

INADR

INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOOL

MEDIATION TOURNAMENT 2026

25 – 28 November 2026

DY Patil School of Law Campus
Sector 7, Nerul, Navi Mumbai — 400706, India

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About INADR

INADR (International Academy of Dispute Resolution) was founded in 2002 and is the first organization that sponsored mediation tournaments where students were the mediators in an international competition. Since that time, INADR tournaments have been hosted in more than sixteen countries and have had participants and representatives from over fifty countries.

Mediation tournaments began at the undergraduate level in 2000 as an outgrowth of the American Mock Trial Association, with the first tournament held at Drake University. INADR began offering tournaments, and in 2004, the organization was formally established by a group of educators, mediators, and lawyers. INADR mediation tournaments were the first, and for many years, the only intercollegiate mediation tournaments where student participants were in the roles of mediators, advocates, and clients.

The goal of INADR has been to create an awareness of mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. The Academy believes that there is a better way to resolve differences than the adversarial system. Former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger declared that the legal system "has become too costly, too painful, too destructive, too inefficient for a truly civilized people."

INADR is dedicated to the principle that change comes through education. The Academy believes that peace and reconciliation should be the goals of mediation. Further, it believes that preserving and enhancing relationships is at the core of its work. INADR is educating the next generation of leaders to create a more peaceful and cooperative world.

About DY Patil School of Law

Nestled in the picturesque campus at Nerul in Navi Mumbai, DY Patil Deemed to be University (DYPU) is synonymous with excellence in higher education. Since its establishment 21 years ago, DYPU has made groundbreaking changes in higher education and witnessed exceptional growth and rewarding success of students and faculty.

With nearly 15,000 students walking out of its portals every year, DYPU boasts of a shining network of alumni who stand testimony to the University's ideals. The University believes in creating the pioneers of tomorrow, transforming India into a global platform for education, healthcare, and sports.

DY Patil School of Law (DYPSOL) is committed to nurturing industry-ready legal professionals equipped to meet the evolving demands of the legal world. The School offers a dynamic learning environment that blends academic rigour with practical exposure. Through student-managed committees, new initiatives, and social development programs, students gain a broader understanding of law beyond the classroom.

DYPSOL actively collaborates with the legal fraternity, law firms, and social institutions to instil professional excellence and a sense of responsibility. Guided by exceptional faculty, our students are prepared to become capable advocates, solicitors, and legal scholars who contribute meaningfully to the Indian judicial system and society at large.

Welcome from the Organising Committee

Dear Participants and Faculty Advisors,

DY Patil School of Law is honoured to host the INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament 2026 from 25 to 28 November at our Navi Mumbai campus. This prestigious event brings together law students from across the globe to engage in the theory and practice of mediation — one of the most vital dispute resolution skills in today's legal landscape.

The INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament is conducted under the auspices of the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR) and follows the highest international standards of competitive mediation. We look forward to welcoming you to Navi Mumbai.

Warm regards,

Organizing Committee

Tournament at a Glance

Tournament Name	INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament 2026
Host Institution	DY Patil School of Law, Navi Mumbai, India
Dates	25 – 28 November 2026
Venue	DY Patil School of Law, Sector 7, Nerul, Navi Mumbai – 400706
Organised by	DY Patil School of Law in association with INADR
Format	Team Mediation — International Standards (Mediators + Advocate/Client Pairs). See the INADR Rules for details.
Language	English
Contact Email	dypsol.events@dypatil.edu

Tournament Schedule

Day	Date	Activity
Day 1	25 Nov 2026 (Wed)	International Conference Mandatory Orientation Session & Training by INADR Professionals
Day 2	26 Nov 2026 (Thu)	Judges' Orientation Teams Registration Preliminary Round 1 (3:30–5:30 pm)
Day 3	27 Nov 2026 (Fri)	Preliminary Round 2 (11:00 am–1:00 pm) Preliminary Round 3 (4:00–6:00 pm) Social Event
Day 4	28 Nov 2026 (Sat)	Semi-Finals (10:00 am–12:00 pm) Final Round (04:00–6:00 pm) Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony (7:30 pm)

Eligibility Criteria

Who May Participate?

