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STRENGTHENING ARBITRATION  
AND ENFORCEMENT IN

INDIA



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21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016  
Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

Supporting International Institutions



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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

'National Initiative towards Strengthening Arbitration and Enforcement in India' is a landmark three-day conference organised in New Delhi to promote India as a global hub for arbitration amongst international practitioners, corporate houses and the Indian legal fraternity.

This is the first time the Government of India through NITI Aayog is organising an important global conference with active support from five international arbitration institutions (HKIAC, ICC, KLRCA, LCIA and SIAC). The conference is also supported by major industry associations in India. Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, National Legal Services Authority, NILERD, International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution and legal fraternity have also been involved in organising the event.

The conference will serve as a platform for discussing critical issues, sharing experience on best international practices and creating a roadmap to strengthen arbitration and its enforcement in the country. This will, ultimately, feed into policymaking for promoting international commercial arbitrations in India.

### **Who Should Attend**

The conference will have intensive brainstorming sessions. Experts, practitioners/representatives from national and international arbitration organisations, legal practitioners, in-house counsel, industry associations, corporate representatives, small and medium enterprises, and legal academia are welcome to attend the event.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Shri Pranab Mukherjee**

Hon'ble President of India, Chief Guest, Inaugural Session

### **Shri Narendra Modi**

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Chief Guest, Valedictory Session

### **Shri T.S. Thakur**

Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief of the Conference

### **Shri Arun Jaitley**

Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India

### **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad**

Hon'ble Union Minister for Law and Justice and IT, Government of India



# Programme

**DAY**

**21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016  
Inaugural Session\***

05:30 - 05:35 P.M.	Welcome by <b>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit</b> , Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairman, Advisory Committee of the Conference
05:35 - 05:40 P.M.	Opening Address by <b>Dr. Arvind Panagariya</b> , Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog
05:40 - 05:50 P.M.	Address by <b>Mr. Alexis Mourre</b> , President, ICC
05:50 - 06:05 P.M.	Keynote Address by <b>Shri Arun Jaitley</b> , Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India
06:05 - 06:20 P.M.	Presidential Address by <b>Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Thakur</b> , Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief of the Conference
06:20 - 06:40 P.M.	Chief Guest's Address by <b>Shri Pranab Mukherjee</b> , Hon'ble President of India
06:40 - 06:45 P.M.	Vote of Thanks by Secretary General, Governing Council, ICADR
06:45 P.M.	National Anthem

07.30 P.M. onwards Dinner Hosted by NITI Aayog  
Venue Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi  
After Dinner Speaker **Mr. Fali S. Nariman**, Senior Advocate

\*Tentative minute-by-minute schedule

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**22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016  
Sessions & Speakers**

09:00 - 09:30 A.M. Registration and Tea/Coffee

**09:30 - 10:40 A.M. Panel I Theme: Setting up a World-Class Autonomous Arbitration Institution: Looking Beyond Brick and Mortar**

The session will focus on what goes into setting up a world-class arbitral institution. This will be an interactive session among the people who have played a prime role in placing their arbitral institution on the world map. The speakers will discuss the structuring they followed, its suitability for India, the state support they received and the initiatives they undertook to promote their institution.

MODERATOR

**Dr. Bibek Debroy**, Member, NITI Aayog

SPEAKERS

**Dr. Naushad Forbes**, President, CII

**Mr. Arun Chawla**, Assistant Secretary General, FICCI

**Prof. Datuk Sundra Rajoo**, Director, KLRCA

**Mr. Cavinder Bull**, Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC

**Ms. Chiann Bao**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

**10:40 - 11:50 A.M. Panel II Theme: Indian Arbitration Act: The Good, The Not-So-Good and The Unfinished Business**

This session will essentially be a critique of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and the 2015 Amendments thereto. The session will also discuss the possibilities for expedited dispute resolution procedures for special users/groups.

MODERATOR

**Mr. K. K. Venugopal**, Senior Advocate

SPEAKERS

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.C. Lahoti**, Former Chief Justice of India

**Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi**, Senior Advocate

**Mr. Bharat Vasani**, Chief Legal and Group GC, Tata Sons Limited

**Mr. Piyush Goyal**, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines, Government of India

**Mr. Ashok Lavasa**, Finance Secretary and Secretary (Exp.), Ministry of Finance, Government of India

**Prof. (Dr.) Mool Chand Sharma**, Former Member, Law Commission of India and Professor, University of Delhi

**Mr. Suresh Chandra**, Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India

11.50 - 12.10 P.M. Tea

**12:10 - 01:15 P.M. Panel III Theme: Case Management of Arbitration: Dos and Don'ts**

The session will explore the best practices, including dealing with errant respondents and types of sanctions that can be deployed. The session will also explore the soft laws of arbitration (the IBA Rules on Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration and the IBA Guidelines on Conflict of Interest and others) including the larger issue of the extent to which courts should give deference to these practices.

