**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
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| **Session 3** | 13-09-2025 (Saturday) | **Introduction to Arbitration*** Fundamentals and Key ConceptsWhat is Arbitration?
* Types of Arbitration
* How is arbitration different from litigation and other ADR Methods?
* Growth of Arbitration in the recent years
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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).
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| **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
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| **Session 11** | 04-10-2025 (Saturday) | **International Commercial Arbitration and India: An Insight*** Overview of International Commercial Arbitration
* International Arbitration Agreements
* International Arbitration Proceedings
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| **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
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| **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