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Nyaya Nirmaan 2026 brings together judiciary, government and legal fraternity to shape India's legal architecture for 2047

GCAI dialogue focuses on future-ready lawyers, global legal convergence, commercial certainty and technology-enabled justice



New Delhi, 24 September 2026: The General Counsels' Association of India (GCAI) convened Nyaya Nirmaan 2026: India @ 2047 – Building the Legal Architecture for a Connected Global Economy at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, bringing together distinguished members of the judiciary, government, legal profession and business community to deliberate on the legal architecture required to support India's journey towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

The dialogue was anchored around a fundamental question: What kind of legal architecture will support the economy of the future? The discussions examined global economic interdependence, cross-border investment, technology and AI, energy transition, legal convergence, commercial certainty, dispute resolution and institutional reform.

Bharatiya Shastrartha – a distinctive format

A defining feature of Nyaya Nirmaan 2026 was its adoption of the Indian tradition of Bharatiya Shastrartha—structured argument and reasoned disagreement. Each dialogue followed the broad framework of Prastavana, Purva Paksha, Uttara Paksha, Prativad and Samanvaya, moving from context-setting and competing propositions to engagement, rebuttal and the search for common ground and practical reform.

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From the future lawyer to the future legal system

The inaugural session, "Nyaya Nirmaan @ 2047: Building the Legal Architecture for India's Global Future," was contextualised by Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat and Dr. Akhil Prasad, Co-founders, GCAI, and was graced by Shri Harsh Malhotra, Hon'ble Minister of State for Corporate Affairs; Hon'ble Justice Hima Kohli and Hon'ble Justice Pankaj Mithal, Former Judges of the Supreme Court of India; Dr. Rajiv Mani, Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice; Dr. Lalit Bhasin, President, Society of Indian Law Firms; and Dr. Manoj Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice.

Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat, Co-founder, GCAI, said:
"India's economic transformation cannot be separated from the transformation of its legal architecture. As India moves towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047, our laws, institutions and legal professionals must be ready for a world where capital, technology, data, energy and commerce increasingly move across jurisdictions. Nyaya Nirmaan seeks to convert diverse perspectives into practical pathways for reform."

Dr. Akhil Prasad, Co-founder, GCAI, said:
"The future legal ecosystem must be global in outlook, Indian in its institutional foundations and human-centred in its delivery of justice. Nyaya Nirmaan brings together the Bench, Bar, government, business and the next generation of legal professionals to explore greater convergence, certainty and efficiency while preserving constitutional values and national sovereignty."

Shri Harsh Malhotra, Hon'ble Minister of State for Corporate Affairs, said:
"India's emergence as a leading global economy requires a legal and regulatory environment that inspires confidence, encourages entrepreneurship and enables businesses to operate with greater certainty. Nyaya Nirmaan provides a valuable platform to deliberate on how our legal institutions can evolve with the changing needs of the economy, technology and global commerce."

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Four Shastrarthas, four dimensions of legal transformation

Session 1 – "The Legal Profession at the Crossroads: What Kind of Lawyers Will a Connected Global Economy Need?" brought together Ms. Aakanksha Kaul, Shri Apurv Kumar Mishra, Shri Avishkar Singhvi, Shri Jagdish Chandra Solanki, Shri Nikhil Rohatgi and Shri Sidhant Kumar Marwah, moderated by Shri Varun Singh. The discussion examined the future of the legal profession in the context of globalisation, AI, technology, ESG, energy transition, digital regulation and cross-border commerce, with emphasis on developing lawyers as multidisciplinary and globally connected professionals.

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Session 2 – "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Global Commerce" featured Shri Pinaki Misra, Senior Advocate; Shri Sajan Poovaya, Senior Advocate; and Shri Sudhir Mishra, Founder & Managing Partner, Trust Legal, as moderator. The dialogue explored the tension between greater convergence of legal and regulatory frameworks and the need to preserve legal diversity and national sovereignty.