**MODERATOR** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.S. Nijjar**, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India  
**SPEAKERS** **Ms. Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof (Jackie)**, Director General, LCIA  
**Ms. Sarah Grimmer**, Secretary General, HKIAC  
**Ms. Rajinder Bassi**, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis International LLP  
**Mr. Abhinav Bhushan**, Director, South Asia, ICC Arbitration & ADR, ICC  
**Mr. Darius J. Khambata**, Senior Advocate  
**Mr. Vinayak Pradhan**, Consultant, Messrs. Skrine Advocates & Solicitors

01:15 - 2:00 P.M. Lunch hosted by NALSA

**02.00 - 03.15 P.M. Panel IV Theme: Court Support for Arbitration in its Three Stages: Before, During and Post Rendering of the Arbitral Award**

The role of the court differs at different stages. While non-intervention by courts is a fundamental feature of the Indian Act, court support is vital in thwarting attempts to stall the arbitration at various stages and assist in discovery, interim measures, witness examination, etc. At the enforcement stage, the Indian courts now wear three hats (having to apply different tests under Section 34 and Section 48 of the Arbitration Act). The session will also explore how this will work out in practice and what is the right balance that the courts must strike in the interest of justice.

**MODERATOR** **Hon'ble Dr. Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri**, Judge, Supreme Court of India  
**SPEAKERS** **Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**, Judge, Supreme Court of India  
**Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.V. Raveendran**, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India  
**Mr. Janak Dwarkadas**, Senior Advocate  
**Ms. Sherina Petit**, Board Member, LCIA  
**Mr. Arvind P. Datar**, Senior Advocate

**03:15 - 04:30 P.M. Panel V Theme: An Outsider's Perspective of Arbitrations in India**

While there are no true 'outsiders' in international arbitrations, this session will focus on what eminent international arbitrators have to share on India-seated arbitrations, how developed and emerging jurisdictions have navigated unfamiliar waters and what lessons can usefully be drawn by India.

**MODERATOR** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde**, Judge, Supreme Court of India  
**SPEAKERS** **Mr. Christopher K. Tahbaz**, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton  
**Mr. Nish Shetty**, Partner, Head, Litigation & Dispute Resolution (Asia-Pacific), Clifford Chance  
**Mr. Benjamin Hughes**, Associate Professor, Seoul National University Law School  
**Mr. Christopher To**, Executive Director, Construction Industry Council  
**Prof. Douglas S Jones AO**, Consultant, Clayton Utz

4.30-4.45 P.M. Tea

**04:45 - 06:00 P.M. Panel VI Theme: Experience Sharing**

This session will largely have members from the user community, i.e., corporate leaders and senior government officials who have been in the thick of high level disputes. They will share how arbitrations have worked for them as an ADR mechanism and whether other ADR mechanisms have fared better and if not, then why. They will also share a lay perspective on their expectations from the courts, the State and the arbitration tribunals.

**MODERATOR** **Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal**, Chairman, ICC  
**SPEAKERS** **Ms. Rohini Roy**, Chief of Legal Operations, International Operations, BHEL  
**Dr. Raghupati Singhania**, Chairman and MD, JK Tyres  
**Mr. Harshavardhan Neotia**, President, FICCI  
**Mr. Aditya Ghosh**, CEO, IndiGo Airlines  
**Mr. Raghav Chandra**, Chairman, NHAI

07.30 P.M. onwards Dinner Hosted by Law Firms

Venue Hotel Taj Mahal, Mansingh Road, New Delhi

After Dinner Speaker **Mr. J. William Rowley QC**, Chairman, LCIA Board

**DAY 3** 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016

**09:30 - 10:45 A.M. Panel VII Theme: The Future of International Arbitration**

This will be an interactive session with invited Hon'ble Chief Justices from the International Judiciary on strengthening arbitration and the role of the Asia-Pacific region on the same.

