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Date: 25th February, 2026



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NOTICE

This is to inform all students that the *Elimination Round* for participation in the **4th Xavier Mediation Competition, 2026**, organised by Xavier Law School, Kolkata, will be conducted on **27th February 2026 at 12:00 PM** in the **Moot Court Hall**.

A total of **three students** will be selected to represent the institution as 1 Client, 1 Counsel and 1 Mediator. The elimination round will be conducted based on the **Mock Mediation Problem** shared along with this notice.

Interested students are required to:

- Send an email expressing their willingness to participate to adrcellabacl@gmail.com
- Remain physically present for the elimination round at the scheduled time and venue.
- Refer to the **competition brochure** for detailed information and guidelines.

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name:	4 th Xavier Mediation Competition, 2026
Host College:	Xavier Law School, St. Xavier University, Kolkata
Competition:	• Mediation Competition
Event Dates:	• 26th - 28th March, 2026
Venue:	Xavier Law School, St. Xavier University, Kolkata
Mode:	Physical Mode (offline)

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Mock Mediation Problem

- Priya Sharma and Raghav Mehta were married in a grand ceremony on 11th November, 2024, in Delhi, under Hindu rites and customs. The couple met through a family arrangement and dated briefly before marriage. Raghav Mehta has an MBA and works as a Senior Manager at a leading MNC with an annual package of around 40 LPA. In comparison, Priya has a degree in fashion design and used to work as a designer at a company called The Hop with an annual package of around 12 LPA.

- Priya's father spent a lot of money on the wedding, amounting to almost 40 lakhs in the celebration, along with almost 20 lakhs of gifts (Car, Cloths, watches, and Gold Ornaments) to the Groom's Family and gold ornaments worth around 15 lakhs to his daughter. Raghav's Family also gave gold ornaments worth Rs 5 lakhs to Priya. However, as Priya did not have a bank locker, her entire gold was kept in the locker belonging to her mother-in-law for the time being.

- After marriage, Priya moved to Delhi and left her job in Mumbai to live with Raghav and his parents in a joint family. One month after the marriage, Priya found a job as a designer with the same company in Delhi. Due to the location change, her salary was reduced to Rs. 8 LPA. Due to work requirements, she had to travel outside the state almost twice a week. In the initial days of their marriage, disputes arose between Priya and Raghav regarding lifestyle choices, career priorities, and interference of the In-Laws.

- Raghav's parents were against Priya's job and lifestyle, believing that since they belonged to a business family with sufficient assets, Priya did not need to work. They felt that if she wished to work, she should take a job with a 9-to-5 fixed schedule, so that she could give enough time to the family as well.

- Raghav also passively agreed with his parents' thought process. He portrayed during numerous discussions that Priya should focus more on the family rather than her career. He often told Priya that she needed to give more time to the family, as she had certain responsibilities towards her in-laws and husband.
- They often had arguments over Priya coming late at home and not being present Specially when there are guests/relatives at home or during important family Functions. Priya complained to her parents that she faced emotional neglect and controlling behaviour from Raghav and his mother. Raghav, on the other hand, always claimed that Priya was unwilling to adapt to family life and sought excessive Independence, creating a hostile environment at home.
- On 1 August 2025, after losing a very important promotion at work, Priya lost her Calm during a family event at home, where she was continuously invited to participate in a family game and lashed out at Raghav's relative and when Raghav tried to calm her, she lashed out at him as well.
- On 2 August, 2025, Priya left the matrimonial home and returned to Mumbai, citing mental cruelty and incompatibility as a reason. Within 10 days, she approached the Family Court in Mumbai and filed a petition for divorce under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
- The court has referred the matter to a mandatory mediation under Section 89 of CPC and Family Courts Act, 1984, read with provisions of the Mediation Act, 2023. 11 October, 2025, has been fixed as the day on which the mediation proceedings are supposed to take place.



St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

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26TH, 27TH & 28TH MARCH 2026

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ABOUT SXUK

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata is a private university run by the Jesuits. It bears testimony to the 500-year-old legacy of Jesuit education. It was established on February 8, 2017 and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Smt. Mamata Banerjee in the presence of Mr. L. N. Mittal and his wife Mrs. Usha Mittal. It has a sprawling campus expanding to 16.64 acres of land. The University houses 5 faculties namely Xavier Law School, Xavier Business School, Faculty of Commerce & Management, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences and Faculty of Science.



It offers postgraduate courses in the subjects of Commerce, Mass Communication, Economics, English, Social Work and Psychology. It also offers PhD courses in Commerce, Management, English, Economics and Mass Communication. The University also comprises Xavier Business School which offers MBA courses and Xavier Law School, which presently offers two five-year integrated programmes—B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.)—along with a two-year LL.M. programme and a Ph.D. programme in Law. The University seeks to provide limitless opportunities to the students in different horizons. The University is equipped with modernized infrastructure to provide maximum facilities to students. It also seeks to formulate a plan to implement the National Education Policy 2020 and expand the infrastructure furthermore according to the 'Plan 2025'.



Website - www.sxuk.edu.in



Address: St. Xavier's University, Kolkata,
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ABOUT XLS

Xavier Law School was established in August, 2019 by the Hon'ble Lokpal of India, Mr. Pinaki Chandra Ghosh. It seeks to carry on the legacy of Jesuit education in the fields of legal education and research. It promises to provide all the facilities to the students which would help them reach the pinnacle of success. Currently, it offers two undergraduate courses - B.A.LLB. (Hons.) and B.Com.LLB. (Hons.) , 2-year LLM courses in Business Law and Criminal Law and a PhD course.



It comprises highly qualified faculty members and modern infrastructure including a Moot Court hall, a Legal Aid Clinic and a Law Library dedicated to the Law School. It also comprises two Student-run societies namely the Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ) and the Moot Court Society. It seeks to set international standards in legal education and to promote holistic development of the students. Xavier Law School strives to promote a society based on love, freedom, liberty, justice, equality and fraternity by training the law students to focus on 'Satya' and 'Dharma'. With this at the backdrop, Xavier Law School is determined to feature among the top law schools in the country.



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ABOUT XSLAJ

XSLAJ has been established under St. Xavier's University, Kolkata to achieve quality based legal education and has a broader goal of preparing men and women for others. In its constant pursuit of excellence, it always strives to create a legacy of leadership, professional acumen and excellence. This society strives towards exploring the benchmarks of educational standards for the best outcome in areas of law. XSLAJ isn't limited by it's professionalism, but empowered by it.



They say that it is impossible to tell where law stops and justice begins but here at XSLAJ, we strongly believe that it is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive, and along those lines we do conceptualize our events and activities, so that every student of XLS can get a clearer perspective of the two neighbouring concepts. At XLS, where gauging the power of law is considered as a supreme lesson, XSLAJ aims to create a platform, a rostrum for law students where they can go beyond the study material, delve deep into the world of law, explore infinite possibilities of how law can affect the system, and understand, in doing so, that to pursue law, is to pave justice.

“ MORE THAN A SOCIETY, XSLAJ IS A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS STRENGTHENING XLS IN ITS GROWING YEARS, AND HAS POTENTIAL TO BE THE HEART AND SOUL OF XLS. ”



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OUR CHAIRPERSON & PATRON

Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ, (born in 1954) is a Jesuit of the Calcutta Province of the Society of Jesus. A dynamic personality, he was the Principal (2009-2017) of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, Vice-Principal (1997-2009), is the Founder Vice-Chancellor, Professor of Economics at St. Xavier's University, Kolkata and the former Rector (1996-2002). Father is an educationist, administrator and a philanthropist.



