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ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION: The former Chief Justice of India, M.N. Venkatachaliah, having a word with the Kerala High Court Judge, K.S. Radhakrishnan, at the inauguration of the international-accredited mediator training programme organised by the Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation, PHOTO; H.VIBHU

## Advantages of alternative dispute resolution stressed

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KOCHI: The former Chief Justice of India, M.N. Ventachaliah on Thursday said that Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Dispute Resolution (ADR) proof in the judicial culture of the country.

Inaugurating the international-accredited mediator training programme and the training centre of the Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation, he said that the Government was increasingly becoming aware that the ADR methods were the cheapest way of redressing disputes. In fact, the Government did not have to spend any amount towards lawyer's fees.

## Avoids delays

The former Chief Justice said that the ADR also avoided the delays usually associated with the judicial system in settling disputes. The ADR methods were yet to take deep root in the judicial culture of the country.

However, in Western countries, 90 per cent of the cases were settled at the pre-litigation stage by resorting to ADR.

He said that the country took a long time to give statutory recognition to the ADR methods. In the changing global scenario, the ADR methods acquired great importance.

In fact, no amount of economic programme could be achieved, if the judiciary was not able to deliver justice quickly.

The ADR method was the most dignified way of settling disputes. It gave certain amount of dignity to the parties involved in disputes, he said.

Justice K.S. Radhakrishnan, High Court Judge, presided. Jonathan Dingle, Secretary, Civil Mediation Council, Europe, spoke.