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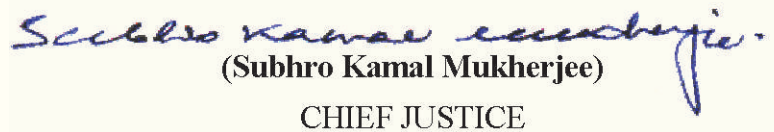
Mediation, as one of the most cost-efficient means of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR), has gained ground in many countries. Today, various types of complex disputes can be settled through mediation.

Mediation, in fact, could be even more effective in Karnataka where Judiciary today is facing an alarming situation due to the massive arrears in the Courts and the consequential delay in disposal of cases. Even more so in cases where most of the time disputes revolve around relatively minor issues.

Bangalore Mediation Centre (BMC) is dedicated to provide quick, cost effective, reliable and confidential solution for dispute resolution which is purely on voluntary basis. The Centre aims to help the disputing parties create mutual and acceptable options for settlement and focus on improving the future.

The achievements of Bangalore Mediation Centre as also the concept of Mediation as an alternative dispute process require to be made known to the legal fraternity and the general public at large. It is a matter of pride that the Centre has taken initiative to bring out periodic "News Letter" reflecting its activities.

I believe that the "News Letter" will be a great source of information about the activities and achievements of the Bangalore Mediation Centre. I heartily congratulate the Board of Governors and the faculty members of the Mediation Centre for publication of the News Letter.


(Subhro Kamal Mukherjee)
CHIEF JUSTICE



Mr. Justice Jayant Patel


Judge, High Court of Karnataka
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Message

The Mediation by now has emerged as one of the useful and effective mechanism in the system of alternative dispute redressal method. It not only substantially reduces the burden of the Courts, but resultantly Courts are in a position to spare more time for the disputes which cannot be resolved by alternative mode for redressal of dispute like Mediation, LokAdalat, etc. The Bangalore Mediation Centre, as apparent from the contents of the newsletter is immensely contributing for achieving the objects of ADR mechanism. The litigating class in general and more particularly, of Bengaluru City and the nearby area are being benefited by such useful and effective Mediation Centre.

I congratulate the President and all the Members of Board of Governors for the achievements of the Bangalore Mediation Centre and I am sure that the activity of the Bangalore Mediation Centre would get further momentum enduring benefit to the litigant public with the pleasure of amicable settlement for all time to come.

I am sure that this newsletter will be of a great feedback to all the aspirant beneficiaries of Mediation and also an encouragement to do further better for achieving the objects of Mediation Centre and thereby realization of the provisions of Section 89 introduced in the Code of Civil Procedure by the Parliament.



(Justice Jayant Patel)



Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. Billappa
Judge, High Court of Karnataka

President's Message


The Bangalore Mediation Centre, established in 2007, as an initiative of the High Court of Karnataka, has made commendable progress in promoting Court Annexed Mediation. A steady growth in the number of referrals and in the number of cases that have been resolved bear testimony to its success. With a current strength of 113 Mediators at Bengaluru, and a total of 2064 Mediators all over Karnataka it is poised for a quantum leap. Success stories have been many and varied. From couples in bitter matrimonial conflicts being reunited to cross border, multi jurisdictional commercial transactions being resolved, BMC's success rate of 65% is impressive.

Public visibility and success stories of an organisation are vital to its growth and sustainability. Therefore, it was appropriate that the nine years of dedication of all the stake holders namely, the High Court of Karnataka, Board of Governors, Referral Judges, Mediators and litigants be brought into public domain. Concepts and techniques of Mediation have evolved over time, while traditional theories have been refined by experience. Dissemination of information was, essential and hence, the idea of publishing a newsletter was born.

This issue is the Inaugural Issue and we hope to publish the news letter once in a quarter. This issue contains reports of events held this calendar year at Chennai and Bengaluru, while statistics reflect the impressive growth of BMC. Future issues would carry more features.

I request all Mediators in Karnataka to contribute articles, study papers and news about Mediation for publication. We specially request Mediators to provide case studies from which techniques and strategies could be learnt. We believe that the news letter could become an effective training aid in future.

