

ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD, HILSR

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: 01.09.2026

TIME: 11:45 PM – 1:15 PM

VENUE: Nazish Ma'am's Chamber

ATTENDEES: Darunah (Convenor), Aaeen (Co-Convenor), Akash Kumar (Secretary), Areeba, Asjad, Ramsha, Bushra, Mahfuz and Liba.

AGENDA OF THE MEETING: To review the Annual Academic Calendar, make the necessary changes, and incorporate new ideas and suggestions.

PROCEEDINGS:

The meeting commenced with Nazish Ma'am, Faculty Convenor, ADR Board, revising the previously discussed ideas and over-viewing the tentative academic calendar made by Akash (secretary). The team thereafter discussed the upcoming events, projects and initiatives to be undertaken during the new tenure and deliberated upon the proposed Annual Academic Calendar of the ADR Board for 2026 - 2027.

It was further finalized that the meeting involving all the members and volunteers of the ADR Board would be conducted on Thursday, 3 September 2026, at 11:45 PM, to discuss the proposed activities, delegate responsibilities and coordinate the implementation of the Annual Academic Calendar.

The following suggestions were subsequently put forward, discussed and finalized for inclusion in the **Annual Academic Calendar 2026–2027:**

The meeting was conducted to discuss the proposed Academic Calendar, projects, collaborations and initiatives of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for the upcoming academic session. Darunah initiated the discussion regarding various projects and possible activities that could be undertaken by the Committee, with an emphasis on creating practical, research-oriented and engaging opportunities for students.

A major part of the discussion centred around the proposed Policy Conclave, suggested by Aaeen Appi. The Conclave is proposed to be organized in the last week of March, alongside the Fest, and may potentially be developed as an international/global forum. The proposed theme is "Mediation and SDG-16", with the Conclave being based on the Committee's research and project work. It was discussed that the name, research framework, brochure and publication strategy should be finalized well in advance. Potential collaborations with the Government stakeholders, publishers and other relevant institutions may also be explored. A dedicated team will be constituted for the Conclave brochure, while the possibility of wider institutional participation will be examined.

The September calendar will begin with an Introductory Session on Mediation and Client Counselling on 10th September from 3:30 - 4:30 PM, covering mediation techniques and ethics that is to be done by the Secretariat itself for which the preparation should start prior.

An ADR Week comprising visits to mediation centres, professional interactions and ADR awareness activities was finalized. A visit to the Delhi Dispute Resolution Centre was proposed, including approaching Justice Mehta and organizing students in groups of 20 across 3 days. Collaboration with IIADRC was also proposed. An Article and Blog Writing Competition will be organized, with themes, topics and posters to be finalized.

The Committee also discussed strengthening its digital and academic outreach. Akash was asked to handle the website, while blogs and articles will be regularly shared on the website by Ramsha as well as social media platforms by Liba. One ADR-related blog is proposed to be published every month, alongside a monthly ADR-related video.

For October, the Intra-Mediation Competition was proposed for the last week. In November, collaboration with Pro Bono was proposed for a policy-making initiative on Child Rights and Mediation. An awareness skit focusing on child-centric mediation, like custody and co-parenting disputes can also be developed, highlighting the impact of prolonged litigation on children and the importance of considering the child's perspective. Collaboration with the Women and Children Mediation Cell and a community outreach programme may be explored. An ADR Fun Day based on "Peace Making and Dispute Resolution" was also proposed, involving children and faculty, with children taking the role of mediators.

For February, collaborations with Mediate Guru, Resolve and Prezol were discussed for conducting training and capacity-building workshops. The Committee further discussed fellowship and leadership opportunity collaborations with initiatives such as the Aspire Institute Leadership Program and the Peace Building Collegium. The proposed Fest will focus on "Disability Rights and Access to Justice", with the broader project exploring accessibility and barriers to justice for persons with disabilities. A video documentary was proposed for April. Jazbia's idea of an ADR Podcast and Stand-Up format to make ADR awareness more engaging was also looked into.

Finally, Hifza proposed an application-based AI chatbot for negotiation and mediation, which may be explored as an innovative technology-based ADR project. The team for outreaching Talwinder has to be formed, with LIBA and Asjad coordinating outreach to AI Dehradun University, Graphic Era and DTU, the proposal for the Conclave and the Research Project have to be made and the introductory session has to be focused upon.