

ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD, HILSR
ARBITRAL AWARD WRITING COMPETITION
AND VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

Date: 28.09.2026

Time: 12 PM – 4 PM

Venue: LT-13

Event: ADR WEEK (ARBITRAL AWARD WRITING COMPETITION AND VALEDICTORY CEREMONY)



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The ADR Week, organised by the ADR Board, HILSR, was conceptualised as an academic and interactive initiative aimed at promoting awareness, understanding, and practical engagement with Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms among students. Through a combination of academic competitions, creative activities, and experiential learning, the week provided students with opportunities to explore contemporary approaches to dispute resolution while developing their legal reasoning, analytical, communication, and creative skills. The concluding day of ADR Week brought together two distinctive competitions, namely the Arbitral Award Competition and the “IF GEN Z WERE MEDIATORS” Reel Making Competition, followed by the Valedictory Ceremony. The event was attended by approximately 100 students. The Arbitral Award Competition witnessed the participation of 15 teams comprising 30 students, while the Reel Making Competition featured 10 teams with a total participation of 30 students.

The Arbitral Award Competition provided participants with a practical platform to understand and engage with the process of drafting and presenting an arbitral award. The competition required participants to analyse the facts and issues of a dispute, consider the submissions and evidence placed before them, and demonstrate their ability to formulate a structured and reasoned award. The activity thus encouraged participants to move beyond theoretical understanding and apply principles of arbitration through practical legal analysis and presentation. The competition was judged by Ms Anooksha Ratra, Deputy Counsel at the Delhi International Arbitration Centre, and Mr Amit Sanduja, Advocate at the Delhi High Court and Accredited Mediator with ICADR, whose professional experience and feedback contributed significantly to the learning experience of the participants.

Complementing the academic nature of the Arbitral Award Competition was the “IF GEN Z WERE MEDIATORS” Reel Making Competition, which explored Alternative Dispute Resolution through a contemporary and creative medium. The competition encouraged students to communicate their understanding of mediation in an engaging and innovative format. By combining creativity with ADR concepts, the activity enabled participants to present dispute resolution from a modern perspective while making the subject accessible and relatable to a wider student audience. The competition also reflected the Committee’s effort to incorporate diverse and interactive methods of legal learning within ADR Week.

The day culminated in the Valedictory Ceremony, marking the formal conclusion of ADR Week. The ceremony commenced with a visual glimpse of the activities conducted throughout the week, followed by the Welcome Address by Prof. Dr Saleena K. Basheer, Dean, and addresses by the dignitaries present. The judges of the Arbitral Award Competition shared their observations and feedback with the participants and were subsequently felicitated as a token of gratitude. The Dean and faculty members were also felicitated in recognition of their continued guidance and support. The ceremony concluded with the acknowledgement of the efforts of the organising committee, faculty members, judges, participants, and students who contributed to the successful execution of ADR Week.

The results of both competitions were announced during the Valedictory Ceremony. In the Arbitral Award Competition, Hifza Qamar and Munaf Sidiqi secured First Position, followed by Sana Alvi and Mohd. Abul Fazal in the Second Position, and Tabinda and Fatima in the Third Position. In the “IF GEN Z WERE MEDIATORS” Reel Making Competition, Tabinda, Fatima and Tooba secured the First Position. In contrast, the Second Position was jointly secured by Syed Mohammad Umair and Amsal Khan, and Saima Parween as one team and Liba Fatima, Mahin Husain and Alisha Nawaz as the other. The programme concluded with appreciation for all participants and contributors whose enthusiasm and collective efforts made ADR Week a meaningful academic initiative.