REV. DR. JOHN FELIX RAJ, S.J. - THE HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR
The Patron of XMC'26 & The Chairperson of XSLAJ

Besides educational initiatives, he is also the Founder-President of SNEGAM, an NGO that provides quality education to underprivileged children and promotes the education of female children. His initiative "College to Village and Village to College" at SXC and SXUK, is a novel effort in transformative education. Father Felix Raj is the Director of The Goethals Indian Library and Research Society. He was a member of the West Bengal State Education Commission. He was also the Vice-President and Secretary of the Bengal Economic Association. His selfless work in the field of social development through education has made him the recipient of fourteen awards including Banga Bibhushan and Siksha Ratna from Government of West Bengal. Fr. Felix Raj is a prolific writer and has authored and co-authored nine books. He has also published numerous papers and articles in journals and newspapers.

OUR DEAN

Dr. Ranjeeta Mukherjee is an Associate Professor of Law in Xavier Law School, Kolkata. She has an extensive experience of teaching in various undergraduate and post graduate courses in various institutions of repute including Centre for Tribal and Customary Law, Central University of Jharkhand.



DR. RANJEETA MUKHERJEE
The Dean of Xavier Law School

She has secured master's degree in English and Law and has also cleared the UGC-NET for Lectureship. Having a passion for teaching and learning, she has also completed Post Graduate Diploma in Education Administration and several Faculty Development Programmes. She did her doctoral research on Rights of Tribal and Migrant Women Labourers of Jharkhand.

Though belonging to the legal discipline, she is inclined towards interdisciplinary studies and has several publications including textbooks, edited books, research papers in various international and national journals, along with several academic presentations in various national and international seminars and conferences to her credit. She is one of the founding members of Radha Govind Law College, Ramgarh. She is the editor-chief of a peer-reviewed journal and an assistant editor of a peer-reviewed international journal and a university law journal.

OUR CONVENOR

Dr. Siddhant Chandra has been serving as the Convenor of XSLAJ since July 2025 after having co-convened XMC 2025, and his leadership has been marked by clarity, steadiness and strong academic direction. Under his convenorship, XITAC 2025 and IGNITAC 2025 were executed successfully, both standing out for their structured planning, enriched content and impactful student participation. His guidance brought cohesion to the team, ensuring that every aspect from concept to execution has been handled with purpose and professionalism.



DR. SIDDHANT CHANDRA

The Convenor of Xavier Society of Law & Justice

Beyond events, Dr. Chandra has fostered a culture of intellectual curiosity and disciplined work ethic within the society. His ability to balance academic rigor with accessible mentorship has made him a constant source of motivation for the members. He encourages innovation while ensuring that the society's core values remain intact, which has helped XSLAJ grow not just in scale but in substance.

Under his guidance, our society has strengthened its identity as a platform for informed dialogue, student leadership, and high-quality academic initiatives. His steady presence, thoughtful vision, and commitment to nurturing student potential continue to shape XSLAJ into a community that inspires confidence, collaboration and excellence.



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OUR CO-CONVENOR

Dr. Subhajt Chakraborty has been serving as the Co-Convenor of XSLAJ since July 2025, and in this short span, he has already shaped the society with remarkable dedication and clarity of vision. He has successfully co-convended XITAC 2025 and IGNITAC 2025, guiding both events with steady leadership, academic insight, and a quiet efficiency that brought everything together seamlessly. His presence has consistently strengthened the organisational backbone of the society, ensuring that our initiatives are executed with structure, precision, and purpose.



DR. SUBHAJIT CHAKRABORTY

The Co-Convenor of Xavier Society of Law & Justice

Beyond event execution, Dr. Chakraborty has contributed significantly to building a culture of discipline, teamwork, and academic seriousness within XSLAJ. He brings a grounded, thoughtful approach to every discussion, helping the team refine ideas and translate them into impactful outcomes. His supportive and warm nature has encouraged members to work with confidence and clarity, knowing that they have a dependable guide to look up to. He plays a key role in aligning the society's academic goals with its on-ground activities, ensuring that every initiative carries intellectual depth as well as organisational coherence. His commitment to long-term growth, combined with his ability to nurture student leadership, has made him an indispensable pillar of XSLAJ. With his continued guidance, the society moves forward with a stronger vision, sharper focus, and a renewed sense of purpose.



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OUR PARTNERS

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Khaitan & Co. is one of India's oldest and most recognized full-service law firms, comprising over 1000+ professionals with diverse skills and extensive experience in handling intricate, high-profile, and path-breaking legal engagements. The firm is driven by a team of highly motivated partners, lawyers, and professionals who are committed to delivering exceptional client service and providing expert legal advice across a wide spectrum of sectors and industries. Over the years, Khaitan & Co has been at the forefront of several landmark legal developments, advising on complex transactions, high-stakes disputes, and evolving regulatory frameworks that shape India's commercial and corporate landscape. The firm's ability to combine deep legal expertise with strategic insight has enabled it to deliver practical, future-oriented solutions to a diverse clientele, both domestic and international. In addition to its robust transactional and litigation practice, the firm has demonstrated a strong commitment to legal education, capacity building, and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. By encouraging collaborative problem-solving and principled advocacy, Khaitan & Co continues to support initiatives that nurture young legal professionals and promote efficient and effective dispute resolution. Through its sustained engagement with academic institutions and professional forums, Khaitan & Co has consistently contributed to the development of legal scholarship and best practices within the profession. The firm's support for platforms that encourage dialogue, research, and experiential learning reflects its long-standing commitment to strengthening the future of the legal community and fostering excellence beyond conventional practice. We are pleased to announce that XSLAJ is organizing the 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026 - XMC '26, in association with Khaitan & Co, as the Title Partner, whose continued support and commitment to legal education and alternative dispute resolution will significantly contribute to the success and academic excellence of the competition.

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ASSOCIATE TITLE PARTNERS:



Steeped in over a century of tradition, R.L. Dutt & Co. (Rajendra Lal Dutt & Co.) stands among India's most respected legal institutions, strategically headquartered near the Calcutta High Court. Over its 110+ year journey, the firm has evolved from a distinguished solicitors' practice into a full-service legal powerhouse, seamlessly bridging historical legal precision with modern corporate needs. Its multi-generational leadership remains a key strength, currently helmed by Achintya Kumar Dutt, a veteran with over four decades of experience, and Arnab Dutt, whose international academic background brings a global perspective to the firm's digital and business law practices. With a reputation grounded in integrity and client-centric service, the firm has consistently championed Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms, including mediation and arbitration, reflecting its commitment to negotiated justice and pragmatic problem-solving. We are proud to announce R.L. Dutt & Co. (Rajendra Lal Dutt & Co.) as the Associate Title Partner for the Xavier Mediation Competition 2026.



VV LAW CHAMBERS (VVLC) is a full-service litigation chamber founded by Mr. Varun Varma, with its principal office in New Delhi and a presence across several states in India, along with professional ties in London, United Kingdom. The chamber is committed to representing clients with the highest standards of trust, integrity, and efficiency, while simplifying complex legal and factual issues and advising on the most appropriate remedies for resolving disputes. VVLC's culture is rooted in diligently safeguarding clients' best interests through advice grounded in a thorough understanding of the law and facts, delivered with professionalism, creativity, and perseverance. The Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ) is pleased to announce XMC'26: 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026, in association with VV Law Chambers as the Associate Title Partner.

