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1ST NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION

14TH & 15TH MAY, 2026



SCAN TO REGISTER





Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust (RSST) started more than Eight decades ago with only six students by its first and only teacher: the founder Sri M.C. Sivananda Sarma. The sapling he planted in 1940 is today a MIGHTY TREE, which is reflected in the establishment of 29 institutions offering courses ranging from nursery to postgraduate level with over 4,000 staff members and around 29,000 students. Today, the alumni of RV Institutions are placed in senior positions in various National, International, and Multinational Organizations. It's reach spans all sections of society - the privileged and the underprivileged, the able and the specially-abled—cutting through gender and age barriers. It has also set itself apart by imparting education in areas of specialty, such as women's Education, Gandhian Thought, and Sanskrit Language. What also sets it apart is its emphasis on promoting Indian Culture and values through initiatives to collect, preserve, document, and exhibit antique articles, implements, and other artifacts. After yeomen of service to the nation today, the brand 'RV' is being recognized as a household name, a synonym for quality education. The RV has become a part of the Bengaluru Road map, with a road named after it.

Goal

Believes that every individual from each strata of society needs education to fulfil aspirations. The Trust constantly strives towards this social need by inclusion and expansion of streams of academics in its institutions and further commits to match infrastructure for its effective enablement. With a vision to excel in all its activities, the trust envisions to create an atmosphere of involved learning, instill a spirit of enquiry, induce healthy challenges, encourage sustainable accomplishments, and ensure enriching rewards to everyone – students, parents, teachers and associates. It thus emerge as a conglomerate of world-class academic Institutions, each taking pride in having nurtured knowledge that will lead to global happiness, peace, harmony, and prosperity.

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Bengaluru, Silicon Valley is known by a large number of educational institutions that offer a wide range of professional courses. Several institutes offer courses in law. However, increasing crime rates, disputes, and cybercrimes indicate the need for a more robust legal force to address the increasing number of such cases in courts. Keeping this in mind, the Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust (RSST) established the RV Institute of Legal Studies (RVILS) in 2018, with a new dimension and a unique approach towards legal education. RV Institute of Legal Studies was renamed as M K Panduranga Setty Memorial RV Institute of Legal Studies (MKPM RVILS) in honour of Dr. M.K. Panduranga Setty, President of Emiratus, RSST. MKPM RVILS is affiliated with Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi, and has been approved by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi. MKPM RVILS offers B.A.L.L. B. and B.B.A.L.L.B., 5-Year Integrated Degree Courses since its inception and B. Com LL. B Five Years Integrated Degree Course and 3 years LL.B degree Course from Academic year 2025-26. As an institution endeavour to produce many legal luminaries in our forthcoming batches, thereby contributing to the profession in itself and society at large. As an institution, we strive to provide quality legal education to students in all sections of society without discrimination. Being a nascent institution, RVILS has surged progressively by motivating students to participate in various activities such as International, National, and State-level moot court competitions, Trial advocacy, ADR competitions, Model UN, and Mock Parliament competitions. MKPM RVILS has provided a platform for expressing and exploring original ideas and interpretations on contemporary legal issues by publishing Peer-reviewed bi-annual RV LAW JOURNAL with ISSN and organizing the Nyaya Darpana Lecture Series.

Vision

Imparting legal education to create globally competent and socially relevant professionals.

Mission

- To imbue students with professional ethics along with honing skills.
- To enable students to become the exponents of justice for common man.
- To provide appropriate academic ambience backed with intellectual and technical logistics to groom students for the profession.

Goal

- To ensure that students get the best legal education and optimum knowledge of legal skills.
- To inculcate values and pro bono commitment in students by involving them in legal aid programmes.



RANKINGS



- 9th Rank - Top 30 Private Law Colleges of India in Outlook ICARE Rankings 2025
- 10th Rank - Top 30 Private Law Colleges of India in Outlook ICARE Rankings 2024
- Edx Awards 2025, presented by Indianpreneur to the Institution for Esteemed Law College of South India, 2025 for holistic student development and campus life.
- 16th Rank - Top 30 Private Law Colleges of India in Outlook ICARE Ranking 2023
- 23rd National Rank and 6th State Rank in IIRF Ranking 2023 amongst Top 50 Private Law Colleges of India and in the State of Karnataka awarded by the New Education Post in 2023.





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1st NATIONAL MEDIATION COMPETITION 2026

Respected Sir/Ma'am,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 1st National Mediation Competition 2026, scheduled to be held on 14th and 15th May 2026, organized by MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies.

