

# India International Disputes Week 2026

7-11 March, 2026 | Chandigarh, India





# India International Disputes Week

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India International Disputes Week (IIDW) is a national–international non-profit platform conceived to advance India’s position as a credible, confident, and future-ready hub for dispute resolution across litigation & ADR. IIDW seeks to align global best practices with the practical realities of Indian law and procedure, with a clear emphasis on outcomes, institutional trust, efficiency, and professional excellence.

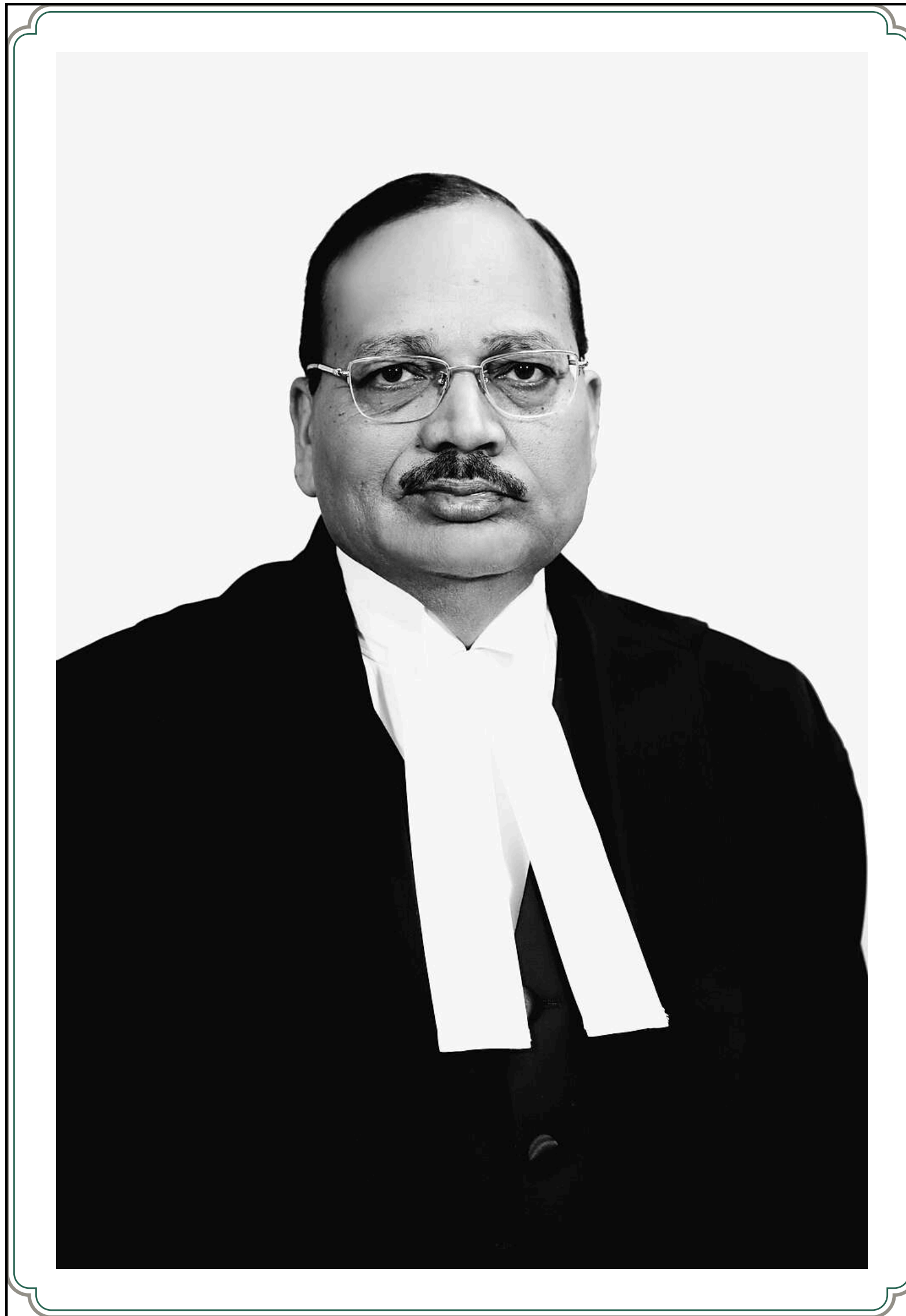
It brings together Judges & Courts, Senior Advocates & Legal Practitioners, Law Firms, In-House Counsels & Institutions, Young Lawyers & Academics.