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MEDIATION PARTNER:

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SettleWiseNow is a Bangalore-based mediation platform that helps individuals and organisations resolve disputes amicably without resorting to litigation. It promotes efficient, cost-effective, and relationship-preserving dispute resolution through modern alternative dispute resolution (ADR) practices. It operates on the principle that conflicts can be settled through structured, confidential, and neutral mediation rather than adversarial litigation. The platform connects parties with trained mediators who facilitate dialogue and guide them toward mutually acceptable solutions. SettleWiseNow strengthens the event's focus on modern, effective dispute resolution with a panel of trained mediators and a streamlined, user-centric framework. SettleWiseNow promotes efficient, neutral, and sustainable outcomes. Its association with XMC'26 adds significant value by fostering awareness and encouraging constructive dialogue in contemporary mediation practice. We are pleased to announce that XSLAJ is organizing the XMC'26: 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026 in association with SettleWiseNow, as our Mediation Partner.

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AlterEgo - Virtual Law Office is a full-service law firm founded by Dr. Pijush Sarkar in Kolkata, offering comprehensive legal, strategic, and consultancy services. The firm represents individuals and corporations across civil, criminal, commercial, and regulatory matters, with notable expertise in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property, Cyber Law, and Commercial Transactions. Committed to professional integrity, they also provide free assistance in cases involving domestic violence, child abuse, and workplace harassment.

We are proud to announce AlterEgo - Virtual Law Office as the Content Partner for the 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026 - XMC'26, strengthening the competition's commitment to structured dialogue, ethical advocacy, and excellence in mediation.

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RESEARCH PARTNER:



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continues to contribute to global academic engagements, aimed at empowering future professionals and fostering meaningful impact. We are pleased to announce that the 4th Xavier Mediation Competition: XMC'26 is being organised in association with Dexon Global LLP as the Research Partner, whose research-oriented contributions will enhance the academic and intellectual framework of the competition.

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FOOD PARTNER:



Jhore Jole Jongole - Eco Heritage Resort is a serene eco-friendly retreat located in Jharkhali, Sundarbans. Nestled amidst lush greenery and natural surroundings, the resort is known for its warm hospitality and authentic Bengali cuisine prepared using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. With a strong commitment to sustainability and quality service, the resort offers a delightful culinary experience that beautifully blends traditional flavors with refined presentation.

The resort has built a reputation for hosting memorable gatherings, celebrations, and corporate events while maintaining high standards of hygiene and hospitality. Its dedication to excellence and guest satisfaction makes it a preferred destination for visitors seeking both comfort and authenticity. We are pleased to announce that the Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ) is organizing the XMC'26: 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026, in association with Jhore Jole Jongole - Eco Heritage Resort, as the Food Partner.

MENTAL HEALTH PARTNER:



Monoshij is a platform for mental health services that aims to inspire self-care, relaxation, stress reduction, and the development of inner strength. It has a team of in-house mental health professionals who provide psychotherapeutic, counselling, and psychological assessment services. The team collaborates with NGOs, educational institutions, and corporate houses to conduct capacity-building workshops and mental health programs. Monoshij started its services at the onset of the pandemic. It has supported the psychological

needs of students and staff across institutions under the Techno India Group and beyond. Its psychologists are trained in evidence-based therapies such as CBT, DBT, mindfulness-based interventions, ACT, couples' counselling, childhood disorder therapies, Motivational Enhancement Therapy, and Psychodynamic Psychotherapy, providing comprehensive and tailored care. We are pleased to announce that the Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ) is organizing XMC'26: 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026, in association with in association with Monoshij as the Mental Health Partner.

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MEDIA & E-LEARNING PARTNER:



Law Foyer is a legal education and awareness platform dedicated to making legal knowledge more accessible, practical, and industry-relevant. It focuses on bridging the gap between legal theory and professional skills through curated courses, expert sessions, and informative legal content. It positions itself as a knowledge-driven initiative aimed at empowering the next generation of legal professionals through accessible and practice-oriented learning. Through its emphasis on mediation, negotiation, and modern legal processes, it aims to provide accessible, cost-effective, and relationship-preserving solutions for individuals and organisations. Through its media initiatives and e-learning ecosystem, Law Foyer promotes continuous legal education, informed dialogue, and skill development within the legal community. As a legal education and awareness platform, it focuses on delivering accessible, high-quality learning resources and meaningful legal insights to students and professionals. We are pleased to announce that XSLAJ is organizing the XMC'26: 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026 in association with Law Foyer, as our Media and E-learning Partner.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PARTNER:



Legal Vidhiya is a dynamic legal education and awareness platform established in 2021 with the vision of making legal knowledge accessible, practical, and engaging for students and aspiring professionals. The platform provides guidance in legal drafting and research work, and organizes various competitions such as debates, memorial drafting, article writing, quizzes, and many more, while also fostering academic growth and professional development through internships, webinars, workshops, and publication opportunities. The platform promotes legal awareness and student engagement through skill-building initiatives and community collaboration. We are pleased to associate with Legal Vidhiya, as our Community Engagement Partner, for The 4th Xavier Mediation Competition - XMC'26.

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KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS:



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Knowledge Steez is a rapidly growing legal education and awareness platform dedicated to bridging the gap between legal academia and practical exposure. Through blogs, opportunities, webinars, and curated resources, it empowers law students and young professionals with access to internships, competitions, and academic guidance. The platform has built a dynamic student-centric network, fostering skill development and professional growth within the legal fraternity.

LawBhoomi is a prominent legal media and education platform that provides updates on legal news, internships, events, competitions, and career opportunities. With an extensive reach among law students and aspiring legal professionals across India, LawBhoomi has established itself as a reliable hub for academic and professional resources. Its consistent engagement with the legal community makes it an influential platform for knowledge sharing and outreach.

Legal Specs is a legal education and career platform providing internships, courses, competitions, and academic resources for law students and young professionals. It also publishes the Legal Specs Journal of Research and Legal Studies, promoting quality legal scholarship and professional growth.

We are pleased to announce that the Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ) is organizing XMC'26: 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026, in association with Live Law, Knowledge Steez, Law Bhoomi and Legal Specs as the Media Partners.

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RESOURCE PARTNER:



The Amikus Qriae is a student-run organisation registered under the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, which aims to cater to the needs of scholars, professionals, researchers, and others in the legal domain. As the name suggests, they are companions to legal aspirants as well as experts, with the aim of bridging the gap between accessible information and aspirants. With a comprehensive content team of law students from across the country, they strive to provide relevant and

contemporary information on legal affairs from around the globe. Through ambitious and studious legal minds across the country, The Amikus Qriae aims to contribute meaningfully to contemporary legal issues and developments in the ever-evolving field of law, making them accessible to the masses. A large team at The Amikus Qriae works tirelessly and consistently to apprise its viewers of indispensable legal news, major events, and essential seminars and webinars conducted by The Amikus Qriae, as well as those organised by other prominent organisations. XSLAJ is pleased to announce Amikus Qriae as our Resource Partner, for the 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026 - XMC'26.