This prestigious competition is envisioned as a dynamic platform for law students pursuing both the 5-year and 3-year LL.B. programs from universities across the country. It aims to bring together bright legal minds to engage in constructive dialogue, develop negotiation skills, and gain practical exposure to the process of mediation as an effective mode of dispute resolution.

In an era where the legal system increasingly emphasizes alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, mediation plays a vital role in ensuring timely, cost-effective, and amicable settlements. Through this competition, we aspire to nurture these essential skills among future legal professionals and encourage them to adopt a more collaborative approach to resolving disputes.

We look forward to welcoming participants, faculty members, and esteemed judges from various institutions. I am confident that this competition will provide a rich learning experience and inspire participants to excel in the field of mediation.

I extend my heartfelt best wishes to all the participants and hope this initiative fosters excellence, professionalism, and a spirit of cooperation among budding lawyers.

With warm regards,
Prof. Dr. Anjina Reddy K.R.
Principal
MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies
Date: 11.5.2026



About Mediation Centre



The Mediation Centre at MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies stands as a dedicated initiative to promote the principles and practice of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) among students. With a focus on experiential learning and professional skill development, the Centre plays a pivotal role in nurturing future legal professionals who are adept in negotiation, mediation, and amicable dispute resolution. The Centre regularly organizes field visits to courts, mediation centres, and legal institutions, enabling students to gain first-hand exposure to real-time dispute resolution processes. These visits bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, offering valuable insights into the functioning of mediation in the legal system.

To further enhance practical understanding, the Centre conducts simulation exercises that replicate real-life mediation scenarios. These structured sessions allow students to assume the roles of mediators, clients, and counsel, thereby developing critical skills such as communication, problem-solving, and collaborative negotiation in a controlled learning environment. In addition, the Centre offers a Certificate Course on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), designed to provide comprehensive training in various ADR mechanisms, including mediation, arbitration, and conciliation. The course equips students with both conceptual clarity and practical competence, preparing them to effectively engage in modern dispute resolution practices.

Under the aegis of the Mediation Centre, the institution is proud to organize the 1st National Mediation Competition 2026, providing a prestigious platform for law students across the country to showcase their mediation and negotiation skills while fostering a culture of dialogue and cooperative dispute resolution. Through these initiatives, the Mediation Centre strives to create a culture of dialogue and cooperation, empowering students to become skilled, ethical, and solution-oriented legal professionals.





PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS

The Rao family, once a close-knit joint Hindu family based in Mysuru, traces its roots to late Raghavendra Rao, a respected school headmaster known for his disciplined life and modest wealth. He was survived by his wife, Lakshmi Rao, and their two children—Arjun Rao, the eldest son and Kiran Rao, the younger son who continues to live in Mysuru and manages family affairs

The primary asset in dispute is the ancestral residential property situated in Mysuru, measuring approximately 6,000 square feet. The property comprises an old ancestral house, two rental units constructed later, and a portion of vacant land with redevelopment potential. Notably, the property continues to stand in the name of late Raghavendra Rao.

Following Raghavendra Rao's demise in 2005, no formal partition of the property was undertaken. Instead, the family arrived at an informal arrangement whereby Kiran Rao would reside in the ancestral house and take care of their mother, Lakshmi Rao. It was also agreed that the rental income generated from the property would be utilized for maintenance of the premises and for meeting their mother's expenses.

Over the years, Kiran continued to occupy the property and manage its upkeep. However, tensions gradually emerged among the sibling due to a lack of transparency regarding the rental income, allegations that Kiran had undertaken structural modifications without consulting Arjun Rao, and excluded him from decisions relating to the property.

In 2022, following the demise of Lakshmi Rao, these tensions escalated into a dispute. Arjun demanded a formal partition and sale of the property, citing the rising real estate value and asserting their legal entitlement to a share.

Kiran, however, opposed the proposed sale. He contended that he had been in exclusive possession of the property for over fifteen years, had invested his personal funds in repairs and construction, and that the property held significant emotional value as the family home. On this basis, he claimed entitlement to a larger share and asserted a right to retain the property.

Subsequently, Arjun initiated legal proceedings seeking partition of the property into equal shares and its sale with distribution of the proceeds. Kiran has contested these claims, maintaining his demand for a greater share and his desire to retain the property.

At present, the parties have mutually agreed to explore mediation as a means of resolving the dispute before proceeding further with litigation.

