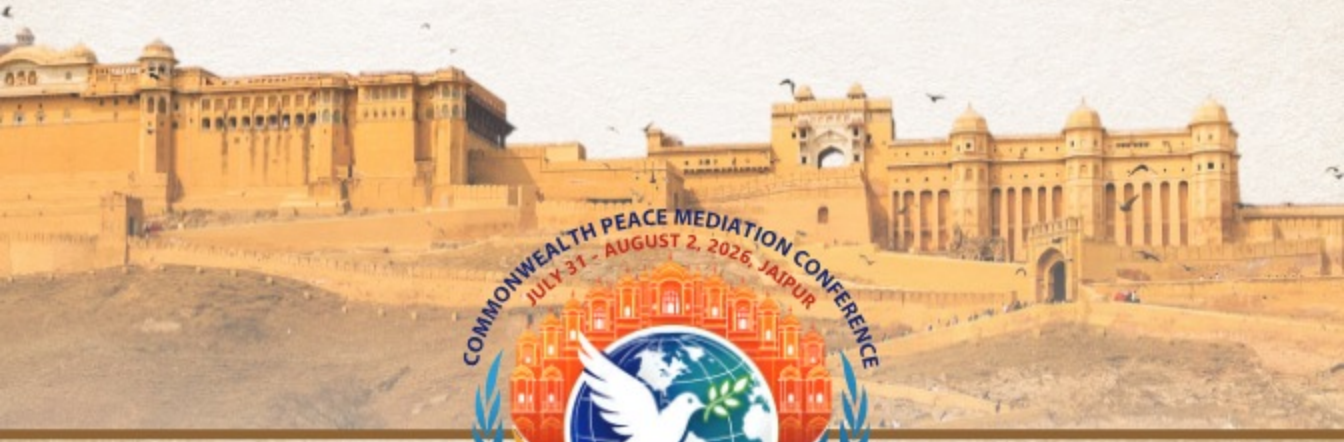


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सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चिद्दुःखभाग्भवेत् ॥
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

May all sentient beings be at peace, May no one suffer from illness,
May all see what is auspicious, May no one suffer,
Om shanti, shanti, shanti.

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The Chief Justice of India



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Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference:

Vision, Objectives and Legacy

The Commonwealth Peace Mediation conference is conceived as a landmark international initiative dedicated to advancing mediation as a transformative instrument for the peaceful, inclusive, and sustainable resolution of disputes. Jointly organised by the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA), under the aegies of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA), the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), Nivaaran – the Supreme Court Mediators Association, the conference seeks to foster a global dialogue on strengthening mediation ecosystems across Commonwealth jurisdictions.

At its core, the conference aspires to reaffirm the philosophy that lasting peace is best achieved through dialogue rather than adversarial confrontation. In an era marked by increasing legal complexity, commercial expansion, cross-border interactions, and social diversity, mediation has emerged as a humane, participatory, and future-oriented mechanism that preserves relationships while delivering timely and consensual justice. The conference aims to underscore mediation not merely as an alternative to litigation, but as a cornerstone of modern justice systems and a vital contributor to the rule of law, social harmony, and institutional resilience.

The conference will provide an eminent platform for judges, policymakers, legal practitioners, accredited mediators, academicians, and ADR professionals from across the Commonwealth to deliberate upon contemporary developments, exchange comparative experiences, and share innovative practices in mediation. Through meaningful dialogue and collaborative engagement, it seeks to identify emerging trends, address existing challenges, and explore pathways for strengthening mediation frameworks at both national and international levels.

A key objective of the conference is to encourage the harmonisation of mediation practices by promoting the exchange of legislative experiences, institutional models, technological innovations, and professional standards.

Particular emphasis will be placed upon the role of mediation in commercial disputes, family conflicts, community reconciliation, victim-centric justice, environmental matters, and cross-border dispute resolution, thereby demonstrating its versatility across diverse legal landscapes.

