

# Centre of Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution inaugurated at Manav Rachna University by Ravi Shankar Prasad

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For any law faculty, conducting and promoting research and generating and disseminating knowledge in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms is extremely important. Catering to this need, a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Alternative Dispute Resolution was launched at the Faculty of Law, Manav Rachna University by the Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice, Communications, and Electronics & IT Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad in the august presence of Justice R. C. Lahoti (former Chief Justice of India); Sh. Atmaram Nadkarni (ASG to Govt of India); Justice KK Lahoti; Justice Rajive Bhalla; Mr. Ravindra Srivastava, Senior Advocate; Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Senior Advocate; Smt. Sonal Goel (IAS), HUDA Administrator; Sh. Gopal Sharma, BJP Faridabad President; Dr. Prashant Bhalla, President, Manav Rachna Educational Institutions; Dr. Amit Bhalla, VP, MREI; Sh. H K

Batra, MD, Perfect Breads; and eminent dignitaries from academia and judiciary.

In his address to aspiring law students, Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad said: "In today's context, institutional arbitration is very important. And, in that respect I am very happy to inaugurate this CoE on ADR. This shall encourage, in a fast way arbitration and mediation processes". He also appealed to the students to keep a heart of gold for the needy and provide them free legal advice once they become practicing lawyers".

In his address, Justice R.C. Lahoti, who is also the Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law at Manav Rachna expressed his appreciation over the focus of the University towards bringing the best practices in Law at its campus. He offered advice on how to have a fulfilling legal career and also reminded students of the responsibility and privilege that comes with being a lawyer. *“At Manav Rachna, true to the name of the institution ... you really get to do the stuff that matters to people”, he added.*



On this occasion, a Gold Medal for overall Excellence in Law was also instituted by Hon'ble Justice R. C. Lahoti in the memory of his father. This medal shall be given to the best performing law student who showcases exemplary academic and people skills.



*Justice R.C. Lahoti addressing at the university*

The COE in ADR at Manav Rachna shall provide students opportunities to explore issues from different perspectives. To achieve the purpose, the Centre intends to conduct training programs, short & long term programs, workshops and simulation

exercises to advance experiential learning in the field of ADR, both adjudicatory (Arbitration) and consensual (negotiation, mediation and conciliation). The workshops and trainings are designed and curated to suit the requirements of the participants, interested in practicing ADR mechanism. The Centre shall be a hub for institutional research, consultancy, advisory projects and shall pave the way for achieving 'inclusive justice' and 'justice for all'.



Eminent Executive Committee members of the Faculty of Law, MRU comprising Ms. Veena Ralli, Mediator & Advocate, Delhi High Court; Mr. Moazzam Khan, Head of Global Litigation, Nishith Desai Associates; Mr. Ratan K Singh, Advocate, Arbitrator &

Founder Chairman, Society of Construction Law, India; Advocate Ajay Brahme, Mr. Aseem Chaturvedi, Partner, Khaitan & Co. were also present on the occasion.

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