- Participants must be current higher education students (undergraduate or master's level), or recent graduates (no more than 12 months prior to the tournament), as well as persons engaged in post-graduate practical legal training (first-year trainees).
- Both undergraduate and postgraduate law students are eligible.
- Participants must be enrolled at the time of registration and during the tournament dates (25–28 November 2026).
- There is no restriction on nationality or country of study — international teams are warmly encouraged to apply.
- Students who have graduated more than 12 months prior to the commencement of the tournament are not eligible to compete.

Team Composition

- A team is composed of three (3) participants: one mediator slot and an Advocate/Client pair.
- Individual participants are also eligible — the Organising Committee will contact them to discuss participation options including joining a BYE team.
- A team may register an alternate who can join a BYE team if one is available.
- In the preliminary rounds, each team member must act as mediator once, advocate once, and client once.
- Each team can be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) coaches.
- A single institution may register multiple teams, subject to separate registration fees for each team.

Format of the Competition

The INADR Mediation Tournament follows the internationally recognised INADR competition format. All rounds are conducted in English. The tournament consists of three preliminary rounds, followed by semi-finals and a grand final.

In each round, co-mediators are from different schools. Each round includes co-mediators (Mediator Team A and Mediator Team B) and an advocate/client team representing each side (Adv/CI Team C and Adv/CI Team D) — all from different institutions.

Round Structure

- Each mediation round lasts a maximum of 90 minutes.
- General Information on all cases will be sent to registered teams 10 days before the competition. Confidential Information will be shared 60 minutes prior to each round.
- Each team mediates the same problem per round; parties (role players) are provided by the organisers.
- A panel of trained judges evaluates each round based on INADR scoring criteria.

Scoring & Advancement

- Three preliminary rounds are held. Advancement is based first on the number of judge ballots won, then margin of victory, then total score.
- Top teams advance to the semi-final. The top four teams in each category advance to the final round.
- Grand Finals: The two highest-scoring teams from the semi-finals compete in the Grand Final.
- Judges' decisions are final and binding.

Registration Fees & Payment

Registration fees are structured as follows. Fees must be paid in full to confirm participation. The fee does NOT include accommodation.

Fee Structure

Category	INR	USD
Full Team (3 Members)	INR 24,000 (Early Bird INR 21,000)	USD 250 (Early Bird – USD 220)
Individual Registration (Subject to confirmation)	INR 8,000	USD 80

Note: Fees do not include accommodation. Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. See the Accommodation section for a list of suggested hotels near the venue.

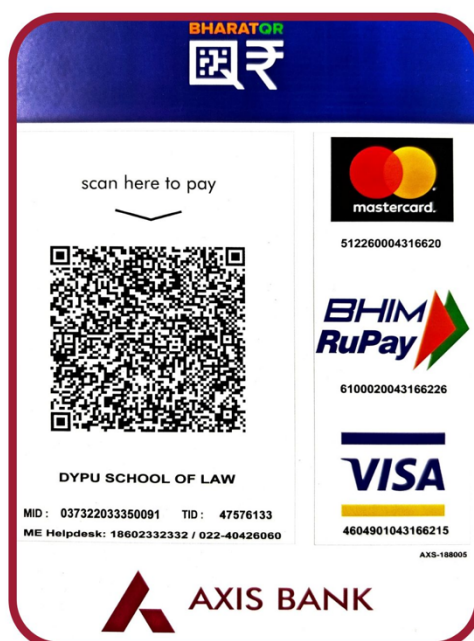
What the Registration Fee Includes

- Full access to all tournament rounds — preliminary rounds, semi-finals, and grand finals.
- Tournament problem set and all official competition materials.
- Participation certificate for each registered team member.
- Meals and refreshments on all tournament days (breakfast, lunch, and tea/coffee breaks).
- Access to the International Conference, Opening and Closing/Awards Ceremonies, and Gala Dinner.
- Mediation training certificate (for participants attending all training sessions).

Payment Instructions — Bank Transfer Details

Account Name	DYPU SCHOOL OF LAW
Account Number	923010005603122
IFSC Code	UTIB0003335
Bank Name	AXIS BANK LTD.
Branch	Nerul

Teams are responsible for all banking and transfer charges. Registration is confirmed only upon receipt of full payment and submission of all required documents. Fees paid are non-refundable except in the event of cancellation by the organisers.



