

Lex Infinitum 2025

This year, the 10th edition of Lex Infinitum International Dispute Resolution Competition was proudly celebrated from 16th – 18th January 2025 by V.M.Salgaocar College of Law in picturesque State of Goa, marking a decade of excellence in negotiation and mediation. The milestone event was a resounding success, bringing together prestigious Universities, Colleges, and 28 distinguished Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) professionals, including two esteemed experts from France.

Lex Infinitum 2025 witnessed the participation of 22 teams and 11 talented mediators, with two international teams from Singapore and Sri Lanka adding to the competition's global appeal. As always, the Two day Knowledge Sessions, renowned for their interactive and thought-provoking discussions were scheduled on 16th and 17th January 2025, that provided a unique platform for participants to engage with leading ADR professionals. These sessions were based on the theme “Building Bridges: Mediation for Conflict Resolution” and were not just enlightening but also immensely rewarding for both participants and experts alike.

Training sessions on fundamentals of ADR were engaged by the Expert assessors for the negotiators and mediators. Besides this, there was also an orientation given to the experts and teams on the rules and regulations of the competition. The Inaugural ceremony on 16th January was graced by Shri. Dharmendra Sharma, IAS (Retd.) Chairperson, Goa – Real Estate Regulating Authority and the Valedictory on 18th January witnessed the illustrious presence of Shri. Irshad Agha, Principal District & Sessions Judge, North Goa , Panaji.

The competition itself was nothing short of electrifying. Teams clashed in the preliminary rounds, displaying exceptional negotiation skills and strategic acumen, all vying for a coveted spot in the quarterfinals. The quarterfinal and semifinal rounds were a testament to the participants' determination, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats. The finals between National University of Singapore and NALSAR Hyderabad showcased the very essence of competitive negotiation at its finest.

In the end, it was the National University of Singapore (NUS) that emerged triumphant, clinching both the Best Negotiating Team Award and the Best Mediator Award, solidifying their reputation for excellence in Dispute Resolution.

The 10 year journey of Lex Infinitum 2025 has been a significant milestone, as it is not just a global competition, but a celebration of collaboration, learning, and exploring the boundless possibilities of ADR.

NUS tops Lex Infinitem 2025

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The 10th edition of Lex Infinitem 2025, hosted by V. M. Salgaocar College of Law (VMSCCL), Miramar, concluded recently with a valedictory ceremony. After two days of intense competition, featuring 22 negotiating teams and 12 mediators, the National University of Singapore (NUS) emerged victorious. Seth Tay and Merwyn Lin of NUS were awarded the title of Best Negotiating Team and a cash prize of Rs 50,000, while Oh Yu Han from NUS claimed the title of Best Mediator with cash prize of Rs 20,000. Naman Kumar and Jaskaran Singh from the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad, were runners-up in the negotiation category, receiving Rs 25,000, while



Oh Yu Han (NUS) receiving the Best Mediator award



Seth Tay and Merwyn Lin (NUS) were awarded the Best Negotiating Team

Sai Mani Ambati from Symbiosis Law School, Pune, came second in the mediation category and earned Rs 10,000. All winners also received certificates of merit. Chief guest, Principal District and

Sessions Judge of North Goa, Irshad Agha spoke about the role of mediation in the judicial process, urging judges to refer at least two cases for mediation each month. He also pointed out the urgent need

for improved infrastructure at ADR centres across Goa and commended the High Court of Goa in Mumbai for its proactive efforts in training mediators. Education advisor of V. M. Salgaocar

Corporation Private Limited, Bhaskar Nayak, highlighted the significance of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), urging its use for resolving smaller issues like family disputes and public matters.

22 negotiating teams, 12 mediators from around the globe at this year's Lex Infinitem

Staff Reporter

V M Salgaocar College of Law inaugurated its annual International Dispute Resolution Competition - Lex Infinitem on Thursday.

This year marks the first decade anniversary of the event which began in 2016.

The event promotes Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) by bringing together law students and mediators from across the globe.

Chairperson of Goa Real Estate Regulatory Authority, retired IAS Dharmendra Sharma, who was the Chief Guest, addressed the gathering in the presence of VMSCCL principal,



Director of Lex Infinitem Dr Shruti Kamat Dalal, Principal of VMSCCL, Dr Shaber Ali G, Chairperson of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, retired IAS Dharmendra Sharma, Company Secretary of V M Salgaocar Corporation Pvt Ltd Anthony Barretto, and Lex Infinitem President Omkar Gaonkar.

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president Omkar Gaonkar and Vice-President of Lex Infinitem Tashina Zahra Pinto do Rosario.

In his address, Sharma elaborated on the persuas-

ive and coercive mediation techniques, citing experiences from his past, and emphasising the importance of the former; and volunteering to come within its domain.

Principal Shaber Ali appraised the audience about the nature of mediation, its history and the fact that it is the best method for family matters and consumer affairs.

Barretto announced the completion of 50 years of the college, as a milestone, that was a testament to nurturing the legal minds of the next generation.

This year, Lex Infinitem has attracted 22 negotiating teams and 12 mediators from around the globe, in-

cluding prominent institutions such as the National University of Singapore (NUS), Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) Sri Lanka, and National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) Hyderabad.

This event will also feature renowned dispute resolution experts such as Claude Amar, I Adeline Guilhurn, E O Mendes, and Dr Deevanshu Shrivastava who will serve as expert assessors throughout the competition.

Some experts will also participate as resource persons in the Knowledge Sessions, a two-day mediation course, running parallel to the main event.



Organising Committee of students



Expert Assessors - Lex Infinitum 2025