The conference further seeks to cultivate a culture of consensus-building by highlighting mediation's capacity to reduce litigation, improve access to justice, alleviate judicial burdens, and promote restorative outcomes. It also aims to strengthen international cooperation among commonwealth nations through the creation of enduring professional networks, institutional partnerships, and collaborative initiatives dedicated to advancing the global mediation movement.

Ultimately, the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference envisions a future where mediation transcends its procedural character to become a societal value—one that nurtures dialogue over discord, collaboration over conflict, and reconciliation over division. By bringing together distinguished thought leaders and practitioners from across the Commonwealth, the conference seeks to reaffirm the collective commitment to building peaceful societies, accessible justice systems, and a resilient global culture of mediation.

Expected Outcomes

Towards the Jaipur Declaration on Peace Mediation

The Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference is envisioned not merely as a forum for academic discussions, but as a catalyst for meaningful institutional collaboration and transformative action. The conference seeks to culminate in the adoption of the ***'Jaipur Declaration'*** on Peace Mediation—a collective statement of commitment by participating jurisdictions and institutions to strengthen mediation as a preferred mechanism for the peaceful, efficient, and equitable resolution of disputes.

The Jaipur Declaration on Peace Mediation affirms that peaceful coexistence, human dignity, justice, equality, inclusiveness, and the rule of law are the cornerstones of a harmonious society. It recognizes Peace Mediation as a transformative process that goes beyond dispute resolution, fostering reconciliation, restoring relationships, and promoting understanding. The Declaration emphasizes that mediation should remain voluntary, impartial, confidential, and accessible, serving as an effective means of resolving conflicts while safeguarding justice and human rights.

The Declaration further acknowledges that mediation is a shared responsibility extending from individuals and communities to national and international institutions. It underscores the importance of building a culture of peace by empowering communities, protecting vulnerable groups, embracing innovation, and integrating mediation into governance, justice systems, education, environmental protection, and sustainable development. Delegates reaffirm that technology should complement, rather than replace, human judgment, compassion, and ethical decision-making.

Through this Declaration, the delegates commit themselves to advancing peaceful dispute resolution by strengthening institutional capacities, promoting professional standards, enhancing mediation training, and expanding international cooperation. They pledge to encourage restorative justice, community participation, knowledge-sharing, and cross-border collaboration, ensuring that mediation remains an effective instrument for preventing conflict, promoting reconciliation, and securing lasting peace.

Finally, the Jaipur Declaration represents a collective commitment to carry forward the principles of peace, dialogue, and mutual respect beyond the Conference. It serves as a call to governments, judiciaries, legal institutions, mediators, and civil society to work together in building a future where conflicts are resolved through understanding rather than confrontation, reaffirming that peace, human dignity, and the rule of law remain the foundation of a just, inclusive, and sustainable world.

One of the foremost anticipated outcomes of the conference is the establishment of an enduring Commonwealth Mediation Network, facilitating sustained collaboration among judges, mediators, legal practitioners, academic institutions, and policy-makers. Such a platform will encourage the continuous exchange of knowledge, comparative jurisprudence, innovative practices, institutional experiences, and capacity-building initiatives, thereby strengthening mediation ecosystems across jurisdictions.

A significant outcome will be the promotion of mediation across diverse sectors, including commercial, family, community, environmental, cross-border, and public disputes. By highlighting successful models and emerging global trends, the conference seeks to encourage wider acceptance of mediation as a trusted, accessible, and effective dispute resolution mechanism capable of addressing the evolving needs of contemporary societies.

A Collaborative Initiative:

Working Together for a Shared Vision



RAJASTHAN HIGH COURT



RAJASTHAN STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY







The **International Conference on Mediation** is a landmark collaborative initiative jointly organised by the **Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA)** under the aegis of **Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court,** the **Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)**, **Nivaaran – Mediators of the Supreme Court of India**, and the **Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)**, with the support of the Judiciary and the Government of Rajasthan.

