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PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

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**7TH NATIONAL LAW FEST**

# ARGUENDO '24

14th March- 16th March, 2024.  
(Thursday-Saturday) | HYBRID

**Shri. G.K. Chatrath Memorial  
National Moot Court Competition**

**4th Justice A.S. Anand National  
Mediation & Negotiation Competition**

**National Quiz Competition  
"CivilSavvy 1.0"**

## University Institute of Legal Studies, Chandigarh.

University Institute of Legal Studies, founded in 2004 under Panjab University, is renowned for legal education nationally and globally. Its curriculum focuses on practical learning, fostering skills like drafting and negotiation. Guided by distinguished faculty, students develop critical thinking and advocacy abilities. Through activities like Moot Court Competitions, ADR Competitions, and various academic quizzes UILS nurtures socially responsible legal professionals with ethical integrity.

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Professor (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh
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- ◆ **Teacher Coordinators:**  
Prof. (Dr.) Pushpinder Kaur, Prof (Dr.) Sabina Salim,  
Prof. (Dr.) Virender Negi

**Cash prizes  
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## **DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS** ***PROF. (DR.) SHRUTI BEDI***

**The University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS) is a premier legal institution in this region. The endeavour at UILS is to ensure excellence in legal education in addition to holistic development of students of law. We are steadfast in cultivating an environment for enhancing the spirit of intellectual freedom, and leadership qualities amongst the students, equipping them to tackle the social and moral issues facing society today. The students of UILS have proved their mettle in numerable international and national competitions pertaining to moot courts, mediation and negotiation, client counselling, legal aid clinics, role plays etc. With an inclusive and supportive learning environment, we are committed to securing a platform for learning. With this in mind, we present to you, the 4th edition of Arguendo, 2024, the national law fest organised by UILS.**

**I welcome the participants to the University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University and wish you the very best in your endeavours.**



## Shri. G.K. Chatrath Memorial National Moot Court Competition

### SH. GOPAL KRISHAN CHATRATH

Shri. Gopal Krishan Chatrath commenced his professional journey as a teacher in a school in Batala. Demonstrating a fervent dedication to advocating for the rights of his colleagues in the education sector, Shri. G.K. Chatrath emerged as an activist for the promotion of the rights of his fellow faculty colleagues. His altruistic endeavors garnered widespread recognition, propelling him to the position of Member of the Legislative Council of Punjab, and subsequently as the M.L.A. from Batala.

He was enrolled as an advocate in 1977, and he progressively contributed to the promotion of justice within society. His exemplary legal acumen led to his designation as a Senior Advocate on April 24, 1992. Subsequently, he was appointed as the Advocate General of Punjab. Moreover, Shri. Gopal Krishan Chatrath's longstanding involvement with the governance of Panjab University, spanning 48 years as a Member of the Senate and the Syndicate- the Governing Bodies of the Panjab University highlights his deep-rooted commitment to the institution. He had also served as the Dean of the Faculty of Laws at Panjab University, Chandigarh for more than 20 years.

His unwavering dedication to fostering student growth is exemplified by his introduction of the B.A.LL.B. 5-year integrated law course nationwide, expediting the professional qualification of aspiring lawyers. Furthermore, his visionary initiatives included the establishment of the University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS) at Panjab University in 2004-05. Revered as the 'Bhishma Pitamah' of Panjab University, he regarded the institution as akin to his mother



~A MESSAGE~

FROM MS. ANU CHATRATH

As the former Dean-Faculty of Laws and Member of the Chief Governing Body of Panjab University Chandigarh for more than 20 years, I have witnessed firsthand the unwavering commitment of the University Institute of Legal Studies towards fostering the holistic development of its students since its inception. From its establishment, UILS has consistently strived to be a pioneer in nurturing well-rounded individuals.

I can attest to the steadfast dedication of UILS to nurturing the intellectual, professional, and personal growth of its students, thereby empowering them to become leaders and change-makers in their respective fields. I welcome each of the participating teams for the 1st National Moot Court Competition organised in memory of my father- Late Shri Gopal Krishan Chatrath.

May the Best Team Win. God bless!