DECORATION PARTNER:

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The Holy Decorators has earned a strong reputation as a trusted name in large-scale event design and festive décor. Since its inception on S. N. Banerjee Road, The Holy Decorators has remained committed to crafting visually striking and memorable experiences using premium materials and contemporary design sensibilities. Renowned for transforming major public celebrations, the firm has contributed to prestigious events across Kolkata. Notably, the team handles décor for the iconic Republic Day celebrations on Red Road, bringing precision, creativity, and cultural pride to the grand 26th January parade. They have also played a key role in the Kolkata Durga Puja Carnival on Red Road. Beyond cultural festivities, the company is entrusted with managing complete event infrastructure for public engagements of Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, delivering seamless execution from stage construction to seating arrangements. The Xavier Society of Law and Justice is pleased to associate with The Holy Decorators as the Decoration Partner for XMC'26: The 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026, confident that their expertise will elevate the event's visual and experiential quality.

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THE LEGACY OF XMC

In an era where the legal profession seeks innovative ways to resolve disputes, mediation has emerged as a cornerstone of progress. The Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ) has been organizing their flagship mediation competition – Xavier Mediation Competition (XMC) to promote mediation as an alternate dispute resolution method. Over the past three years, XMC has evolved into a premier platform for aspiring lawyers, embodying the principles of mediation – collaboration, empathy and mutual understanding.



The inaugural edition, XMC'23, brought the vision of XSLAJ to life with a groundbreaking event that attracted participation from over 30 teams, comprising 90+ law students from prestigious national, state, and private universities across India. Hon'ble Justice Ashim Kumar Banerjee, Former Judge at the Calcutta High Court, inaugurated the event, which was judged by distinguished legal professionals, including partners and associates from Khaitan & Co., one of India's most reputed law firms. The grand finale was adjudicated by Hon'ble Justice Dr. Sambuddha Chakrabarti, Former Judge at the Calcutta High Court and Chairperson of the Tax Tribunal, alongside Partners from Khaitan & Co. The winners walked away with prestigious accolades and cash prizes, including ₹25,000 for the Best Negotiating Pair and ₹12,500 for the Best Mediator. Additionally, they were offered coveted internships at Khaitan & Co., marking a defining moment for their professional journeys. With its resounding success, XMC'23 laid a strong foundation for the future of mediation competitions at Xavier Law School.

Building on this legacy, XMC'24 elevated the competition to unprecedented heights. Hosted on the 5th and 6th of April 2024, the second edition welcomed participation from across the nation, with students representing some of India's finest law schools.

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The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata inaugurated the event, which featured rigorous mediation rounds judged by esteemed professionals, including Dr. Santanu Mukherjee, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Accredited Mediator and Policy Advisor and partners from Khaitan & Co. and Sharma & Sharma Advocates & Legal Consultants LLP. The competition set new standards in excellence, offering cash prizes of ₹50,000 for the Best Negotiating Pair and ₹30,000 for the Best Mediator, along with internships at Khaitan & Co. and Sharma & Sharma Advocates & Legal Consultants LLP. Winners and runner-up also received framed certificates, six-month EBC Reader subscriptions, and unparalleled networking opportunities with legal professionals.

Setting a new benchmark for excellence, XMC'25 featured a massive total prize pool of ₹2.1 Lakhs, including ₹1,00,000 for the Best Negotiating Pair, ₹50,000 for the Best Mediator, ₹40,000 for the Runner-up Negotiating Pair and ₹20,000 for the Runner-up Mediator. Featuring 34 teams, the competition reflected a growing investment in alternative dispute resolution talent. The participation of prestigious institutions such as National Law University, Delhi, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad, National Law University, Jodhpur, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Chanakya National Law University, Patna, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Amity University, Kolkata and others made XMC'25 a resounding success.

As we approach XMC'26, the Xavier Mediation Competition continues to inspire and leave a lasting impact on the legal community. It serves as a beacon for the transformative power of mediation, envisioning a future where dialogue triumphs over discord and justice is achieved through understanding.



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ABOUT XMC'26

The 4th edition of the Xavier Mediation Competition (XMC'26) is a flagship initiative of the Xavier Society of Law and Justice (XSLAJ), aimed at redefining the future of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). XMC'26 provides a national platform for aspiring legal professionals to engage in negotiation, strategic problem-solving, and practical mediation. Mediation, a fundamental pillar of ADR, emphasises cooperation, mutual agreement, and trust over adversarial litigation. By bridging theoretical learning with real-world application, XMC'26 offers participants meaningful insight into contemporary dispute resolution. Building on the legacy of XMC'25, which witnessed nationwide participation, eminent adjudicators, a ₹2.1 lakh cash pool, internships, and networking opportunities, XMC'26 reaffirms XSLAJ's commitment to nurturing future-ready legal minds who believe justice achieved through dialogue is justice delivered without delay, fostering ethical leadership, professional excellence, and a collaborative vision for inclusive justice nationwide.

THE VISION

Building on the achievements of its previous editions, XMC'26 envisions itself as more than a competitive platform, aiming to create a holistic and immersive learning experience for aspiring legal professionals. It seeks to foster a deeper understanding of negotiation, cooperation, effective communication, and collaborative problem-solving, while moving beyond conventional adversarial approaches to dispute resolution. Through carefully curated, real-world mediation scenarios, XMC'26 challenges participants to step beyond traditional advocacy roles and engage with the true essence of mediation. It reinforces the idea that justice does not always originate in courtrooms, but often emerges through dialogue, mutual understanding, and consensus-building. By emphasizing interest-based negotiation and constructive engagement, the competition encourages participants to appreciate mediation as a powerful and humane tool for resolving disputes.

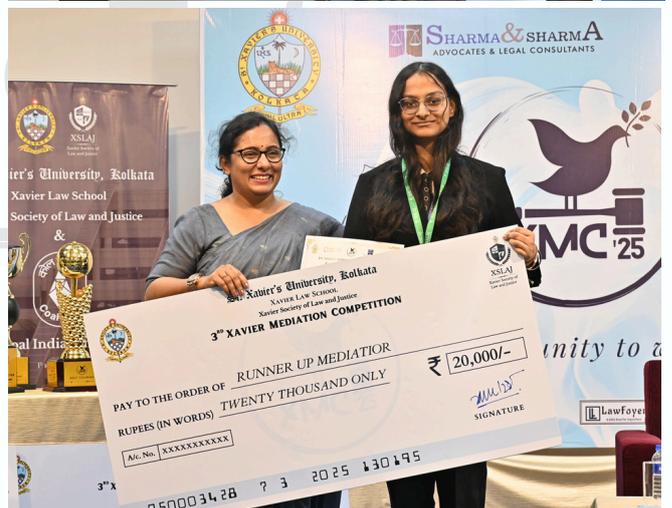
At its core, XMC'26 is committed to preparing the next generation of legal professionals to approach conflicts with empathy, compassion, and a solution-oriented mindset. It aims to nurture individuals who are not only legally sound but also emotionally intelligent and socially conscious, equipped to address complex disputes in an evolving legal landscape. Over the years, the Xavier Mediation Competition has seen participation from students representing several well-established and highly regarded institutions across the country, including National Law School of India University Bangalore, National Law University Delhi, National Academy of Legal Study & Research, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, National Law University Jodhpur, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Chanakya National Law University, Maharashtra National Law University Nagpur, Symbiosis Law School, O.P Jindal

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Global University, UPES School of Law, Amity Law School, Calcutta University, amongst others. Building upon the legacy of XMC'25, which brought together undergraduate law students from leading institutions across India for immersive mediation simulations, XMC'26 reaffirms its dedication to experiential learning and academic excellence. It continues to stand as a beacon for the transformative power of mediation, promoting dialogue over discord, collaboration over confrontation, and resolution over rigidity, while shaping a future where justice is driven by understanding and strengthened through meaningful engagement.