I hope you enjoy reading the Inaugural issue.


(H. Billappa)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BMC has worked in close collaboration with the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) for the State Level Workshop at Bangalore and orientation programmes in the Districts of Karnataka. BMC gratefully acknowledges the spontaneous support given by KSLSA and looks forward to its cooperation and support in future.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Mediation as an alternate dispute redressal process, is of recent origin in India. In 2007, the ISDLS, California under the aegis of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, spearheaded a pilot project at New Delhi and Bengaluru followed.

Court Annexed Mediation was formally introduced at Bengaluru in 2007 as an initiative of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. The then Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Cyriac Joseph visualized an institution exclusively for Mediation at Bengaluru. Therefore, the first batch of 12 Advocates were trained in Mediation by Trainers of the ISDLS in 2007. Mediations were conducted in the serene surroundings of the Karnataka Judicial Academy

Realizing the need to institutionalize the process, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Cyriac Joseph established the Bangalore Mediation Centre (BMC) in 2007 under the aegis of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. In nine years since its inception, BMC has evolved into a premier institution of excellence commanding an enviable reverence across the world. BMC stands as testimony to the vision and commitment of its Founder, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Cyriac Joseph. His dream of an enduring institution is today an irrefutable reality. BMC has been recognised across several countries as a premier institution in Mediation.

BMC has retained its focus on training and capacity building. Its trainers have trained Advocates and Judges in Mediation all over India. Trainers of BMC were invited to the Maldives to impart training. BMC has trained 9 sitting Judges of the Karnataka High Court in 2011.

BMC has the distinction of having mediated over 40837 cases since inception and having settled over 26333 cases. Resolved cases represent a wide spectrum - civil suits, matrimonial cases, money recovery suits, guardianship disputes, child custody cases, writ petitions, SCLAPs, RFAs, MFAs, IPR related suits and suits relating to cross-border commercial transactions. In over 308 divorce petitions filed under various statutes, Mediation has succeeded in reuniting the warring couples. It is a tribute to the skills of the Mediators of BMC.

BMC is located in a well maintained building with 16 Mediation rooms, two spacious waiting halls, clean toilets and a canteen that serves wholesome food. Dedicated staff ensure an efficient administration. BMC, therefore, provides to litigants a friendly and cordial environment which in itself goes a long way to ease tensions, while preparing the ground for mediation.

BMC has a strength of 113 Mediators, while in the Districts the strength is 1951.

BMC has been transformed from a fledgling institution to a position of prominence in nine years. BMC conveys its deep sense of appreciation to its Mediators and staff for their effort and dedication in making BMC a nationally recognised institution of quality. BMC conveys its gratitude to its Founder, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Cyriac Joseph whose guidance, support and encouragement will always be cherished. The Board of Governors have contributed in great measure to the growth of BMC and BMC expresses its sincere gratitude to them.

THE GROWTH CHART

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mediated</u>	<u>Resolved</u>
2007	1421	771
2008	3567	2217
2009	3894	2633
2010	4007	2658
2011	4255	2904
2012	4832	3274
2013	5244	3531
2014	5288	3395
2015	5280	3272
2016 (till 30.06.2016)	3049	1678
Total	40,837	26,333

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STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON MEDIATION, BENGALURU



A State Level Workshop on Mediation and Orientation Programme for Mediators was organised by the BMC in collaboration with the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority on 27.2.2016 at Dr.Ambedkar Bhawan, Bengaluru. 417 Mediators from 27 districts of Karnataka and Mediators of BMC participated. The State Level Workshop was the first of its kind in the country.

Hon'ble Mr.Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar,



the then President, BMC welcomed the guests and gave an introductory address. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr.Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairman, MCPC. In his address, he emphasized the need to ensure the growth of Mediation as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, particularly in the Districts. He opined that adherence to a strict code of ethics was critical. Hon'ble Mr.Justice Subhro Kamal Mukherjee, Chief Justice High Court of Karnataka and Patron-in-Chief delivered the Presidential address.

