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**GUJARAT INTERNATIONAL  
MARITIME ARBITRATION CENTRE**

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## Discover GIMAC

Experience a new dawn in dispute resolution with the Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre (GIMAC). Poised to redefine the landscape of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) in the maritime, shipping, and related sectors, GIMAC is founded considering India's present need for expedited business services and in anticipation of India's future trade growth. Fueled by transformative initiatives of Government of India such as the National Logistics Policy, Make in India, Sagarmala, Bharatmala, and Maritime India Vision, GIMAC is the future of maritime arbitration in India.

At GIMAC, we believe in India's potential to become self-reliant, a vision echoed by the AatmaNirbhar Bharat initiative.







Our aim is to utilize the power of demand and supply effectively, reducing dependence on foreign arbitration centres. GIMAC shall strive to provide swift and cost-effective dispute resolution mechanisms, especially for the maritime and shipping sectors, further contributing to India's journey towards speedy and efficient business services.

GIMAC aspires to stand shoulder to shoulder with globally esteemed maritime arbitration institutions such as the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), and the Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre (EMAC). The mission of GIMAC is not only to establish global standards for maritime ADR services in India but also to promote the nation as a prime choice for maritime and logistics dispute resolution services.





# Discover our remarkable INFRASTRUCTURE



Established under the prestigious Gujarat Maritime University, GIMAC offers a state-of-the-art ADR Centre. The spacious 10,000 sq.ft office space is brimming with world-class facilities, including:

- Specially crafted Hearing Rooms that provide a serene, distraction-free environment for arbitration sessions.
- Tech-savvy rooms featuring high-quality audio-visual setups for smooth video conferencing and an immersive physical arbitration experience.
- Secure storage facilities to be provided on request for both physical and digital records of hearings, supported by top-tier networking and hardware components.
- Uninterrupted and high-speed internet connectivity.
- Thoughtfully designed interiors exuding tranquility.
- Comfortable Breakout Rooms, Arbitrators Lounges, VIP Lounges, and a Cafeteria.
- Environmentally responsible, well-lit and well-ventilated facilities adhering to Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) norms with expansive greenery and open spaces around.
- **Conveniently situated in the heart of GIFT City with excellent accessibility via road, rail, and air, complemented by easy local transport connections.**

Join us in our journey at GIMAC, where we envision turning India's dream of a 5-trillion dollar economy into a reality while establishing India as a preferred maritime arbitration hub.

# Introducing the GIMAC ADVISORY BODY



A Confluence of National and International Experts  
from Prestigious Arbitration Centres

Name		Designation
International Experts		
	Prof. Sundra Rajoo	President, Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution
	Mr. Arthur Bowring	Maritime Arbitrator, President & Full Member, Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group & Full Member, LMAA
	Mr. Arran Dowling Hussey	Barrister & Trustee, Board of Trustees, CIArb
	Dr. Asanga Gunawansa	Sr. Legal Counsel, Colombo Law Alliance & Chairman, Board of Directors, Sri Lanka International Arbitration Centre
	Mr. David Morriss	Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan LLP, London
	Prof. Steve Ngo	President, Beihai Asia International Arbitration Centre, Singapore
	Ms. Ann Ryan Roberts	President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, UK
National Experts		
	Justice Mohit S. Shah	Hon'ble Chief Justice (Retd.), High Court of Bombay
	Mr. Gopal Krishna (Retd. IAS)	Chairman, Conciliation and Settlement Committee for Major Ports and Former Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India
	Mr. Jagmeet Makkar	Chairman, Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers
	Dr. Lalit Bhasin	Chairman, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, (CIArb)
	Mr. Ganesh Chandru	Partner, Dua Associates

and many more...





# GIMAC Rules SALIENT FEATURES



**Neutrality and Impartiality:** The GIMAC Arbitration rules ensure a neutral and impartial process, treating all parties equally. This includes arbitrator selection and avoiding conflicts of interest.



**Efficiency and Timeliness:** The rules promote prompt dispute resolution through expedited procedures and strict timelines for submissions, hearings, and awards. This avoids unnecessary delays.



**Flexibility and Adaptability:** The rules accommodate parties' specific needs, including choosing applicable law, seat of arbitration, language, and procedures. This allows tailoring the process to their circumstances. Emergency and interim relief provisions address urgent situations.



**Fair and Due Process:** The rules ensure a fair and due process, allowing parties to present their case, challenge evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and make submissions. Transparency and reasoned decisions are guaranteed.