Note to Participants

This problem involves a blend of:

- Property law principles,
- Financial considerations, and
- Deep-rooted emotional and relational dynamics.

Participants are encouraged to explore creative settlement options, including buyouts, staggered payments, co-ownership models, or redevelopment possibilities.



DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

- **Competition:** Refers to the 1st National Mediation Competition 2026 in its entirety, encompassing all preliminary, knockout, and championship rounds, as well as official ceremonies.
- **Organising Committee (OC):** Denotes the official administrative and executive body presiding over the Competition. The OC retains absolute and unchallengeable authority regarding the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of these rules.
- **Competition Problem:** Designates the hypothetical dispute drafted specifically for adjudication within a stipulated round. It is bifurcated into General Information (GI) and Confidential Information (CI).
- **General Information (GI):** Refers to the factual matrix of the dispute available to all parties, assessors, and the mediator.
- **Confidential Information (CI):** Signifies party-exclusive memoranda containing underlying motivations, hidden interests, fiduciary constraints, and strict settlement parameters. CI must remain strictly privileged prior to the commencement of the scheduled session.
- **Participating Team:** Defines a formally registered, three-member contingent representing a recognised institution of legal education.
- **Negotiating Pair:** Refers to the two individuals within a Participating Team explicitly designated to act as the 'Client' and the 'Legal Counsel'.
- **Mediator:** Designates the singular team member appointed to function as a neutral, third-party facilitator during a Competition Session, distinct from the Negotiating Pair.
- **Private Caucus:** Implies a confidential, sequestered segment of the mediation session convened between the Mediator and one Negotiating Pair, excluding the opposing party.
- **Expert Assessor:** Refers to the adjudicators—comprising seasoned legal practitioners, accredited mediators, and academicians—appointed by the OC to evaluate and score the Competition Sessions.
- **Scouting:** Constitutes the strictly forbidden practice whereby a team member, coach, or affiliated observer attends, records, or extracts substantive information from a Competition Session in which their own institution is not actively competing.

ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

Institutional Eligibility: Participation is restricted to bona fide students currently enrolled in a full-time, recognised 3-year LL.B. or 5-year integrated LL.B. degree programme from a University or Institute recognised by the Bar Council of India.

Note: Only one team per institute shall be allowed to register for the Competition

Team Composition: A validly constituted team shall comprise exactly three (3) individuals. Teams presenting with fewer or more members will be deemed ineligible.

Permanence of Role Designation: Upon finalisation of registration, teams must irrevocably allocate the roles of Mediator, Client, and Counsel. These designations are static and non-transferable. No substitutions or role alterations will be entertained under any circumstances, barring a verified medical emergency explicitly approved by the OC.

REGISTRATION

- There will be a Team cap of 16 teams, and these 16 teams shall be allowed to register on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The registration fee for the competition is INR 2,500 (including 18% GST) and Rs. 4,000, including accommodation per team.
- Note: Accommodation is provided only for non-locals.

PROCEDURE

- Interested teams are required to provisionally register for the Competition by way of filling the Google Form.
- The Organizing Committee will communicate the acceptance of the provisional registration via e-mail on the stipulated date. The Registration form and payment details will be sent for the completion of the registration.
- The Participating team shall mandatorily email a scanned copy of the Registration form and Payment details along with the receipt of the payment within the stipulated time for completion of the registration process.
- In case of any withdrawal after making the payment of the registration fee, the same shall not be

refunded.

- Any failure or non – adherence with the aforementioned procedure may be treated as withdrawal from the competition and no claim of whatsoever nature shall be entertained thereafter.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

- Participating teams shall arrive at the campus by 8.30 AM on 14th May 2026. The hardcopies of the Registration and payment details are to be brought by the teams and shall be submitted at the registration desk.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The Competition evaluates proficiency in facilitative mediation, focusing on interest-based negotiation, mutual value creation, and neutral conflict resolution.

Preliminary Stages:

- Each Participating Team is guaranteed participation in two (2) distinct Preliminary Rounds.
- The Negotiating Pair shall adopt the role of the 'Requesting Party' in one iteration and the 'Responding Party' in the subsequent iteration.
- The Mediator shall facilitate two separate sessions involving entirely different institutions. A Mediator shall be actively shielded from adjudicating any session involving their own institution's Negotiating Pair.

