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UNDER THE ACTION RESEARCH
BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

IS ORGANISING

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

MEDIATION

(CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME & INNOVATIVE PRACTICES)

22-24 April 2021 (Virtual)



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ABOUT LAW CENTRE-II



Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi is a premier institution and is known for its qualitative teaching, research and other co-curricular and extracurricular activities. It is one of the best institutions in the country which imparts three-year LL.B. program. Started in 1971, it has a glorious past of 50 years. The current state of art infrastructure, commitment and assiduity of faculty members with huge quality student strength separates it from other institutions of the country. Law Centre-II feels proud to have the alumni who got the position like Governor, Cabinet and State Ministers, Parliamentarians, Hon'ble Judges, distinguished Jurists, leading advocates, policy makers and some of the academicians of the country.



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RESEARCH PROJECT UNDER SCHEME FOR ACTION RESEARCH AND STUDIES ON JUDICIAL REFORM BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE



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Under the scheme for Action Research and Studies on Judicial Reforms, the main objective is to promote research and studies on the issues related to the National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms being implemented by the Department of Justice. To actualise the said action research a project was undertaken by Law Centre II as per the above mentioned Scheme on "Effectiveness of Mediation (ADR) in India: A special focus on online mediation and mediation in family dispute, consumer redressal dispute, commercial dispute, Intellectual Property Disputes, Dispute in Multinational companies".

The objectives of the project was to study whether mediation has been an effective tool in providing justice in India; to understand whether online mediation can be the part of ease of doing business; to understand the scope, current applicability and effectiveness of the mediation technique in family disputes, consumer and commercial disputes, IPR and in Multinational companies; to create awareness of Pre institution mediation in India that received legal sanctity through Legal Services Authority Act 1987; to examine the expansion of mediation through survey of common people, Advocates, Law students, and judges of the Mega-Metropolitan city. The main activities of the project included action research and evaluation studies both empirical and non-empirical; organising seminars/workshop/conference; promotion of innovative programmes and publication of a report.

ABOUT SAMADHAN



The Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre, known as Samadhan, was established in May 2006. Its objective is to act as a catalyst in providing a healing touch to the litigating public in amicably resolving their disputes.

Samadhan is administered by a Joint Committee of lawyers and Judges that has been smoothly coordinating and supervising all its activities. It has cemented a vital and unique collaboration between the Bar and the Bench that has been able to empower disputants to amicably resolve their disputes and find peace and harmony in their lives.

The Centre handles cases referred to it by the Delhi High Court, its subordinate courts and the Supreme Court of India. The Centre has handled a variety of cases covering matters relating to business contracts/transactions, consumer issues, employment and service issues, industrial disputes, banking and insurance cases, trademark and copyright disputes, accident-related claims, landlord-tenant disputes, family and matrimonial disputes, child custody and visitation rights, verification in habeas corpus matters, PSU and government disputes etc.

Samadhan has seen very good results. In eighteen months, nearly 300 cases referred by the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court of India have been settled, and these settlements also resolved over 400 related cases pending in different courts. These efforts have been greatly appreciated. It has built new bridges of faith between the disputants.

In the past 10 years, Samadhan has woven a change in the perception of conflict, the treatment of disputes and the dispensation of justice. It has come to occupy pride of place in the Delhi High Court where referrals come to it not only from the Delhi High Court but also from the Supreme Court and other fora. Today, Samadhan has established itself as one of the leading Mediation Centres of the country.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF SAMADHAN



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ABOUT DSPPG

The Delhi School of Public Policy and Governance (DSPPG) at the University of Delhi has been established under the Institution of Eminence (IOE) of the University. The University of Delhi has got the privilege to be declared as an Institution of Eminence by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It aims to serve as the key platform to promote and foster excellence in Public Policy and Governance studies, research and outreach, and policy making. The School shall be the University's interface for engaging with the wider community of academics and practitioners in initiating, developing and sharing ideas to address various emerging domestic and international public policy challenges. More important, the School shall fill the existing void in building a specialized and efficient cadre of professionals dedicated to public service in India.

A well-designed public policy and effective governance are crucial for a country to realize its socio-economic objectives. The Delhi School of Public Policy and Governance (DSPPG) is the University's endeavor to contribute to the quality of policymaking and governance in an increasingly complex and challenging world. The vision of the school is to provide an interdisciplinary platform for learning and research on Public Policy and Governance. The School will serve as forum where the academic rigour blends with empirical evidence and the practical experience to promote the knowledge about processes of policymaking and governance. The objective is to contribute to the design and implementation of the public policy by providing context relevant policy inputs to the policymakers. The School will serve as a springboard of purposive discourse on effective and equitable governance from the developing world view-point.