Each partner institution brings unique strengths to this initiative. RSLSA provides leadership through its extensive work in legal aid, mediation, capacity building and public outreach. CLA contributes international experience by promoting comparative legal dialogue and cross-jurisdictional collaboration. Nivaaran offers expertise in mediation training, research and professional development, while the Supreme Court Bar Association strengthens engagement between the Bench, the Bar and the mediation community. Supported by the Government of Rajasthan, this collective effort reflects a shared vision of an accessible, efficient, collaborative and humane justice system.

Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA): Advancing Access to Justice

Established under the **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987**, the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority is committed to realising the constitutional mandate of equal access to justice under Articles **14, 21 and 39A** of the Constitution of India. Under the visionary leadership of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma,**

Acting Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court and Executive Chairman, RSLSA, and the guidance of **Mr. Hari Om Attri, Member Secretary, RSLSA**, the Authority has evolved into a progressive institution promoting legal aid, legal awareness, mediation, victim support, child protection, institutional innovation and community participation.

Through close coordination with District Legal Service Authority and Taluka Legal Services Committee, government departments, educational institutions and civil society organisations, RSLSA has significantly strengthened access to justice across Rajasthan. It has embraced technology-driven governance, digital monitoring systems and public outreach initiatives to enhance transparency, efficiency and service delivery while undertaking pioneering work in victim compensation, juvenile justice, cyber legal awareness and legal literacy.

The spirit of the Jaipur Declaration is further reinforced by the remarkable achievements of the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) in advancing mediation as an effective mechanism for dispute resolution. Under the nationwide Mediation for Nation 1.0 initiative of NALSA, Rajasthan secured the first position by recording the highest number of referred and successfully settled mediation cases in the country. Building upon this success, Rajasthan has continued to emerge as a front-runner in Mediation for Nation 2.0, demonstrating its unwavering commitment to institutionalizing mediation, strengthening access to justice, and fostering a culture of dialogue, reconciliation, and peaceful conflict resolution.

Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)

Led by **Mr. Steven Thiru, President**, the **Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)** is a leading international organisation representing the legal profession across the Commonwealth. Committed to promoting the rule of law, judicial independence, constitutional values and professional excellence, CLA provides a global platform for judges, lawyers, academicians and policymakers to exchange ideas, share best practices and strengthen justice systems. Through conferences, research and professional development programmes, it actively promotes international cooperation and has increasingly championed mediation as an effective means of reducing litigation and fostering sustainable dispute resolution. Its collaboration with RSLSA reflects a shared commitment to advancing mediation through global partnerships and comparative legal dialogue.

Nivaaran – Mediators of the Supreme Court of India

Under the leadership of **Mr. R. Santhanakrishnan, President of Nivaaran and Life President of CLA**, **Nivaaran – Mediators of the Supreme Court of India** is dedicated to strengthening India's mediation ecosystem through specialised training, research, certification, professional development and institutional collaboration. Bringing together experienced mediators, former judges, legal professionals and academicians, Nivaaran plays a vital role in supporting the implementation of the **Mediation Act, 2023** while promoting excellence, innovation and public confidence in mediation. Its partnership with RSLSA reflects a common vision of building a robust, inclusive and future-ready mediation framework.

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)

The **Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)**, led by **Mr. Vikas Singh, Senior Advocate and President**, is the premier association of advocates practising before the Supreme Court of India. Dedicated to upholding constitutional values, judicial independence and professional excellence, the SCBA serves as an important platform for legal scholarship, professional engagement and collaboration between the Bench and the Bar. Through its participation in this Conference, the Association reinforces the role of the legal profession in promoting mediation, strengthening access to justice and advancing a modern, collaborative justice system.

अल्पानामपि वस्तूनां संहतिः कार्यसाधिका।
तृणैर्गुणत्वमापन्नैर्बध्यन्ते मत्तदन्तिनः॥

"The unity of even small things accomplishes big tasks.
Even elephants can be tied up with grass blades that
have been woven into a rope."