Our approach is to move beyond broad or abstract discussions. Each day and theme is carefully curated with a practice-oriented lens, ensuring that sessions are accessible, relevant, and immediately valuable for Indian stakeholders, while remaining meaningful and insightful for international participants.

The platform welcomes litigators and legal professionals seeking to strengthen cross-border capability; in-house counsel navigating complex, high-value disputes; institutions and policymakers driving reform; and young lawyers looking for mentorship, exposure, and purposeful professional networks.

IIDW’s long-term vision is to evolve into a rotating annual national–international forum that meaningfully contributes to India’s reputation as a dependable seat of arbitration, a trusted enforcement jurisdiction, and a modern destination for sophisticated, high-value dispute resolution—across both established and emerging practice areas.

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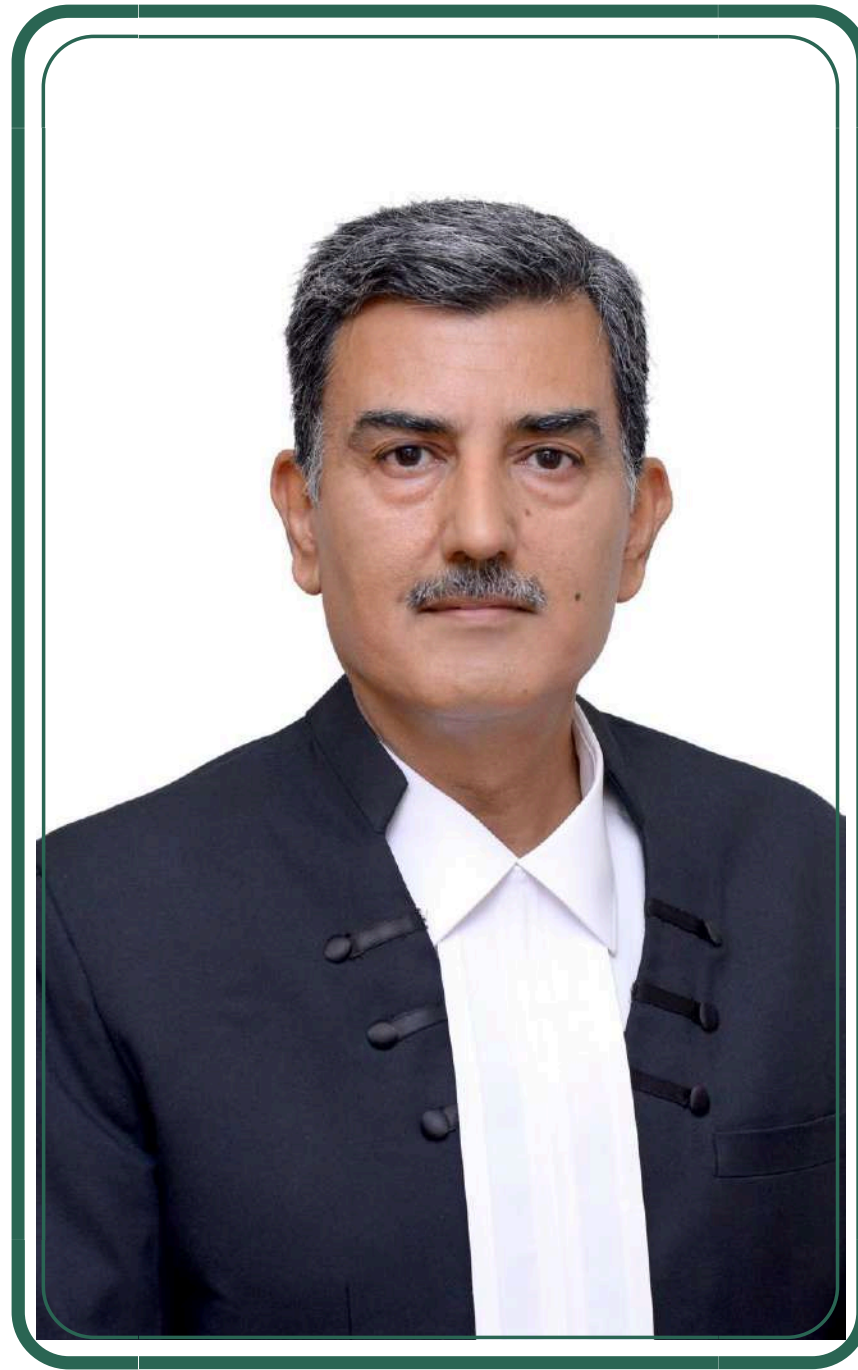


