



Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore
Shri Vaishnav Institute of Law

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NYAYASETU

1st INTER - UNIVERSITY MEDIATION COMPETITION, 2026

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Online Rounds

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Offline Round



**"BRIDGING CONFLICTS THROUGH DIALOGUE: ADVANCING
MEDIATION IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA."**

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About Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore

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SVVV is a multidisciplinary university dedicated to academic excellence, innovation, and holistic development. The University presently comprises the following constituent institutions:

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- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Textile Technology
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The University has commenced its first academic session in 2016-17. The University is progressing aggressively under the able guidance of Shri Purushottamdas Pasari as the Chancellor and Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh C. Goswami as the Vice Chancellor.

About Shri Vaishnav Institute of Law

Established in 2005, Shri Vaishnav Institute of Law (SVIL) is a premier institution dedicated to excellence in legal education, research, and professional development. Approved by the Bar Council of India, the Institute was initially affiliated with Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, and has been a Constituent Institute of Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya (SVVV), Indore, since 2021.

SVIL is committed to imparting quality legal education through academic excellence, experiential learning, research, and community engagement. The Institute focuses on developing competent legal professionals with strong legal knowledge, ethical values, professional integrity, and a commitment to justice and social responsibility.

With modern infrastructure, innovative teaching methods, multidisciplinary learning, and skill-based training, SVIL continuously adapts to emerging legal and technological developments. The Institute encourages students to participate in moot courts, legal aid activities, research, internships, and various academic and co-curricular pursuits, preparing them to excel in diverse fields of the legal profession.

Over the years, SVIL has built a legacy of excellence, producing accomplished alumni who have contributed significantly to the judiciary, legal practice, corporate sector, academia, and public service.

About NYAYASETU

Shri Vaishnav Institute of Law, Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, proposes to organize “NYAYASETU 2026 – National Mediation Competition” in the month of August 2026 with the theme “Bridging Conflicts through Dialogue: Advancing Mediation in Contemporary India.” The proposed competition is envisioned as a premier academic and professional platform aimed at promoting mediation as an effective, collaborative, and future-oriented dispute resolution mechanism. In light of the increasing significance of Alternative Dispute Resolution and the growing emphasis on mediation within the Indian legal framework, the competition seeks to provide law students with practical exposure to mediation proceedings while fostering essential skills such as negotiation, communication, problem-solving, active listening, and consensus-building.

The competition will bring together students from law schools and universities across the country and provide them with an opportunity to engage in simulated mediation sessions based on contemporary legal and social disputes. Through participation in various rounds of mediation, students will gain first-hand experience in managing conflicts, identifying underlying interests, facilitating dialogue, and working toward mutually acceptable settlements. The event is also intended to create a meaningful interface between students, academicians, legal practitioners, mediators, and members of the judiciary, thereby contributing to the development of a robust mediation culture within legal education and practice.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

PRELIMS 1 & 2

All the Participating Teams shall appear twice in the Prelims - once from the Requesting, and then from the Responding Side, in the Prelims I & II - (as per the Draw of Lots). The Negotiating Pair of each Team - consisting of the Attorney/Counsel and the Client - will be marked together as a unit, while the Mediator of each team shall be marked separate from that team's Negotiating Pair.

QUARTER FINALS

After appearing once from each side (Requesting & Responding), in the Prelims I & II, the Top 8 Mediators and the Top 8 Negotiating Pairs, with the highest scores from both the Prelims, will advance to the Quarter-Finals. All the rounds in the Quarter Finals will be held parallelly. In the Quarter Finals, The Qualifying Negotiating Pairs will be allotted a side to represent - Req. or Res.

SEMI - FINALS

After the Quarter-Finals, the Top 4 Mediators and the Top 4 Negotiating Pairs, with the highest scores from the Quarter-Finals, will advance to the Semi-Finals. Both the rounds in the Semi Finals will be held parallelly - in 2 Mediation Rooms. In the Semi-Finals, the Qualifying Negotiating Pairs will be allotted a side to represent - Req. or Res.

FINALS

After the Semi-Finals, the Top 2 Mediators and the Top 2 Negotiating Pairs, with the highest scores from the Semi-Finals, will advance to the Final Round. In the Final Round, the Finalist Negotiating Pairs will be allotted a side to represent - Req. or Res.

* Details of the "Draw of Lots" to be informed during the course of the event.

