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Event Report

Event Name: Two days Orientation Seminar for Empanelled Mediators

Date of the Event: 23rd February 2026

Duration of the Event: 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Venue: Late Sadashiv Bhore Sabhagrugh, Hirawadi

Name of the Event Coordinator: Mrs Rakhee Poonawalla & Dr Tanweer Alam

Objective of the Program: The Two-Day Orientation Seminar for Empanelled Mediators, attended by law students, was organized with the objective of introducing them to the concept, scope, and significance of mediation as an effective Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism. The seminar aimed to familiarize students with the legal framework governing mediation in India, particularly under the Mediation Act, 2023, the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, and relevant provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. It sought to provide practical exposure to the stages of mediation, the role and ethical responsibilities of empanelled mediators, and the drafting of settlement agreements. The seminar also focused on developing essential skills such as negotiation, communication, neutrality, and confidentiality, while sensitizing students to court-referred mediation in civil, commercial, and matrimonial matters. Through interactive sessions, role plays, and discussions with experienced mediators and legal professionals, the programme aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, encourage students to consider mediation as a career option, and promote the spirit of amicable dispute resolution to strengthen access to justice.

Outline of the Program:

The Two-Day Orientation Seminar for Empanelled Mediators commenced with an inaugural session highlighting the importance of mediation as an effective Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism and its growing relevance in the Indian legal system. The first day focused on conceptual clarity and the legal framework governing mediation, including an overview of the Mediation Act, 2023. Sessions were conducted on the meaning, scope, and types of mediation, distinctions between mediation and other ADR mechanisms, and the procedural aspects of court-referred mediation. Experienced mediators interacted with students to explain the role, ethical

duties, neutrality, and confidentiality obligations of empanelled mediators, followed by discussions and question-and-answer sessions to clarify practical concerns. The second day was devoted to practical exposure and skill development. In addition, **Dr. Swati Chavan** and **Dr. Jejurkar** delivered insightful sessions on mental health concerns affecting lawyers and the younger generation, emphasizing stress management, emotional resilience, and the importance of psychological well-being in the legal profession. Their interaction sensitized students to the mental and emotional dimensions of dispute resolution practice and highlighted the need for maintaining balance and self-care while handling professional responsibilities. The seminar concluded with a valedictory session held in the august presence of **Hon'ble Shri Shrichand Jagmalani, Principal District Judge (PDJ), Shri Pravin Kumbhojkar, Deputy Registrar, Bombay High Court,** and **Shri Suhas Bhosale, Secretary, DLSA Nashik.** The session reflected on the key learnings of the programme, highlighted mediation as a promising career avenue for law students, and reinforced the significance of amicable dispute resolution in strengthening access to justice and reducing the burden on courts.

Participants:

The event saw an attendance of around 40 students along with faculty members.

Outcomes:

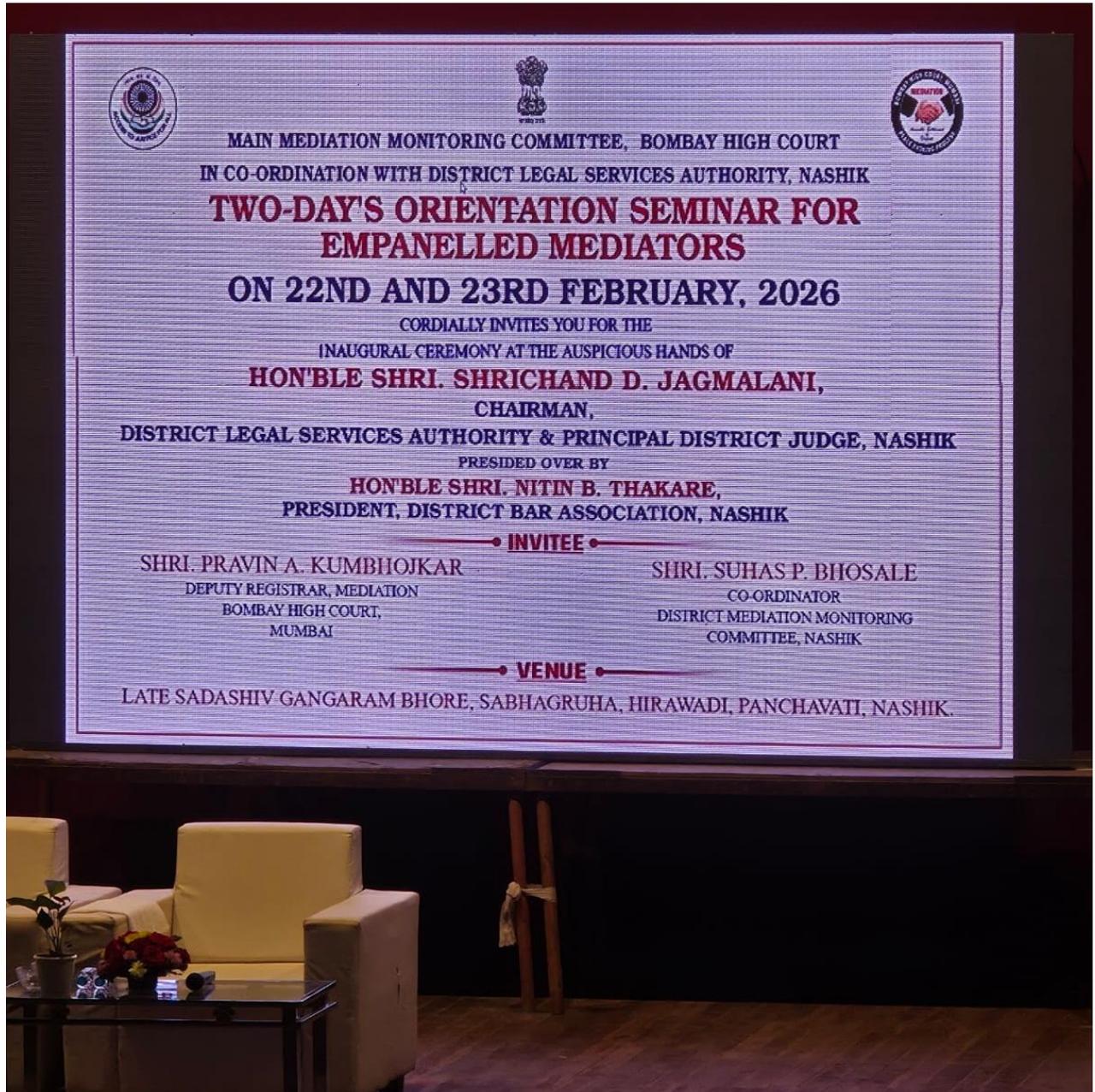
The Two-Day Orientation Seminar resulted in a comprehensive understanding among law students regarding the concept, legal framework, and practical application of mediation as an effective Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism. Participants developed clarity about the provisions of the Mediation Act, 2023 and related procedural laws governing court-referred mediation. Through mock sessions and role plays, students enhanced essential professional skills such as negotiation, communication, active listening, neutrality, and drafting of settlement agreements. The interactive sessions with empanelled mediators and distinguished dignitaries, including members of the judiciary and legal services authorities, strengthened their awareness of the institutional framework supporting mediation. The seminar also sensitized students to the importance of mental health and emotional resilience in the legal profession. Overall, the programme successfully bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical exposure, inspired students to consider mediation as a viable career option, and promoted the spirit of amicable dispute resolution to ensure better access to justice.

Conclusion:

The Two-Day Orientation Seminar for Empanelled Mediators proved to be an enriching and insightful academic initiative that successfully combined doctrinal understanding with practical exposure. By familiarizing students with the evolving mediation framework under the Mediation Act, 2023 and related laws, the programme strengthened their conceptual clarity and professional

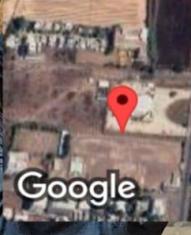
competence. The interactive sessions, expert guidance, and experiential learning through mock mediations enabled participants to appreciate the significance of mediation in civil, commercial, and matrimonial disputes. The presence of distinguished judicial and legal authorities further motivated students and emphasized the institutional importance of mediation in the justice delivery system. Overall, the seminar fostered a deeper commitment towards amicable dispute resolution, professional ethics, and access to justice, thereby preparing aspiring legal professionals to contribute meaningfully to a more efficient and humane legal system..

Photos of the Programme:

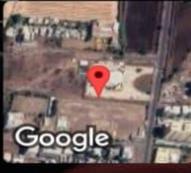




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