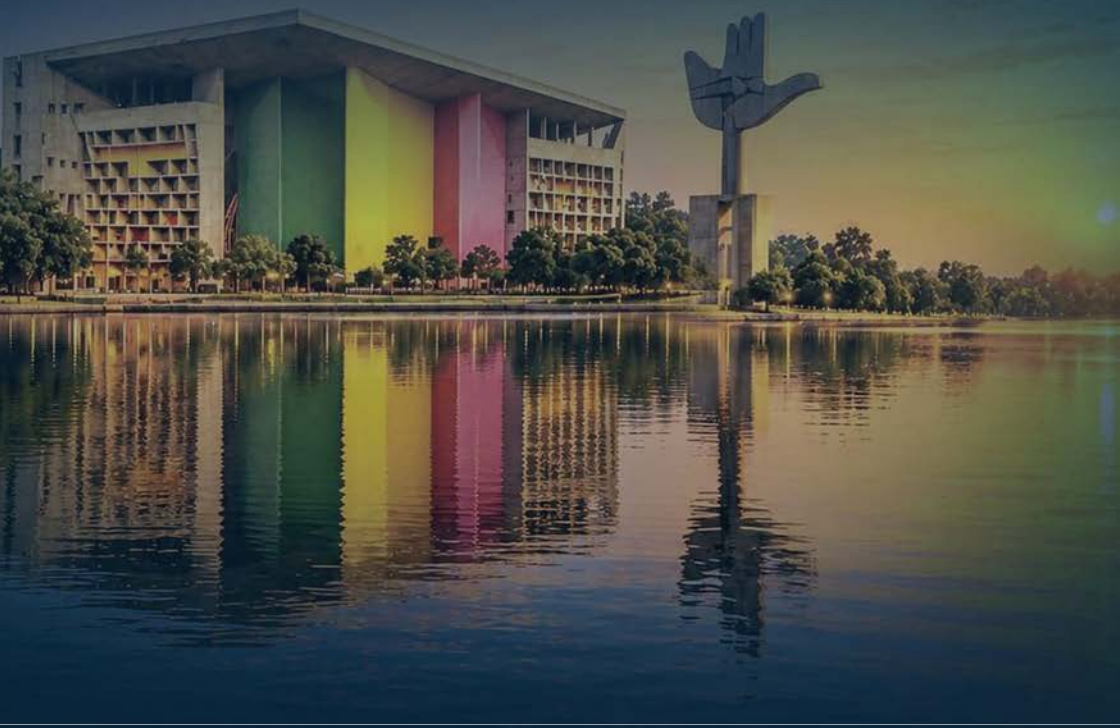
IIDW
India International Disputes Week
2027

INDIA INTERNATIONAL *Disputes Week* 2027

Rising Solutions to Emerging Conflicts



CHANDIGARH, INDIA

9th to 13th January, 2027

Five days. One jurisdiction. Judges, arbitrators, counsel, in-house teams and policymakers from India and abroad, in one city, working on what comes next for emerging conflicts and dispute resolution.

INTRODUCTION

Bridging Jurisdictions, Building Justice

India International Disputes Week (IIDW) is a non-profit platform for dialogue, ideas and collaboration across litigation, arbitration, mediation and emerging forms of dispute resolution. The First Edition, held from 7 to 11 March 2026 under the aegis of the High Court of Punjab & Haryana, brought together judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, Senior Advocates, legal practitioners, scholars and institutions from the UK, USA, France, Singapore, Malaysia and beyond. It also saw the launch of the Chandigarh International Arbitration Centre (CIAC) by Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India. The Second Edition builds on that foundation with a sharper thematic focus and stronger cross-border participation.

WHAT SETS IIDW APART

- ***Bench and Bar, One Room***
  Sitting and former judges in direct conversation with counsels, arbitrators, and institutions.
- ***Practice Over Theory***
  Sessions built around the questions practitioners face on Monday morning.
- ***The Next Generation***
  Young lawyers, students and researchers engaging with senior practitioners and gaining personalized insight.
- ***India-Facing, Globally Informed***
  Comparative insight from leading seats, applied to Indian law and procedure.
- ***Key Seat***
  Chandigarh is home to the High Court of Punjab and Haryana and to the NCLT, DRT and CAT benches serving North India, and it is fast emerging as a preferred seat of arbitration. This places IIDW in a unique position to serve litigants, businesses and practitioners.

ABOUT US

About IIDW

Where India's disputes future meets the world.

Who We Are

India International Disputes Week (IIDW) is an annual, non-profit forum dedicated to the full spectrum of dispute resolution in India, from litigation and enforcement to arbitration and mediation. It seeks to align the judiciary, policymakers, practitioners and users around one goal: making India a trusted, first-choice jurisdiction for resolving disputes.

IIDW brings the bench, the bar, institutions, in-house counsel, policymakers and academia into one room for a week. The aim is not to talk about dispute resolution in the abstract. It is to test ideas against the realities of Indian law and procedure, learn from leading seats abroad, and leave with added value.