*“India is no longer merely attempting to catch up with established arbitral centres but is actively "reimagining" what arbitration and mediation can and should look like in a dynamic and multipolar legal order”*

*~ CJI Surya Kant*



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India, has very kindly consented to inaugurate the first-of-it's-kind India International Disputes Week (IIDW) 2026 on 7 March, 2026 at 5:00 PM at Hyatt Regency, Industrial Area Phase I, Chandigarh. A constant source of guidance and strength, His Lordship's gracious support and leadership has been truly instrumental in shaping this endeavour, lending it both purpose and momentum.



It is our deep privilege to have Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana grace the events. The gracious support and visionary leadership of Hon'ble the Chief Justice have been instrumental in shaping and guiding this endeavour.



We are also deeply grateful to Hon'ble Mr Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana for their gracious support.



## PLATINUM JUBILEE YEAR OF THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT (2025-2026)

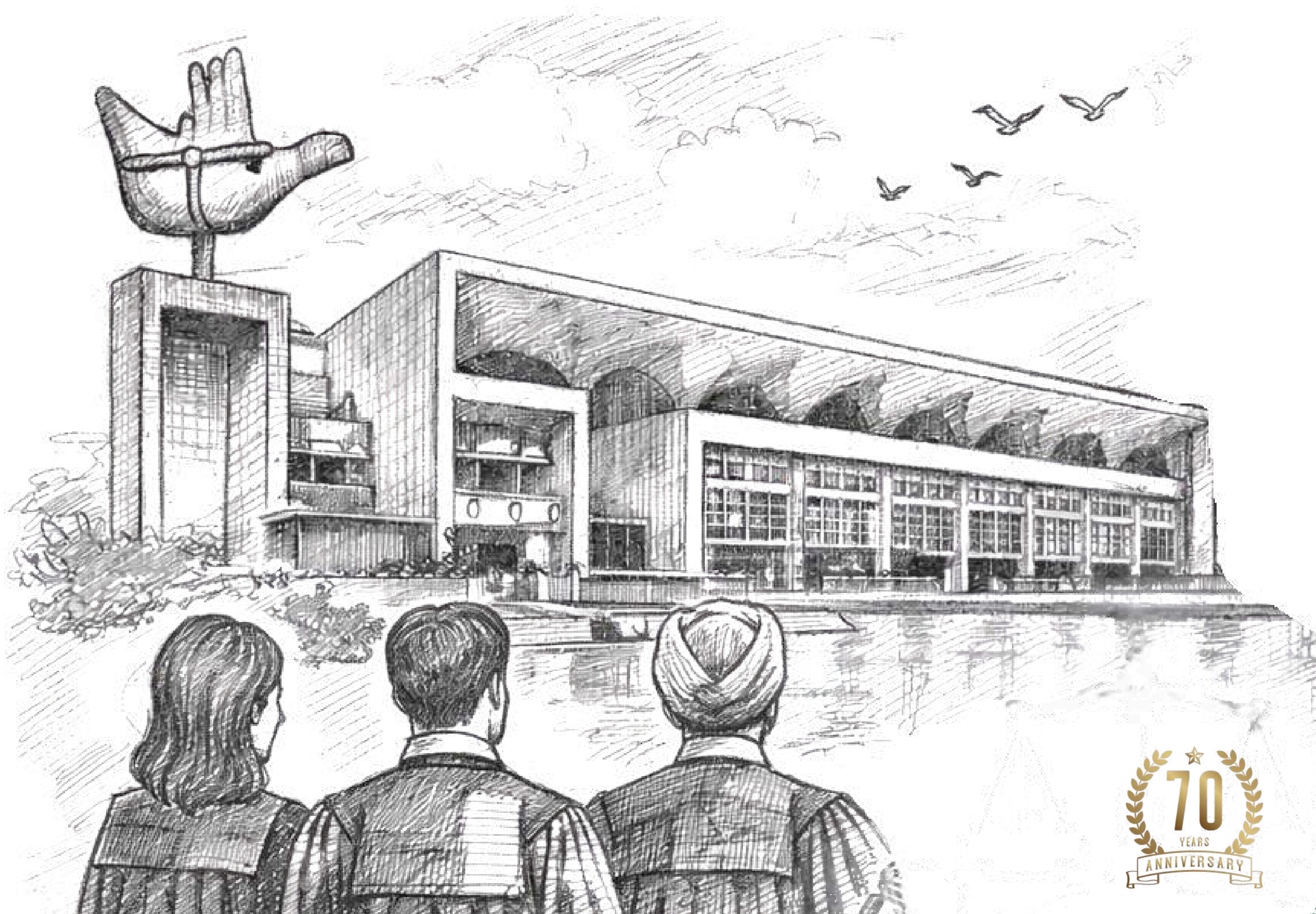
In its Platinum Jubilee year 2025–26, the Punjab and Haryana High Court stands as a living institution of constitutionalism, rooted in a long judicial lineage that began with the High Court at Lahore (1919), continued as the East Punjab High Court at Shimla (1947), and then found its enduring home in Chandigarh, when the Court started functioning from its present building on 17 January 1955 and was formally declared open on 19 March 1955 by Jawaharlal Nehru. With the reorganisation of 1966, the Punjab High Court was renamed the High Court of Punjab and Haryana from 1 November 1966, and ever since, it has served as the sentinel of rights and legality for the States of Punjab and Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh, shaping public life through its daily work—urgent, humane, and principled—across writ, criminal, civil, and commercial jurisdictions. Its history is also a story of institutional memory and renewal: the Court marked 50 years on 19 March 2005 and celebrated 2005–06 as its Golden Jubilee year, with the main commemorative function held on 10 December 2005, attended by the then Chief Justice of India and graced by Hon’ble President Shri A. P. J. Abdul Kalam as chief guest—an affirmation, at the highest level, of the Court’s national stature.

