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Bangalore: Former Chief



Justice of India Justice M N Venkatachalaiah (in pic), on Friday, said the load on

the legal system could be reduced if more cases were to be solved through arbitration and mediation.

He was speaking at the launch of 'The Indian Arbitrator', a legal news magazine authored by him.

"Most cases can be mediated," Venkatachalaiah said, adding that such a system, once followed, would help reduce the load on the legal system. "Unfortunately we don't have the right people to manage such a system," he said, adding that people would have to be trained, especially in "the psychology of mediation".

He further said that this system would help build the confidence of litigants.

Introducing the journal, Anil Xavier, IIAM administrator, said it was probably the first of its kind in India and only the fourth or the fifth in the world.

The magazine will have articles which would drive home the concept of arbitration.

It will aim to create awareness about different forms of dispute resolution methods and give news and case laws on arbitration and mediation in India and outside.

It will, thus, offer an independent mode of dispute resolution apart from the conventional methods, he said.

The magazine will also comprise global comparative studies on various aspects of arbitration and mediation, and commentaries by experts, Xavier said.

The process of arbitration, which caters both to the needs of companies as well as individuals, allows settlement of disputes outside courts within a period of six to 10 months.

It thus offers a solution for court cases, which otherwise take years, Xavier said.