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EVENT SCHEDULE

Given below is the Event Schedule (Tentative) for the 4th Xavier Mediation Competition 2026:

FEBRUARY 2026						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5		

MARCH 2026						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5		

Wednesday, 25th February, 2026

- Release of Mediation Problems.

Wednesday, 18th March, 2026

- Last date for seeking clarifications.

Saturday, 21st March, 2026

- Last date for team registrations.

Sunday, 22nd March, 2026

- Release of Clarifications.

Thursday, 26th March, 2026 - XMC'26 Day 1

- Spot Registrations (Offline)
- Team Orientation
- Draw of Lots for Prelims I & II

Friday, 27th March, 2026 - XMC'26 Day 2

- Opening Ceremony
- Prelims I & II
- Draw of Lots for Quarter - Finals

Saturday, 28th March, 2026 - XMC'26 Day 3

- Quarter - Finals Round
- Draw of Lots for the Semi - Finals
- Semi - Finals Round
- Draw of Lots for the Final Round
- The Final Round
- Prize Distribution Ceremony
- Closing Ceremony



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CASH PRIZE & REWARDS

TROPHIES & CASH PRIZES



Best Negotiating Pair Award: "XMC-Champions Cup"
INR 1,50,000



Best Mediator Award: "XMC-Magis Cup"
INR 75,000



Runner-Up Negotiating Pair Award
INR 50,000



Runner-Up Mediator Award
INR 25,000

SPECIAL AWARD:



Best Counsel Award: "XMC-Legatus Cup"

Note: This award shall be conferred upon the Counsel who secures the highest aggregate score across the Preliminary Rounds.

PRIZES WORTH

₹ 3 LAKHS+

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REWARDS FOR THE BEST NEGOTIATING PAIR

The Best Negotiating Pair will be honoured with an exceptional combination of monetary awards, national recognition, elite internships, and fully sponsored professional development opportunities:

- Cash Prize of ₹1,50,000/-
- The Prestigious XMC-Champions Cup
- Gold Medals & Certificates of Excellence
- Paid Legal Internship Opportunities with Khaitan & Co.
- Virtual Internship Opportunities with SettleWiseNow
- Virtual Internship Opportunities with The Amikus Qriae
- Remote Internship Opportunities with Performance-Based Stipends at Dexon Global
- 100% Complimentary One-Year AI Pro Subscription of CaseMine
- 100% Scholarship on the Mediation Advocacy Course by SettleWiseNow
- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Legal Research & Writing (Worth ₹2,000) by LawFoyer
- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Supercharging Litigation & Academics with AI (Worth ₹4,000) by LawFoyer
- 100% Complimentary Access to any one course of choice from Manupatra Academy
- 100% Complimentary Access to a course offered by Legal Vidhiya
- 100% Complimentary Access to 4 Weeks Certificate Course on Arbitration Laws by The Amikus Qriae
- 100% Complimentary Publication Opportunities with Beyond Briefs Law Review (ISSN: 3048-4782)
- 20% Discount on Registration for MEDEXON 2026 organised by Dexon Global
- National Recognition through India's First Digital "Hall of Fame" – LawFoyer's Achievers Archive

REWARDS FOR THE BEST MEDIATOR

The Best Mediator shall be honoured with a distinguished bouquet of monetary rewards, national recognition, prestigious internships, and fully sponsored professional advancement opportunities:

- Cash Prize of ₹75,000/-
- The Prestigious XMC-Magis Cup
- Gold Medal & Certificate of Excellence
- Paid Legal Internship Opportunity with Khaitan & Co.
- Virtual Internship Opportunity with SettleWiseNow
- Virtual Internship Opportunity with The Amikus Qriae
- Remote Internship Opportunity with Performance-Based Stipends at Dexon Global

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- 100% Complimentary One-Year AI Pro Subscription of CaseMine
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- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Legal Research & Writing (Worth ₹2,000) by LawFoyer
- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Supercharging Litigation & Academics with AI (Worth ₹4,000) by LawFoyer
- 100% Complimentary Access to any one Course of Choice from Manupatra Academy
- 100% Complimentary Access to a Course offered by Legal Vidhiya
- 100% Complimentary Access to the 4-Week Certificate Course on Arbitration Laws by The Amikus Qriae
- 100% Complimentary Publication Opportunities with Beyond Briefs Law Review (ISSN: 3048-4782)
- 20% Discount on Registration for MEDEXON 2026 organised by Dexon Global
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REWARDS FOR RUNNER-UP NEGOTIATING PAIR

The Runner-Up Negotiating Pair shall be honoured with a distinguished blend of monetary recognition, professional exposure, and sponsored academic opportunities:

- Cash Prize of ₹50,000/-
- Trophy along with Silver Medals & Certificates of Achievement
- Paid Legal Internship Opportunities with R.L. Dutt & Co.
- Virtual Internship Opportunities with SettleWiseNow
- Virtual Internship Opportunities with The Amikus Qriae
- Remote Internship Opportunities with Performance-Based Stipends at Dexon Global
- 100% Complimentary One-Year AI Pro Subscription of CaseMine
- 100% Scholarship on the Mediation Advocacy Course offered by SettleWiseNow
- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Supercharging Litigation & Academics with AI (Worth ₹4,000) by LawFoyer
- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Legal Research & Writing (Worth ₹2,000) by LawFoyer
- Complimentary Publication Opportunities with Beyond Briefs Law Review (ISSN: 3048-4782)
- 100% Complimentary Access to a course offered by Legal Vidhiya
- 75% Discount on any one course of choice from Manupatra Academy
- 20% Discount on Registration for MEDEXON 2026 organised by Dexon Global
- National Recognition through India's First Digital "Hall of Fame" - LawFoyer's Achievers Archive

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REWARDS FOR RUNNER-UP MEDIATOR

The Runner-Up Mediator shall be conferred with an exceptional blend of monetary recognition, elite professional opportunities, and fully sponsored academic advancement benefits:

- Cash Prize of ₹25,000/-
- Trophy along with Silver Medal & Certificate of Achievement
- Paid Legal Internship Opportunity with R.L. Dutt & Co.
- Virtual Internship Opportunity with SettleWiseNow
- Virtual Internship Opportunity with The Amikus Qriae
- Remote Internship Opportunities with Performance-Based Stipends at Dexon Global
- 100% Complimentary One-Year AI Pro Subscription of CaseMine
- 100% Scholarship on the Mediation Advocacy Course offered by SettleWiseNow
- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Supercharging Litigation & Academics with AI (Worth ₹4,000) by LawFoyer
- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Legal Research & Writing (Worth ₹2,000) by LawFoyer
- Complimentary Publication Opportunities with Beyond Briefs Law Review (ISSN: 3048-4782)
- 100% Complimentary Access to a course offered by Legal Vidhiya
- 75% Discount on any one course of choice from Manupatra Academy
- 20% Discount on Registration for MEDEXON 2026 organised by Dexon Global
- National Recognition through India's First Digital "Hall of Fame" – LawFoyer's Achievers Archive

