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organises

4-WEEK CERTIFICATE COURSE

Mediation in Intellectual Property Rights

Where Innovation Meets Resolution

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14 · 21 · 28 · 29
November 2026

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4 Expert Sessions · Weekends

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About Us

SGT University

Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary (SGT) University, Gurugram, was established in 2013. Accredited NAAC A+, it brings together 19 faculties and over 200 undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes on one campus, committed to education that is rigorous, research-led and responsive to society.

School of Law

Approved by the Bar Council of India, the School of Law prepares lawyers who think critically and act ethically. Its teaching blends doctrine with practice through semester internships, clinical courses, moot courts, legal aid outreach and engagement with courts, Parliament and industry.

SGT University Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre (SADRC)

SADRC promotes the practice, research and culture of Alternative Dispute Resolution. It builds skills in mediation, arbitration, negotiation, conciliation and online dispute resolution through training, workshops, bootcamps and competitions, including the Dr. Lalit Bhasin 1st International Mediation Competition, 2026. The Centre bridges legal education and professional practice.

Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies (CIPRS)

CIPRS advances teaching, research and awareness in intellectual property law. It engages students, innovators and professionals with patents, copyright, trademarks, designs and emerging questions where technology meets law, working towards an informed IP ecosystem where creativity is protected and innovation is valued.







Together, *SADRC and CIPRS bring their expertise to a growing frontier: resolving IP disputes through mediation, quickly, confidentially and without breaking the relationships that innovation depends on.*

THE PROGRAMME

About the Course

Ideas are today's most valuable assets, and among the most contested.

IP disputes are technical, cross-border and commercially sensitive, while litigation is slow, costly and public. Mediation offers a better path: confidential, expert-led and focused on preserving the partnerships that innovation needs.

India is moving decisively in this direction. The **Mediation Act, 2023**, mandatory pre-institution mediation under **Section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015**, and the IP Division of the Delhi High Court have placed mediation at the centre of IP dispute resolution. Globally, the **WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center** continues to set the benchmark.

This four-week course gives participants the law, the strategy and the hands-on skill to mediate IP disputes, from licensing deadlocks and trademark conflicts to patent and technology-transfer disputes.

Course Objectives

- Build a clear understanding of the legal framework for mediating IP disputes in India and abroad
- Explain why IP disputes suit mediation, and when they do not
- Develop negotiation and mediation strategies tailored to IP and commercial interests
- Train participants to draft enforceable, IP-specific settlement agreements
- Introduce emerging frontiers: AI, online dispute resolution and cross-border IP enforcement

Learning Outcomes

On completion, participants will be able to:

- **Navigate** the statutory and institutional framework governing IP mediation
- **Assess** an IP dispute and choose the right resolution route
- **Apply** interest-based negotiation and mediation techniques to IP conflicts
- **Draft** key clauses for mediation agreements and settlement terms
- **Anticipate** emerging trends shaping the future of IP dispute resolution

Who Should Attend

- Law students (UG and PG) and research scholars
- Advocates, in-house counsel and IP attorneys
- Mediators and ADR practitioners
- Start-up founders, innovators and R&D professionals
- Academicians and policy professionals

Why Join

- **Expert-led** sessions by practitioners in IP and mediation
- **Practical focus:** case studies, drafting and a mock mediation
- **Certificate of Completion** jointly issued by SADRC and CIPRS
- **Online, on weekends,** so it fits around study and work

THE PROGRAMME

Course Structure

Four expert-led sessions take participants from the legal foundations of IP mediation to drafting a settlement that holds.

I
14 Nov

Foundations: IP Mediation and its Governing Laws

Saturday, 14 November 2026 · Led by **Prof. (Dr.) Bismi Gopalakrishnan**

Lays the foundation: what makes IP disputes distinctive, why mediation suits them, and the domestic and international framework that governs IP mediation today.

Key themes: Why IP disputes suit mediation · Mediation Act, 2023 · Section 12A, Commercial Courts Act, 2015 · Delhi High Court IP Division Rules · WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center and the Singapore Convention

II
21 Nov

Negotiation and Mediation Strategies

Saturday, 21 November 2026 · Led by **Dr. Apoorva Dixit**

Builds the core skills of negotiating and mediating IP disputes, with a focus on technical complexity, confidentiality and moving parties past deadlock.

Key themes: Interests over positions · The mediator's role in technical disputes · Confidentiality and protecting know-how · Using technical experts · Joint and private sessions, breaking deadlock

III
28 Nov

IPR Strategies for Resolving Commercial Disputes

Saturday, 28 November 2026 · Led by **Adv. Mark Oyieyo Oroko, MCIArb**

Examines how IP disputes arise in commercial practice and how parties can choose and design the right resolution route, from contract drafting to forum selection.