The Court’s setting is itself iconic: designed by Le Corbusier as part of Chandigarh’s Capitol Complex, it belongs to the transnational UNESCO World Heritage inscription, “The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement,” reflecting a rare confluence of functional justice and architectural modernity.



Yet what truly elevates the institution is the calibre of its people and the reach of its legacy: from these courtrooms and corridors have emerged jurists who have shaped India's constitutional journey at the very apex—among them Justice Sarv Mittra Sikri, Justice M. M. Punchhi, Justice P. Sathasivam, Justice T. S. Thakur, Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar, Justice Ranjan Gogoi, and the current Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Mr Justice Surya Kant — and innumerable other Judges, Senior Advocates and lawyers - a remarkable roll of honour that highlights how deeply this Court has contributed to India's highest judicial leadership. In 2026, the Court continues to carry a formidable institutional load, with a sanctioned strength of 85 judges and a working strength of 61 as on 1 February 2026 - figures that reflect both the scale of its responsibilities and the urgency of strengthening judicial capacity to match public need. Under the stewardship of Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Hon'ble Mr Justice Surya Kant, and Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, the Court has also continued its tradition of renewal through fresh appointments, the continuity of service that keeps justice accessible and responsive.

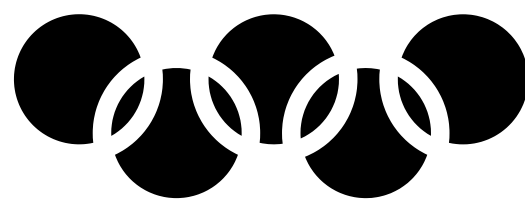
Complementing the Bench is a Bar of exceptional vibrancy and depth: having around 15,000 members, the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association is widely regarded as one of the country's most active legal communities—an intellectual and professional force that gives the Court its daily rhythm, its arguments, its scholarship, and its constant engagement with the lived realities behind every file and cause list. It is in this spirit—heritage without nostalgia, authority without distance, and tradition continuously renewed—that the Platinum Jubilee year 2025–26 is not merely a milestone of time, but a celebration of an institution that has steadily held the line for the rule of law, and continues to inspire confidence in justice—at Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana, for the region, and for the nation.