REWARDS FOR BEST COUNSEL

The Best Counsel shall be honoured with the prestigious title and an exceptional array of professional, academic, and national recognition opportunities:

- The Prestigious XMC–Legatus Cup
- Gold Medal & Certificate of Excellence
- Paid Legal Internship Opportunity under the guidance of Mr. Nayan Chand Bihani, Senior Advocate, High Court at Calcutta
- Remote Internship Opportunity with Performance-Based Stipends at Dexon Global
- Virtual Internship Opportunity with SettleWiseNow
- Virtual Internship Opportunity with The Amikus Qriae
- 100% Complimentary One-Year AI Pro Subscription of CaseMine
- 100% Scholarship on the Mediation Advocacy Course offered by SettleWiseNow
- 100% Complimentary Access to the Advanced Certification Course on Supercharging Litigation & Academics with AI (Worth ₹4,000) by LawFoyer

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- 100% Complimentary Publication Opportunity with Beyond Briefs Law Review (ISSN: 3048-4782)
- 100% Complimentary Access to a course offered by Legal Vidhiya
- 50% Discount on any one course of choice from Manupatra Academy
- 20% Discount on Registration for MEDEXON 2026 organised by Dexon Global
- National Recognition through India's First Digital "Hall of Fame" – LawFoyer's Achievers Archive

REWARDS FOR SEMI-FINALISTS

Participants reaching the Semi-Final Round, without progressing further, shall be awarded Certificates of Merit and shall be offered Paid Legal Internship Opportunities under the able guidance of Mr. Nayan Chand Bihani, Senior Advocate, High Court at Calcutta.

REWARDS FOR QUARTER-FINALISTS

Participants reaching the Quarter-Final Round, without progressing further, shall be awarded Certificates of Merit and shall be offered Paid Virtual Legal Internships with VV Law Chambers (VVLC).

REWARDS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

All participants of XMC'26 shall be entitled to a comprehensive suite of professional, academic, and wellness benefits:

- Virtual Internship Opportunity with LawFoyer, including participation in its structured Free Virtual Internship Training Program conducted in collaboration with reputed law firms
- One-Year Complimentary Job & Internship Placement Support through LawFoyer Connect
- 50% Discount on the Mediation 101 Course offered by SettleWiseNow
- 50% Concession on Publication Fees in the LawFoyer International Journal of Doctrinal Legal Research (ISSN: 2583-7753)
- 20% Discount on all courses offered by Legal Vidhiya
- 15% Discount on any one course of choice from Manupatra Academy
- Discount on Registration Fees for the upcoming 4-Week Certificate Course on Arbitration Laws by The Amikus Qriae
- Complimentary Mental Health Support extended to all participants by Monoshij
- All participants of XMC'26 shall receive Printed Certificates of Participation.

MEDIATION PROBLEMS

The Mediation Problem will contain the General Problem-at-hand, privy to all the Participants, whereas the Confidential Information Exhibits or C.I.E. will contain Specially Drafted Factual & Confidential Information pertaining to each side (Requesting and Responding).

- The Confidential Information Exhibit (C.I.E.) for a Round shall be released i.e., revealed to the respective Negotiating Pair only (and not the Mediating Pair), exactly 30 minutes before their respective rounds in the rooms allotted for the same - C.I.E.R.S. (Confidential Information Exhibit Reading Station).
- The Confidential Information can be first used/disclosed by the Negotiating Pairs ONLY during the Caucus, not before. However, after the Caucus, the usage of the Confidential Information is allowed, at the discretion of the Negotiating Pairs.
- The Confidential Information is not mandatory to be used during a Round (at the time of the Caucus, and post-caucus) by the Negotiating Pairs. The usage shall be at their discretion, i.e., a Negotiating Pair may choose not to disclose their Confidential Information in their Caucus.



Release of the Mediation Problems

Mediation Problems will be released on 25th February 2026

There shall be a different Mediation Problem for each Round of Mediation i.e. separate problems in the Prelims I, Prelims II, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & The Final Round, and 2 different Confidential Information Exhibits (C.I.E.) each, for the Requesting and Responding Side respectively, for the Participants to get acquainted with the Problems well in advance, and form their arguments and contentions accordingly, in the adequate time-frame before the Competition.



GOOGLE DRIVE LINK- XMC'26 ALL IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

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TIME DISTRIBUTION

Detailed Time Distribution - Level Wise (in Minutes)	Prelims (I & II)	Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	Final Round
Opening Statements by the Mediators	6	6	6	7
Opening Statements by the Requesting Side	5	5	5	6
Opening Statements by the Responding Side	5	5	5	6
Joint Session	10	12	12	12
Caucus	10	10	15	15
Resumption of Joint Session - Post Caucus	10	13	13	14
Closing Statements by the Responding Side	3	3	3	5
Closing Statements by the Requesting Side	3	3	3	5
Closing Statements by the Mediators	3	3	3	5
Feedback by the Judges	5	5	5	5
TOTAL ROUND TIME IN EACH LEVEL (in minutes)	60	65	70	80



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COMPETITION FORMAT

CLAUSE I - COMPETITION ROUNDS & QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

A. Preliminary Rounds (Prelims I & II)

All the Participating Teams shall appear twice in the Preliminary Rounds - once from the Requesting, once from the Responding Side, in the Prelims I & II - as per the sides allotted to them via the Draw of Lots. The Negotiating Pair of each Team - consisting of the Client & the Counsel - will be marked together as one unit, while the Mediator of each team shall be marked separately from that team's Negotiating Pair. Therefore, after the Preliminary Rounds, the Top 8 Mediators and the Top 8 Negotiating Pairs (Client-Counsel), with the highest cumulative (average) scores from both the Prelims (I & II), will advance to the Quarter-Finals. There shall be a Slot System in the Preliminary Rounds, i.e. the Teams will be allotted slots for their Mediation Rounds via the Draw of Lots, in Preliminary Rounds, I & II. In the Quarter Finals, the Qualifying Negotiating Pairs will be allotted a side to represent - Req. or Res. (as per the subsequent Draw of Lots for the Quarter-Finals).

B. Quarter-Finals (QF)

The Quarter-Final Round will be a Knockout Round, i.e., in this round, out of the two Negotiating Pairs and two Mediators in each Mediation Room, only one Negotiating Pair and one Mediator, getting more marks than the counter-participant(s), shall qualify for the Semi-Final Round. Therefore, out of the 8 Mediators and 8 Negotiating Pairs in the Quarter-Finals, 4 Mediators and 4 Negotiating Pairs shall qualify to the Semi-Finals.

The marks of the Quarter-Final Round shall be exclusive of the Scores obtained in the Preliminary Rounds.

All the sessions (65 minutes) in the Quarter Finals will be held parallelly.

C. Semi-Finals (SF)

The Semi-Final Rounds will also be a Knockout Round (similar to Quarter-Finals).

Therefore, out of the two Negotiating Pairs and Mediators in each Mediation Room, only one Negotiating Pair and one Mediator, getting more marks than the counter-participant(s), shall qualify to the Final Round of XMC'26.

The marks of the semi-final rounds shall be exclusive of the Scores obtained in the Preliminary & Quarter-Final Rounds.

All the sessions (70 minutes) in the Semi-Finals will be held parallelly.

