

THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY LAW COLLEGE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA.

4TH NATIONAL ADR (VIRTUAL) COMPETITION

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Problem 1: Conciliation

Title: “Neighbourhood Dispute – Boundaries and Beyond”

Scenario:

Mr. Kumar and Mr. Suresh has been next-door neighbours for over 20 years. Recently, a dispute has erupted over the location of their property boundaries. Both Mr. Kumar and Mr. Suresh have conducted surveys and presented documents to support their claims. However, the dispute has escalated beyond the boundary issue, with accusations of noise disturbance, harassment, and property damage on both sides. The two neighbours, Mr. Kumar and Mr. Suresh, after being embroiled in this long-standing property boundary dispute, are no longer on speaking terms and have filed lawsuits against each other. The situation has strained not only their relationship but also the entire neighbourhood, as residents are forced to pick sides.

Hence this matter is referred for Conciliation:

Task:

Design a comprehensive conciliation process that not only addresses the property boundary issue but also aims to rebuild trust and foster a peaceful coexistence between the neighbours. Draft an agenda for the conciliation meeting, suggest techniques for managing emotions and communication barriers, and outline potential solutions for the boundary issue and related grievances.