**CHAIRMAN** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar**, Judge, Supreme Court of India  
**SPEAKERS** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Robert Shenton French AC**, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia  
**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sundaresh Menon**, Chief Justice of Singapore  
**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali**, Chief Justice of Pakistan  
**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha**, Chief Justice of Bangladesh

10:45 - 11:15 A.M. Tea

# Valedictory Session\*

- 11:30 - 11:35 A.M. Welcome Address by **Mr. Amitabh Kant**, CEO, NITI Aayog
- 11:35 - 11:40 A.M. Address by **Mr. Mukul Rohatgi**, Attorney General of India
- 11:40 - 11:45 A.M. Address by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil R. Dave**, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA
- 11:45 - 11:55 A.M. Address by **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad**, Hon'ble Union Minister for Law & Justice and IT, Government of India
- 11:55 - 12:05 P.M. Presidential Address by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Thakur**, Chief Justice of India
- 12:05 - 12:55 P.M. Chief Guest's Address by **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
- 12:55 - 01:00 P.M. Vote of Thanks by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manmohan**, Judge, Delhi High Court and Chairman, Organising Committee of the Conference

01.00 P.M. onwards Lunch Hosted by **NALSA**

\*Tentative minute-by-minute schedule

## About Delhi

Capital of the world's largest democracy and symbol of India's rich past and thriving present, Delhi is a city where ancient and modern blend seamlessly together. It is a city that not only touches your pulse but also makes it beat faster. Home to millions of dreams, the city takes on unprecedented responsibilities of realizing dreams, bringing people closer and inspiring their thoughts. It is a vibrant city with many flavours representing various regions of the diverse country.

One can have a fascinating glimpse into the past in Old Delhi, with its labyrinth of narrow lanes, old havelis and colourful bazaars. It is home to three World Heritage monuments - Qutub Minar, Red Fort and Humayun's Tomb that have survived for many centuries, and give an idea of the architectural wonders created by the emperors in the past.

Delhi is close to many other heritage sites like the Taj Mahal, the Agra Fort, Mathura, etc. It is on the Golden Triangle tourist circuit, which attracts millions of tourists each year. Central Delhi, with its tree-lined avenues, imposing structures and buildings, such as the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Parliament House and the India Gate, reflect Delhi's colonial past. A number of museums provide a glimpse into the country's fascinating history. During October, the temperature in Delhi ranges between 21°C and 33°C.

## Registration Fee

Invitees	Fee
<b>International Delegates</b>	Early Bird (July 1 <sup>st</sup> - September 15 <sup>th</sup> ) - USD 500 Late Fee Applicants (After September 16 <sup>th</sup> ) - USD 750
<b>Indian Delegates</b>	Early Bird (July 1 <sup>st</sup> - September 15 <sup>th</sup> ) registrants will get one-month free access to Lexis®India E-library from LexisNexis®*
Senior Lawyers (above 10 yrs of practice)	INR 25,000
MSME and Junior Lawyers (below 10 years of practice)	INR 5,000
Law Firm Representative (Per Delegate)	INR 10,000
Industry Association (Per Delegate)	INR 10,000
Corporate Delegate (Per Delegate)	INR 10,000
<b>Accompanying Person Charges (Per Person)</b>	INR 5,000/USD 80 (Per Dinner)

Please Note:

- Accompanying person can only join for dinner, not for technical sessions.
- The registration fee includes lunch on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 and dinner on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.
- Due to VVIP attendees, there will be strict security in place and all the delegates are advised to read the 'Security Advisory' that will be posted on the conference website 48 hours before the event. Entry to all the sessions, including the social events, will be strictly against the conference badges, which you need to collect from the designated sites as per information that will be posted on the website.
- \*To get free one-month access to Lexis®India E-Library, please write to [marketing.in@lexisnexis.com](mailto:marketing.in@lexisnexis.com) with your conference registration number, name, organization and email ID. The access will be provided within two weeks of the conference.

## How to Register

Registration is accepted only through online application available at <http://arbitrationindia.in/registration/>

## Cancellation Charge

Cancellations after payment are not refundable. However, registration may be transferred in another person's name from the same company or organisation at no extra charge, provided that the notice is sent by October 15, 2016.

The organisers reserve the right to (1) postpone or change the timing and content of the programme and venue at any time; or (2) cancel the event at any time; and under such circumstances, the registration fee will be refunded in full.

## Travel and Accommodation

Travel and hotel expenses are not included in the registration fees. The participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.

NITI Aayog will be providing shuttle bus service from the designated hotels to the conference venue and dinner venue, and back.

## Travel Partner

M/s. Thomas Cook (India) Ltd. is our travel partner. For details regarding hotel accommodation, local sight-seeing and spouse/accompanying person programmes, please check the following link:

<https://tciconferences.eventsair.com/niti/hotels>

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## Visa Support

NITI Aayog will provide invitation letters to the registered participants on request that would help in obtaining visa for the conference.

Please contact us at [ncai-niti@gov.in](mailto:ncai-niti@gov.in) with personal details and the first page of the scanned copy of your valid passport.

## Language

The primary language for the conference would be English. Please send an e-mail at [ncai-niti@gov.in](mailto:ncai-niti@gov.in) in case translation support is needed.



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