The first business session with the theme **“Key to Structured Mediation – the Opening Statement”** was chaired by Hon'ble Mr.Justice Aravind Kumar, Member, Board of Governors, BMC, who commenced the session with introductory remarks. To reiterate the importance of and need for an effective opening statement, presentations were made by Mr.Shiv Kumar, Master Trainer, BMC on the **"structure and stages of Mediation;"** by Smt. Susheela S, Master

Trainer, BMC on the **"importance of an opening statement"** and by Smt. Geetha Devi Papanna M.P. Trainer, BMC on the **"contents of the opening statement."** The session concluded with a panel discussion on the subject.

The second business session with the theme **"Core Concepts of Mediation"** was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.N. Phaneendra, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, who commenced the session with an introduction to some of the core concepts of Mediation. These concepts were emphasized through presentations made by Mr. Humayun M.A. Trainer, BMC on the **"purpose of joint and private sessions and need for effective communication;"** by Mr. Prasad Subbanna, Master Trainer and Coordinator, BMC, on **"negotiations and determining strategies and effective communication,"** and by Smt. Shobha Patil, Master Trainer and Coordinator, BMC on evaluation of **"Success in Mediation"**. The session concluded with a panel discussion on the subject.

A panel discussion (open house) was held between 3 and 4pm. Members of the panel were

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar
Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.N. Phaneendra

The Anchors were Mr. Prasad Subbanna and Mr. Bharat Mehta.

Several issues relating to Mediation, like lack of referrals, fee structure, lack of infrastructure, logistics issues, particularly in districts and lack of adequate manpower were discussed. Suggestions and queries received and collated from District Mediation Centres, were responded to by the panel. The consensus was that if appropriate measures were taken, a higher rate of referrals and a better quality of Mediation would ensue. Relevant issues relating to the manner of making references, the nature of cases to be referred, procedures to be followed etc., were discussed at length. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar informed the participants that a circular had been issued by the High Court of

Karnataka requiring all Courts to refer at least 4 cases in a month to Mediation.

The panel discussion was followed by the valedictory function. Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kumar, Judge, (Retd.) High Court of Karnataka was the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kumar asserted that a settlement in Mediation should be the result of intense efforts by a Mediator and not due to a mere change in circumstances of the parties.



At the valedictory function Awards and Certificates were given away by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur and Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kumar to 10 Mediators of BMC who had mediated in the largest number of cases. The Awardees were:

Mr. S. Sudarsana Reddy , Mr. N. Ramesh, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed K.L.M., Mr. Joe Joseph., Mr. Rama Rao T.S., Ms. Jyoti M. , Ms. Hamsa Javali., Ms. Jameela K.M., Ms. Swayamprabha H.C., and Mr. Cariappa M M.

BMC congratulates the Awardees and wishes them greater success in future.

In his address Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan Lokur appreciated the excellent working of BMC but observed that the success rate at the district centres was comparatively low. He expressed the hope that Mediation in Karnataka would register an impressive growth within a year.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. M. Chandrashekar Reddy, Director, BMC.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MEDIATION, CHENNAI



A **Regional Conference on Mediation** was organized by the High Court of Tamil Nadu and the Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre, on 9th January 2016 at Chennai .

The object of the Conference was to discuss:

- (i) challenges in implementation & management of Mediation activities;
- (ii) solutions to overcome challenges faced in implementation of the Mediation Programme; and
- (iii) implementation of a plan for the year 2016-17.

Participants were the High Courts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Mumbai and Chhatisgarh. The High Court of Karnataka was represented by:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar (President, BMC)

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Abdul Nazeer, Member, Board of Governors, BMC.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar, Member, Board of Governors, BMC.

Participating delegates from BMC were:

Ms. Susheela S, Ms. Hamsa Javali, Mr. Humayun M.A., Mr. Joe Joseph, Mr. Shabbir Ahmed K.L.M., Mr. S. Sudarsana Reddy, Mr. Ramesh N, Mr. Shiv Kumar

The Inaugural Address on 9.1.2016 was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla, Judge, Supreme Court of India. The opening address was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay

Kishan Kaul, Chief Justice, High Court of Tamil Nadu, while a Special Address was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Member, Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee.