Along with the formal rules and regulations, the research and learning programmes at the DSPPG will cover the informal social institutions, which are salient features of the governance in a developing country like India. Accordingly, the School is envisioned as a world class institution on Public Policy and Governance in the context of developing countries. The objective is to equip the lawmakers, policymakers and researchers with the knowledge and skill–sets to address the Public Policy and Governance challenges of the developing world.

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GLIMPSES OF 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MEDIATION, 2019 ORGANISED BY LAW CENTRE-II



Mediation Book Launch by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul Judge, Supreme Court of India



International Conference on Mediation 2019



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

OBJECTIVES

Mediation as an Alternate Dispute Resolution is a process of resolving disputes with the help of a third neutral person who assists the parties in the dispute to reach a negotiated resolution. The process is voluntary, party centered and structured negotiation.

A variety of disputes are amenable to mediation including commercial, contractual, business, corporate, employment, intellectual property, matrimonial disputes etc. Mediation as a mode of Alternate Dispute Resolution is playing a pivotal role in providing justice to common people. It is empowering every common person of the society and imparting justice in a cost effective and expeditious manner. The thought that has necessitated organizing such a Webinar is that the awareness of people regarding their rights has increased in recent times. Such increase has boosted the confidence of common man in turn enhanced his willingness to undertake litigation. Unfortunately, the infrastructure with the state has not increased commensurately resulting in backlog of cases. The increment and presence of backlogs have been causing an excruciating delay in the administration of justice.

It was reported that millions of cases are pending in various courts across the country and India is facing unprecedented "litigation explosion". The ratio of judges in India is abysmally low at 12–13 per one million persons. However, a novel course of action is required as a remedy to this malaise which serves as a compliment to the traditional judicial system. There by helping to reduce the heavy burden of litigation and at the same time not compromising with the standard of equity, justice and good conscience.

In the light of above, Mediation is a tool to achieve the goal of speedy, equitable and adequate justice. This becomes pertinent because traditional approach has been overburdened to solve the chronic problem of delayed justice. In addition to above a welfare state like India, where social justice occupies uncompromising stature, it calls for greater and focused attention. In this regard, Mediation is one such creative approach which will help in achieving social justice through securing faster and adequate justice for the masses so that the true meaning of Justice is realized.

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Jurists have often stressed over social, economic and political Justice. In a country like India where there is unity in diversity, such diversity and unity can be preserved only through abovementioned ideals. Moreover, in modern times where the world has undergone drastic changes and these concepts have become fundamental to each and every participating unit of our modern world. Securing these certainly becomes necessary for a flourishing world and economy.

In a country like India, where the course of development is skewed and affecting each and every citizen, the demand for Justice is increasing at a greater pace given that a major chunk of our population still remains marginalized, deprived and destitute. However, the cost of litigation has risen exponentially, threatening these sections of society to claim what is their legitimate right.

The concept of Alternate Dispute Resolution is not new to India and has existed since ancient times. The tribes and villages in India are still pursuing such traditional methods of dispute resolution. Thus, mediation as a process of dispute resolution is not new to our nation, what is required in the changed social scenario is an effective adaptation of the traditional methodology to the new conditions. This calls for untiring efforts and devotion to be dutifully put into this process, right from its inception to its culmination into an effective practice.

In connection to this, we quote Justice Swatanter Kumar, former Judge Supreme Court of India,

"The benefits of such process as mediation are further fortified from the fact that imminent legal personalities such as Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln and Nani Palkhiwala have taken pleasure and pride in continuously settling the cases out of the court in uniting the parties driven as under by conflict and discouraging litigation." "Santosham Param Sukham".

Mediation is one of the modes for attainment of peace. This peace is not an individual concept but collective one as it impacts society as a whole. It harmonizes the relations and ensures amicable and just resolutions.

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Therefore, innovative methodology of Mediation can help to secure justice to the masses. Other advantages such as cost minimization and peaceful resolution of the dispute without bitterness can also be achieved which may not be possible in the traditional litigation approach as well as other ADR methods.

The Webinar intends to sensitize and aware all stakeholders and create an atmosphere where the effective practice of mediation can be strengthened. The deliberation/Webinar shall not only provide a way forward in structured manner but shall also help in ensuring its acceptability amongst masses.

PROBABLE OUTCOME

The role of mediation is indigenous to societal development. As mentioned earlier, mediation provides an alternative to conventional dispute resolution mechanisms. Since its results are far more satisfactory than the prolonged methods of court, it is aimed that the conference shall provide a platform to various stakeholders to come together and identify issues to be addressed.