Key themes: Patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret disputes · Licensing, franchising and technology transfer · Valuing IP in a dispute · Choosing the forum · Dispute-resolution clauses in IP contracts

IV
29 Nov

Practical Strategies, Settlement and Emerging Trends

Sunday, 29 November 2026 · Led by **Adv. Joel Kenneth Johnson**

Brings it all together in practice: drafting durable settlements, securing enforceability and exploring how ODR and AI are reshaping IP dispute resolution, closing with a mock mediation.

Key themes: Drafting IP settlements: licences, co-existence and royalty terms · Enforceability of settlements · Online dispute resolution · AI and IP disputes · Mock mediation and case study

4	Online	Weekends	Q&A
Expert sessions	Join from anywhere	14 – 29 Nov 2026	After every session

RESOURCE PERSON · SESSION I

Session I

I
14 Nov

Foundations: IP Mediation and its Governing Laws

Saturday, 14 November 2026 · Online



RESOURCE PERSON

Prof. (Dr.) Bismi Gopalakrishnan

Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

Professor & Head, School of Indian Legal Thought

About

Prof. (Dr.) Bismi Gopalakrishnan is a distinguished legal scholar and academic administrator, and the first woman to serve as Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. With over two decades in academia, she heads the University's School of Indian Legal Thought, directs its research initiatives and has served as Dean of the Faculty of Law.

An expert in Healthcare Laws, Intellectual Property Rights and Public Law, she has contributed extensively to legal scholarship and state policy. She is the author of the seminal text *Legal Aspects of Healthcare and Hospital Administration* and has contributed to the drafting committees for the Kerala Public Health Bills.

In 2011, she represented India in the U.S. Department of State's prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), focusing on intellectual property rights.

IN THIS SESSION

Why IP disputes suit mediation · Mediation Act, 2023 · Section 12A, Commercial Courts Act, 2015 · Delhi High Court IP Division Rules · WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center and the Singapore Convention

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RESOURCE PERSON

Dr. Apoorva Dixit

Associate Professor, School of Law, G.D. Goenka University

Head, Centre for Conflict Resolution

About

Dr. Apoorva Dixit is an Associate Professor at the School of Law, G.D. Goenka University, Gurugram, where she heads the Centre for Conflict Resolution. With over a decade of teaching experience, she specialises in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Corporate Laws and Cyber Laws.

An accredited mediator and certified arbitrator, she is empanelled as an arbitrator, mediator and conciliator. Her research spans arbitration, mediation and online dispute resolution, including mediation in environmental disputes and emergency arbitration in India.

She serves as a peer reviewer and editorial board member for reputed legal journals and is a recipient of the Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Best Faculty Award (2021).

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Adv. Mark Oyieyo Oroko, MCIArb

Partner, CROWNMARKS Advocates, Kenya

Arbitrator & Mediator (CIArb, WIPO)

About

Adv. Mark Oyieyo Oroko is a dual-qualified Civil Engineer and Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, and a Partner at CROWNMARKS Advocates. He is a practising Arbitrator and Mediator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center.

He serves on the Steering Committee of the CIArb (Kenya) Young Members Group and is an active member of WIPO ADR Young, having been named a Tier-1 Winner of the 2025 WIPO ADR Young Competition. A registered Patent and Trademark Agent with the Kenya Industrial Property Institute, he also supports the WIPO Inventor Assistance Program.

Combining technical and legal expertise, he works to achieve fair, effective and enforceable outcomes in IP mediation, and to promote ADR as a preferred route for resolving intellectual property disputes.

IN THIS SESSION

Patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret disputes · Licensing, franchising and technology transfer · Valuing IP in a dispute · Choosing the forum · Dispute-resolution clauses in IP contracts

RESOURCE PERSON · SESSION IV

Session IV

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Sunday, 29 November 2026 · Online



RESOURCE PERSON

Adv. Joel Kenneth Johnson

Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Accredited Arbitrator & Mediator · Registered Trademark Attorney

About

Adv. Joel Kenneth Johnson is an Advocate practising before the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts. He is an Accredited Arbitrator and Mediator, certified by the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) and the Supreme Court of India, and a Registered Trademark Attorney.

He leads the Knowledge and Communication Vertical of The Mediation Society and serves as a Panel and Accredited Arbitrator with the Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation (IIAM) and the Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (APCAM). He earlier led the IPR practice at Conscientia Consultancy & Law Associates, Bengaluru.

Believing that legal knowledge should reach beyond courtrooms to families, students and communities, he is actively engaged in legal education and mediation advocacy.

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