Advancement and Knockout Stages:

- **Quarter-Finals:** Advancement is contingent upon the aggregate scores derived from the Preliminary Rounds. The top eight (8) Negotiating Pairs and the top eight (8) Mediators will progress independently.
- **Semi-Finals:** The four (4) highest-scoring Negotiating Pairs and Mediators from the Quarter-Finals shall advance.
- **Championship Final:** The top two (2) Negotiating Pairs and the top two (2) Mediators will compete for the ultimate titles.

Events	Date
Inauguration Programme Preliminary Round 1 Preliminary Round 2	14 th May 2026
Quarter Final Round Semi-Final Round Final Round Valedictory Programme	15 th May 2026

Note: The Problem for the Semi-final round and Final Round shall be released on the stipulated date.

In case of a tie between the scores of two Teams in any round, the following component from the scoresheet shall be considered as the tie-breaker-

- a. For the Mediating Pair – Mediation Advocacy.
- b. For the Mediator – Qualities of a Good Mediator

TIMELINE

Adherence to temporal constraints is mandatory. The Session Supervisor holds the unilateral authority to terminate a phase if time is exceeded. Expert Assessors are mandated to penalise inadequate time management.

Sl.no	Time distribution level-wise	Prelims 1 & 2	Quarter finals	Semi Finals	Finals
1	Opening statement by the Mediator	6	6	6	7
2	Opening statement by the Requesting side	5	5	5	6
3	Opening statement by the Responding side	5	5	5	6
4	Joint Session	10	12	12	12
5	Caucus	10	10	15	15
6	Resumption of Joint session	10	13	13	14
7	Closing statement by the responding side	3	3	3	5
8	Closing statement by the requesting side	3	3	3	5
9	Closing statement by the Mediators	3	3	3	5
10	Feedback by the judges	5	5	5	5
	Total	60	65	70	80

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- Participants shall assemble at the given venue specified by the Organizing Committee for the release of confidential information 30 minutes before the allotted time slot.
- Participants shall not disclose the confidential information to any other Participant throughout the Competition. Any such disclosure made to other Participants before or after their round shall lead to immediate disqualification from the Competition without scope of appeal.

CAUCUS

Each party (Client – Counsel) and the Mediator may call for a Caucus during the session to discuss confidential matters or seek guidance. Each team is allotted 5 minutes, totalling a maximum of 10 minutes per round. Cross-caucus is not permitted, and caucus use will be judged based on relevance and necessity

GENERAL RULES OF THE COMPETITION

Lingua Franca: The exclusive language for all oral discourse, written submissions, and official communications during the Competition shall be English.

Principle of Strict Anonymity: To guarantee unbiased adjudication, teams shall be identified solely by a designated Team Code. The disclosure of a participant's institutional affiliation, geographic origin, or identity—whether implicitly or explicitly conveyed verbally, via written material, or through institutional insignia—constitutes a severe breach of protocol.

Mandated Dress Code: Participants are required to adhere to strict formal business attire throughout the Competition. Failure to comply may result in point deductions.

- Gentlemen: White formal shirt, black trousers, black blazer, dark tie, and formal black footwear.
- Ladies: White formal shirt, black trousers, black blazer, and formal black closed-toe footwear.

The Team(s) may carry and use its own prepared notes for its own use and may, if need be, make its own notes during the Mediation Session. Carrying of electronic devices to the Conference Room during the session is strictly prohibited. No audio or videotaping of Mediation Sessions is permitted.

CLARIFICATIONS: The Team(s) may submit queries regarding the mediation problem during the prescribed time frame. The response to the Clarifications is subject to the drafter's discretion. The Clarifications will not be accepted after the given time

CODE OF CONDUCT

Scouting: Teams will not be allowed to observe the rounds of any teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Any violation shall lead to immediate disqualification.

Revelation of Confidential information: Teams must not be allowed to observe the rounds of any of the other teams. Confidential information must not be shared with mediators or any third party or during the competition.

Professional Conduct: Participants are bound by the highest standards of professional decorum. Hostility, disruptive behavior, or disrespect directed toward Expert Assessors, opposing counsel, or

OC will warrant immediate disciplinary action.

INFRACTIONS, PENALTIES, AND DISQUALIFICATION

The OC wields discretionary and unappealable authority to levy penalties commensurate with the severity of rule infractions.

Scouting (Gross Misconduct): Warrants immediate, unappealable disqualification of the entire Participating Team.

Premature Breach of Confidentiality: The disclosure or leakage of CI to opposing parties or the assigned Mediator prior to the commencement of the active session shall result in immediate disqualification.

