**Indian Law Society’s Centre for Arbitration & Mediation (ILSCA)**

**ILSCA Online Certificate course on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) : Practice and Procedure**

2025-26

11th September to 11th October 2025

**Schedule**

**(Every Thursday**, **Friday and Saturday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM)**

**Total Sessions –14**

| **Sl. No.** | **Date** | **Topic** |
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| **Session 1** | 11-09-2025  (Thursday) | Applicability of contract law in the study of ADR- confluence of  Arbitration and Contract Act Introduction to Contracts   * Understanding Contracts * Agreements and Contracts * Bird’s eye view of the Indian   Contract Act   * Importance of the Study of Contracts in ADR     The Specific Relief Act: A brief overview |
| **Session 2** | 12-09-2025  (Friday) | **Introduction to ADR Methods**   * Fundamentals and Key Concepts of ADR * What is ADR? * Emergence of ADR * Importance of ADR * Types of ADR ▪ Why ADR? * When not to opt for ADR? * Challenges to ADR in India * ODR – Concept & Emergence * Reflecting on the growth of ADR in India and the way forward Conclusion |
| **Session 3** | 13-09-2025 (Saturday) | **Introduction to Arbitration**   * Fundamentals and Key Concepts What is Arbitration? * Types of Arbitration * How is arbitration different from litigation and other ADR Methods? * Growth of Arbitration in the recent years |
| **Session 4** | 18-09-2025  (Thursday) | An Overview of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996  Step-by-Step Guide to Arbitration Proceedings in India   * Arbitral process * Appointment of Arbitrator(s)– By parties/court/institution, nationality and qualifications * Arbitrators – Rights and duties, challenge, removal & substitution * Documents – Statement of Claim and Defence, Rejoinder, etc. * Terms of reference * Cost & Deposits * Party witness examination, expert witness, etc. * Written submissions and oral arguments * Court Assistance for Arbitral Process * Default of parties during Arbitral proceedings |
| **Session 5** | 19-09-2025  (Friday) | **Drafting of Arbitration Agreement & notice of invocation**   * Definition of Arbitration Agreement (section 7 -A & C Act,1996) * Arbitration clause or Arbitration Agreement – Pre and post dispute * Commencement of Arbitral Proceedings |
| **Session 6** | 20-09-2025 (Saturday) | **Commencement of Arbitral Proceedings**   * Appointment of Arbitrator/s * Composition/ Formation of Arbitral Tribunal, * Selection and Appointment of Arbitrators * Qualifications and competence of arbitrators * Issues in the appointment of an arbitrator * Rights and Duties of arbitrator * Powers of Arbitral Tribunal * Procedures to be followed by the Arbitral Tribunal * Court assistance in taking evidence * Independence and impartiality of arbitrators * Challenge to the Appointment of Arbitrator * Removal Substitution of Arbitrator * Necessary Disclosure by the Arbitrators * Practical examples |
| **Session 7** | 25-09-2025  (Thursday) | **Arbitral Proceedings applicability**  Applicability of:   * Indian Evidence Act, 1872 * The Code of Civil Procedure 1908 * The Limitation Act, 1963   Arbitration procedure, hearing & evidence including   * Drafting of Statement of claims * Drafting of Statement of Défense * Counterclaims * Evidence by parties * Cross- Examination |
| **Session 8** | 26-09-2025  (Friday) | **Interim Measures:**   1. Power of Court to grant interim measures   (Section 9 of the A & C Act, 1996) 2. Power of Arbitrator to grant interim measures (section 17 of the A & C Act, 1996) 3. Enforcement of Interim Reliefs (Section 17(2)  A & C Act, 1996)- (Please refer 2015 and 2019 Amendments to section 17 of the A & C Act). |
| **Session 9** | 27-09-2025 (Saturday) | India as a Hub for Institutional Arbitration in the Aftermath of the 2019 Amendment |
| **Session 10** | 03-10-2025  (Friday) | **Making of Award, Enforcement of awards and challenges to awards**   * Domestic and foreign awards * Form and content of the award * Enforcement of award * Recourse against arbitral award * Appeal against the award and outcome of such appeals * Judicial Review of Arbitral Awards |
| **Session 11** | 04-10-2025 (Saturday) | **International Commercial Arbitration and India: An Insight**   * Overview of International Commercial Arbitration * International Arbitration Agreements * International Arbitration Proceedings |
| **Session 12** | 09-10-2025  (Thursday) | Case studies and latest judgments on Arbitration for practice  Landmark judgments in Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation |
| **Session 13** | 10-10-2025  (Friday) | **Understanding Mediation**   * Mediation – Concept and Emergence * Types/Styles of Mediation * Conciliation * Mediation v. other forms of ADR * Efficiency of Mediation * Mediation Act, 2023: An Overview * Step-by-step guide to Mediation Process in India |
| **Session 14** | 11-10-2025  (Saturday) | **Mediation Act 2023: A Critical Analysis** |
| **Session 15** | 13-10-2025  (Monday) | **Written Online exam** |

Note - Names of the Resource persons will be shared once it is finalised