

VIII GD Goenka - CIArb (India) International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition 2026

Pre-Invite Brochure



Message from the Dean

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.

Prof. Aneesha Shams

Dean

School of Law

GD Goenka University

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The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) is a globally recognised centre of excellence dedicated to the practice and profession of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). 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.



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About GD Goenka University

GD Goenka University is a multidisciplinary institution located in Haryana, India, recognised for its strong academic standards and modern campus. It is accredited with an A+ grade by NAAC and offers a wide range of professional programmes.

About the School of Law

The School of Law is known for its practice-oriented approach, combining academic learning with moot courts, research, and professional training. Over the years, it has developed a strong focus on international law and dispute resolution.

About the Competition

Mode of the Competition:
Offline, On-campus
(25-27 September 2026)

Eligibility:
Undergraduate or postgraduate student of law from any recognized institution

Team Composition:
Three members – Two speakers and one researcher

Registration Fee:
Rs. 12,000/USD 125
Prize Pool: Rs. 6,00,000+

Key Dates

- **Provisional Registration Deadline:**
15 June 2026
- **Moot Proposition Release:**
1 June 2026
- **Clarifications Deadline:**
15 June 2026
- **Release of Clarifications:**
30 June 2026
- **Final Registration Deadline:**
31 July 2026
- **Memorial Submission Deadline:**
31 August 2026
 - **Competition Dates:**
25-27 September 2026

Google Form Link for Provisional Registration:

<https://forms.gle/tByhx5Duk2fTuWEg6>



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Competition Highlights

- All proceedings are conducted based on the ICDR institutional rules, ensuring participants gain experience with internationally recognized arbitration procedures.
- 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.

