



# NANI PALKHIVALA ARBITRATION CENTRE

## 13TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**The Evolving Arbitration Framework in India  
- Challenges and Opportunities**

**Saturday, February 12, 2022**

**Shangri-La's Eros Hotel**

**19, Ashoka Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110 001**



## **NPAC ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARBITRATION**

We at Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre (NPAC) constantly endeavour to educate stakeholders in the arbitration regime on the benefits of institutional arbitration as a viable mode of dispute resolution. We also strive to make effective contributions towards shaping the growth of the law of arbitration and building a competent and efficient arbitral regime in India.

NPAC is in the forefront of this dialogue by hosting conferences/events, conducting training programmes including for senior government officers/bureaucrats and through publications. NPAC also fosters interaction amongst professionals, practitioners, academicians and representatives of industry in the field of arbitration.

The Governing Council, the Board of Directors and the entire team of Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre take great pride in inviting all of you to be a part of the 14th Annual International Conference on the theme '**The Evolving Arbitration Framework in India - Challenges and Opportunities**', scheduled to be held on Saturday, 12th of February, 2022 at Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel, 19 Ashoka Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110001, India. This conference will be conducted in a hybrid mode (i.e., physical and virtual).

In the last few years, the importance of arbitration as a quick and cost-effective mode of resolution of disputes has been recognized. Development of the law and practice of arbitration in India in ensuring quicker resolution of disputes will enhance India's performance in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index and contribute towards India becoming a global arbitration hub.

In this regard, assessing the evolution of the arbitration framework in India, current trends and future trajectory is a crucial step. There are multiple questions and scenarios, an understanding and analysis of which would reveal various challenges and opportunities which impact the growth of arbitration. Some of these include regulatory aspects such as impact of recent amendments in domestic arbitrations, issues relating to "unilateral appointment", seeking legislative intervention in arbitration law and statutory arbitrations improving the regime for enforcement of foreign awards. Further, there are many practical aspects for consideration such as third-party funding in arbitrations, consolidation of multi-party, multi contract arbitrations, use and impact of technology on arbitration proceedings, dimensions of a corporate policy on alternative dispute resolution and improving the arbitral process for corporate consumption.

The agenda for the conference includes presentation of papers by eminent practitioners of arbitration law from across the globe, partners/associates of various domestic and international law firms as well as discussions on current affairs and trends in arbitration law in relation to the theme of the conference.

It affords the opportunity for interacting and networking with industrialists and experts in the field of arbitration from both India and abroad. We would earnestly invite you to utilize this opportunity and to profit by it.

## SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENTS
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION
9:15 AM TO 10.15 AM	INAUGURAL SESSION

### PANEL DISCUSSION I (10:30 AM – 11:45 AM)

1. Importance of third-party funding in arbitrations and opening up the legal sector in arbitration
2. The Cairn Award- Investment Treaties and the issue of sovereignty
3. Improving the regime for enforcement of foreign awards
4. The issue of seat and venue and whether the present context of online hearings would have an impact thereon

### March of Law (11.45 AM – 12 NOON)

March of Law 2022 - Important developments in the arbitral regime in the past year

### PANEL DISCUSSION II (12 NOON – 1:00 PM)

1. Impact of recent amendments in domestic arbitrations
2. Issues seeking legislative intervention in arbitration law
3. Dimensions of a corporate policy on ADR
4. Effect of rejection of Sec 8 application on pending arbitral proceedings/arbitral award

### LUNCH (1:00 pm to 1:45 pm)

### PANEL DISCUSSION III (1:45 PM – 3:00 PM)

1. Consolidation of multi-party, multi contract arbitrations
2. Perplexing issues in statutory arbitrations
3. The various issues relating to “unilateral appointment”

### PANEL DISCUSSION IV (3:00 PM – 4:15 PM)

1. The use of technology in arbitration proceedings
2. Effectiveness of arbitration clauses in employment contracts
3. Improving migration of government disputes to institutional arbitration regime
4. Improving arbitration for corporate consumption

### TEA BREAK (4:15 PM – 4:30 PM)

### EMERGING TRENDS IN ARBITRATION (4.30 PM to 5.30 PM)

## NANI PALKHIVALA ARBITRATION CENTRE

Founded in the year 2005 by the Palkhivala Foundation in memory of the legend, Nani Palkhivala, NPAC is a non-profit company under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. NPAC is the only arbitration institute in South India which is formally recognized by the Madras High Court.

**Invitees:** This Conference is open to professionals in arbitration, advocates, CEOs, in-house counsels, accountants, financial intermediaries, academicians and law students.

**Faculty:** The panelists are a group of experts in the field of arbitration who will share knowledge, opinions and experiences in relation to the theme of the Conference: **“The Evolving Arbitration Framework in India - Challenges and Opportunities.”** We cordially invite you to take part in Conference and benefit from the proceedings of the Conference.

### Registration Details: Physical Attendees

Delegates residing in India	Rs. 6,500 (including GST)
NPAC members	Rs. 5,200 (including GST)
Students	Rs. 2,000 (including GST)
International delegates	USD 300
Annual members of NPAC	USD 200
International students	USD 100

### Virtual Participants

Delegates residing in India	Rs. 4,500 (including GST)
NPAC members	Rs. 3,600 (including GST)
Firms with 10 participants	Rs. 40,000 (including GST)
International delegates	USD 200
Annual members of NPAC	USD 150
International students	USD 75

**Law firms and corporate delegates get one free registration upon registration of 5 members.**

**Cancellation Policy:** We consider the receipt of your registration form as your commitment to attend the conference. The registration fee is non-refundable. However, a registration may be transferred to another person from the same company or organization at no extra charge, provided that the notice of such change is sent to NPAC at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the Conference.

**Guidelines for Student applicants:** The last date for completion of the registration process for student applicants is 5th February 2022. The number of seats for students is limited to 50, available on a first-come first-served basis. The confirmation of registration is only upon receipt of acknowledgement by NPAC. Kindly note that no spot registration shall be entertained for student applicants.

**Payment details for cheques:** Crossed cheques are to be made in the favor of "Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre" and addressed to: New no.22, Karpagambal Nagar, Mylapore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India – 600 004.

**Payment Details for electronic transfers:**

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**Contact Details:** For any queries relating to registration and sponsorship, kindly reach out to Dr. J. Durgalakshmi, Registrar, NPAC at [nparbitration@gmail.com](mailto:nparbitration@gmail.com)



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