Leadership that inspires justice and peace

Special message of Deepest gratitude for



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant
The Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA

"The enduring legacy of judicial leadership lies in transforming the pursuit of justice into a pathway towards peace."

The Commonwealth Peace, Mediation and Rule of Law Conference marks a historic milestone for the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA), as it hosts an international conference of this scale for the very first time. This significant achievement would not have been possible without the steadfast encouragement, dynamic leadership, and continued blessings of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Mr. Justice Surya Kant.

His Lordship's visionary leadership, inspiring inaugural address and steadfast commitment to advancing mediation and the rule of law have been the guiding force behind the success of this Conference. The values articulated by His Lordship shall continue to inspire the legal fraternity in strengthening mediation as a transformative instrument of justice and social harmony.

This Conference is, therefore, not merely an international gathering, it is a reflection of Hon'ble the Chief Justice's enduring commitment to a justice system that is accessible, compassionate, innovative, and globally connected. RSLSA remains profoundly honoured

by his blessings and unwavering support, which have made this historic initiative possible.

The organising committee expresses its deepest gratitude to Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India for his constant guidance, invaluable support, and inspiring vision. His encouragement has been the guiding force behind Rajasthan's endeavour to bring together eminent jurists, judges, policymakers, academicians, and mediators from across the Commonwealth to deliberate on the future of peace-building, mediation, and the rule of law.

His Lordship's guidance has not only inspired the organising institutions but has also reaffirmed the belief that enduring peace is achieved when justice is delivered with wisdom, compassion & dialogue. The vision that His Lordship has so generously shared will continue to illuminate the path for future generations of judges, mediators, legal professionals & policy makers across the Commonwealth.

On behalf of Rajasthan High Court, the RSLSA and every member of the organising fraternity, we offer our heartfelt gratitude & profound respect to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. As delegates will return to their respective jurisdictions carrying the spirit of this conference, they will also carry with them the enduring imprint of his Lordship's visionary leadership.

With deepest admiration and sincere appreciation we remain ever grateful for his blessing, guidance and unflattering commitment to the cause of justice, peace & humanity.

Honouring our distinguished leader



सत्यमेव जयते

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal

Hon'ble Minister of State, Minister of Law & Justice

Government of India

It is with immense gratitude and great respect that Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference organising committee acknowledges the remarkable support and fore sighted leadership of Hon'ble Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, whose guidance has been instrumental in bringing this prestigious international conference to fruition. The successful convening of a conference of such global significance demands seamless coordination across multiple institutions and ministries. We deeply acknowledge the Hon'ble Minister's proactive guidance and unwavering cooperation in facilitating the essential inter-governmental processes, including coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs, and other concerned authorities. His support in enabling the requisite clearances and fostering institutional collaboration has been instrumental in bringing together distinguished judges, policymakers, legal practitioners, mediators, and scholars from across the Commonwealth.

As the Union Minister entrusted with the Law & Justice portfolio, Shri Meghwal has consistently championed initiatives aimed at strengthening access to justice, promoting judicial reforms, embracing technology in the justice delivery system, and encouraging the wider adoption of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. His vision of a more efficient, inclusive, and citizen-centric legal ecosystem resonates deeply with the ideals that this conference seeks to advance.

We express our sincere appreciation for his gracious support, distinguished leadership, and enduring commitment to advancing justice, strengthening democratic institutions, and fostering international cooperation. His contribution will remain an integral part of the success and legacy of the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference.

Words of Gratitude



सत्यमेव जयते

Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma
Hon'ble The Chief Minister
Government of Rajasthan

"The true measure of leadership is not the authority it commands, but the opportunities it creates for peace, justice, and human progress."