It is further identified that the Preambular goal of 'Fraternity' cannot be achieved if there is lack of awareness and practice of using mediation as a method for resolving disputes. In this light the organizers believe that, be it consumers' grievance, matrimonial dispute, corporate dispute, intellectual property disputes etc., a group of experts can contribute to resolve in a better fashion. Productivity of any society can be at zenith if the maximum number of citizens will contribute their valuable time in societal and national development. Therefore, it is argued that peoples' most time is wasted in resolution of disputes. No corporate body in contemporary times wishes to approach court as for them time is money and progression. Thus, more work and less wastage of personal and professional time and resources leads to more growth. It is lastly stated that the conference shall come out with a result with practical implications to be culminated in the policy framework of this country.



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SCHEDULE

Day One 22nd April, 2021

INAUGURAL SESSION

(4:30 - 5:15 P.M.)

Day Two 23rd April, 2021

SESSION I

Capacity Building Programme

(2:00 - 3:45 P.M.)

SESSION II

Innovative Practices & Online Mediation

(4:00 - 6:00 P.M.)

SCHEDULE

Day Three
24th April, 2021

SESSION I

Mediation in Family Dispute (10:00 - 10:50 A.M.)

SESSION II

Mediation in IPR Dispute (11:05 - 12:00 P.M.)

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SESSION III

Mediation and Ease of Doing Business (12:15 - 1:45 P.M.)

SESSION IV

Mediation in Commercial Dispute (2:30 - 4:00 P.M.)

Valedictory Session & Vote of Thanks (4:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.)

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P. C. Joshi is a Professor of Social Anthropology at the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, India. His area of specialisation is Medical Anthropology and he focuses on Anthropology of Disasters, Anthropology of Development and on issues related to Social Exclusion and Adverse Inclusion. He has been the Vice Chancellor of the University since 29th October, 2020. Prof. Joshi was a delegate of the European Union at the United Nations Change Framework Climate Conference held at Poznan, Poland in 2008. He was the first president of the Indian for Medical Society Anthropology and Executive Member of the Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society based in Lucknow, India. He is member of the Anthropological Association and a Life Fellow of the Indian Association of Social Psychiatry. He is the Editor of the Society for Medical Anthropology Bulletin. Prof. Joshi was a recipient in 1987 of the Indira Priyadarshini Vriksha Mitra National Award as a founder member of Friends of Trees, and the Inter-University Centre Associateship Award in Humanities and Social Sciences, 1996-1999, Certificate of Honour at the First France-India Meet on Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, 2007, Plaque Appreciation from Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Xavier University Ateneo de Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines, 2008, and Certificate of Appreciation on his research on disaster impacts in Asia and Europe by Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia in 2009, among other honours and distinctions.



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Prof. (Dr.) Mahavir Singh Kalon

Prof. Mahavir Singh Kalon is currently Professor-in-Charge, Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. He also a Patron of the International Conference on Mediation 2021. He is well-recognised Professor of Constitutional Law. Working as an exam observer in UGC NET for the past 10 years. He is also a governing body member at Bhopal Maharani Laxmibai College. He has also appointed as an observer in various appointment committees of judges and academicians. He is a member of Advisory Committee, Vishwakarma University, Haryana. He is member academic council, Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind. He is governor nominee to National Law University, Sonipat.He was a Chairman, Haryana Janhit Congress (B.L) Haryana for 11/2 year. He was also a Visiting Faculty education preview legal programmes in Centre of Consortium for Educational Programmes (UGC) Professional Societies. He has been a Director of Legal Aid Clinic, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. He has organized programmes for legal awareness among the masses at some villages surrounding Region. He has attended various selection committees organised for regular appointments of Lecturers in various streams in Hindu College, PG DAV College, Lady Ervin College, Khalsa College, Pitampura and Desbandhu College (affiliated to University of Delhi) as SC/ST University Observer and Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.



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Dr. Ashutosh Mishra

Dr. Ashutosh Mishra is working as Assistant Professor at Faculty of Law, University of Delhi since July 2010. He has done his LL.M. from Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and awarded Ph.D. on copyright enforcements. He is a project director in Research Project on Mediation sponsored by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India. He received an award of appreciation for contribution in promotion Entrepreneurship from SME Forum and Ministry of MSME, GOI. He got an opportunity to present a research paper in Singapore International Mediation Centre and at Ministry of Law, Singapore. He has also editor in the book on Mediation forwarded by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. He is Project Director in a research project sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India. He is also the OSD, Delhi School of Public Policy & Governance, Institute of Eminence, University of Delhi. He has recently nominated by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment committee advisory for the development of research course of Bhimrao **Ambedkar** (Dr. International Research Centre), Govt. of India, New Delhi. He is also a member of evaluation committee as legal expert Ministry of Electronics Information Technology (MeitY), Office of Controller of Certifying Authorities, New Delhi. He has also published many research projects and has presented many papers in International and National Seminar. He is Hon'ble Rajasthan governor nominee academic counsel member.

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