Session 3 – "Codification versus Judicial Lawmaking: Can India Build Greater Commercial Certainty?" featured Shri Rajshekhar Rao, Senior Advocate, moderated by Shri Atul Sharma, Executive Chairman, Dentons Link Legal. The discussion focused on predictability and certainty in commercial law and examined the appropriate balance between clearer codification and judicial development of law, including in areas such as damages, indemnity, insolvency, arbitration and digital commerce.

Session 4 – "The Bench, the Bar and the Future of Justice: From Pendency to Predictability" brought together Hon'ble Justice Amit Bansal, Hon'ble Justice Saurabh Banerjee and Hon'ble Justice Tejas Karia, Judges of the Delhi High Court; Shri J Sai Deepak, Senior





Advocate, Columnist and Author; and Shri Kunal Vajani, Advocate, Arbitrator & Mediator, moderated by Shri Tarun Nangia. The Bench-Bar Shastrartha examined AI in courts and arbitration, dispute prevention, mediation, institutional arbitration, commercial courts and technology-enabled justice delivery.

The session explored the proposition that technology should be used not merely to accelerate litigation but also to prevent unnecessary litigation, and that India's dispute-resolution framework should evolve towards an integrated ecosystem of courts, arbitration, mediation and technology-enabled dispute prevention.

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Bharat Shastrartha: The legal system for Viksit Bharat @ 2047

The dialogue culminated in "Bharat Shastrartha – Designing the Legal System for Viksit Bharat @ 2047", featuring Hon'ble Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister for Law & Justice (Independent Charge); Hon'ble Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; and Shri Haseeb Drabu, Economist and Former Minister of Finance, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

The concluding dialogue brought together the key questions emerging from the day—the future lawyer, the global legal order, commercial certainty and justice delivery—and examined whether India can become a global economic power without simultaneously developing into a global legal and dispute-resolution hub.



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Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister for Law & Justice, said:
"Viksit Bharat @ 2047 is also a vision for strong, accessible and responsive institutions. Our legal system must evolve with technology, new forms of commerce and emerging societal needs, while remaining firmly anchored in justice, constitutional values and the rule of law. Nyaya Nirmaan provides an important platform for shaping this forward-looking legal vision."

Shri Haseeb Drabu, Economist and Former Minister of Finance, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, said:
"Economic growth and legal architecture are deeply interconnected. Capital, enterprise and innovation require confidence in institutions, predictability in outcomes and effective mechanisms for resolving disputes. India's ambition to become a leading global economic power must therefore be accompanied by its emergence as a global centre for legal services and dispute resolution."





Nyaya Nirmaan Declaration 2047

The dialogue culminated in the articulation of six broad pillars for India's legal architecture towards 2047:

- Future-Ready Legal Profession
- Global Compatibility with National Sovereignty
- Predictability and Commercial Certainty
- Technology-Enabled and Human-Centred Justice
- A Multi-Door Justice Delivery System
- India as a Global Legal Hub

The proposed framework envisages an integrated justice ecosystem encompassing courts, arbitration, mediation, conciliation, online dispute resolution and technology-enabled dispute prevention, alongside efforts to strengthen India's position in cross-border commerce, international investment, legal services and dispute resolution.

Strong judicial participation

The participation of distinguished members of the judiciary was a defining feature of Nyaya Nirmaan 2026. The programme brought together former Supreme Court Judges Justice Hima Kohli, Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul; sitting Supreme Court Judge Justice Satish Chandra Sharma; and Delhi High Court Judges Justice Amit Bansal, Justice Saurabh Banerjee and Justice Tejas Karia, creating a broad judicial perspective across the different dimensions of the dialogue.

Nyaya Nirmaan 2026 thus sought to move beyond discussions on individual laws towards a broader institutional question: how India can build a legal ecosystem that is predictable, globally compatible, technologically enabled and capable of supporting its economic and societal aspirations towards 2047.

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Designing the
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for 2047




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