

7 DAY COURSE ON ARBITRATION 2026

The flagship event of the IMC and its Arbitration Committee

BRIEFLY ABOUT THE COURSE

Encouraged by the excellent and continuing response we at IMC have been receiving to the Arbitration Course being organized by our Chamber on an annual basis since the year 2007, we are pleased to announce that this year too, we are organizing our IMC and its Arbitration Committee's flagship program, i.e. the **"7 Day Course on Arbitration"**. This Course is devised organized and conducted by members of IMC's Arbitration Committee, headed by its Chair Mr. Gautam T. Mehta (Advocate - practicing Counsel and Arbitrator, and also, presently a Director of IMC International ADR Centre 'IIAC') and Co-Chair Mr. Bhavesh V. Panjuani (Advocate & Solicitor, and partner of M/s. Mulla & Mulla and Craigie Blunt & Caroe), together with its present Committee members including **Sr. Advocates** Mr. Janak Dwarkadas and Mr. Shikhil Suri (Delhi), **Advocate** Mr. Anant Shende; **Advocates - Counsel** Ms. Sneha Phene, Ms. Mahek Bookwala and Mr. Vyom D. Shah; **Advocates** Mr. Prashant D. Popat (Partner of M/s. ALMT Legal, Bangalore), Mr. Rakesh B. Mandavkar (of M/s. Mulla & Mulla and Craigie Blunt & Caroe), Mr. Satyan Israni (Partner of M/s. S D Israni Law Chambers) and Ms. Amrita Dubey; and Mr. Venkat Ramana (Former Legal Head of Hindustan Construction Company Ltd. and TATA Projects Ltd.).

This course was initially developed under the guidance of past Arbitration Committee Chairman of several years Late Mr. D. M. Popat (Advocate & Solicitor, and Senior Partner of M/s. Mulla & Mulla and Craigie Blunt & Caroe) until his demise in December 2015 and was implemented by the then Committee members Advocate & Counsel Mr. Gautam T. Mehta (the present Chairperson) and Sr. Advocate & Counsel Mr. Ketan Parikh (previously a committee member) with other dedicated Committee members such as Mr. Bhavesh V. Panjuani (Partner of M/s. Mulla & Mulla and Craigie Blunt & Caroe and the present Co-Chairperson), amongst others; with active assistance of committee members, both past and present.

This Course is of immense knowledge, learning and value to those involved or interested in Arbitration. Course Completion Certificates are issued on successful completion of the course to only those participants who attend a minimum of **eleven (11) full/entire sessions** out of the entire course of fourteen (14) sessions.

This exhaustive Course on arbitration is conducted over 14 sessions. The Main Speakers at each session comprise of Hon'ble Judges of the Bombay High Court, Senior Counsel and Advocates, having in-depth knowledge and expertise on the subject, who are assisted by Associate Speakers.

THIS YEAR'S COURSE

This year, the 7 Day Arbitration Course is scheduled from **Monday 9th March 2026 to Tuesday 17th March 2026 (Excluding, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March 2026)**. The timings are 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. (for all 7 Days) i.e. total 14 (Fourteen) Sessions, 2 (Two) Sessions a day. It is being conducted physically at the venue in

the IMC Building at Churchgate, Mumbai, and only persons residing outside Mumbai can participate and attend the Course virtually / online (through video conferencing on Zoom platform). This year too we have limited the number of participants to maintain standards and quality, and the efficiency of the Hybrid mode.

MAIN SPEAKERS THIS YEAR

Eminent Main Speakers who have agreed to speak and conduct sessions this year, include Hon'ble Judges of the Bombay High Court - Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. S. Kulkarni, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Bharati H. Dangre, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manish Pitale, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mr. Sandeep V. Marne, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Somasekhar Sundaresan and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Advait M. Sethna; Mr. Anil C. Singh Additional Solicitor General of India; Dr. Milind Sathe, Advocate General – State of Maharashtra; Former Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ramesh D. Dhanuka (Retd.); Senior Advocates – Mr. Ketan Parikh and Mr. Rahul V. Narichania; and Advocates - Mr. Anant K. Shende and Mr. Gautam T. Mehta.