THE RELEASE OF MEDIATION PROBLEM

- The Mediation Problem for each round shall comprise of Problem Statement, accessible to all participants and problem shall be different for each round.
- In addition, a set of Confidential Information Exhibits (C.I.E.) shall be prepared, containing specially drafted, factual, and confidential details specific to each side -Requesting Party and Responding Party.
- The C.I.E. for each round shall be disclosed exclusively to the respective Negotiating Pair, one hour prior to their scheduled session, at the designated Confidential Information Exhibit Reading Station (C.I.E.R.S.).
- Under no circumstances shall the Mediator be granted access to the Confidential Information.
- Each round will be based on a distinct Mediation Problem, tailored to its context. Each mediation room will have the same problem for that particular round.

MEDIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

TEAM CODE & ANONYMITY

Team Code

Each team shall be allotted a unique team code. Teams should not disclose their identity or that of their institution, etc., under any circumstances and such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification from the Competition directly. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Maintenance of Anonymity

The Participants may introduce themselves to the Judges in the usual manner and are also required to state their respective team code. However, the team's college name shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.

Neutral Identification

Further, all team members shall refrain from identifying a team's law school/college/university at any time and in any manner, including but not limited to wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as such books with logos or seal)

DRESS CODE

Ladies: White shirt and black pant/black skirt along with black tie, black coat and black shoes.

Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

Strict adherence to the dress code is solicited. Failure will result in disqualification

RESEARCH FINALITY OF DECISION

The final decision in all rounds and related matters shall rest solely with the Judging Panel and the Organizing Committee.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

The Organizing Committee reserves full discretion to modify, amend, or interpret any rule, guideline, or provision mentioned in this brochure at any stage of the competition.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each participating university/college/institute may nominate one team comprising a total of three members: 1. One Mediator 2. One Client-Counsel Pair (i.e., one student will act as the client and the other as the counsel) Each team must clearly designate roles during the registration process, and these roles must remain unchanged throughout the competition.

Note: Any attempt to alter designated roles after registration may lead to penalty of marks or disqualification, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Scouting Teams will not be allowed to observe the rounds of any of the other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Any violation shall lead to immediate disqualification.

Prohibition on revelation of Confidential Information

Teams must not disclose any confidential information received during rounds to anyone outside their team.

Confidential Information must not be shared with Mediators or any third party before or during the competition.

Each team will receive confidential information 2 hour before the competition to prepare their strategies.

Professional Conduct

Participants must maintain professionalism at all times.

Any form of disrespectful behavior towards other teams, mediators, or judges will result in disqualification.

Use of Electronic Devices

Use of laptops, mobile phones, or any electronic devices is prohibited during the offline semi-finals and final rounds.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Separate Evaluation of Roles

The Mediator and the Negotiating Pair (Client & Counsel) from the same institution will not compete as a single team. Instead, they will be evaluated independently, and their performance will be judged on individual role-specific criteria.

Individual Advancement for Mediators

Mediators will always be scored individually, even when they co-mediate with another student from a different institution. Their progression in the competition is independent of the performance of the co-mediator or their own institution's Negotiating Pair.

Paired Evaluation for Negotiating Pairs

The Client and Counsel in a Negotiating Pair will be scored jointly as single unit, and will advance together through the rounds. Their roles are fixed and cannot be switched once the registration is complete. Role Consistency Each team must declare and retain their designated roles (Mediator, Client, and Counsel) throughout the competition.

Any role change after registration may lead to penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Strict Separation in Prelims In Preliminary Rounds, Mediators will never be paired with the Negotiating Pair from their own team under any circumstances, ensuring neutrality in scoring and experience.

Caucus

Each party (Client-Counsel) and the Mediator may call for a Caucus during the session to discuss confidential matters or seek guidance. Each team is allotted 5 minutes, totaling a maximum of 10 minutes per round. Cross-caucus is not permitted, and caucus use will be judged based on relevance and necessity. Each round will have a separate mediation problem based on pre-disclosed themes mentioned in the brochure.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

MEDIATION SESSION

- i. A Mediation Session shall comprise two client-counsel pairs in opposition to resolve a dispute in the presence of two mediators. Each mediator will be individually marked. The client-counsel pairs shall be denoted as mediating teams.
- ii. Either the mediators or any member of the respective teams is authorized to initiate a caucus.
- iii. Each round will entail with different set of facts and distinct confidential information designated for each opposing Negotiating Team, which will be provided before the commencement of the round.
- iv. The Preliminary and Quarter Final Round will have a duration of 50 minutes for both the parties and mediator(s), while the Semi-Final and Final Rounds will extend to 75 minutes each.
- v. The maximum time allocated for caucus is 5 minutes for the Quarter-Final rounds and 7 minutes for the Semi-Final Rounds and Final rounds.

CAUCUS

A Caucus can take place between a mediator(s) and both members of the Requesting Party or the Responding Party.