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D. The Final Round

The qualifying participants from the Semi-Final Round i.e. 2 Mediators & 2 Negotiating Pairs will appear for the Final Round of XMC'26 - and the winners shall be adjudged on the basis of the scores given by the Judges.

IMPORTANT FACTS TO BE KNOWN:

1. The mediator of a team shall not be paired with his/her own team in any of the Prelims (I & II) - i.e. the Mediator of a Team will be a competing unit, separate from the Negotiating Pair (Attorney & Client) of the same team, hence there shall be no Team-Wise Marking. Therefore, there may be cases, wherein the Mediator of a Team qualifies for the other rounds, but the Negotiating Pair of the same team does not - or vice versa.
2. The Mediating Pair (consisting of two mediators from two different teams) in the rounds will be marked individually - and not as a Pair. The Mediators will advance individually, i.e. irrespective of their Team or Pair in a round.
3. The Client & the Counsel in a Negotiating Pair, however, will be marked together as a Pair - hence the Negotiating Pairs will not be changed throughout the duration of the Competition - and will advance together as a pair.

Random Pairing Post-Prelims: In the Preliminary Rounds (I & II), the Mediator from a Team will - under no circumstance - be paired with the Negotiating Pair of the Same Team. But in the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & the Final Round - the allotments can be random, and such a case may arise where a qualifying Mediator and a qualifying Negotiating Pair belong to the same team, and they are grouped together.

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CLAUSE II - MARKING SCHEMES

I. MARKING SCHEME FOR THE MEDIATOR

1. Opening Statement

Effective explanation of the process of mediation, the role of the mediators, the code of conduct and any other significant aspect.

2. Confidentiality

Maintenance of the confidentiality of both the parties' confidential information. The ability to balance the strengths, weaknesses, contrasting interests and needs of the parties, during the Session.

3. Time Management

Adherence to the prescribed time limit in the Session.

4. Co-Operation

Co-ordination and facilitation between the Mediators, throughout the round. Understanding the points put forth by the negotiating pairs and helping them arrive at a productive solution or arrangement.

5. Tackling

Employing techniques of active listening.
Being neutral and non-judgmental to defuse conflict.

6. Dress Code

Adherence to proper Dress Code (Law Formals - Black Blazer, Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Tie & Black Shoes).

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II. MARKING SCHEME FOR THE COUNSEL

1. Opening Statement

Awareness of factual knowledge and identification of issues arising out of the facts. Properly dealing with technicalities, and details pertaining to the facts.

2. Utilization of C.I. (Confidential Information)

Disclosure and beneficial use of confidential information.

3. Co-Operation

Teamwork between client and counsel for effective communication between the two as well as in order to avoid any role-overlap.

4. Attorney Skills

Backing up the client's demand during the presentation of offers through legal validations. Strategizing to arrive at a reasonable and effective solution, balancing the client's interests and effective utilization of time.

5. Negotiation

Ensuring legitimacy of persuasion methods and a convincing attitude. Guiding the client to use leverages appropriately to arrive at a reasonable and realistic solution that suits the parties.

6. Dress Code

Adherence to proper Dress Code (Law Formals - Black Blazer, Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Tie & Black Shoes).

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III. MARKING SCHEME FOR THE CLIENT

1. Opening Statement

Proper knowledge of the facts and an articulate presentation of the same. Clarity of stance and expectations for settlement to be duly expressed.

2. Utilization of C.I. (Confidential Information)

Disclosure and beneficial use of confidential information.

3. Co-Operation

Teamwork between client and counsel for effective communication between the two as well as in order to avoid any role-overlap.

4. Conduct

A formal and proper conduct with a respectable and patient demeanour to keep the environment secure and to avoid hostility. Effective utilization of time, along with a degree of self-control against manipulative and inciting tactics deployed by members of the opposing parties.

5. Negotiation

Rigidity of stance, and flexibility of negotiating positions. Use of collaborative and reasonable measures while engaging in a problem-solving search for sensible and inventive solutions.

6. Dress Code

Adherence to proper Dress Code (Law Formals - Black Blazer, Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Tie & Black Shoes).



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TEAM REGISTRATIONS

CLAUSE I - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TEAM REGISTRATIONS

A. Territory, Recognition & Course:

For Domestic Students, any student pursuing any three-year or five-year integrated courses of the LL.B. degree from any Law School/College/University/Institution recognized by the Competent Authority are eligible to participate (Students pursuing the LL.M. degree are also eligible to participate). For International Students, any student pursuing any law degree which is recognized by the competent authority are eligible to participate.

B. Semester/Year:

Students from any Year/Semester can form/join a Team and register for participation. Cross-Semester Participation is allowed, i.e., a Team may consist of students from different semesters/years, however, the college/university must be the same.

Closure of Registrations on reaching Intake Capacity: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to disable the Google Form once the Maximum Intake Capacity is reached - confirmed on first-come-first-serve basis (only).

Maximum No. of Teams permitted from a University/College is Two (2).

CLAUSE II - DETAILED PROCESS FOR TEAM REGISTRATIONS

A. Bona Fide Certificate

Students can form Teams - as per the Eligibility Criteria - and obtain a Bona-Fide Certificate from their respective Law School/College/University/Institution, attesting & affirming the participation of that team in XMC'26, which should compulsorily contain the following:-

1. Official Logo/Seal of the University/College/School /Institution
2. Names of the Students of the Participating Teams
3. Acknowledgement of their Participation in XMC'26 as a Team

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B. Payment of Team Registration Fees

Each domestic team consisting of the Mediator, Client & Counsel, is required to pay the Team Registration Fees of INR 5,400. The registration fees for international teams belonging to SAARC nations will be USD 70 & that for teams from countries other than SAARC nations will be USD 110 through any of the Payment Gateways. Once the registration fees amount is transferred, the Teams are required to take a Screenshot/Scanned Copy of the Payment Receipt generated, or the Bank Slip - in order to attach it in the Google Form.

(Does not include Accommodation Fees)

C. Submission of Team Registration Form

After the Fees Transaction, the team has to fill and submit the Google Form for XMC'26 Team Registrations - (hyperlink attached below). In the Google Form, the following details and attachments will be required:-

1. Name of the Law College/University/School/Institution
2. Personal Details of the Students, as per roles opted by them.
 - Name, Course, Semester, Email ID and Phone No. (preferably WhatsApp Enabled)
3. ID Proof (University/College ID Card) of the Students **PDF**
4. Scanned Copy of the Bona-Fide Certificate **PDF**
5. Scanned Copy of the Payment Receipt of the Registration Fees **PDF**

D. Confirmation of Registration

Once the form is received by the Organizing Committee, a mail - confirming the registration of the Team - will be sent (in no fixed timeframe), after the verification of the documents attached and payment of the Team Registration Fees.

Alteration in Roles Post-Registration: The roles cannot be changed after the Confirmation of Registration. Any requested change shall be completely at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Note: The Home Team from XLS, SXUK - shall also be a part of the Competition.

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GOOGLE FORM LINK - XMC'26 TEAM REGISTRATION FORM



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PAYMENT GATEWAYS

Given below are the details pertaining to the Team Registration Fees for Participation in XMC'26 and the Payment Gateways for the same.

DETAILS OF FEES FOR TEAM REGISTRATIONS

INR 5,400 (Five Thousand Four Hundred Rupees)

(For teams from Law Schools/ Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions within India)

USD 110 (One Hundred Ten US Dollars)

(For teams from countries other than SAARC Nations.)

