



**PANEL DISCUSSION-"PROMOTING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
THE CULTURE OF COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION "  
(VIRTUAL MODE)**

**Date :- 10th August,2024  
Timing :- 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm, IST**

**“NOW IS THE TIME FOR COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA  
TO PROMOTE A CULTURE OF COMMERCIAL  
ARBITRATION” : CJI DY CHANDRACHUD**

## Invitation Letter



ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI University, Dehradun, is pleased to invite you to a Panel Discussion on "Promoting the effectiveness of the Culture of Commercial Arbitration " scheduled for 10th August 2024, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, IST. This virtual event is part of our ongoing efforts to foster a deeper understanding of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods and promote peaceful conflict resolution within the legal landscape. The discussion will explore various arbitration techniques and offer a valuable learning experience, underscoring the importance of arbitration in today's legal and commercial landscape.

We are thrilled to invite your esteemed organization to participate in this insightful Panel Discussion actively. Your presence and participation would significantly enrich the event, and we would be honored to have representatives from your institute join us.

We eagerly look forward to your presence and engagement in this event.

With warm regards,  
ICFAI Law School  
The ICFAI University, Dehradun

## About The University

The ICFAI University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand (hereinafter referred to as the University) was established under The ICFAI University Act 2003 (Act No.16 of 2003) passed by the Uttaranchal Legislative Assembly and assented to by the Governor on July 08, 2003.

The ICFAI University secured 44th rank in the World Universities with Real Impact (WURI) Rankings 2020 released by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. ICFAI is the only non-governmental institution among the two Indian Universities on this list. The University has also been awarded the certificate for E-Learning Excellence of Academic Digitization (e-LEAD).

## About ICFAI Law School

The ICFAI Law School (formerly known as the Faculty of Law), a constituent of the ICFAI University, Dehradun, is established to develop a new generation of legal professionals through the comprehensive and contemporary body of knowledge integrating law with Management/Humanities. The Bar Council of India has accorded its approval to impart three-year and five-year law courses at ICFAI University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, and award degrees in law. The ICFAI Law School, Dehradun offers B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), LL.B., and B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) integrated five-year courses, One Year LL.M in Corporate, Constitution law, Cyber law, and PhD full-time and part-time programs.

The ICFAI Law School, Dehradun held the 1st Rank in the Category of "Top Law School in the State of Uttarakhand" by CSR-GHRDC Law Schools Survey 2022. It also secured 1st position in Uttarakhand & 13th among Top Law Colleges (Pvt.) in India -IIRF. The ICFAI Law School, Dehradun ranked 11th, by India Today under the category Best College in North India- Law MDRA Best Colleges Survey-2021.



## About CEADRL



The Centre for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution Law (CEADRL) has been instituted within the framework of ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI University, Dehradun, in the year 2021. Under the guidance of Associate Professor Dr. Susanta Shadangi, and Assistant Professor Ms. Monika Kothiyal, serving as Faculty Convenors, and Placement Coordinator Mr. Diwakar Das as Faculty Co-Convenor, the center adheres to the university's guidelines and regulations. Dedicated to fostering education on Alternative Dispute Resolution Laws (ADR), the center emphasizes a comprehensive, research-driven exploration of this field.

The logo of the Centre bears the Sanskrit phrase “वक्ष्यामि ते हितम् ॥” taken from Bhagwat Gita which translates to "I speak for your benefit." This encapsulates the core ethos of the Centre, emphasizing its commitment to resolving disputes with a focus on the well-being and interests of all parties involved. Committed to the convergence of academia and expert perspectives, the center is poised to embark on innovative projects that showcase the intersection of theory and practice in ADR. Through advocacy, research initiatives, and policy-oriented discussions, the center seeks to facilitate a nuanced understanding of ADR law, providing a platform for individuals to enhance their knowledge in this dynamic legal domain. The center envisions becoming a hub for fostering excellence in ADR, promoting informed discourse, and contributing to the broader legal landscape.

The Centre For Excellence Alternative Dispute Resolution Law (CEADRL) is a dynamic and proactive student body comprising enthusiastic and committed students from the B.B.A./B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) program, dedicated to promoting peaceful conflict resolution within the academic environment.

