

VIII GD GOENKA-CIARB (INDIA) INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT COMPETITION

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**Moot Court Society
School of Law
GD Goenka University**

ABOUT GD GOENKA UNIVERSITY

GD Goenka University is a modern, multidisciplinary institution located in the GD Goenka Education City on the Sohna–Gurugram corridor in Haryana, India. Established in 2013 as the higher education arm of the GD Goenka Group, the University has evolved from a strong legacy in school education into a recognised centre for quality learning, research and professional training. Situated at the foothills of the Aravalli Hills, its integrated campus offers state-of-the-art academic, sports, cultural and student-life facilities. Recognised by the University Grants Commission and approved by relevant professional bodies, the University has been awarded an A+ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It offers programmes across diverse disciplines, including Law, Engineering, Management, Hospitality, Liberal Arts, Design, Agriculture and Health Sciences. The University also holds a QS I-GAUGE Gold Certification and features among leading private institutions in national rankings.



- **20+ Acre Campus**
- **45+ Nationalities**
- **13+ years of experience**

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law at GD Goenka University was established shortly after the University's founding and combines an advanced academic curriculum with experiential legal training. It offers undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes covering a broad spectrum of legal fields, from conventional law subjects to advanced subjects such as international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration. The School of Law is recognised for its rigorous curriculum, practice-oriented teaching and highly qualified faculty support. The School of Law has also gained national recognition in 2025 and was ranked as the “No. 1 Promising Law School in India” by the Competition Success Review (CSR) Law Schools Survey. The academic environment is enhanced through moot courts, legal-aid clinics, internships, research projects and collaboration with industry and professional bodies. The University's infrastructure, including modern moot court rooms and dispute-resolution facilities makes it a fitting host for an International Arbitration Moot.

MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

We are pleased to invite your institution to participate in the VIII GD Goenka - CIArb International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition 2026. This competition aims to provide law students with a practical and engaging platform to develop skills in international commercial arbitration through research, drafting, and oral advocacy. It brings together students, academics, and practitioners from across jurisdictions. The eighth edition comes at a significant moment when Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations are reforming international commercial arbitration. By placing this critical theme at the heart of our competition, we are equipping students with the legal acumen and practical insights necessary to navigate the intersection of commercial interests and contemporary global sustainability practices. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant campus in September 2026.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

As one of the flagship events of GD Goenka School of Law, this Arbitration Moot Competition continues its legacy of fostering excellence in advocacy and arbitration practice. Moot courts constitute an integral part of our curriculum, offering a dynamic platform for students to engage with contemporary legal challenges from a practical lens. They provide an intellectual space for participants to interpret and analyse legal provisions within defined frameworks and to resolve complex, realistic disputes through meticulous research, persuasive drafting and articulate oral advocacy. Through this process, students refine their legal reasoning, strengthen procedural awareness and gain practical insight into the functioning of arbitration mechanisms.

The Eighth Edition marks a significant milestone in our continued partnership with CIArb (India) and underscores our commitment to promoting ADR as a preferred mechanism of dispute resolution. This year's edition places a special focus on the evolving and increasingly crucial domain of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) considerations in international commercial arbitration. The competition is designed to simulate authentic arbitral proceedings, providing participants with the opportunity to argue before seasoned arbitrators and practitioners, analyse multifaceted ESG-related issues, and present their cases with clarity, rigour and conviction.

Mode of the Competition: Offline, On-campus

Winners Cash Prize: 1,20,000 INR

Runners-up Cash Prize: 90,000 INR

Total Prize Pool worth 6,00,000+ INR

REGISTRATION DETAILS

ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduate or postgraduate student of law from any recognized institution (Only one team will be allowed to participate from a single institution)

REGISTRATION FEE

12,000 INR (125 USD) (Includes Food and Accommodation)

LINK FOR TEAM REGISTRATION

<https://forms.gle/bGVpSrgcs53Kjomq5>

Or Scan



TEAM COMPOSITION

Three members – Two Speakers and One Researcher

FOR MORE DETAILS

<https://www.gdgoenkauniversity.com/school/school-of-law/ciarb>

OUR SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB) - India

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB) is a globally recognised centre of excellence dedicated to the practice and profession of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). With a growing membership of over 17,000 professionals across 149 countries, supported by an international network of 42 branches, CIARB plays a leading role in promoting effective and peaceful dispute resolution worldwide. CIARB provides high-quality education and training for arbitrators, mediators and adjudicators, and serves as a global hub for practitioners, policymakers, academics and business communities.



The Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF)

The Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF) is the collective body of India's leading corporate law firms and remains the only representative organisation of Indian law firms to date. SILF works to advance the interests of the legal community, with a particular focus on strengthening and supporting law firms across the country. With over 100 member firms, SILF plays a pivotal role in shaping the professional landscape of legal practice in India.



The International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) - Singapore

The International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) is the international division of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the world's largest and most experienced arbitral institution. With more than 5,000 international cases administered in the past five years, the ICDR is widely recognised as a leading provider of efficient and effective cross-border dispute resolution services. Building on over 95 years of AAA expertise, the ICDR offers a comprehensive administrative system that delivers high-quality international alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services.

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TIMELINE

AUGUST 15

DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATIONS

AUGUST 20

RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS

AUGUST 20

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS

SEPTEMBER 10

MEMORIAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 25-27

ORAL ROUNDS

GLIMPSES FROM THE PREVIOUS EDITION



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