PAST MAIN & ASSOCIATE SPEAKERS

In the past years, sitting Hon'ble Justices of the Bombay High Court, former retired Hon'ble Chief Justice and Hon'ble Justices of the Supreme Court of India and of the Bombay High Court and other High Courts, and several eminent and leading practicing Senior Counsel, Counsel, Senior Solicitors and Advocates (knowledgeable and experienced in arbitration law and its practice) have conducted sessions and delivered lectures to the participants. IMC is and will always remain indebted and grateful to each and every one of them.

Some of the Main Speakers who in these past few years, have very graciously given their invaluable time, knowledge and experience in conducting various sessions of this course are:

Hon'ble Sitting Judges of the Bombay High Court - the Hon'ble Chief Justice Mr. R. D. Dhanuka (since Retd.), Mr. Justice S. C. Gupte (since Retd.), Mr. Justice K. R. Shriram (since retired as Chief Justice of Madras High Court), Mr. Justice G. S. Patel (since Retd.), Mr. Justice G. S. Kulkarni, Mrs. Justice Bharati Dangre, Mr. Justice Manish Pitale and Mr. Justice Firdosh P. Pooniwalla;

Hon'ble Retired Judges - Mr. Justice S. P. Bharucha (Retd. Chief Justice of India), Mrs. Justice Sujata Manohar (Retd. Judge of Supreme Court of India), Mr. Justice B. N. Srikrishna (Retd. Judge of Supreme Court of India), Mr. Justice Shiavax J. Vazifdar (Retd. Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court) and (late) Mr. Justice D. R. Dhanuka (Retd. Judge of Bombay High Court);

Senior Counsel, Senior Solicitors & Advocates - Sr. Counsel (late) Mr. Iqbal Chagla, Sr. Counsel Mr. Ashok N. Modi, Sr. Counsel Mr. Rafique A. Dada, Sr. Solicitor & Advocate (late) Mr. D. M. Popat, Sr. Counsel Mr. Rohit A. Kapadia, Sr. Counsel (late) Mr. Saleh H. Doctor, Sr. Counsel Mr. Edul P. Bharucha, Sr. Counsel Mr. Janak Dwarkadas, Sr. Counsel Mr. Fredun Devitre, Sr. Counsel Dr. Milind Sathe (presently Advocate General State of Maharashtra), Sr. Counsel Mr. Darius J. Khambata (formerly Additional Solicitor General Union of India and Advocate General State of Maharashtra), Sr. Counsel Mr. T. N. Subramanian, Sr. Counsel Mr. Atul Rajadhyaksha, Sr. Counsel Mr. Arif Y. Bookwala, Sr. Counsel (late) Ms. Rajani Iyer, Sr.

Counsel Mr. S. U. Kamdar, Sr. Counsel Mr. Pradeep Sancheti, Sr. Counsel Mr. Ketan D. Parikh, Sr. Counsel Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Sr. Counsel Mr. Kevic A. Setalvad (formerly Additional Solicitor General Union of India), Sr. Counsel Mr. Rahul V. Narichania, Sr. Counsel Mr. Mustafa S. Doctor, Sr. Counsel Dr. Birendra Saraf (formerly Advocate General State of Maharashtra), Sr. Solicitor & Advocate Mr. C Rashmikant, Sr. Solicitor & Advocate Mr. Atul Desai, Advocate Mr. Anant K. Shende, Counsel Mr. Gautam T. Mehta (Chair of IMC Arbitration Committee and presently a Director of IMC International ADR Centre 'IIAC'); amongst several other eminent former Judges, Sr. Counsel, Counsel and Advocates.

The Main Speakers have been ably assisted by **Associate Speakers**, who too have very graciously given their invaluable time, knowledge and experience in researching, preparing material, speaking at various sessions of this course, some of whom are:

Counsel Mr. Shaunak Thacker, Counsel Ms. Armin Wandrewala, Advocate & Solicitor Mr. Bhavesh V. Panjuani (Co-Chairman IMC Arbitration Committee), Counsel Ms. Manjari Shah, Counsel Mr. Kirti Munshi, Counsel Mr. Naushad Engineer, Counsel Mr. Sharan Jagtiani (now Sr. Counsel), Counsel Mr. Yash Kapadia, Counsel Mr. Arif Doctor (now sitting judge of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court), Counsel Mr. Farhan Dubash (now sitting judge of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court), Counsel Mr. Rishabh Shah, Counsel Mr. Sarosh Bharucha, Solicitor Mr. Shailesh Kalambi, Advocate Ms. Tanu Mehta, Counsel Mr. Paritosh Jaiswal, Counsel Mr. Chirag Kamdar, Counsel Mr. Darshit Jain, Counsel Ms. Sushma Nagaraj, Counsel Mr. Rubin Vakil, Counsel Mr. Karl Tamboly, Counsel Mr. Rohaan Cama, Counsel Mr. Swanand R. Ganoo, Counsel Ms. Misbah Dada, Counsel Ms. Ankita Singhania, Counsel Mr. Pranav Desai, Counsel Ms. Sneha Phene, Counsel Mr. Yashesh Kamdar, Counsel Mr. Nikhil Jayakar, Counsel Ms. Nina Nariman, Counsel Ms. Yugandhara Khanwilkar, Counsel Ms. Naira Jejeebhoy, Counsel Mr. Hussain Somji, Counsel Mr. Vyom Shah, Counsel Mr. Ali Antulay, Advocate Mr. Om Prakash, Advocate Ms. Amiksha Joshi, Advocate Mr. Sandeep Parikh, Advocate Ms. Sumran Shende, Advocate Mr. Arzan Bulsara, Advocate Ms. Amrita Joshi, Advocate Mr. Rashmin Khandekar, Advocate Mr. Aditya Shiralkar, Advocate Mr. Rajiv Naik, Advocate Ms. Meenakshi Dhanuka-Rungta, Advocate & Solicitor Mr. Rohan Dakshini, Advocate Mr. Kushal Tamhane, Advocate Ms. Mallika Taly, Advocate Mr. Mahek Kamdar, Dr. Mohana Raje, Counsel Ms. Rishika Harish, Counsel Mr. Arvind Giriraj, Counsel Mr. Trushar Bhavsar, Advocate Mr. Raj Patel, Counsel Mr. Vishal Muglikar, Counsel Ms. Mahek Bookwala Shetty, Counsel Ms. Sheetal Kumar, Counsel Mr. Bhushan Deshmukh, Counsel Ms. Aditi Pawar, Advocate Ms. Khushbu Chhajed, Counsel Ms. Ayushi Anandpara, Advocate Mr. Ankit Tripathi, Advocate Mr. Siddhanth Chhabria, Counsel Mr. Gaurav Srivastav, Counsel Mr. Shyam Kapadia, Advocate Mr. Rahil Jhaveri, Advocate Mr. Venkat Rao, Counsel Mr. Dhaval Shethia, Counsel Mr. Jehan Lalkaka, Counsel Mr. Akash Rebello, Advocate Mr. Jay Sanklecha, Advocate Mr. Shardul Pendse, Advocate Mr. Aditya Mhase and Counsel Mr. Nirman Sharma amongst several other eminent Counsel, Advocates and Associates.

OBJECTIVE

This Certificate Course is designed to impart a fairly detailed knowledge of various legal and practical aspects of arbitration, including provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, including the 2015, 2019 and 2021 amendments to the Act, in a systematic manner. The Course would also try to cover the current positions as emerging from judgments of Courts.

The thrust of the Government, on a priority, is to encourage and promote ADR (*Alternate Dispute Resolution*) including arbitrations as a preferred mode of resolving disputes and reducing court litigations in commercial matters.

Rapid developments are taking place in India in the fields of Trade, Commerce and Industry resulting in the increase of commercial contracts being entered into by Indian Entrepreneurs within the country, as well as, outside. There has also been a substantial increase in commercial disputes and differences, which parties prefer to be resolved expeditiously, fairly and independently.

Though the Government and the Judiciary are taking several steps for quick dispensation of justice through the Courts of Law, due to a variety of reasons, including large arrears of pending cases and influx of new cases in various Courts, expeditious disposal becomes difficult. The Government and the Judiciary therefore, have taken and are taking various steps to popularize ADR methods for resolving commercial disputes. The Government has also taken steps to encourage and foster a culture of institutional arbitrations in India.