Breach of Anonymity: Incurs a mandatory 10-point deduction per infraction. Deliberate, repeated, or systemic violations will escalate to full disqualification.

Contraband Electronics: The possession or utilisation of mobile devices, smartwatches, or laptops within the active session environment is strictly prohibited. Violation incurs an automatic 5-point deduction.

EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Mediator Assessment Framework (Maximum 50 Marks)

Sl.no	Judgement Criteria	Marks	Description
1	Communication skills	10	Clarity, active listening, and effective interaction
2	Neutrality	10	Maintains fairness, avoids bias, and balances both parties
3	Process management	10	Ability to structure a session, manage time and guide the process
4	Facilitation	10	Identifies issues, explores interests, and helps generate workable solutions
5	Professionalism & Ethics	10	Maintains decorum, confidentiality, rapport, and ethical standards
6	TOTAL	50	

Marking criteria for Counsel (Maximum 50Marks)

Sl.no	Judgement Criteria	Marks	Description
1	Client Counselling & Rapport	10	Ability to guide the client, build trust, and maintain a cooperative relationship
2	Communication & Advocacy Skills	10	Clarity in presenting client's case, articulation, and effective participation
3	Understanding of Issues & Interests	10	Identifies legal issues and underlying interests beyond stated positions
4	Negotiation & Strategy	10	Demonstrates strategic thinking, flexibility, and problem-solving approach
5	Professionalism & Team Coordination	10	Maintains decorum, works effectively with co-counsel, and respects the process
	Total	50	

Marking criteria for Client (Maximum 50Marks)

Sl.no	Judgement Criteria	Marks	Description
1	Role Understanding & Realism	10	Portrayal of facts, clarity of position, and realistic representation of the role
2	Communication & Responsiveness	10	Ability to express concerns, respond appropriately, and engage in discussion
3	Cooperation & Participation	10	Willingness to engage in the process and work towards resolution
4	Consistency & Clarity of Instructions	10	Maintains consistency in facts and provides clear instructions to counsel
5	Adaptability & Negotiation Approach	10	Openness to options, flexibility, and constructive approach to settlement
	Total	50	



AWARDS AND PRIZES



BEST NEGOTIATING PAIR – 20,000 /- +Trophy and Certificate of Merit

RUNNER – UP NEGOTIATING PAIR – 15,000 /- + Trophy and Certificate of Merit

BEST MEDIATOR – 10,000 /- + Trophy and Certificate of Merit

RUNNER UP MEDIATOR – 7,500 /- + Trophy and Certificate of merit

Every Participating Team shall be awarded a “Certificate of Participation”.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sl.no	Events	Date
1	Release of Brochure	11th April 2026
2	Provisional Registration	24th April 2026
3	Intimation of selected teams	25th April 2026
4	Final Registration	30th April 2026
5	Problem release for the Semi-Final Round and Final Round	1st May 2026
6	Clarifications deadline	7th May 2026
7	Response to the clarifications	9th May 2026
8	Inauguration of the competition	14th May 2026
9	Preliminary Round I & II	14th May 2026
10	Quarter Final Round	15th May 2026
11	Semi-Final Round	15th May 2026
12	Final Round	15th May 2026



RV Institutions



Sl.No.	Year Estd.	Institutions
1.	1940	RV School
2.	1954	RV Teachers' College - IASE
3.	1954	RV Teachers' Training Institute
4.	1962	RV Girls' High School
5.	1963	RV College of Engineering
6.	1971	NMKRV P.U. College
7.	1973	NMKRV College for Women & P.G. Centre
8.	1982	SSMRV College - UG & PG Programs
9.	1982	SSMRV P.U. College
10.	1992	D A P M RV Dental College & Hospital
11.	1999	RV Public School - ICSE
12.	1999	RV Institute of Management
13.	2003	RV College of Nursing
14.	2003	RV College of Physiotherapy
15.	2007	RV Skills
16.	2008	RV P.U. College
17.	2014	RV College of Architecture
18.	2018	M K P M RV Institute of Legal Studies
19.	2019	RV Institute of Technology & Management
20.	2019	Aster RV Hospital
21.	2020	RV Training Academy
22.	2021	RV University
23.	2023	RV Learning Hub
24.	2024	RV PU North
25.	2024	RV PU South
26.	2025	RV PU College Electronicity
27.	2025	RV PU College, Harohalli
28.	2025	RV PU College, Mysuru
29.	2026	RV University, Mysuru



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