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Having been associated for several years with alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in India and particularly with mediation and lok adalats, I am extremely glad to learn of the launch of ADR World.

India has great potential in making mediation successful. In fact, over the last couple of years judges and lawyers have taken much greater interest in mediation and have been encouraging litigants to resort to this alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

In my view, mediation is perhaps the best way, if not the only way, of reducing the large number of cases in the courts across the country. Since our courts permit easy access to justice to litigants and also provide free legal aid to indigent litigants and disadvantaged sections of society, it is difficult to contain the inflow of cases. Mediation, if encouraged by society, will surely prove beneficial to indigent and disadvantaged litigants, and lessen the burden of the courts thereby enabling the justice delivery system to deliver responsive and quality justice.

ADR World will, I hope, assist in the venture of encouraging amicable resolution of disputes through mediation and, in the long run, enable the justice delivery system in India to be more efficient and efficacious.

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