## Organizing Committee



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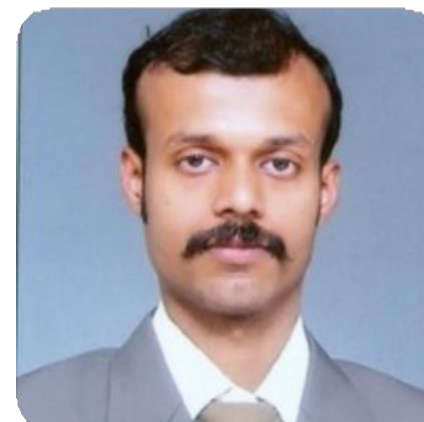
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## Objective Of The Panel Discussion

ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI University Dehradun is going to conduct its 1st Virtual Panel Discussion on Commercial Arbitration to encourage budding lawyers to understand the rising need for Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Commercial field.

The primary objective of this panel discussion is to promote the culture of commercial arbitration by highlighting its benefits, addressing current challenges, and exploring opportunities for growth and improvement. The discussion aims to increase awareness and understanding by educating the attendees about the principles, procedures, and advantages of commercial arbitration, clarifying misconceptions, and distinguishing arbitration from other dispute resolution methods. It also seeks to promote best practices by sharing insights into effective practices for conducting commercial arbitration, discussing criteria for selecting arbitrators, and setting standards for arbitral awards and decisions. The panel will highlight the role of arbitration institutions in facilitating the arbitration process, administering and enforcing arbitral awards, and supporting the involved parties.

Additionally, the discussion will encourage the adoption and integration of arbitration by providing practical guidance on incorporating arbitration clauses in commercial contracts and showcasing successful case studies. It will foster innovation and development by exploring recent advancements in the field and the use of technology to enhance the arbitration process. The event aims to create a networking platform for legal practitioners, arbitrators, business leaders, and other stakeholders to exchange ideas, experiences, and best practices, fostering a collaborative approach to advancing commercial arbitration. The panel will address common challenges in commercial arbitration, and propose solutions while identifying opportunities to improve the efficiency, accessibility, and fairness of the arbitration process. By achieving these objectives, the panel discussion aims to strengthen the culture of commercial arbitration, making it a preferred and effective method for resolving commercial disputes.



## Panelist Introduction

### 1) Justice (Retd.) Hemant Gupta

Justice (Retd.) Hemant Gupta, a former Supreme Court Justice, now leads the India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC) as its Chairperson. He has been celebrated throughout his illustrious career for his deep legal insight, and unwavering integrity, and delivered numerous landmark judgments that have significantly impacted India's legal landscape. Now, at the helm of IIAC, he is dedicated to transforming India into a global arbitration hub. He brings his vast judicial experience to the role, working tirelessly to elevate the Centre's reputation and effectiveness. Known for his commitment to excellence and the rule of law, Justice Gupta is passionate about shaping the future of arbitration in India and on the international stage.



### 2) Ms. Reshma Oogorah (FCI Arb)

Reshma Oogorah, the dynamic force behind Niyom Legal, brings a wealth of global expertise in arbitration and legal practice. She collaborates with high-profile businesses across construction, technology, and international trade & investment. Currently, she is on secondment with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). As a qualified barrister and solicitor, She is admitted to practice in Mauritius, England & Wales, and is registered in the UAE and with the DIFC Courts. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), She serves as an elected Committee Member of the CIArb UAE Branch, where she is the Public Relations Officer and Chief Editor of the Branch's newsletter. Her distinguished legal career began in London with top-tier commercial chambers and firms, extending across England, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE, with clients in Oman and Kuwait. She has advised on transactions and disputes totaling up to \$25 billion in industries including oil & gas, construction, insurance, technology, media, and telecommunications.



Her recent arbitration appointments highlight her expertise:

- ♦ - Presiding Arbitrator in an ICC construction arbitration in Bahrain.
- ♦ - Sole Arbitrator in DIAC construction and real estate arbitrations in Dubai and the DIFC.
- ♦ - Sole Arbitrator in an ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitration in Ghana.

