

Workshop on ADR skills begins at ICFAI University

**Padmashree Prof. Menon urges for
application of laws in social context**

Agartala, September 6:

A three-day "Professional Development Programme on Teaching of ADR Skills and Practical Training" got underway at Kamalghat Campus of ICFAI University, Tripura this morning with appeal for application of laws in social context. The programme is being organized by The ICFAI University, Tripura at the auspices of IBA-CLE Chair of National Law School of India University, Bengaluru and M K Nambyar Academy for Continuing Legal Education, Kochi, Kerala.

Considered to be father figure of modern legal education in India, Padmashree awardee Professor N R Madhav Menon formally inaugurated the programme by lightening ceremonial lamp amidst huge gathering of law teachers of different institutions of North Eastern States and legal education students of host ICFAI University. On the inaugural day, Professor Menon and other distinguished Resource Speakers laid emphasis to settle problematic social issues through Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR) skills for a better social environment.

In his welcome address Professor Biplab Halder, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of The ICFAI University, Tripura expressed his sincere regards to Professor N R Madhav Menon for his maiden visit to Tripura and choosing ICFAI University Tripura for organizing Professional Development Programme on Teaching of ADR Skills and Practical Training. Professor Halder informed among round of applause that Professor Menon at once accepted the proposal for the programme and sent confirmation through e-mail immediately.

The Pro-Vice Chancellor said, entire North East would make a big difference in legal education in near future and expressed hope that three-day Professional Development Programme would enrich the participants and law students of ICFAI University, Tripura.

In his brief address, Shri R K Mishra, the Principal of Tripura Government Law College remarked that this was a dream of Tripura people to see a great personality like Professor N R Madhav Menon in the State. He said, Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR) skills are substitute of standard Court system which includes arbitration, conciliation, negotiation and mediation.

Today's programme was attended among others by Mr. Stephen G Barnes, the Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs of The Pennsylvania State University, USA, who termed Professor N R Madhav Menon as great Indian personality of legal education. Mr. Barnes remarked that his life was incomplete until he came to India and met with Professor Menon.

In his key note address, Professor N R Madhav Menon said, " law is a gift for mankind and we must find out law to solve an issue. Laws are for social justice and social transformation but many people are ignorant about their duties." Citing the importance of Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR) skills, Professor Menon gave an example where Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi settled a long pending dispute from social point of view.

Laying emphasis on Continuing legal education, Professor Menon commented that " More you know, more you realize on little you know" and urged upon the participant teachers to ensure that law students are trained with values and ethics. Dr. A Ranganath, the Registrar of ICFAL University, Tripura conveyed vote of thanks to distinguished Resource Speakers and participants.

The three-day programme will conclude on Thursday with felicitation of Dipa Karmakar and her Coach in the hand of a Padmasree Awardee Professor Neelakantha Ramakrishna Madhav Menon. Dipa Karmakar and her Coach Bishweshwar Nandi have brought laurels for the country from Rio Olympics. Missed a Bronze medal very closely, Dipa Karmakar has proved her gymnastic excellence at World's highest sporting platform last month.