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4TH RGNUL NATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

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Justice Kuldip Prakash Bhandari
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CADR @ RGNUL

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, is a premier law university, established in 2006. Known for its excellence in legal education, RGNUL offers a comprehensive curriculum that balances theoretical knowledge with practical skills. The university provides students with opportunities to participate in various competitions, including those focused on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), helping them develop crucial negotiation and mediation skills. With a modern campus, experienced faculty, and a strong emphasis on research, RGNUL prepares its students for successful careers in the legal field, fostering both academic and professional growth.

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) at RGNUL, Punjab, is dedicated to advancing the study and practice of ADR methods. Established to foster interest among students and researchers, CADR promotes ADR as a tool for achieving socio-economic and political justice. The Centre aims to strengthen ADR mechanisms in India by providing a platform for students to explore and deepen their understanding of alternative dispute resolution. Through workshops, seminars, and research initiatives, CADR supports the development of future legal professionals skilled in ADR, contributing to a more effective and equitable legal system.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS

The **Inaugural RGNUL National Negotiation Competition**, organized by CADR, RGNUL, was held online from October 8–10, 2021. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas was the Chief Knowledge Partner, with CAMP, Justice Kuldip Prakash Bhandari Foundation, and SCC Online as supporting and media partners. The event attracted 34 teams from premier law universities and centered on Aviation Law & Industry, providing a platform for complex negotiations and practical application of negotiation skills.

The **Second Edition**, held physically from November 12–14, 2022, was organized by CADR, RGNUL, and the Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR, RGNUL, Punjab. Key partners included Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, Justice Kuldip Prakash Bhandari, and the Indian Dispute Resolution Centre. Media partners were Live Law, Lawetopus, and Latest Laws, with YNC India and Probono Club RGNUL as supporters. Featuring 26 teams, it addressed topics like extradition, expropriation, and nuclear tensions.

The **Third Edition**, hosted from November 3–5, 2023, saw Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. as Chief Knowledge Partner, with SCC Online, Justice Kuldip Prakash Bhandari Foundation, Eastern Book Company, and Dr. P.C. Markanda Chair on ADR as collaborators. Teams from top law schools tackled issues in Family Law, Company Law, and International Law, honing negotiation skills on a global platform.

PAST WINNERS



OUR COLLABORATORS

Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas

Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co (SAM) is one of India's premier law firms, highly rated by international organizations, legal directories, and professional journals. Recognized for its comprehensive service offerings, SAM excels in providing innovative legal solutions and is celebrated for its responsiveness and collaborative approach with clients.

As a full-service firm, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas boasts a team of over 668 lawyers, including more than 129 Partners. Their expertise spans a wide range of legal fields, supported by their extensive network of offices across key cities in India: New Delhi, Mumbai, Gurugram, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru, and Chennai.

The firm's reputation for enabling business growth and navigating complex legal landscapes makes it a trusted partner for clients seeking top-tier legal representation and strategic counsel.



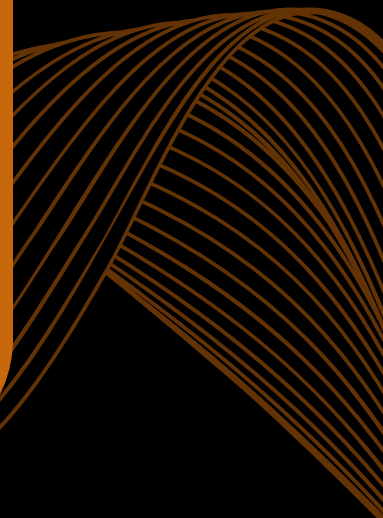
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Justice K.P. Bhandari Foundation, Chandigarh

The Justice K. P. Bhandari Foundation (JKPBF) was founded in 2017 by Mrs. Prabha Bhandari, Mr. Pradip Bhandari, and Ms. Varuna Bhandari Gugnani to honor the late Justice Kuldip Prakash Bhandari, a prominent figure in Indian law. Justice Bhandari served as a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Advocate General of Punjab, and Chairman of the Punjab State Law Commission.

JKPBF is dedicated to promoting education, awarding fellowships, and fostering social responsibility. Its mission includes encouraging students and researchers to contribute to National Development while supporting educational initiatives to shape future legal minds.

Among RGNUL's most prestigious honors is the Justice Kuldip Prakash Bhandari Medal for Constitutional Law Excellence, reflecting the foundation's commitment to academic and legal excellence.



FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The 4th NegComp will be held in an **online** mode.

Each University must be represented by two students, i.e. one Client and one Counsel. The composition of the team will not be permitted to change once the same has been communicated to the Organising Committee.

There shall be two preliminary rounds followed by quarter finals, semi-finals, and finals. The two-member Negotiating Team will comprise of a client and a counsel who will **mandatorily** have to play both roles atleast once during preliminary rounds.

Universities interested in sending more than one team are requested to express their intention by reaching out to the organizing committee. It should be noted that the allocation of slots to any university will be a decision made solely by CADR-RGNUL, and shall be **final and binding**.

Any student enrolled in Undergraduate or Postgraduate Law degree programme in any University recognised by the Bar Council of India as on **1st January 2025**, is eligible to participate.



AWARDS

WINNERS

The team with the highest marks in the final round of the competition shall be the Winners of the Competition.

RUNNER-UP

The team with the lower marks in the final round of the competition shall be the Runners-up.

BEST NEGOTIATOR

The participant with the highest individual score in the Preliminary Rounds will be awarded the Best Negotiator.

BEST NEGOTIATING PLAN

The team with the highest average score of the two Negotiation Plans in the Preliminary Rounds will be awarded the Best Negotiating Plan award.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

All participating teams will receive a certificate of participation.



TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION



PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION LINK

ORGANISING TEAM

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TEAM CADR

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Kartikey Tripathi | Kavya Jain | Kshitij Prakash | Megha Bhartiya | Mustafa Topiwala
Nachiketa Narain | Natasha Mittal | Pranav Chadha | Raima | Ritwik Sharma
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