### **3) Mr. Sahil Narang (Partner at Khaitan & Co (KCO))**

Sahil Narang, a Partner at Khaitan & Co (KCO) and an Advocate on Record (AOR) of the Supreme Court, brings over 14 years of experience in both domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration. Throughout his career, he has successfully guided clients from sectors such as entertainment, media, telecom, infrastructure, and banking through complex, high-stakes disputes in courts and tribunals across India. Passionate about delivering strategic, effective, and cost-efficient legal solutions, he is known for his unwavering commitment to professionalism and ethics. He has a particular affinity for the entertainment and media sector, regularly advising multiplexes on a wide range of contractual, regulatory, and contentious matters. Recognized as a rising star by respected publications like Legal Era and Asian Legal Business, He excels in legal advice and research. His dedication and expertise make him a trusted leader in his field.



### **4) Ms. Uliana Cooke (Partner at Gunnercooke LLP)**

Based in the vibrant city of London, England, Ms. Uliana Cooke is a distinguished Partner at Gunnercooke LLP, renowned for her expertise in resolving disputes and navigating the complex world of international arbitration. With her sharp legal acumen and deep understanding of intricate legal matters, she has earned a reputation as a trusted advisor and skilled advocate, bringing a wealth of experience and a personal touch to every case she handles. Beyond her work at Gunnercooke, she is passionate about sharing her knowledge and insights with the next generation of legal minds. As an International Arbitration Teaching Fellow at Queen Mary University of London, she inspires and educates aspiring lawyers, leaving a lasting impact on the future of the legal profession.



### **5) Ms. Shruti Khanijow (Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co)**

Shruti Khanijow is a distinguished international arbitration and commercial disputes lawyer in India. With over a decade of experience, she has adeptly represented private parties and State entities in significant arbitrations under ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, and SIAC rules, across a variety of jurisdictions, including India, London, Singapore, the MENA region, Paris, and Geneva. She specializes in navigating complex, high-stakes disputes in the construction, infrastructure, and energy sectors, as well





as shareholder and governance conflicts. She is also proficient in handling corporate criminal liability and environmental defense litigation in Indian courts. Additionally, she advises third-party funders on arbitration funding in Asia and the MENA regions and insolvency financing in India.

As a Specialist Mediator at the Singapore International Mediation Centre and a member of the Y-IAMC steering committee at the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, India, She is deeply involved in the arbitration community. Her previous role as a partner at a boutique arbitration firm in Dubai, recognized by Legal 500 as a 'Firm to Watch,' further highlights her expertise. She has also worked with leading Indian law firms and served as a law clerk to the former Chief Justice of India.

### **6 Mr. Param Bhamra (Founder at MediateGuru, Advocate, MCI Arb)**

Mr. Param Bhamra, the Founding Partner at MediateGuru, brings a wealth of experience and expertise in the world of international arbitration. Passionate about alternative dispute resolution (ADR), He actively shares his knowledge with aspiring law students, helping to elevate legal skills and understanding. At MediateGuru, he plays a crucial role in connecting experienced mediators and arbitrators with emerging legal professionals worldwide. Specializing in international mediation and arbitration, He has authored several acclaimed books, including "Mediation: Practices and Strategies in India" and "Arbitrating the Atmosphere," focusing on resolving climate disputes. Beyond his scholarly pursuits, he is committed to giving back to the community. He has been recognized for his efforts in providing educational opportunities to underprivileged children and has received awards from NGOs for his dedicated work. As a judge in prestigious national and international ADR competitions, he mentors and guides the next generation of legal professionals. Proudly affiliated with esteemed professional bodies, including the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, He continues to make a significant impact in the field of international arbitration and mediation.



## Student Organizing Body



**Ms. Suyash Singh,**  
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## CLARIFICATION

We understand the importance of addressing your concerns promptly and efficiently. We are committed to resolving your concerns and providing a satisfactory resolution. you may submit your inquiries in writing to the designated email address [ceadrl@iudehradun.edu.in](mailto:ceadrl@iudehradun.edu.in), or kindly contact the numbers provided:

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## Registration QR Code



## Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/hLieokATd9TFhXus5>

- All the Participants shall be given the certificates of participation to recognize your active engagement in the event and serve as a testament to your commitment to fostering a culture of commercial arbitration

## Important Dates

Opening of Registrations - 24th July, 2024

Closing of Registrations - 7th August 2024

Date of the Panel Discussion - 10th August 2024