HOST CITY

Chandigarh

India's modernist capital, and home of IIDW



Why Chandigarh

Planned after Independence and designed by Le Corbusier, Chandigarh was built to express clarity, order and confidence in public institutions. Its Capitol Complex — home to the Punjab & Haryana High Court — is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

As the shared capital of Punjab and Haryana and the seat of one of India's major High Courts, the city sits at a distinctive point in the country's constitutional and judicial landscape. That makes it a natural home for a forum on the future of dispute resolution — and a statement that legal excellence is not confined to India's largest metros.



Venues and Getting Here

IIDW 2027 will be held across Hyatt Regency, Hyatt Centric and Judges Auditorium, Punjab & Haryana High Court in Chandigarh, chosen for accessibility, security and institutional setting. Venues are close to one another and to the city's main hotels.

BY AIR:

Chandigarh International Airport has direct flights to major Indian cities. The city centre is roughly 30–45 minutes by road.

BY RAIL AND ROAD:

Frequent luxury trains like Shatabdi and Vande Bharat, and an expressway, connect Chandigarh to New Delhi.

Beyond the Conference Hall

Tree-lined sectors, the Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake and the Capitol Complex give delegates a city worth exploring between sessions. The IIDW Cultural Showcase and receptions are designed to bring international and Indian participants together outside the formal programme.



OUR STORY

The First Edition

The First Edition of IIDW was held in Chandigarh from 7 to 11 March 2026, under the aegis of the High Court of Punjab & Haryana. On its Inaugural day, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India, launched the Chandigarh International Arbitration Centre (CIAC) — a significant step for institutional arbitration across India.

Over five days, high-level plenaries led by judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts sat alongside sector panels on infrastructure, energy, technology, finance, trade, commercial AI and institutional arbitration. Experts from France, the UK, the USA, Singapore, Malaysia and other jurisdictions joined cross-jurisdictional dialogues, and representatives of the Ministry of Commerce, industry bodies and arbitral institutions took part. Sessions were held at venues including the Judges' Auditorium of the High Court and the Open Hand Monument, with some speakers joining virtually.

2,000+
Participants

60+
International delegates

Nearly 150
National and international speakers

Extensive coverage
In national print, digital and legal media — see Media & Press

65+
International and national supporting organisations, from the Bar Council of England & Wales, SICC, ICC, SIAC and DIAC to the Bar Council of India, CII and the Centre for Trade & Investment Law



Our Mission

To strengthen India's standing as a credible, efficient and future-ready jurisdiction for dispute resolution, by connecting Indian practice with global experience and turning dialogue into practical outcomes.

Governance

IIDW is a non-profit society working with the High Court of Punjab & Haryana, run by its Organizing Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Body, Programme Committee and a robust team of volunteers.

Our Long-Term Vision

IIDW aims to become a fixture in the international disputes calendar — an annual national-international forum that contributes to India's reputation as a dependable seat of arbitration, a trusted enforcement jurisdiction and a modern destination for high-value dispute resolution.



The Second Edition: IIDW *2027*

The Second Edition of India International Disputes Week returns to Chandigarh from 9 to 13 January 2027. Each day brings together panels from different areas of law, from Artificial Intelligence and Data Protection to Financial Crimes, Tax, Intellectual Property, ESG, Construction, Family Law and Defence. The edition continues the direct dialogue between Bench and Bar and the strong role for young lawyers that defined the first edition.

The Programme (Highlights): IIDW *2027*

The theme for 2027, "Rising Solutions to Emerging Conflicts," reflects how quickly the nature of disputes is changing, from technology, data and AI to climate, infrastructure and cross-border commerce. IIDW 2027 does a comparative analysis and in-depth examination of ways in which courts, arbitration and mediation are adapting to meet these conflicts, and what India must do to lead in resolving them. The conference will be delivered through strategic panel discussions ranging from AI to family law, fireside chats, speed mentoring opportunities, the great legal face-off between Lawyers and AI, networking dinners and sports events like golf and padel.

WHO TAKES PART

- ***Senior advocates and practitioners***
  law firms, partners, associates, arbitrators and mediators on complex and emerging disputes.
- ***In-house counsel and institutions***
  general counsel, arbitral and mediation institutions, and regulators.
- ***Policymakers***
  those shaping the legal framework, along with officers and officials.
- ***Judges and judicial forums***
  senior judicial voices on constitutional, commercial and regulatory jurisprudence from across the world.
- ***Academics, students and young lawyers***
  the researchers and practitioners who will carry the system forward.
- ***Civil society, NGOs and Citizens***
  community groups and citizens with a stake in justice delivery.