During each Mediation session, the Mediator(s) and the Competing Teams have the right to call for a Caucus under the following terms:

- i. The maximum time limit for a caucus is 10 minutes (5 minutes per team) out of 50 minutes during the Quarter rounds.
- ii. The maximum time limit for a caucus is 14 minutes (7 minutes per team) out of 75 minutes in semi-final and final rounds.
- iii. The Caucus can be requested by either the Mediator or the client or counsel of any team during the session.
- iv. The Mediator cannot reject the call for a Caucus initiated by the teams, while the teams may have discretion to accept it when initiated by the Mediator.
- v. Mediator or mediating pair may request only one caucus during each round
- vi. Teams going for Caucus will be sent to a separate room to maintain confidentiality.
- vii. No caucus can be taken during the preliminary rounds.

MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE MEDIATING PAIR

Opening Statement	10
Constructive Approach	10
Advocating Interest	10
Teamwork and Coordination	10
Use of Services of Mediator	10
Body Language	10
Effective Use of Confidential Information	10
Negotiation Strategy	10
Mutually Generating Creative Options	10
Time Management	10
TOTAL	100

MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE MEDIATOR

Opening Statement	15
Creating appropriate environment	10
Control over the session	10
Ability to work as a team	10
Eliciting information from mediating pair	10
Facilitating option generation	10
Conduct and demeanor	10
Time management	10
Closing statement	15
TOTAL	100

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Award	Recognition	Winning Prize
Winner Team	Trophy & Certificate of Merit	11,000
Runner Team	Trophy & Certificate of Merit	6,000
Best Mediator	Trophy & Certificate of Merit	3,000

Note - Certificate of Participation shall be given to all participants

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open to those students who are

- Pursuing an integrated 5 year Law in India or
- Pursuing 3 year LLB in India.

IMPORTANT DATES

S. No.	Particulars	Day	Date
1	Registration Start Date	Wednesday	21 Jul 2026
2	Release of Problem	Tuesday	8 Sept 2026
3	Inaugural Ceremony Prelims Round - 1 & 2 Quarter Finals (Online)	Friday-Saturday	10-11 Sept 2026
4	Semi Final Round (Online)	Saturday	12 Sept 2026
5	Final Round and Valedictory Ceremony (Offline)	Saturday	26 Sept 20...

REGISTRATION

Registration Fees Rs. 2000/- is the registration of team is considered to be complete, once the registration fee is paid and the registration form e-mailed with all necessary details.

Registration fees once paid will not be refunded. Every team which has registered under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code.

Once the unique code has been allotted every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of The Competition. The teams which have not provisionally.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Registration fees must be remitted online as per the details mentioned below.

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LINK FOR REGISTRATION

<https://forms.gle/bhvrux3djXjnM3K7>



**REGISTRATION
FORM QR**

MISCELLANEOUS RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. **Prohibition on the usage of Technological Devices:** Participants shall be explicitly prohibited from utilizing any form of audio/visual aids, personal computers, laptops, or any other technical or mechanical apparatus during the competition. The use of such devices is deemed an infringement of the competition's protocols.
2. **Submission of Documents:** In the course of presenting their arguments, participants can furnish documents at the discretion of the judges.
3. **Immediate Disqualification Clause:** Any submission involving material that contravenes the aforementioned regulations shall result in immediate disqualification of the team from the competition, without exception.
4. **Confidentiality of Identity:** Throughout the competition, mediators and clients must maintain complete anonymity—neither disclosing their personal identities nor the identity of their institution/University/College by any means or medium whatsoever.
5. **Authority on Marks:** The judges' evaluation and the marks awarded to each team shall be definitive and irrevocable, with no provision for appeal.
6. **Access Restrictions to Mediation Rooms:** Under no circumstances shall any participant, or any member affiliated with a team, be permitted to observe or be present in any Mediation Room where their team is not directly involved as a contesting party. A breach of this regulation will result in severe disciplinary action, up to and including disqualification from the competition.
7. **Exclusive Authority of the Organizing Committee:** The Organizing Committee reserves the sole discretion over all matters pertaining to the 1st National Mediation Competition 2026. Their decisions shall be final and binding, with no entitlement for teams or participants to challenge or dispute such determinations.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION FORM:

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT NO.: _____

E-MAIL ID: _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____

TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____

MODE OF TRANSPORT: _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE: _____

TIME OF DEPARTURE: _____

ACCOMMODATION (TICK AS APPLICABLE): NO / YES

NOTE:

Travel form must be sent latest by 22nd September, 2026 th The organizers will suggest accommodation facilities but will not be responsible for any issues that may arise after the hotel booking.



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**All the Best to the
Participants!**