



Information for Registration to Attend  
Conference on

**“Institutional Arbitration at a Crossroads:  
Challenges & the Way Forward”**

on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 & 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
At the Gujarat High Court Auditorium

Organized by  
**Arbitration Centre (Domestic & International), High Court of Gujarat**  
in collaboration with  
**The Gujarat State Legal Services Authority**  
under the aegis of  
**High Court of Gujarat**

**WHO CAN REGISTER**

- Practicing Advocates;
- Law Officers / Advisers of PSU / Industrial Units / Associations;
- Law Firms;
- Arbitrators on the Panel of other Arbitration Institutions.

**REGISTRATION DETAILS**

- **Mode** : Online only.
- **Registration Link** : Available on the websites of the High Court of Gujarat, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority, and Gujarat High Court Arbitration Centre from 09/02/2026.

**GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE**

- Registration will be on first-come, first-served basis. Submission of the registration form shall not amount to confirmation of registration.
- Confirmation of registration will be communicated to participants on e-mail address given in the form, after scrutiny and subject to availability of seats.
- Registered participants must get their registration verified at the time of their entry.
- All seats shall be occupied before 15 minutes of the sessions opted & thereafter no entry will be permitted.
- The Participants shall have to register themselves for each session, however, it is open for them to register for one or more sessions, by ticking the relevant box.
- Participants are requested to maintain formal and decent attire.
- **Note** : No accommodation facility is available.
- Scan the QR Code or click on QR Code for registration and other details.
- Link to view the details of Inaugural session & Technical Sessions are given in the Registration Form.





**A Two-Day Conference  
On The Theme  
"Institutional Arbitration At A Crossroads : Challenges & The Way Forward"**

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**Venue : Gujarat High Court Auditorium**

**Day-1 (28.02.2026)**

<b>Session - I</b>  28.02.2026  12.00 P.M. To 01.15 P.M.	<b>Topic:</b>  <b>Introductory Reflection:</b> 1. Institutional Arbitration : Concept & Framework 2. Institutional Vs. <i>Ad hoc</i> Arbitration 3. The Crossroads Moment : Trust Deficit, Capacity & Culture  <b>Speakers:</b>  Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vipul M. Pancholi, Judge, Supreme Court of India  Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. K. Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India & Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court  Interactive Session with the Audience (Question-Answer)
01.15 P.M. To 02.15 P.M.	Lunch
<b>Session - II</b>  28.02.2026  02.15 P.M. To 04.15 P.M.	<b>Topic:</b>  <b>Ethical, Efficient &amp; Effective Dispute Resolution Process : Role of Arbitrators &amp; Advocates</b>  <b>Speakers:</b>  Shri Janak Dwarkadas, Senior Advocate  Shri Shyam Divan, Senior Advocate  Interactive Session with the Audience (Question-Answer)
<b>High - Tea</b>	



Day-2 (01.03.2026)

<p><b>Session - III</b></p> <p>01.03.2026</p> <p>10.30 A.M. To 12.30 P.M.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Making of An Arbitral Award : Essential Parameters, Stakeholder Roles And Enforceability</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p>Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. J. Vazifdar, Former Chief Justice, Punjab &amp; Haryana High Court</p> <p>Shri Birendra Saraf, Senior Advocate</p> <p>Interactive Session with the Audience (Question-Answer)</p>
<p>12.30 P.M. To 01.30 P.M.</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p><b>Session - IV</b></p> <p>01.03.2026</p> <p>01.30 P.M. To 03.00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Med-Arb &amp; Arb-Med :</b></p> <p><b>1. Evolving Hybrid Models of Dispute Resolution</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p>Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India</p> <p>Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat</p> <p><b>2. Sharing of Experience by Mediators - Arbitrators</b></p>
<p>03.00 P.M. Onwards</p>	<p><b><u>Valedictory Session</u></b></p> <p><b>THE WAY FORWARD: A Collective Commitment to Institutional Strength</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <p>Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India</p>
<p><b>High - Tea</b></p>	

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**No. C.2002/2025**  
**Date: 23/02/2026**

To,

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| (1) The Principal Judge<br>City Civil Court, Ahmedabad. | (4) The President,<br>Industrial Court, Ahmedabad.       |
| (2) The Principal District Judge,<br><u>All</u>         | (5) The Chief Judicial Magistrate,<br>Ahmedabad City.    |
| (3) The Principal Judge<br>Family Court,<br><u>All</u>  | (6) The Chief Judge,<br>Small Cause Court,<br>Ahmedabad. |

**Subject: Implementation of the High Court Circular No.C.2002/2025 dated 22.12.2025.**

- Reference:**
1. Letter No. C.2002/2025 dated 22.12.2025 of the High Court of Gujarat.
  2. Letter No. C.2002/2025 dated 02.01.2026 of the High Court of Gujarat.
  3. Letter No. C.2002/2025 dated 22.01.2026 of the High Court of Gujarat.

Sir/Madam,

While drawing your attention to the letters under reference on the subject noted above, I am directed by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice to inform you that the implementation of the High Court Circular No. C.2002/2025 dated 22.12.2025 with regard to the use of A4 size paper with printing on both sides of the paper for all the pleadings, petitions, affidavits or other documents to be filed in the District Judiciary of the State of Gujarat, is further **kept in abeyance till 31.03.2026**.

Therefore, You are requested to inform the same to all the Judicial Officers working under your unit and all the concerned for necessary compliance.

Yours faithfully,

**REGISTRAR GENERAL**

**Seen & Process,**

**Principal District Judge  
SURAT.**



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