Arbitration, at present, is one of the preferred ADR methods for resolving disputes. However, to make Arbitration successful, effective and economical, there is also an urgent need for Courses in Arbitration, dealing with not only the legal aspects of Arbitration, but also its practical aspects. Recognizing this need, IMC has, for the past several years, taken upon itself the task of creating awareness of Arbitration as one of the useful and effective methods of ADR and, also arranging Seminars, Webinars, Conferences, Workshops and Courses attended and conducted by persons of eminence in the field. IMC as a prominent Chamber of Commerce and Industry has in the past also made representations and submitted papers to the concerned Ministries of the Government in the field of arbitration, amongst others. IMC has also established a modern IMC International ADR Centre (IIAC) at its premises to promote institutional arbitrations.

THE ARBITRATION COURSE WILL COVER VARIOUS TOPICS

UNDER THE FOLLOWING BROAD HEADS:

- Introduction to Arbitration (Advantages of Arbitration, Institutional vs. Ad-hoc Arbitration)
- Arbitration Agreement
- Arbitration Agreements and non-arbitrable disputes
- Initiation of arbitration proceedings, constitution of tribunal, fees & costs
- Interim measures and appeals from interim orders
- Powers of Courts (before commencement of and during the course of arbitral proceedings)
- Conduct of arbitration proceedings
- Hearing of the main matter
- Practical aspects of conducting arbitration
- Decision making
- Post Award matters
- Overview of Part I of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996
- International Arbitration & Foreign Awards (Part II of the Act)

(The Course contents, topics, sequence/ order of the sessions, duration of sessions, dates, times and the Speakers are subject to change, if the circumstances so require, and shall be at the discretion of IMC and its Arbitration Committee in consultation with the Speakers. Study material and papers will be provided to all the participants prior to the respective sessions, if the same is prepared and submitted by the Speakers at their discretion. However, this material is strictly and exclusively for personal use of reference of only the registered participant and is not to be quoted, copied, extracted, circulated, reproduced, disseminated, shared or distributed in part or full, in any manner.)

PARTICIPATION

This Training course is specifically designed for:

- Advocates;
- In-house Legal Counsel and Law officers;
- Chartered Accountants;
- Company Secretaries;
- Cost Accountants;
- Engineers, Architects, Surveyors;
- Insurers;
- Businessmen and Corporate Executives;
- former Bureaucrats and government officers, etc; and
- Persons practicing or interested in law and practice of Arbitrations.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS (MANDATORY)

Due to a very limited number of seats, participants will be enrolled and admitted strictly on 'first-come, first-served' basis, and only upon registration, payment of full fees and subject to all terms and conditions of (pre and post) Registration and Participation (Mandatory). Waitlisted participants may be enrolled and accommodated, subject to cancellations, if any, and subject to payment of full fees. Registration and fee of a participant is non-transferable and non-refundable.

By registering and being admitted to the course, the participant has read, accepted and agreed and is deemed to have read, accepted and agreed to all the Terms and Conditions of (Pre and Post) Registration and Participation (Both - Physical and Virtual / Online) which are at the link below, unconditionally and irrevocably and is strictly bound by the same.

FEES (Including 18 % GST)

Non IMC Members	Rs.20,000/- Per Participant
IMC Members (Including Ladies Wing and YLF)	Rs.18,000/- Per Participant
Students (In Final Year of Law – 3 years or 5 years course, limited to 5 seats)	Rs.9,000/- Per Student Participant (Subject to bonafide student valid photo ID)

Submission of current contact details, address proof, valid email ID and a valid photo ID is mandatory at the time of registration.

Registration under “Students” category is not available online, interested students should visit IMC – Legal Department to enrol themselves for the course.

Registration and details of the course are on the following link and QR Code:

Link: <https://www.imcnet.org/events-2560>



For more details contact: IMC Legal Department Secretariat, Tel: + 91 22 7122 6640 / 6729.
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IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL: For receiving a Certificate for successful completion, attendance for a minimum of eleven (11) full/entire sessions out of the fourteen (14) sessions of the course is mandatory and shall be a pre-requisite.

Regards,
Ajit Mangrulkar
Director General, IMC