Ms. Anu Chatrath

Senior Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Additional Advocate  
General, Punjab and Former Mayor- Chandigarh



## 4th Justice A.S. Anand National Mediation & Negotiation Competition

### JUSTICE A.S. ANAND

Justice Dr A S Anand was born on 1st November 1936, and after completing his initial studies in Jammu, he graduated in Law from the Lucknow University, before doing his Doctorate at the University College, London. He was the first Indian to be awarded the Fellowship of University College, London and later came to be unanimously elected as an Honorary Bencher of the Inner Temple.

Justice Anand enrolled as an Advocate in 1964 and after practising at the Punjab & Haryana High Court, was elevated to the bench, as an Additional Judge, of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court on 26th May 1975 at only 39 years of age. On 11th May 1985, he was appointed as the Chief Justice, of Jammu & Kashmir High Court, and then the Madras High Court on 1st November 1989. He became a Judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, on 18th November 1991. Justice Anand assumed charge of the office of the Chief Justice of India on 10th October 1998 and retired on 31st October 2001.

On the bench, Justice Anand authored a number of path breaking judgements that would go on to define the manner in which law was enforced in the country in the years to come. In the D.K. Basu case (1996), he laid down important safeguards against custodial torture. These safeguards are considered invaluable in protecting the rights of prisoners. His separate judgement in the Nilabeti Behera case on the right of compensation in the cases of custodial deaths is hailed as a significant contribution to the protection of human rights. In Gita Hariharan's case, the Supreme Court speaking through Justice Anand recognised the rights of a wife and mother, who had been deserted by her husband. In Dhananjay Chatterjee's case, where a security guard had faced trial for the rape and murder of a woman, he ruled that a death sentence may be awarded even though the conviction was based on convincing circumstantial evidence alone. In State of Punjab v. Gurmeet Singh, Justice Anand gave recognition to a rape victim's voice, and laid down that conviction may be based on her sole testimony alone, if there existed no plausible defence.

In 2002, he was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, an office he would go on to hold for four years. On 26th January 2008, Justice Anand was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award in India.



### ~A MESSAGE~ FROM MS. MUNISHA GANDHI



It is indeed heartening to see ULS bringing another edition of the Justice A.S. Anand National Mediation and Negotiation Competition in March 2024. While we have a plethora of moot court competitions that encourage students to master the art of advocacy, we aren't equipping them with the tools to be problems solvers as well. Given the prohibitively expensive nature of litigation, there is a strong need to setup mechanisms where litigation can be effectively avoided, and the litigants saved from the seemingly unending litigation. Mediation and Negotiation as a means of dispute resolution have the flavour of finality, having their roots in consent of the parties, and not the option of a man, whose rationale the loser always wants to assail. This process is not just useful for solving inter personal disputes such as matrimonial, or succession, but also works well for businesses that value their time, and the opportunity cost that they would incur awaiting a judicial pronouncement.

It is extremely encouraging to see teams from reputed law schools across the country participating in this competition. It is you, the young students who have the opportunity and approach the law from a fresh perspective, unshackled with the burden of looking a disagreement between persons and corporations as potential court cases, but instead as a problem to solve, and a dispute to resolve. I am sure the program would be a resounding success with the active participation of the best of the faculty of ULS.

Ms. Munisha Gandhi  
Senior Advocate, Punjab & Haryana Court



# ~EVENT 1~

## SH. G.K. CHATRATH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024.

### • ABOUT SH. G.K. CHATRATH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024.

Experience the exhilarating world of legal advocacy at the Shri. G.K. Chatrath National Moot Court Competition! Beyond mere competition, moot courts serve as a catalyst for personal growth and development. Participants cultivate their critical thinking abilities, elevate their confidence in public speaking, and nurture the resilience essential for success in the legal realm. Seize the opportunity to unleash your innate legal prowess and embark on an unforgettable journey of enlightenment and self-discovery at the esteemed Shri. G.K. Chatrath National Moot Court Competition. It is your platform to illuminate the path toward a flourishing career in law! Beyond mere competition, moot courts serve as a catalyst for personal growth and development. Participants cultivate their critical thinking abilities, elevate their confidence in public speaking, and nurture the resilience essential for success in the legal realm.