**Confidentiality and Privacy:** The rules ensure that sensitive information disclosed during the arbitration process remains confidential and is not disclosed to third parties without consent.



**Cost-effectiveness:** The rules promote cost-effective dispute resolution by limiting excessive procedural steps, using technology, and controlling costs.



**Enforcement of Awards:** The rules ensure enforceability and compliance with applicable laws and international conventions, simplifying domestic and international enforcement.



**Accessibility and Clarity:** The rules are accessible, transparent, and easy to understand, facilitating effective participation without confusion.



**Compliance with International Standards:** The rules align with recognized arbitration standards and best practices from reputable institutions like the IBA and UNCITRAL.

# Sophistication Meets Functionality: Inside GIMAC

## Hearing Room - SANJAN



### Room Specifications

Area : 620 sq.ft.  
Capacity : 20 pax

### Facilities

Video Conferencing  
A/V Recording  
Microphones  
Display Screens  
Wi-Fi

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## Breakout Room - SS LOYALTY





## Hearing Room - LOTHAL



### Room Specifications

Area : 785 sq.ft.  
Capacity : 30 pax

### Facilities

Video Conferencing  
A/V Recording  
Microphones  
Display Screens  
Wi-Fi

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## Breakout Room - INS VIKRANT





## GIMAC

### A Pivotal Pillar in the Vibrant GIFT Ecosystem

GIMAC is set to become an indispensable component of the GIFT City ecosystem, serving as a specialized Arbitration/ADR institution. Located in the vicinity of the vibrant environs of the Gujarat Port Logistics Company Limited (GPLCL) and the Gujarat Maritime Cluster (GMC), both projects of the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), GIMAC aims to be the nerve center for maritime services of international caliber.

GIMAC's diverse range of services are designed to bring economic benefits and promote ease of doing business for the regional maritime community. By providing a homegrown solution, GIMAC hopes to minimize dependency on international arbitration centres.

## Collaborating with IFSCA:

### An Important Milestone for GIMAC



The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) - India's first and sole unified regulatory authority - operates under the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Established under the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act of 2019, IFSCA has found its home in GIFT City.

The Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) is proud to have forged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IFSCA to facilitate the development of GIMAC within the GIFT SEZ.

## GIMAC's Collaborative Milestones



Port of  
Antwerp  
Bruges



## Overview of Service Fees:

### Schedule of Charges at GIMAC

	GIMAC Charges for firms registered in India or Govt. Bodies (in Indian Rupees -INR)	GIMAC Charges for firms registered in India or Govt. Bodies (USD Equivalent)
Rent Charges (Daily Charges)	Per day	Per day
Hall Charges- Hall 1 (30 Seater)	20000	\$300
Hall Charges- Hall 2 (20 Seater)	15000	\$240
Breakout Room 1 (10 Seater) Rent	8000	\$120
Breakout Room 2 (8 Seater) Rent	5000	\$75
Other Heads (As per Use)	As per Use	
Printing and Stationery Charges (using the IT equipment of GIMAC)	10 Per Page	\$0.25 per page
Stenographer Charges	1000 per Hour	\$25 per hour
Video Conferencing and Recording Charges	8000/ Day	\$120 per day
Snacks and High Tea (Upto 2 serves)	Complimentary	Complimentary
Lounge Access	Complimentary	Complimentary
Standard packed Vegetarian Lunch	400 per person*	\$8 per person*
Standard packed Non-Vegetarian Lunch	500 per person*	\$10 per person*
Custom Menu Lunch (Buffet/ Fixed Menu)	Actual	Actual
Overtime Charges (If exceeded working hours)		
Upto 3 Hours	Half Day Charges for all applicable heads	Half Day Charges for all applicable heads
More than 3 hours	Full-Day Charge for all applicable heads	Full-Day Charge for all applicable heads

\*subject to revision

#### PAYMENT TERMS

- Advance : 50% Within 5 Days of Booking (if done more than 10 days in advance) or 50% immediately on booking if done less than 10 days in advance
- Cancellation before 30 days: No Charge
- Cancellation after 30 days and before 48 Hours: 5000 or 10% of booking amount, whichever is higher
- Cancellation within 48 Hours: No Refund
- Additional taxes will be charged as applicable
- For bookings by foreign entities, the USD equivalent of the applicable charges has to be paid

In case of any specific requirement or for including additional components please write to [info@gimac.in](mailto:info@gimac.in).

