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International mediator training programme

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Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation (IIAM), Bangalore, and ADR Chambers, UK, will conduct an international mediator training programme in Kochi from May 5-8 next year. The training programme in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods, which will be the first of its kind in the country, will be inaugurated by former Chief Justice of India Justice M.N.Venkatachaliah at the Riviera Suites in Kochi on May 4, director-administrator of IIAM Anil Xavier told reporters here on Thursday.

The programme will involve 50 persons, who will be selected after a screening process to assess their aptitude and ability to mediate. Any person with a professional background can apply.

The course will be held under the direction of the European training team of ADR Chambers, one of the world's leading mediation organisations. The news conference was also attended by a three-member team from ADR Chambers, barristers Jonathan Dingle and Andrea Barnes and solicitor Judith Bell.

Jonathan Dingle, who is also secretary of the Civil Mediation Council in UK, said the rapid growth of the Indian economy and the increasing complexities of business contracts have prompted ADR Chambers to provide the necessary training so that India can develop its own top-class mediators.

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