### • LINK FOR DETAILED RULEBOOK AND MOOT PROPOSITION.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LtbvBrI606UQpzfzUBryANSEUa7uTFLq>

### • ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to all students enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an Undergraduate (5 year or 3 year law) professional course or its equivalent conducted by any institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

### • REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

> *Link for Registration form:*

<https://forms.gle/NTswFn5TiPC1ozyq8>

*A registration fee of Rs. 3500/- is to be paid in favor of:*

*Director, UILS  
Account No. 10444979993  
IFS Code SBIN0000742  
SBI, Sector 14  
Panjab University*

*Receipt of the online payment to be sent by email to:  
[mootingsocietyuils@gmail.com](mailto:mootingsocietyuils@gmail.com)*

> *It is to be noted that the accomodation charges for the teams qualified for Quarter Final Rounds will be communicated to the teams later.*



## ~EVENT 2~

### 4TH JUSTICE A.S. ANAND. NATIONAL MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION COMPETITION 2024

#### • ABOUT 4TH JUSTICE A.S. ANAND MEDIATION & NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

"In life, you may not get what you deserve, but you will definitely get what you negotiate." With the aim of imparting Negotiation and Mediation skills to aspiring lawyers, the ADR & CCL Board, UILS presents the Fourth Edition of the Justice A.S. Anand National Mediation and Negotiation Competition (Hybrid) to be conducted on 5th of March 2024 and 14th-16th March 2024. Participants will undergo skill development at each stage of the competition, with UILS eagerly anticipating the participation of students from across the country. Don your Freud apparel and Holmes Hat, and join us for a learning and fun-filled event centered on negotiation. The organizing committee and volunteers are dedicated to enhancing your experience.

#### • LINK FOR DETAILED RULEBOOK AND PROPOSITION.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MdXjGbAjKXKTtK99p2RVa3raGeRqERcA?usp=sharing>

#### • TEAM COMPOSITION

1. The Teams will be selected on 'First Come First Served' basis (Priority shall be determined on the basis of e-mail confirmation and receipt of duly filled Registration Forms which must reach the organizers before the due date, which is mentioned in the Rules of the Competition).
2. Team shall consist of one Mediator and the Negotiating Team consisting of one Client and one Counsel.

#### • ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to all students enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an Undergraduate (5 year or 3 year law) professional course or its equivalent conducted by any institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

#### • REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

*The registration fee must be furnished by the stipulated date, i.e., 29th February to the ADR&CCL Board, in the manner directed. It is to be noted that the accommodation charges for the teams qualified for Quarter Final Rounds will be communicated to the teams later.*

*The registration fee of Rs. 4,000/- per team must be paid through Demand Draft/ NEFT to:*

*Name: Director, UILS*

*Account Number: 10444979993*

*IFSC Code: SBIN0000742*

*Bank: State Bank of India*

*Branch: Panjab University, Sector 14*

**SCANNED RECEIPT OF THE ONLINE PAYMENT MUST BE ATTACHED IN THE FINAL  
REGISTRATION FORM AND MAILED TO : [uilsadrcl@gmail.com](mailto:uilsadrcl@gmail.com)**



## ~EVENT 3~

### 1ST NATIONAL OFFLINE QUIZ COMPETITION, “CIVILSAVVY 1.0”

#### • ABOUT THE QUIZ: "CIVILSAVVY 1.0"

CivilSavvy: ‘Empowerment through Knowledge, Catalyst for Change’

CivilSavvy is a thrilling event that tests participants' knowledge and understanding of diverse subjects relevant to the UPSC exams. It's an Invitation to competitors to engage in a battle of wits, tackling questions on history, geography, politics, economics, and current affairs. With each round, the intensity heightens as contestants demonstrate their grasp of intricate details and broad concepts crucial for civil service aspirants.