IIDW 2027 · 9TH TO 13TH JANUARY 2027

Programme Outline

PANEL DISCUSSIONS · SPORTS EVENTS · NETWORKING EVENTS

DAY 1 — Inaugural

SATURDAY, 9 JANUARY 2027

Hyatt Regency, Industrial Area, Phase - 1, Chandigarh

TIMINGS TO BE ANNOUNCED

TBA	Yoga — SPORTS & WELLNESS
TBA	**Inaugural Ceremony**
TBA	TEA BREAK
TBA	The Innovation in AI v. Law's Race to Keep Up — PANEL DISCUSSION · AI
TBA	India @ 2047 - ADR space in development story. — PANEL DISCUSSION · ADR
TBA	Dinner — NETWORKING

DAY 2 — Sunday, 10 January 2027

Hyatt Centric, Sector 17, Chandigarh

7:30 – 10:30 AM	Golf Tournament — SPORTS
10:00 – 10:30 AM	**Keynote Address**
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Tackling the Evolving Nature of Financial Crimes : Calling for Concentrated International Cooperation — PANEL DISCUSSION · FINANCIAL CRIMES
12:00 – 12:30 PM	TEA BREAK
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Learning from Elsewhere: What India's Marriage Law Reform Can Take from Global No-Fault and Pre-Nuptial Regimes — PANEL DISCUSSION · FAMILY
2:00 – 3:00 PM	LUNCH
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Surge in Energy: Resolving Disputes Between Climate Commitments and Capital Protection — PANEL DISCUSSION · ESG
4:30 – 5:15 PM	*Speed Mentoring* — PARALLEL SESSION · PRIOR REGISTRATION ONLY
4:30 – 5:15 PM	*Quiz* — PARALLEL SESSION
4:30 – 5:15 PM	TEA BREAK — PARALLEL TO QUIZ & SPEED MENTORING
5:30 – 7:00 PM	When Costs Rise, Who Takes the Hit? Inflation, Supply Chains and Re-allocation of Construction Risk — PANEL DISCUSSION · CONSTRUCTION / REAL ESTATE
TBA	Dinner — NETWORKING

PROGRAMME OUTLINE · CONTINUED

PANEL DISCUSSIONS · SPORTS EVENTS · NETWORKING EVENTS

DAY 3 — Monday, 11 January 2027

10:00 – 10:30 AM	**Keynote Address**
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Data, Privacy & Power: Drawing New Boundaries PANEL DISCUSSION · DATA PROTECTION
12:00 – 12:30 PM	TEA BREAK
12:30 – 2:00 PM	India's Private Equity momentum: Making the case for fundraising in India PANEL DISCUSSION · BANKING & FINANCE
2:00 – 3:00 PM	LUNCH
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Chips, Power, and Borders — The New Geopolitics of Technology PANEL DISCUSSION · TECHNOLOGY
4:30 – 5:30 PM	**The Great Legal Face-Off** AI
TBA	TEA BREAK
6:00 PM onwards	Cultural Event THEATRE + MUSICAL

DAY 4 — Tuesday, 12 January 2027

10:00 – 10:30 AM	**Keynote Address**
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	The Arbitrability Conundrum: IP Rights in Private Dispute Resolution PANEL DISCUSSION · IPR
12:00 – 12:30 PM	TEA BREAK
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Beyond Litigation : Arbitration's Expanding Frontier in India's Tax Disputes PANEL DISCUSSION · TAX
2:00 – 3:00 PM	LUNCH
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Navigating Classified Disputes in the Defence Sector PANEL DISCUSSION · DEFENCE
4:30 – 5:15 PM	**Fireside Chat** A CONVERSATIONAL FORMAT / INTERVIEW
5:15 – 5:45 PM	TEA BREAK
5:45 – 7:00 PM	On-Screen, Off-Field: Deepfakes and Advertising Liability in Media & Sports PANEL DISCUSSION · AI / TECH
TBA	Paddle & Pickle Ball Tournament SPORTS

DAY 5 — Valedictory and Closing Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2027

Programme outline. Sessions, speakers and timings are subject to change.

THE SECOND EDITION: IIDW SPORTS LEAGUE 2027

All Work and No Play? Objection Sustained.

Five days of panels, keynotes and spirited cross-talk between Bench and Bar can leave even the sharpest legal minds in need of a recess. Enter the IIDW Sports League, back for its second edition, where the only thing being argued is the score and every verdict is delivered on the field. The week opens with Yoga, the one session where nobody objects to taking a stand and holding a position is actively encouraged. It is the perfect warm-up for days of balancing arguments, stretching deadlines and finding inner calm when the clock runs short.

Then it is off to the greens for the Golf Tournament, where for once being under par is a good thing and the only drive that matters is off the tee. Expect careful strategy, the occasional long shot and at least one appeal to the rules that will be firmly overruled. Later in the week, the Padel & Pickleball Tournament brings the pace up a notch. Fast rallies, quick reflexes and friendly rivalries make it the closest thing to a courtroom you will enjoy all week, minus the gowns. Here the bench versus bar contest is literal, the hearings are short, and every match ends in a handshake with no decision going to appeal.

Whether you are a seasoned athlete chasing a podium finish or a first-timer simply showing up for the fun, there is a place for you on the field. The burden of proof is light: bring your energy, your sportsmanship and your best excuse for that missed shot.



THE FIRST EDITION · CHANDIGARH · MARCH 2026

Reflections : IIDW 2026

From the Inaugural Session to the Women's Day Walk-a-Thon — five days of dialogue, debate and community



















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