

EDITORIAL

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism has an ancient history; it was acknowledged in the pre-independence period under the British regime after the formation of Bengal Regulations of 1772 and 1781 which recognised the non-traditional method of settling disputes via arbitrator. ADR revolves around impartiality, good faith and confidentiality in justice. ADR mechanisms are used to speed up the resolution of disputes and reduce the burden of the courts.

The CMR University School of Legal Studies strives to maintain high standards to impart quality legal education in par with International requirements. The institute has started an online Journal on dispute resolution, which is an official publication of the Center for Alternate Dispute Resolution, CMR University School of Legal Studies, the aim is to recognise and stimulate academic research and scholarship in ADR mechanism. The Journal promotes to examine the recent trends in the area of ADR. The current issue has in-depth articles and case comments on developments in ADR law and practice.

The first edition was received well. We hope that this CMR University E-Journal for "**Dispute Settlement and Arbitration**" will encourage and prepare the readers to understand the nuances of ADR techniques in the judicial process. We are thankful to the various contributors who have submitted articles for having shared their views in this emerging area. The editorial team led by Vidya Selvamony has played a significant role in bringing out this edition.

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