

## Mediation Report 2019-2020

A Webinar on “**Demonstration on Mediation Process**” was organized on **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020** at Vidyavardhaka Law College. About 139 students registered their name to the webinar and total 109 members attended through online platform zoom meeting. In this online Demonstration Smt. Savithri explained about importance of mediation and its process. The other advocates played various roles. The Mediators explained that, mediation is a dynamic process in which the mediator assists the parties to negotiate a settlement for resolving their dispute.

The resource person pointed out various benefits of Mediation like, Disputes can be dealt with promptly, it provides an opportunity to address the situation before the problem accelerate parties control the outcome of the dispute. It provides a win-win situation for both the parties as they play an important role in formulating the terms of the settlement it improves relationship between disputing parties it creates a forum where disputes and issues can be heard and addressed by the parties with the help of a neutral third party and finally it saves money as the disputes are promptly settled or if not settled are referred back to the court immediately.





The resource person explained the various sessions which take place in mediation i.e Private and Joint sessions respectively. Private Sessions provide an opportunity for the parties to have one-on-one discussions with the mediator. It gives them a chance to reveal their side of the problem and put forth any demands that they might be hesitant or unwilling to voice out, otherwise, in the presence of the other party. Joint sessions allow both the parties to put forth their suggestions and discuss freely the terms under which they are willing to negotiate their conditions with the other party, in the presence of the mediator. Another, patently, important aspect pointed out that, the mediation is that it is completely confidential; discussions during mediation sessions cannot be used as evidence against the other party in Court also, the mediator does not play the role of a judge and, most definitely, cannot be called as a witness to confirm or deny the allegations made against either of the parties in Court.

The webinar was witnessed by Principal Smt. Deepu P, Director of Legal Studies Prof. K.B Vasudev, Dr. Prakruthi A.R, Coordinator, teaching staff of our college and other law college students and faculty members.