## Reviving a Storied Legacy: The Resurgence of the Gujarat Port Sector

Gujarat's maritime legacy dates back to 4000 years ago with the establishment of the world's first dockyard at Lothal. The ancient port of Lothal was a major trade hub connecting regions in present-day Iraq, Turkey, Syria, Kuwait, Egypt, and Arabia. Over the centuries, Gujarat has continually taken center stage in several key maritime developments.

Today, Gujarat is a leading maritime state in India, owing to its impressive traffic and throughput. Capitalizing on a business-friendly environment, the state introduced India's first Port Policy in 1995. This policy invited private participation to develop Greenfield ports, enhance existing facilities, and strengthen port infrastructure. The multiple-port strategy implemented by Gujarat is aimed at developing the coastline to promote uniform socio-economic development across the state.



**GUJARAT MARITIME BOARD**  
*The Maritime Brand of India*



## Empowering Maritime Masterpieces: The Gujarat Maritime Board

The Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) holds the crucial mandate of managing the operation, regulation, and promotion of Gujarat's 48 non-major ports. As a leading maritime organization, GMB holds an impressive share of over 30% in India's total national cargo throughput. The state's major port at Kandla is controlled by the Government of India through the Deendayal Port Authority. In the fiscal year 2022-23, Gujarat ranked first in cargo throughput, handling a total cargo of 554 MT across its major and non-major ports. Of this, the non-major ports of Gujarat regulated by GMB handled 416 MT of cargo, contributing to 75 % of the total traffic of Gujarat.

GMB's effective multiple port development model has thrived on the advantages of Gujarat's extensive 1,600 km coastline, the longest in India. With its realm encompassing ports, private jetties, shipbuilding yards, and coastal shipping, GMB has been instrumental in creating maritime landmarks. Notably, Gujarat is home to Pipavav, India's first private port, Mundra, its largest port, and Alang, one of the world's largest ship recycling yards.

The progressive and visionary policies of GMB have elevated Gujarat as a leading player in the country's port and port-led development landscape.

Thanks to the port privatisation initiatives by GMB, cargo traffic at GMB ports has seen significant growth over the past 15 years. As of 2022-23, Gujarat commands a 64% share among non-major ports of India and holds a 29% share in total Indian port traffic.



## Steering Towards Fair Seas: : Gujarat Maritime University's Arbitration Initiative

Established under the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009, Gujarat Maritime University (GMU) is an initiative of the Government of Gujarat through GMB. GMU is dedicated to catalyzing the growth of India's Maritime Sector and bridging industry knowledge gaps.

In line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of creating a knowledge hub in the maritime sector, GMU was launched in 2019, offering industry-centric courses to meet the rising demand for skilled maritime professionals. Collaborating with industry professionals, academics, and government bodies, GMU is a pioneering university in India, providing programs that match the standards of leading international maritime universities.

### Programmes offered by GMU:

- Master of Laws (LL.M) - Maritime Law
- Master of Laws (LL.M) - International Trade Law
- Executive Diploma Programme (EDP) - Maritime Law
- Executive Diploma Programme (EDP) - International Trade Law
- Masters in Business Administration - Shipping & Logistics
- Ph.D. Programme in Law - International Trade law
- Ph.D. Programme in Law - International Environmental Law
- Ph.D. Programme in Management - Finance Management
- Ph.D. Programme in Management - Human Resource Management

### Collaborations and Partnerships:



The University's Governing Body comprises senior officials from the Government of Gujarat, industry leaders, and reputed academicians.

GMU presently operates from its interim campus at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), with a permanent campus taking shape in GIFT City, Gandhinagar. GMU's collaboration with GNLU provides students access to top-tier facilities and faculty, ensuring a well-rounded academic experience.





## CRUISE WITH GIMAC, FOSTERING INDIA'S **AatmaNirbhar** MARITIME PROWES

Connect with GIMAC today for a transformative collaboration opportunity. If your expertise lies in Arbitration and Mediation, we encourage you to register with us through our online portal at [www.gimac.in](http://www.gimac.in).

By doing so, you would be a part of an ambitious initiative to transform the future of maritime arbitration in India.

For a seamless arbitration experience, consider stipulating GIMAC as your preferred arbitration center in all your contracts. This step could pave the way for constructive partnerships, expedited dispute resolutions, and streamlined maritime operations.

**"Remember, your alignment with GIMAC is more than just an association; it's a contribution towards India's AatmaNirbhar journey in the maritime sector."**









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