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# Lawyers' Olympics



As part of India International Disputes Week 2026, we're proud to announce the first-ever Lawyers' Olympics – a three-day celebration of sport, camaraderie, and the shared spirit that binds the legal fraternity beyond courtrooms and conference halls.

From 7 - 9 March 2026, lawyers from across India and overseas will step onto fields, courts, greens, and pools to compete, connect, and unwind – bringing the same discipline, strategy, and resilience that they bring to their professional lives. The Lawyers' Olympics is designed as a vibrant companion to IIDW: a space where rivalries are friendly, teamwork is instinctive, and every match ends in a handshake.

With events across cricket, golf, tennis, badminton, race walk, pickleball and padle, the programme welcomes both seasoned athletes and enthusiastic first-timers. Whether you're aiming for a podium finish or simply showing up for the joy of participation, these games promise energy, sportsmanship, and unforgettable networking – one rally, run, swing, and lap at a time.

Welcome to the Lawyers' Olympics – where the Bar meets the scoreboard, and the spirit of dispute resolution finds its most joyful expression: fair play.

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Five days of focused dialogue across litigation, ADR and emerging dispute domains. Designed for judges, counsel, institutions and global practitioners, each day, at a different venue, is structured around a core practice area, combining keynotes, panels, workshops and curated discussions.

IIDW 2026 is organised as a five-day, practice-focused forum. Each day addresses a distinct dispute landscape, allowing participants to engage deeply with doctrines, strategy, institutional design and real-world enforcement.

## DAY 1 · 7 MARCH 2026

Inaugural Address · Global Dispute Leadership · Institutional Maturity · Future of Disputes

## DAY 2 · 8 MARCH 2026

Child Custody · Matrimonial Finance · Domestic Violence · Extradition · Financial Crime · Cross-Border Enforcement

## DAY 3 · 9 MARCH 2026

Public Interest Litigation · Environmental Law · Competition Disputes · Media Regulation · Public Procurement · Access to Justice

## DAY 4 · 10 MARCH 2026

Shareholder Disputes · Banking & Insolvency · Construction & Infrastructure · Energy Disputes · Fraud & Misrepresentation · Contract Enforcement

## DAY 5 · 11 MARCH 2026

International Arbitration · Mediation Strategy · Enforcement of Awards · Emergency Relief · Investment Treaty Risk · Cross-Border Settlement

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# DAY 1

7 March 2026 | Hyatt Regency, Industrial Area, Chandigarh

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## India's Cross-Border Disputes Services: 2026-2030 Outlook for Arbitration, Litigation & Mediation

5:00 – 6:30 PM: Inaugural Ceremony

6:30 – 7:30 PM: Panel 1: India's Evolving Influence in the Global Legal Architecture

6:30 – 7:30 PM: Panel 2: India at the Crossroads: Shaping the Next Decade of Conflict Resolution

Day One is designed as a strategic and institutional opening – framing India's dispute resolution ecosystem in a global context, and setting the tone for five days of focused, practice-driven engagement.

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# DAY 2

8 March 2026 | JW Marriot, Sector 35, Chandigarh

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## Family Law – Cross-Border Frameworks

10:00 – 10:30 AM: Keynote Address

10:30 – 11:30 AM: Panel 3: International Child Custody, Cross-Border Relocation & Abduction (International Perspectives in a Non-Hague Framework)

11:30 – 12:30 PM: Panel 4: Service of Process, Recognition & Enforcement of Foreign Divorce and Custody Decrees (Role of Gender & Religion in International Family Law)

12:30 – 1:30 PM: Panel 5: Cross-Border Financial Relief in Divorce (Property Division, Spousal Support, Child Support & Enforcement Across India, the U.S. and the UK)

## Criminal Law, Economic Offences & Cyber Enforcement

3:00 – 4:00 PM: Panel 6: Criminal Law Without Borders: The New Reality for Indian Practitioners Extradition, MLAs & Interpol – How Cross-Border Criminal Cooperation Really Works

4:00 – 5:00 PM: Panel 7: Asset Tracing, Economic Offences & Parallel Proceedings

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Debate: Proposition v. Opposition



# DAY 3

9 March 2026 | Multiple Venues

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## Civil & Constitutional Disputes

