



Arbitration Bar of India Marks a Year of Advocacy, Institutional Engagement, and Inclusive Growth

New Delhi, 19 May 2025 – Arbitration Bar of India (ABI) proudly reflects on a year of robust activity marked by strategic policy engagement, nationwide outreach, and the promotion of inclusivity within the arbitration community.

Over the past year, ABI has taken significant steps to contribute to the development of arbitration law and practice in India. Key among these was the submission of detailed representations to the **Ministry of Finance** on the **Office Memorandum related to arbitration**, advocating for the preservation of arbitral autonomy and the integrity of the dispute resolution process.

ABI also submitted its formal **comments on the Draft Amendment Bill** to the **Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996**, continuing its role as a constructive stakeholder in the legislative reform process and supporting initiatives that align Indian arbitration with global standards.

In its ongoing effort to promote community building and thought leadership, ABI successfully **organized major events in Bombay and Delhi**, bringing together practitioners, institutional representatives, and thought leaders to discuss emerging trends and challenges in arbitration.

Another key highlight of the year was the **launch of ABI Women's Chapter** on 29 March 2025—an important initiative aimed at recognizing and advancing the contributions of women in arbitration while fostering a more inclusive and representative profession. The launch event was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge of the Supreme Court of India. The Chapter has initiated a series of networking and mentoring programs designed to empower and support women practitioners in the field.

In addition, ABI has established **new task forces** chaired by leading practitioners and composed of diverse and dynamic members. These task forces are working on specialized issues, including a code of ethics for the conduct of arbitration, reforms in investment treaty arbitration, inclusion and diversity in arbitral appointments, and the use of artificial intelligence and technology in international arbitration, among others. Task forces and their members have been listed below.

Looking ahead, ABI will continue its regional outreach with **upcoming events planned in Bangalore and Srinagar**, designed to expand the reach of arbitration discourse and enhance accessibility to key arbitration resources.

Furthering its educational and capacity-building mission, ABI will be launching a **training program in collaboration with the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS)** in the coming months. This program will offer advanced skills training to practitioners, students, and stakeholders committed to excellence in arbitration.

Arbitration Bar of India reaffirms its commitment to strengthening India's arbitration framework, promoting best practices, and fostering a vibrant and inclusive arbitration community.

Task Forces – Arbitration Bar of India

I. Task Force on Conduct of Arbitration: Code of Ethics

Co-chairs:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) Rajiv Shakhder, Former Judge, Delhi High Court
2. Mr. Shashank Garg, Sr Adv.

Team Members

1. Ms. Aanchal Basur
2. Dr. Amit George
3. Mr. Moazzam Khan

II. Task Force on Construction Arbitration Protocol

Co-chairs:

1. Mr. Ratan Singh, Sr. Adv.
2. Mr. Atul Sharma

Team Members

1. Mr. Sonal Kumar Singh
2. Mr. Sameer Jain

III. Task Force on Reforms in Investment Treaty Arbitration

Co-chairs:

1. Dr. James J. Nedumpara
2. Mr. Shreyas Jayasimha

Team Members

1. Ms. Mayuri T. Agarwala

IV. Task Force on Inclusion and Diversity in Arbitrator Appointments

Co-chairs:

1. Ms. Payal Chawla
2. Ms. Nandini Khaitan

Team Members

1. Dr. Amit George
2. Ms. Mayuri T. Agarwala



V. Task Force on Use of Artificial Intelligence and Technology in Arbitration

Co-chairs:

1. Mr. Zal Andhyarujina, Sr. Adv.
2. Mr. Vikas Mahendra

Team Members

1. Ms. Nandini Khaitan
2. Mr. Vyapak Desai
3. Mr. Naresh Thacker