The organising committee of Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference 2026 expresses its profound gratitude to Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Chief Minister, Govt. of Rajasthan for his invaluable support towards the successful organisation of this landmark international conference. The government of Rajasthan has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to strengthening the justice delivery system and promoting alternative dispute resolution. The generous budgetary support extended by state government has transformed this vision into reality.

This invaluable support is not merely a financial contribution, it is a reflection of the State's enduring belief that justice flourishes where dialogue prevails and lasting peace is achieved through understanding rather than confrontation. The organising committee places on record its sincere appreciation for Govt. of Rajasthan & all concerned departments whose support has been instrumental in making this international gathering possible.

The Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference 2026 proudly acknowledges the Govt. of Rajasthan as a valued partner in advancing the ideals of justice, peace and human dignity. With profound appreciation, we dedicate our sincere thanks to the Govt. of Rajasthan for its remarkable contribution towards making this historic initiative a reality.

Honouring a Visionary Jurist



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath

Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman
National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)

The Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference is deeply honoured by the gracious presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India, and Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). His kind consent to be a part of this historic international congregation is a matter of immense privilege for the Judiciary of Rajasthan and a source of inspiration for all those committed to advancing the cause of peace through mediation.

Justice Vikram Nath has consistently exemplified the highest ideals of judicial wisdom, accessibility, and constitutional values. His distinguished judicial career has been marked by an unwavering commitment to ensuring that justice remains not only fair and impartial but also transparent, humane, and accessible to every citizen.

A defining milestone in India's judicial history came under his leadership when he became the first Judge to live-stream court proceedings on YouTube, reinforcing the principles of transparency, public confidence, and open justice. This landmark initiative has significantly strengthened public access to the judicial process and stands as a transformative contribution to the administration of justice.

As the Executive Chairman of NALSA, Justice Vikram Nath has provided dynamic leadership in strengthening the legal aid movement and promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms across the nation. His guidance has invigorated mediation as an effective, people-centric means of resolving disputes while fostering social harmony and reducing litigation. Under his stewardship, NALSA has continued to expand the reach of legal services, reinforce institutional mediation, and encourage amicable dispute resolution through innovative initiatives like 'Samadhan Samaroh' & many more.

His leadership has also inspired the continued success of National Lok Adalats, enabling millions of disputes to be settled amicably, reducing pendency, and making justice more affordable, expeditious, and accessible. By strengthening mediation and Lok Adalats as pillars of participatory justice, he has reaffirmed that the true measure of justice lies not merely in adjudication, but in reconciliation, restoration, and lasting peace.

The vision embodied by the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference resonates profoundly with Justice Vikram Nath's enduring commitment to consensual dispute resolution and the promotion of a justice delivery system that places dialogue above discord. His presence at this landmark conference enriches its purpose and reinforces the global commitment towards building peaceful societies through mediation.

The Rajasthan Judiciary and the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority express their heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Justice Vikram Nath for his invaluable guidance, inspiring leadership, and gracious acceptance of our invitation. His participation will undoubtedly elevate the significance of this international conference and leave an enduring legacy for the mediation movement in India and across the Commonwealth.

न्याय सब के लिए
ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL

An Eminent Voice of Justice



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra
Judge, Supreme Court of India

The Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference is privileged to welcome Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, Judge, Supreme Court of India, whose gracious presence lends immense distinction to this historic international gathering dedicated to advancing mediation as a transformative instrument of justice.

The Hon'ble Judge's gracious participation in the Supreme Court 's 'Samadhan Samaroh' (a special program designed to resolve around 4500 pending cases through mediation)lends profound significance to the celebration of amicable dispute resolution. The ceremony symbolises not merely the settlement of cases, but the restoration of relationships, the healing of communities, and the reaffirmation of faith in a justice system that values reconciliation alongside adjudication. His presence serves as an inspiration to mediators, judges, legal professionals, and litigants alike, reinforcing the message that every dispute resolved through mutual understanding is a step towards a more peaceful and compassionate society.