10:00 – 10:30 AM: Keynote Address

10:30 – 11:30 AM: Panel 8 | UIIS, Panjab University, Chandigarh.  
Civil Courts as Architects of Social Trust

11:30 – 12:30 PM: Panel 9 | Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh  
Rights Inflation: When All Disputes Are Deemed Constitutional

12:30 – 1:30 PM: Panel 10 | Chandigarh University, Mohali.  
Rise of the Powerful Repeat Player in Civil Litigation  
Corporates, Governments and Institutions vs. One-Time  
Litigants

## Judicial Future & Institutional Design

Open Hand Monument, High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh

3:30 – 5:00 PM: ICJ Reenactment – Nicaragua v. Colombia (Continental Shelf  
Delimitation Case)

5:00 – 6:00 PM: Panel 11: Judges: Present and Future

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# DAY 4

10 March 2026 | Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Chandigarh

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## Commercial Disputes

10:00 – 10:30 AM: Keynote Address

10:30 – 11:30 AM: Panel 12: Breaking Down Contracts in a Global Economy

11:30 – 12:30 PM: Panel 13: Cross-Border Trade & Investment Disputes  
: Contract, Treaty & State Risk

12:30 – 1:30 PM: Panel 14: Infrastructure, Construction & Energy Disputes

## Infrastructure, Enforcement & Recovery

3:00 – 4:00 PM: Panel 15: Why ESG & Sustainability Matters for Businesses:  
A Legal Perspective

4:00 – 5:00 PM: Panel 16: Commercial AI, Data Liability & Protection



# DAY 5

11 March 2026 | Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43, Chandigarh

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## ADR Disputes

10:00 – 10:30 AM: Keynote Address

10:30 – 11:30 AM: Panel 17: Evolution of ADR Practices in India

11:30 – 12:30 PM: Panel 18: Institutional Arbitration v. Ad Hoc Arbitration

12:30 – 12:45 PM: Institutional Focus: Introduction & Institutional Presentation

12:45 – 1:15 PM: Skill Masterclass: Writing Enforceable Awards  
(Designed for arbitrators and serious ADR practitioners.)

1:15 – 1:30 PM: Valedictory & Closing Address



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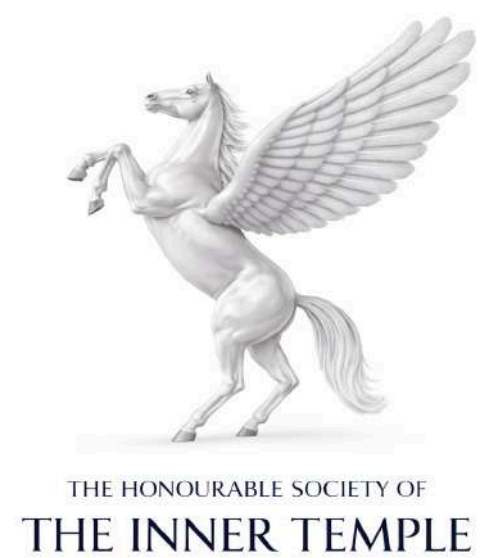
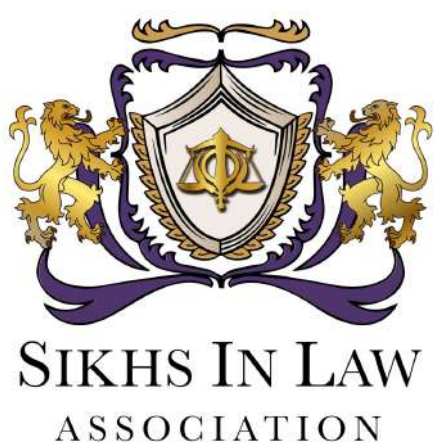
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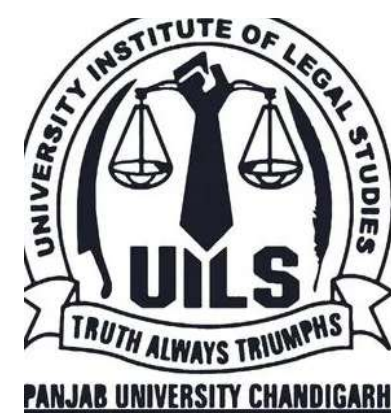


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