USD 70 (Seventy US Dollars)

(For teams from SAARC Nations.)

These rates are inclusive of all Taxes.

IMPORTANT

This does not include the Accommodation charges.

Disclaimer: The Registration Fees shall be paid cumulatively by the Team as a whole. It is not for the Individual Members of the Team.

METHOD OF PAYMENT - TEAM REGISTRATION FEES

NEFT/RTGS

➤➤➤ **Beneficiary Name:** ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY KOLKATA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

➤➤➤ **Bank Name:** CANARA BANK

➤➤➤ **Account No.:** 97212010001155

➤➤➤ **IFSC Code.:** CNRB0019721

➤➤➤ **Branch Name:** St. Xavier's University Kolkata Rajarhat Campus Branch

Refund Policy: In case a Team's registration is not confirmed after the payment of the Registration Fees - the full amount will be duly refunded. However, **no amount will be refunded** to any Team which **cancels** their registration after payment of the Team Registration Fees.

Scan the QR Code attached to access the Teams Registration Link - Google Form.





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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Non-AC accommodation in the University Hostel will be provided at a subsidized nominal cost. The students who may want to avail the SXUK Hostel Accommodation can register for the same - on an individual, dual, or team basis - and the fee structure for the same has been mentioned below in detail (same for all team members):

SXUK HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION FEE STRUCTURE

INR 1200 (Twelve Hundred Rupees)
(For teams from Law Schools/ Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions within India)

USD 40 (Forty US Dollars)
(For teams from countries other than SAARC Nations)

USD 25 (Twenty Five US Dollars)
(For teams from SAARC Nations)

PER PERSON - FOR ALL THE DAYS OF THE EVENT

PER PERSON PER DAY

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***Amounts mentioned are inclusive of all taxes.**

Travelling/Conveyance Expenses are not included in Accommodation Fees and shall be borne by the Members of the Participating Teams themselves.

***PROVISION OF ATTACHED WASHROOMS:** There are separate & limited provisions (available on first-come-first-serve basis) for Attached Washrooms in the Rooms. It may be availed **SUBJECT TO PRIOR CONFIRMATION** (at the time of registration) from the OC through the Contact Numbers provided in the brochure - & the same shall be **SUBJECT TO STANDARD EXTRA COSTS**.

The teams registering for Hostel Accommodation must strictly adhere to the norms* of the Hostel and any violations shall lead to immediate disqualification from the competition.

Teams may choose to stay off-campus. However, the Organizing Committee shall not be responsible regarding the whereabouts of the participants in such cases beyond the duration of the competition for any specific day. Nevertheless, the Committee may assist the participants in finding accommodation if so required by them.

Those who are opting to avail accommodation in the Registration Form shall receive an email along with the payment details after 15th March 2026. Payments for accommodations are not to be made now along with the Registration Fees.

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***The Rules & Regulations of Hostel Accommodation will be uploaded in the [Google Drive Link](#).**



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RULES & REGULATIONS

Given below are certain important Rules & Regulations - mandatory for every Participant to comply with.^(N)

CLAUSE I - TEAM COMPOSITION & TEAM CODE

A. Team Members & their Roles

Each team shall mandatorily consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. There shall be 1 Mediator, 1 Counsel and 1 Client. The roles will not be subject to any change after the confirmation of the team's registration.

B. Team Codes

Each team shall be allotted a unique team code. Teams should not disclose their identity or that of their institution, etc., under any circumstances and such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification from the Competition directly. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

CLAUSE II - DRESS CODE^(D)

- Law Formals (Black Suit, Black Trousers, Black Tie, Black Shoes and White Shirt)
- The dress code is same and compulsory for all the participants, and they are expected to make their own arrangements regarding the same.

CLAUSE III - MAINTENANCE OF ANONYMITY

A. Anonymity

The Participants may introduce themselves to the Judges in the usual manner and are also required to state their respective team code. However, the team's college name shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.

B. Neutral Identification

Further, all team members shall refrain from identifying a team's law school/college/university at any time and in any manner, including but not limited to wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as books with a college logo or seal etc.).

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C. ID Card Verification

Participants must carry their College/University/Institution Identity Card (ID Card) & also the Bona-Fide for the purpose of Offline Verification during the competition.

CLAUSE IV - CODE OF CONDUCT

A. Scouting

Teams will not be allowed to observe the rounds of any of the other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited.^N

B. Language

The Participants are directed to use only English Language during the Competition.

C. Prohibition on use of Mobile Phones & Electronic Gadgets

Use of mobile phones or any other electronic device (Eg.: Smart Watch) is strictly prohibited during the competition, in between the Rounds at the M.R.s, and during the C.I.E. Reading Time, at the C.I.E.R.S. The Team Members will be required to hand their phones over to the Team Representatives allotted to the Teams (by the Organizing Committee) before their C.I.E. Reading Time begins, and shall obtain it back from them at the end of their respective Mediation Round (in all levels).

D. Prevention of Unethical Means

The display of any other unethical/unprofessional conduct is strictly prohibited.

E. Prohibition on Revelation of Confidential Information (C.I.)

It is strictly prohibited for anyone to share/reveal any detail pertaining to or even closely related to the Confidential Information, outside their respective Mediation Sessions. The mediators shall have no access to the confidential information of any of the parties, apart from their own Caucus Rounds. Non-compliance may lead to direct disqualification of the Team.^N

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CLAUSE V - CREATION OF EXTRANEOUS FACTS

The creation of extraneous facts is not permitted and the teams shall be penalized for the same. However, the teams may reasonably interpret the problem to draw reasonable conclusions.

CLAUSE VI - PROCEDURAL RULES & GUIDELINES

Note: There is no provision for cross-caucus. "Cross-Caucus" refers to a separate meeting between the Mediators and both Counsellors or a separate meeting between the Mediators and both Clients.

- The "feedback" shall be provided to the teams by the Judges of the respective rounds.
- The term "Caucus" shall refer to a private meeting between the Mediators and a Negotiating Pair (Client & Counsel). A Caucus is called for the Teams to take input from the Mediators or for when there is some Confidential Information that they are not comfortable sharing during the Joint Session. The Caucus is mandatory to be called by the Mediators/Negotiating Pairs at the time mentioned as per the Time Distribution. Usage of Caucus Time by Negotiating Pairs: Minimum: 1 minute, Maximum: 5 minutes.
- The Mediators must ask the Negotiating Pairs (during/after the caucus) before bringing up or discussing/revealing their side's Confidential Information in the post-caucus session.

CLAUSE VII - AMENDMENT OF RULES

Amendment Powers of the Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee of XMC'26 reserves all rights & powers to amend any rule/guideline/provision mentioned in this Brochure.

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Send us an E-Mail on the Official Mail ID of XMC'26

*This is the ONLY Official Window for Submissions of Clarifications regarding the Mediation Problems of XMC'26 which will be released on 25th February 2026. Last date for seeking clarifications is 18th March, 2026.



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FOLDERS, DOCUMENTS & OTHER RELEVANT ITEMS - XMC'26

All documents & files related to XMC'26 shall be uploaded in the Google Drive - Link provided below (including the Mediation Problem and Clarifications and Notices). You are advised to keep checking the Drive Link for all Updates.



GOOGLE DRIVE LINK - ALL XMC'26 DOCUMENTS & FILES

Click on the Hyperlinked Icon/Text Box to get redirected to the Drive.



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