



GUJARAT HIGH COURT ARBITRATION CENTRE
Training Workshop on
“Effective Arbitral Proceedings : Case Management, Timelines
and Writing an Enforceable Arbitral Award”
For Lawyers / Judges - Arbitrators, on 26.06.2026 and 27.06.2026
At Gujarat State Judicial Academy, GSJA Campus, Ahmedabad

DAY - 01

26.06.2026 (FRIDAY)

10.30 A.M. to 10.40 A.M.	Registration
10.40 A.M. to 10.45 A.M.	Prayer
10.45 A.M. to 10.55 A.M.	Introductory Session by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargav D. Karia, President, Gujarat State Judicial Academy & Member, BoG, GHAC.
10.55 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.	Group Photo
SESSION - I	<u>Institutional Arbitration Framework and Institutional Commitment:</u>
11.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, with focus on recent judicial and legislative trends 2. Institutional Arbitration as a response to challenges of delay, lack of uniformity, and procedural uncertainty 3. Overview of the GHAC Rules, 2021 and their role in ensuring procedural efficiency 4. Structure, functioning, and administrative role of the Gujarat High Court Arbitration Centre (GHAC) 5. Commencement of arbitration and constitution of arbitral tribunal 6. Disclosure requirements at the inception
Speaker:	
Shri Balbir Singh, Senior Advocate & Former ASG	
01.00 P.M. to 02.00 P.M.	Lunch Break
SESSION - II	<u>Procedural Discipline and Case Management in Arbitration:</u>
02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drafting effective procedural orders to streamline proceedings 2. Balancing flexibility with procedural certainty / adhering to the timeline 3. Ensuring compliance with principles of natural justice without permitting procedural abuse 4. Framing of issues and Terms of Reference with clarity and precision 5. Managing admission and denial of documents to avoid unnecessary delays 6. Effective handling of interim applications without derailing the main proceedings 7. Fixing and adhering to realistic hearing schedules 8. Leveraging technology in arbitration / use of AI in arbitration proceedings 9. Encouraging settlement while maintaining adjudicatory neutrality 10. Timely termination of proceedings and avoidance of protracted hearings adhering to timelines and avoidance of mandate violations
Speakers:	
Shri Soparkar, Advocate	Saurabh Senior
Shri Unmesh Shukla, Senior Advocate	

<p>SESSION – III</p> <p>11.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Shri Kamal B. Trivedi, Advocate General</p> <p>Shri Mihir J. Thakore, Senior Advocate</p>	<p><u>Ethics, Independence and Institutional Integrity:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Core ethical principles: independence, impartiality, neutrality, and fairness and predictability 2. Statutory framework governing mandatory disclosures (Section 12 and Schedules V, VI & VII) 3. Confidentiality obligations and their practical implications (Section 42A) 4. Managing conflicts of interest in a closely networked legal community 5. Addressing challenges of perceived bias and maintaining transparency 6. Institutional expectations regarding conduct, diligence, and accountability 7. Building credibility as a young arbitrator within an institutional ecosystem / Building a career
<p>01.00 P.M. to 02.00 P.M.</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>SESSION – IV</p> <p>02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Shri N. L. Rajah, Senior Advocate</p>	<p><u>Drafting Reasoned and Enforceable Arbitral Awards:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Types of awards: interim, preliminary, and final - strategic considerations in each 2. Structuring an award: coherence, clarity, and logical flow 3. Accurate narration of facts and identification of core disputes 4. Addressing issues systematically 5. Analytical assessment of pleadings, evidence, and submissions - Writing clear, concise, and well-reasoned findings 6. The basic principles of making an enforceable award – the fundamentals of the interpretation of the contract – Arbitrator being a best Judge 7. Dealing with complex issues such as interest, costs, and counterclaims 8. Ensuring enforceability and minimizing grounds for challenge under Section 34 9. Understanding the aftermath of setting aside of a wrong award - Taking responsibility & accountability of an Arbitrator 10. Post-award processes: correction, interpretation, and additional awards (Section 33) 11. Developing the ability to produce high-quality, legally sound awards that withstand judicial scrutiny
<p>04.00 P.M. to 04.30 P.M.</p>	<p>Take Home Message by Hon'ble Ms. Justice Sangeeta K. Vishen, Member, BoG, GHAC.</p>
	<p>Certificate & Feedback.</p>