days of rigorous competition and intellectual discourse. This event was a moment of celebration, recognizing the hard work, strategic thinking, and exceptional mediation skills demonstrated by the participants.

The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of:

- **Prof. A.K. Saxena**, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
- **Prof. A.S. Ranadive**, Registrar, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
- **Prof. M.N. Tripathi**, Dean, School of Law
- **Prof. Sudhanshu Ranjan Mohapatra**, Head of Department, School of Law

Their presence elevated the significance of the event, emphasizing the university's commitment to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and its growing importance in legal education.



PROF. A.K. SAXENA

INSIGHTFUL REMARK BY PROF. A.K. SAXENA

"Mediation and negotiation are no longer alternative methods but necessary tools for ensuring access to justice. This competition is a testament to the potential of young legal minds in transforming dispute resolution mechanisms in India."



PROF. A.S. RANADIVE

REMARKABLE QUOTE BY PROF. A.S. RANADIVE

"This competition reflects our university's vision of producing legal professionals equipped not just with theoretical knowledge but also with real-world dispute resolution skills."

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY- 23RD NOVEMBER, 2024

Awards and Recognitions

The winners, runners-up, and outstanding performers were honoured with certificates, trophies, and special recognition awards, celebrating their excellence in mediation and negotiation.

🏆 **Winning Team (Counsel-Client Pair): TC-09**

- **Mohammad Naqeeb (B.A. LL.B., 5th Year)**
- **Y. Sakshi Choudhury (B.Com. LL.B., 4th Year)**
- **Nikita Tiwari (B.Com. LL.B., 4th Year)**
- **Mahak Tolani (B.Com. LL.B., 4th Year)**
- **Rimsha Amber (B.A. LL.B., 3rd Year)**



TC-13

RUNNERS-UP TEAM (COUNSEL-CLIENT PAIR):

- **Joshna Tiwari (B.Com. LL.B., 5th Year)**
- **Sahil Rewlani (B.A. LL.B., 5th Year)**
- **Omkar Gupta (B.Com. LL.B., 4th Year)**
- **Pragya Singh (B.Com. LL.B., 4th Year)**
- **Anoop Lakra (B.Com. LL.B., 4th Year)**



**BEST MEDIATOR:
SHREYANSH SHRIVASTAVA
(B.A.LL.B., 5TH YEAR, TC-09)**



**BEST COUNSEL: OMKAR
GUPTA (B.COM. LL.B., 4TH
YEAR, TC-13)**

CONCLUSION AND GEO-TAG PHOTOS

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The 1st Intra-Mediation/Negotiation Competition 2024 was a resounding success, reinforcing the importance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in modern legal practice. Over three days, participants demonstrated exceptional negotiation, mediation, and advocacy skills, engaging in complex dispute scenarios that challenged their legal acumen and strategic thinking. The competition not only provided a valuable learning experience but also highlighted the growing relevance of mediation and negotiation in fostering amicable dispute resolution.