The ideals celebrated in the Samadhan Samaroh mirror the larger vision of mediation as an instrument of social transformation. Every consensual settlement represents not only a reduction in litigation but also the preservation of dignity, trust, and human relationships. Justice Mishra's association with this occasion underscores the Supreme Court's continuing commitment to strengthening mediation as an indispensable pillar of modern justice.

The Rajasthan Judiciary and the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority express their deepest gratitude to Hon'ble Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra for honouring the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference and the Samadhan Samaroh with his esteemed presence. His participation enriches this landmark event and inspires a renewed collective resolve to foster a culture where justice is achieved not only through judicial determination but also through dialogue, empathy, and enduring reconciliation.

A Salute to Judicial Excellence



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Mehta
Judge, Supreme Court of India

The Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority and the Rajasthan High Court express their profound gratitude to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Mehta, Judge, Supreme Court of India. whose tenure at the Rajasthan High Court was distinguished by an unwavering commitment to justice, accessibility, and the constitutional promise of equal legal aid. Before his elevation as Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and subsequently as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Justice Mehta served the Rajasthan judiciary with exceptional distinction, leaving an enduring legacy in the field of legal services.

As Chairman of the Rajasthan High Court Legal Services Committee and Judge In-charge Mediation Centre, Jodhpur. Justice Mehta infused the institution with purpose and compassion. Under his guidance, the Committee strengthened access to justice through effective legal aid, proactive legal awareness initiatives, and the promotion of amicable dispute resolution. His steadfast belief that justice must be affordable, accessible, and humane inspired the Committee's efforts to reach the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of society.

Justice Mehta consistently encouraged a justice delivery system that placed people at its heart. His emphasis on efficiency, fairness, and institutional integrity strengthened public confidence in legal services and advanced the ideals embodied in the Legal Services Authorities Act. His vision continues to inspire lawyers, judicial officers, legal aid counsel, and every stakeholder committed to ensuring that justice is not merely a constitutional promise but a lived reality for every citizen.

As the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference celebrates dialogue, consensus, and peaceful resolution of disputes, we proudly acknowledge Justice Sandeep Mehta's invaluable contribution to nurturing these very ideals within Rajasthan's legal services ecosystem. His exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication have left an indelible imprint on the Rajasthan High Court Legal Services Committee, Jodhpur, and his legacy will continue to guide future generations in advancing the cause of justice with compassion, dignity, and excellence.

In Honour of an Exemplary Judge



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijay Bishnoi
Judge, Supreme Court of India

The Organising Committee of the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference expresses its profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijay Bishnoi for graciously accepting our invitation and honouring the Conference with his esteemed presence. His participation lends immense distinction to this international gathering and reaffirms the judiciary's unwavering commitment to promoting mediation as an effective instrument for peace, justice, and social harmony. His remarkable judicial acumen, compassionate outlook, and steadfast dedication to the cause of justice continue to inspire the legal fraternity across the nation.

During his tenure as the Chairman of the Rajasthan High Court Legal Services Committee (RHCLSC) and Judge In-charge Mediation Centre Jodhpur, Justice Bishnoi played a pivotal role in strengthening the reach, efficacy, and accessibility of legal aid services across the State. His tireless efforts towards legal empowerment ensured that marginalized and underprivileged sections of society were provided with voice, assistance, and dignity within the legal ecosystem.

His visionary guidance significantly strengthened legal aid institutions, expanded access to justice, and encouraged the effective use of mediation and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. His leadership fostered a culture of empathy, efficiency, and innovation, leaving a lasting impact on legal services administration and inspiring meaningful reforms that continue to benefit litigants and institutions alike.

The Organising Committee places on record its deepest respect and sincere appreciation for Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijay Bishnoi's invaluable contribution to the cause of justice and legal services. We are honoured by his presence at the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference and extend our heartfelt gratitude for his continued guidance, inspiring leadership, and unwavering commitment to advancing a more accessible, humane, and inclusive justice delivery system.