The first business session on 9.1.2016 comprised presentations by the High Courts of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Mumbai and Chhatisgarh followed by open house discussions. The presentations related to the challenges in implementation and management of Mediation activities, solutions to overcome challenges in implementation and projected plans for 2016-17. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar made a presentation on behalf of the High Court of Karnataka. He highlighted the success rate of BMC and explained measures that had been implemented to train Mediators in all the Districts of Karnataka. He noted that Karnataka had 2027 Mediators. He emphasized that 40 hours training in Mediation had been imparted to selected Advocates in all the Districts of Karnataka. Subsequent to the presentations, delegates from each State convened in a Break Out Group to discuss ways and means to promote Mediation and to counter challenges to growth of Mediation.

The second business session on 10.1.2016 witnessed Power point Presentations by each Break Out Group. Several challenges ranging from lack of infrastructure, lack of referrals to inadequate

remuneration and related issues were identified and debated.

The Break Out Group from Karnataka recommended multifaceted programmes to popularize Mediation at grass-root levels and suggested the use of local cultural and social media alongwith use of technology. The Group suggested that a survey be conducted by a professional agency to determine the existing reach and awareness of Mediation to be followed by a sustained campaign to create nationwide awareness about benefits of Mediation. Using a “brand ambassador” was recommended. Developing a “Best Practices Manual”

was suggested. It was recommended that a well structured course on “Mediation Advocacy” be designed in collaboration with Bar Council/s and Judicial Academies in the country. The Group explained the need for a uniform protocol in cases referred to Mediation.

Both business sessions were in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur and Mr. P.P. Rao, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Member of the MCPC.

The Conference concluded with a valedictory function on 10.1.2016.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS, BENGALURU ZONE



An Orientation program on Mediation was organised for judicial officers on 27.3.2016 at the Golden Jubilee Hall, High Court of Karnataka and was attended by over 271 serving Judicial Officers from Bengaluru

Urban, Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru & Kolar Districts. Inaugurating the programme, the Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court and Patron-in-Chief of BMC Hon'ble Mr. Justice Subhro Mukherjee



the psychological aspects of Mediation and presented an insight into attitudes that were usually encountered in Mediation.

The fourth business session was addressed by Mr. Shiv Kumar, Coordinator, Master Trainer and Mediator, BMC. He explained the differences between “conflict” and “dispute” and between “interest” and “position”. He emphasized the importance of addressing “interests” of parties rather than legal positions that are usually adopted by litigants.

The business sessions was followed by an interactive session with a panel that comprised:

emphasized the need for Mediation to be understood by all sections of society and exhorted Judicial Officers to refer more cases to Mediation. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and the then President, Board of Governors, BMC presided over the function.

In the first business session Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Member Board of Governors, BMC, addressed the participants on the role of Referral Judges and explained their role and responsibility in referring cases to Mediation.

The second business session was addressed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.N. Phaneendra, Judge, High Court of Karnataka. He explained the contents of Section 89 of the Code of Civil Procedure and gave a basic insight into the process of Mediation with particular reference to the kinds of cases that could be referred to Mediation.

The third business session was addressed by Ms. Geeta Devi Papanna, Mediator and Trainer, BMC, who outlined

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Abdul Nazeer

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ravi Malimath

Ms. Geeta Devi Papanna

Mr. Shiv Kumar

Several issues arising out of the business sessions and relating to the process of referring cases to Mediation, followup and monitoring the progress of Mediation in individual cases were aired and discussed.

The orientation programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Chandrashekar Reddy, Director, BMC.



ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS AT KALBURGI ZONE



An orientation program on Mediation was organised at the premises of the High Court of Karnataka, Kalburgi on 14.2.2016 and was attended by 154 serving Judicial Officers of the Districts within the jurisdiction of the Kalburgi Bench of the High Court of Karnataka. The program was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Member, Board of Governors, BMC. Resource persons were Smt. Susheela S, Coordinator and Master Trainer, BMC and Smt. Sudha S.N. Trainer, BMC.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS, MYSURU ZONE



An orientation program on Mediation was organised for judicial officers of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajnagar, Madikeri and Hassan Districts on 13.3.2016 at Mysuru and was attended by 99 serving Judicial Officers. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and the then President, Board of Governors, BMC delivered the keynote address. Mr. Prasad Subbanna, Coordinator and Master Trainer, BMC and Mr. Prashanth Chandra S.N. Trainer, BMC were the resource persons.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS, MANGALURU ZONE



An orientation program on Mediation was organised for judicial officers of the Districts of Mangaluru and Udupi on 17.4.2016 at Mangaluru and was attended by 39 serving Judicial Officers. Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.N. Venugopala Gowda, Judge, High Court of Karnataka inaugurated the programme and delivered the keynote address. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Abdul Nazeer, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Member, Board of Governors, BMC presided over the function. Ms. Shobha Patil, Coordinator and Master Trainer, BMC and Smt. Manjula N. Tejaswi were the resource persons.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS, DHARWAR ZONE



An orientation program on Mediation was organised for judicial officers of Districts under the jurisdiction of the Dharwar Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on 24.4.2016 at Dharwar and was attended by 75 serving Judicial Officers. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and the then President, Board of Governors, BMC inaugurated the programme and delivered the Inaugural address. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ravi Malimath, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Member, Board of Governors of BMC, presided over the function.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Patil, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Manohar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. Narendar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka were present and participated in the event. Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, Smt. Shobha Patil, Coordinator and Master Trainer, BMC and Smt. Susheela S, Coordinator and Master Trainer, BMC were the resource persons.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS, SHIVAMOGGA ZONE



An orientation program on Mediation was organised for judicial officers of Shivamogga, Chikkamagalur, Chitradurga and Davangere Districts on 3.3.2016 at Shivamogga and was attended by 70 serving Judicial Officers. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka and the then President, Board of Governors, BMC delivered the keynote address. Ms. Sheela Krishna and Mr. Nandgopal B, Trainers of BMC were the resource persons.

CAPSULE TRAINING PROGRAMME, BENGALURU, APRIL 2016



Under the aegis of the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of the Supreme Court of India a three day capsule training programme was conducted at the Bengaluru Mediation Centre between 14th and 16th April 2016. The training was guided by Ms. Shalinder Kaur, DHJS, Delhi and Ms. Poonam Mendiratta, Trainer, Delhi Mediation Centre. 37 Trainers of BMC participated.

The objectives of the capsule training were two fold, first to be a refresher course for the participants and second to identify potential trainers to be empanelled as trainers of MCPC.

The event witnessed 15 minute presentations by each of the participants on different aspects of Mediation. Interactive sessions that followed each presentation witnessed intense discussions while role plays and the debriefing thereafter by Ms. Shalinder and Ms. Poonam provided new inputs relating to strategies that could be adopted in Mediation.

Presentation and interactive response skills of Trainers were evaluated by the Trainers from Delhi. The three day capsule training clearly established the need for periodic review of Mediation skills through continuing education or refresher courses.

Bangalore Mediation Centre conveys its sincere gratitude to Ms. Shalinder Kaur and Ms. Poonam Mendiratta for having devoted valuable time with our Mediators as also for their inputs which together was a learning experience for the participants.

40 HOURS TRAINING FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS

A five day –40 hours training programme was organised by Bangalore Mediation Centre (BMC) at the Centre for 20 serving judicial Officers of Bengaluru and others Districts between 2.5.2016 and 6.5.2016.

The training was in accordance with prescribed MCPC norms. Master Trainers of BMC viz., Ms. Shobha Patil, Ms.Susheela S. and Mr. Shiv Kumar conducted the training with inputs and sessions by Ms.Jyoti M, Ms.Vaishali Hegde, Ms. Beena Devaraj and Ms.Manjula Tejaswi.

We are happy that the response was extremely enthusiastic. BMC has planned such training modules in all Districts during this year.