#### • ELIGIBILITY

- > The Competition is open to all students enrolled bona-fide on a regular basis in an Undergraduate/Postgraduate B.A./ B.Com/ Law course or its equivalent conducted by any institution. No Accommodation to be provided.
- > *The Organising Committee also, tends to encourage the local departments of Panjab University, its regional centres and other P.U. affiliated and local colleges to participate in this national quiz and test their familiarity with the spirit of competitive exams.*

#### • LINK FOR DETAILED RULEBOOK & REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gzxQvpfcgUVRJNEqxSE124PxkyoEwhpG>

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/evD3MFYvvXWaR3QG7>

*Each team shall comprise of 2 members*

*The participants can also, download the Registration form and the Detailed Rulebook from the above mentioned google drive link.*

*A registration fee of Rs. 500/- is to be paid PER TEAM AND online at:*

Director, UILS  
Account Number: 10444979993  
IFSC Code: SBIN0000742  
Bank: State Bank of India  
Branch: Panjab University, Sector 14

> *Receipt of the online payment to be ATTACHED IN THE GIVEN LINK:*

<https://forms.gle/chK45tESTSvK5jqMA>

> *The confirmation mail for registration will be sent within 24 hours of the registration and payment of the fee. Fees once paid will not be refunded.*



# TIMELINE

<b>21ST FEB</b>	<b>REGISTRATION FOR MOOT, MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION, QUIZ</b>
<b>21ST FEB</b>	<b>RELEASE OF MOOT PROPOSITION +RELEASE OF RULEBOOK</b>
<b>28TH FEB</b>	<b>REGISTRATIONS CLOSE</b>
<b>29TH FEB</b>	<b>RELEASE OF MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION PROPOSITION</b>
<b>3RD MARCH</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ROUNDS FOR NATIONAL QUIZ (VIRTUAL)</b>
<b>5TH MARCH</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ROUNDS (VIRTUAL) FOR MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION</b>
<b>6TH MARCH</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ROUNDS (VIRTUAL) MOOT COURT COMPETITION</b>
<b>14TH MARCH</b>	<b>QUARTER FINALS (ON CAMPUS) MOOT COURT + MEDIATION NEGOTIATION</b>
<b>14TH MARCH</b>	<b>PRE FINALS (ROUND 2) OF QUIZ (ON CAMPUS)</b>
<b>15TH MARCH</b>	<b>SEMI FINALS ROUND (ON CAMPUS) MOOT COURT COMPETITION</b>
<b>15TH MARCH</b>	<b>SEMI FINALS &amp; FINAL ROUND (ON CAMPUS) MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION</b>
<b>15TH MARCH</b>	<b>FINAL ROUND (ON CAMPUS) QUIZ</b>
<b>16TH MARCH</b>	<b>FINAL ROUND (ON CAMPUS) MOOT COURT COMPETITION</b>
<b>16TH MARCH</b>	<b>VALEDICTORY CEREMONY AT LAW AUDITORIUM, PU CAMPUS</b>





# **ARGUENDO '24**



- **EVENT: VALEDICTORY CEREMONY, 7TH NATIONAL LAW FEST, ARGUENDO 2024**
- **VENUE: LAW AUDITORIUM, PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**
- **DATE: 16TH MARCH 2024**
- **HON'BLE GUESTS:**



***Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant  
Judge, Supreme court of India  
(Chief Guest)***



***Hon'ble Mr. Justice Augustine George Masih  
Judge, Supreme court of India  
(Distinguished Guest of Honour)***

**POST-VALEDICTORY LUNCH**

***Venue: Lawns adjacent to Law Auditorium, Panjab University, Chandigarh***

***Time: 1:30 PM Onwards***



# CONTACT

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### Student Coordinators:

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### Student Coordinators:

- Gurpreet Rana (President) (89680-50243)
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MCS, UILS: <https://www.instagram.com/mcsuils?igsh=OTYxaTRrcGUxcTFy>

ADR-CCL BOARD, UILS: [https://instagram.com/adrcclboard\\_uils?igshid=OGQ5ZDc2ODk2ZA==](https://instagram.com/adrcclboard_uils?igshid=OGQ5ZDc2ODk2ZA==)

SFQ, UILS: [https://www.instagram.com/sfq\\_uilspu/](https://www.instagram.com/sfq_uilspu/)