An Expression of Esteem & Appreciation



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma
Acting Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court &
Executive Chairman, RSLSA

**"Justice reaches its highest purpose
when it not only resolves disputes,
but also restores relationships and strengthens society."**

Some milestones are achieved through the exercise of authority; others are created through the power of vision. The Commonwealth Peace, Mediation and Rule of Law Conference belongs unmistakably to the latter — a testament to the extraordinary foresight, unwavering commitment, and quiet statesmanship of the Hon'ble Acting Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court.

At the pinnacle of an illustrious judicial career, His Lordship envisioned an initiative that would transcend traditional boundaries and place Rajasthan firmly on the global stage of dialogue, mediation, and the rule of law. His determination to bring a conference of this stature to the State reflects not merely administrative capability, but exceptional leadership. True judicial leadership, after all, is not confined to the tenure of an office — the institutions strengthened and the lives touched through his vision will continue to inspire generations, even as his distinguished service to the nation advances toward greater responsibilities that lie ahead.

It was His Lordship who personally guided this initiative from conception to fruition, inspiring every stakeholder to embrace a shared vision for its success. Through sustained

dedication and quiet diplomacy, he secured the confidence and active support of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, the Hon'ble Judges of the Rajasthan High Court, the Government of Rajasthan, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), and numerous national and international institutions. It is owing to his conviction, perseverance, and singular ability to unite diverse bodies behind a common cause that Rajasthan has today been entrusted with hosting this prestigious Commonwealth event.

His Lordship has consistently held that the true measure of justice lies not merely in adjudication, but in the fostering of peace, dialogue, reconciliation, and wider access to justice for all. This conference stands as a vibrant reflection of those ideals — a symbol of his profound faith in mediation as an instrument of harmony, and in the Rule of Law as the bedrock of peaceful societies.

The Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority places on record its profound gratitude to the Hon'ble Acting Chief Justice for his visionary leadership, invaluable guidance, and steadfast encouragement throughout this endeavour. This historic initiative marks a landmark chapter in Rajasthan's judicial journey, one that has inspired institutions to think beyond convention, build bridges across jurisdictions, and reaffirm that justice is most powerful when it serves the cause of peace.

With deepest respect and heartfelt appreciation, the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority acknowledges that this landmark international initiative bears the unmistakable imprint of His Lordship's vision, leadership, and enduring dedication to the cause of justice.

In hosting delegates from across the Commonwealth, Rajasthan stands today not only as a seat of heritage, but as a credible and committed participant in the worldwide movement toward peace and justice — a distinction owed, in large part, to His Lordship's singular vision.





Shri Hari Om Attri

Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority

Shri Hari Om Attri, Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA), has played a significant role in strengthening Rajasthan's legal services ecosystem through leadership, institutional development and a strong commitment to ensuring access to justice. During his tenure, several initiatives have been undertaken to promote mediation, alternative dispute resolution, legal awareness and access to justice, contributing to a more effective, inclusive and citizen-centric justice delivery system across the State.

Enhancing Mediation Frameworks

His tenure has been marked by notable progress in the field of mediation, contributing significantly to Rajasthan's emergence as one of the leading States in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Under his stewardship, Rajasthan secured the first position in India during the Mediation for Nation 1.0 Campaign (1 July–15 November 2025), with the Rajasthan High Court emerging as one of the country's leading High Courts in both referrals and successful settlements. During the campaign, approximately 22,000 disputes were amicably resolved through mediation out of an overall pendency of nearly 17 lakh cases.

Building upon this remarkable success, Rajasthan also emerged as a frontrunner during Mediation for Nation 2.0, reaffirming its sustained commitment to institutionalising mediation and strengthening Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Recognising the central role of mediators in consensual dispute resolution, efforts were made under his leadership to substantially expand Rajasthan's panel of mediators while securing a significant enhancement in their honorarium. Consequently, the number of

empanelled mediators in the State increased to 2,430 in 2026, creating one of the strongest mediation networks in the country.

