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Community Mediation Clinics Launched

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Kochi: The Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation (IIAM) has dedicated community mediation clinics in Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode and Malappuram, as part of establishing the clinics across the state for providing a safe and fair environment for the people to air grievances. Justice Manjula Chellur, Chief Justice of Kerala, dedicated the clinics at a function here on Sunday.

The certificates for the trained community mediators were also distributed at the function. IIAM's community mediation service (CMS) with the motto 'Resolving Disputes, Promoting Harmony' is aimed at resolving conflicts and disputes, designed for the people, of the people and by the people. The mediation clinics provide trained, certified mediators to facilitate conflict resolution and teach skills that can be utilised in the community to bring peace and reduce stress.

They also help to cut down the court time by addressing the situations that are more appropriate for mediation, allowing the courts to deal with more serious cases.

The mediators include educated youths, adults and elders and are given the training as per the IIAM norms.

The IIAM CMS is guided and administered by CMS committee chaired by Justice K T Thomas, former judge of the Supreme Court.