

February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Settle 2021

We are pleased to inform you that Co-operative School of Law and MKMS Education, in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi University and Kerala State Mediation and Conciliation Centre of the High Court of Kerala, are jointly promoting a series of online events to promote mediation titled Settle 2021.

- Settle 2021 specifically aims (a) to generate wider interest in, and acceptance of, mediation as a dispute resolution tool in Kerala, and (b) to equip professionals and emerging professionals with knowledge and skills to take an active role in mediation.
- Settle 2021 will **formally be inaugurated on 5 March 2021 at 5.30 pm IST on Zoom by Dr KT Jaleel, the Minister for Higher Education, Government of Kerala.** Prof Dr Sabu Thomas, the Vice-Chancellor of the Mahatma Gandhi University, will preside over the inaugural session. Settle 2021 runs on all days of March 2021 and on some days in
- With **60+ sessions spread over 35+ days, 40+ speakers from across the world and 100+ hours of interactions**, Settle 2021 is easily the biggest online gathering yet in the Kerala legal history. There will be four international panel discussions on recent developments in mediation, a mock national-level mediation contest for law schools, 25 awareness sessions to selected organizations across Kerala including law schools, trade bodies and professional associations, two workshops - one for the law students and one for young lawyers, and a faculty capacity building programme for the law teachers.
- **All events of Settle 2021 will be conducted via Zoom video conferencing application.** All events will be accessible free of charge subject to availability of seats, except workshops for which a small fee will apply.

- **You will find details of Settle 2021 at our website at www.settle2021.com.**

We would like you to:

- (a) be our special guest for the following events:
 - a. **inaugural session** at 5.30pm IST, 5 March 2021, via zoom and the following international panel discussion
 - b. **valedictory session** at 5.30pm, 27 March 2021, via zoom and the following international panel discussion
- (b) recommend the **Workshop on Mediation for Law Students** to your students, particularly the senior ones, so that they can have a deeper understanding of the concept and practice of mediation (a registration fee of Rs. 550 is applicable); and
- (c) inform your faculty and students generally of Settle 2021 so that they may attend and benefit from the events that may interest them, especially the international panel discussions on the following topics:
 - a. Observations on the Impact of Pandemic on Mediation (Friday, 5 March 2021, 6 pm IST)
 - b. Singapore Convention on Mediation & Some National Perspectives (Friday, 12 March 2021, 6 pm IST)
 - c. The Prospects and Challenges as Online Mediation becomes more Real (Friday, 19 March 2021, 6 pm IST)
 - d. Mediation in India: What lies ahead? (Saturday, 27 March 2021, 6 pm IST)

Please feel free to contact us in any of the following ways:

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Please do assign a faculty and/or student liaison, and we can provide them with further information and updates.

We look forward to your generous support for Settle 2021.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee



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