OVERVIEW OF MEDIATION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Continuing its efforts to create awareness of and educate students about the scope and meaning of Section 89 of the Code of Civil Procedure and Mediation in particular, Bangalore Mediation Centre (BMC) has regularly conducted educational programmes for students of Law Colleges at its premises. These sessions were conducted by Mediators. In 2016, thirty such educational programmes have been organised for students of the following Law Colleges:

Azim Premji University	Dr.Ram Manohar Lohia College of Law
Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya College of Law	J.S.S.Law College, Mysuru
Vidyodaya Law College, B.H.Road.	Govt.Law College, Ramanagar
B.M.S. Law College	B.E.S.College of Law, Bengaluru
Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College	Dr.B.R.Ambedkar College of Law
Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies	K.L.E.Society Law College, Bengaluru
Sharada Vilas Law College, Mysuru	V.V.Puram Law College
C.M.R. College of Law	Vivekananda College of Law
Seshadripuram Law College	Teacher's Law College, Medahalli, Bengaluru

CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST AT BANGALORE MEDIATION CENTRE

In a world of matrimonial conflict, in addition to the trauma of the husband and wife, children become victims of parental conflict. The psychological impact of such conflict, particularly upon children, has been adequately researched and documented. Recognizing the need for professional inputs and assistance in such cases referred to Mediation and to provide professional assistance at BMC, Ms.Anupama Caroline Joshua, Counsellor, Socio Psychotherapy Counselling has been available at BMC every Saturday from 16.8.2014. The availability of a qualified Counsellor has proved to be a source of immense comfort and help to a large number of litigants involved in matrimonial conflict.

BMC is proud that it is the first and only Mediation Centre to provide such an in house facility.

PRE-LITIGATION DESK AT BANGALORE MEDIATION CENTRE

Consequent upon the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in K.Srinivas Rao v/s D.A.Deepa (2013) 5 SCC 226 which directed establishment of prelitigation Desks at each Mediation Centre, the BMC has set up a dedicated prelitigation Desk at its premises at Bengaluru. The Desk has been operational since 2014 and is manned by trained Mediators on a roster basis on six days of the week. Several cases relating to Section 498-A of the IPC, matrimonial conflicts and related issues have been mediated and successfully resolved.

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GUEST LECTURE

“CROSSING BOUNDARIES THROUGH DIALOGUE”

On 25.7.2016 Ms. Ameya Kilara, a dual qualified Lawyer (UK and India) addressed Mediators at Bengaluru Mediation Centre (BMC) on “**Crossing Boundaries Through Dialogue.**” She narrated her experiences in negotiating peace in Kashmir, as the Projects Manager, South Asia Programme of CONCILIATION RESOURCES, which is an independent peace building organisation working in eight conflict contexts globally. She explained the nature of conflict in Kashmir, and peace making efforts through Mediation and negotiation, particularly along the Line of Control. She emphasized that any peace making initiative recognised the fundamental concept of “possibilities” in the quest for solutions. She reiterated that dialogue would form the basis to prepare the ground for negotiations and expressed her observation that terminology used in such peace building processes could not be offensive.

The Lecture was followed by an interactive session. Mr. M.Chandrashekar Reddy, Director, BMC welcomed the speaker and Mediators. The Lecture concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. M. Chandrashekar Reddy.



TOT AT BANGALORE MEDIATION CENTRE

At the behest of MCPC, New Delhi a 'Training of Trainers' (TOT) programme was held at the Bangalore Mediation Centre between 4th and 6th August 2016. 19 selected Trainers of the BMC were the participants. Dr. Sudhir Kumar Jain(DHJS) and Ms.Shalinder Kaur(DHJS), Trainers from New Delhi; Mr.A.J.Jawad, and Mr. D. Bharath Chakravarthy, Trainers from Chennai were the training faculty nominated by MCPC, New Delhi. The Resource persons from the Bangalore Mediation Centre were Ms.Laila Ollapally, Master Trainer, Ms.Susheela S, Co ordinator and Master Trainer, Mr. B.C. Thiruvengadam, Master Trainer, and Mr. Shiv Kumar, Co ordinator and Master Trainer.

