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Community mediation clinics launched

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KOCHI: Chief Justice Manjula Chellur on Friday called for spreading the word about community mediation, which she said was a civilised form of the traditional practice of village elders resolving disputes sitting under a banyan tree in the village square. She said pre-litigation mediation and was an attempt to resolve conflicts between individuals without recourse to the court system, but with the backing of the law.

Ms. Chellur was speaking after inaugurating four community mediation clinics set up by the Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation at a ceremony here on Friday. The clinics are located at Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Kozhikode and Perinthalmanna.

K.T. Thomas, former Supreme Court judge and chairman emeritus of the HAM Community Mediation Service, Mayor Tony Chammany, Inspector General K. Padmakumar, former High Court judge K.V. Ramakrishnan and former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Hormis Tharakan were among the speakers at the function.