Registration Process

Step-by-Step Guide

- Complete the online Registration Form or request it by email at dypsol.events@dypatil.edu.
- Submit: (a) completed Faculty Certification Form; (b) proof of current enrolment (valid institution ID or letter from Registrar); (c) scanned copy of payment receipt / proof of transaction.
- Make the registration fee payment as per the applicable category.
- Await confirmation email from the Organising Committee within 5 working days of receipt of all documents and payment.
- A detailed Information Package (schedule, hotel recommendations, campus map, tournament rules) will be sent to all confirmed teams by 10 November 2026.

Key Dates & Tournament Timeline

Date	Milestone	Responsibility
12 May 2026	Official Brochure & Competition Rules Released	Registration Committee
14 May 2026	Team Registration Opens	Registration Committee
30 May 2026	Early Bird Registration Deadline	Registration Committee
14 June 2026	Team Registration Closes	Registration Committee
20 June 2026	Final List of Participating Universities Released	Organising Committee
25 th June 2026	Last date to pay registration fee	Registration Committee
01 July 2026	Mediation Problem Released to Teams	Academic Committee
15 Aug 2026	Clarification Round for Mediation Problem	Academic Committee
10 Oct 2026	Online Orientation for Judges and Mediators	Academic Committee / INADR
15 Oct 2026	Detailed Tournament Schedule Released	Tournament Director
23/24 Nov 2026	Arrival of Teams and Judges	Hospitality Team
25–28 Nov 2026	INADR Mediation Tournament 2026	All Teams

Link to Key Documents

Hosting Guide	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v7VqCCmr_ApnGjhwnZfH8t0op3F8z61N/view?usp=drive_link
Rules	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mQhzTmoefZkVvOp_4K85nWTmLsr2lhP8/view?usp=drive_link
Participant Registration Form	https://forms.gle/C7ffcA6pn9RrU24T7
Instagram Page	inadr.dypsol_2026
DY Patil School of Law	https://dypatil.edu/schools/school-of-law
INADR	https://inadr.org/

Accommodation

The registration fee does NOT include accommodation. Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their own accommodation. The following is a list of suggested hotels near DY Patil School of Law campus (Sector 7, Nerul, Navi Mumbai — 400706) for your convenience. We recommend booking early, especially for international participants.

Hotel	Location	Distance	Approx. Cost (per night)
The Yogi Executive	Turbhe	3.5 Km	INR 2500 – 3500
The Monarch	Turbhe	2.7 Km	INR 3000 – 4000
Ibis Navi Mumbai	Turbhe	2.5 km	INR 4,000 – 6,000
The Fern Residency	Turbhe	3.5 km	INR 4,000 – 6,500
The Park Navi Mumbai	CBD Belapur	3.5 km	INR 5,500 – 8,000
Vivanta Navi Mumbai	Turbhe	3.7 km	INR 7,000 – 10,000
Courtyard by Marriott Navi Mumbai	Nerul	0.1 km	INR 8,000 – 12,000
Le Meridien	Turbhe	3.5 km	INR 10,000 – 14,000
Four Points by Sheraton	Vashi	5.0 km	INR 7,000 – 10,000
Fortune Select Exotica	Vashi	5.0 km	INR 7,000 – 10,000
The Regenza by Tunga	Vashi	5.2 km	INR 5,000 – 8,000
Royal Orchid Central Grazia	Vashi	5.2 km	INR 6,000 – 9,000

Prices are indicative and subject to change. We strongly recommend booking well in advance. The Organising Committee does not guarantee availability or rates. For assistance with accommodation inquiries, please contact: dypsol.events@dypatil.edu. The list of hotels is shared only for the convenience of the participants. Participants are advised to do their own diligence before booking.

Contact Information

Tournament Secretariat — INADR Mediation Tournament 2026

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General Notes & Disclaimers

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend these rules, dates, and fees. Any changes will be communicated to all registered participants via email.
- Participation in the tournament implies acceptance of all rules, procedures, and decisions of the Organising Committee and the judges.
- Participants are responsible for ensuring they possess all necessary travel documents (visa, passport, etc.) for entry into India. The organisers may provide visa support letters upon specific written request after registration confirmation.
- When applying, participants must ensure they have sufficient funding to cover travel and stay. They are responsible for their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.
- The Organising Committee shall not be held liable for any loss, injury, or damage to persons or property during the tournament.
- All intellectual property associated with the tournament problem(s) remains the property of INADR and DY Patil School of Law.
- Participants agree to the use of photography and videotaping and the discretionary use of such material by the Organising Committee.

We look forward to welcoming you to Navi Mumbai!

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