Sessions on Adult Learning, Learning Styles, Class Room Management, Time Management, Designing a Training Programme and Role of a Trainer constituted the core theory while all participants underwent practical training in presentation and facilitation skills, and in designing a training programme. BMC conveys its gratitude to MCPC, New Delhi, the Trainers and resource persons for having made the programme meaningful.





Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar, the then President of the Board of Governors has been transferred to the High Court of Kerala as Acting Chief Justice.

BMC wishes him the very best.

BMC will miss his sensitive leadership and in particular, his commitment to enhance the quality of Mediation. BMC has grown in stature under his leadership. The Mediators' Family at BMC wishes Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar the very best in his new role and looks forward to his continued involvement with BMC.

GUEST VISITOR



On 17.08.2016 Ms. Laurence Baradat, Lawyer, Mediator and Trainer in Mediation & Negotiation, from France visited BMC for an interactive session with Mediators of the BMC. Mr. B.C. Thiruvengadam, Master Trainer introduced the Guest. Ms. Laurence is Director of IHEN (Institut des Hautes Etudes en Médiation en Négociation) (higher institute) located in Aix en Provence (France), and also the Vice-President of FNCM (National Federation of Mediation Centres of France). The session witnessed a healthy exchange of views on Mediation and techniques used in France. Ms. Laurence expressed her admiration for the excellent work that was being done at the BMC.

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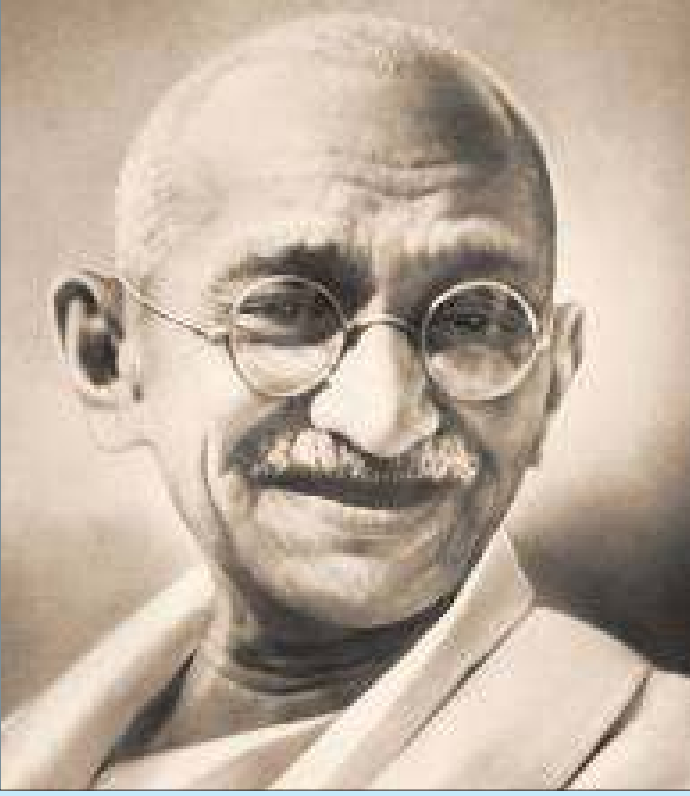
BMC imparted 40 hours training in Mediation from 16-5-2011 to 20-5-2011. to nine Judges of the High Court of Karnataka and nine designated Senior Advocates .

The Hon'ble Judges were:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.S. Khehar ,(the then Chief Justice), Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.L. Manjunath (since Retd), Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Abdul Nazeer, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.N. Venugopala Gowda, Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Kempanna (since Retd), Hon'ble Mr. Justice Subhash B. Adi (since Retd), Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Patil, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice V.K. Govindarajulu (since deceased).

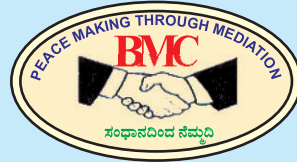
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