At his initiative, and under the aegis of the Hon'ble Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India, a 40-Hour Mediation Training Programme was organised from 1–5 June 2026 at Sudharma Sabhagar, RSLSA, Jaipur. Conceived for 30 former Judges of the Rajasthan High Court, the programme represented a significant initiative aimed at creating a distinguished pool of senior mediators and further strengthening Rajasthan's institutional mediation framework.

Institution Building in Alternative Dispute Resolution

An important institutional development during his tenure was the establishment of the Jaipur Arbitration & Mediation Centre at Vidhik Seva Sadan, Jaipur, providing Rajasthan with a dedicated institutional platform for arbitration and mediation.

The Centre was inaugurated on 10 May 2026 by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Mehta, Judge, Supreme Court of India, in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, Acting Chief Justice, Rajasthan High Court & Executive Chairman, RSLSA, along with Hon'ble Judges of the Rajasthan High Court. The Centre further strengthens Rajasthan's institutional framework for arbitration and mediation and reflects the State's continued emphasis on Alternative Dispute Resolution.

People-Centric Justice Initiatives

Guided by the belief that justice must extend beyond courtrooms and become an instrument of social transformation, Shri Attri has conceptualised and implemented several initiatives integrating legal services with community welfare, inclusion and citizen empowerment.

Among the key initiatives are:

- **Srijan Ki Suraksha** – Linking the birth of a girl child with environmental conservation, women's empowerment and sustainable community participation.

- **Nari Samvad** – A community-based mediation initiative through Mahila Panchayats, empowering women to facilitate amicable settlement of disputes at the grassroots level.* UDAAN—a welfare scheme providing financial assistance of ₹2,500 per month for two years to 100 specially-abled children, promoting education, rehabilitation and social inclusion.

- **UDAAN** – Sports for Awareness and UDAAN 2.0 – Sports for Awareness—State-wide initiatives providing specially-abled children with a platform to showcase their abilities

while promoting confidence, inclusion and equal opportunity.

- **Nyay Ro Saarthi** – A legal awareness publication circulated through leading Hindi daily newspapers, reaching millions of readers across Rajasthan in a single day and significantly enhancing legal literacy.

Collectively, these initiatives reflect an approach that integrates legal services with social welfare, community participation and citizen empowerment.

Strengthening Grassroots Justice

Recognising the importance of accessible justice in public utility services, Shri Attri implemented a dedicated State-wide Permanent Lok Adalat Campaign in November 2025.

Through a coordinated institutional framework involving Para Legal Volunteers, Panel Lawyers, Legal Aid Defence Counsel, District Legal Services Authorities and Permanent Lok Adalats, the campaign further expanded access to affordable and expeditious justice at the grassroots level.

Rajasthan continues to remain the only State in India where Permanent Lok Adalats are functional in all 36 districts. Further strengthening this unique institutional framework, he spearheaded the establishment of eight Permanent Lok Adalats in the newly constituted districts, substantially expanding access to alternative dispute resolution and public utility justice across the State.

Recognising the need to strengthen legal services infrastructure, he also led the constitution of District Legal Services Authorities in the newly constituted districts, ensuring uninterrupted access to legal aid and justice delivery throughout Rajasthan.

Advancing Legal Awareness and Preventive Justice

Recognising the importance of legal awareness as a foundation for access to justice, Shri Attri conceptualised the "Transformative Tuesdays – Navigating Life Legally" campaign.

Envisaged as one of the largest judicial outreach programmes in the country, the initiative proposes the participation of nearly 1,400 Judicial Officers, conducting structured legal literacy sessions in approximately 55,000 Government and Private Schools across Rajasthan, with the potential to reach nearly one million students within six months, thereby fostering constitutional values, legal awareness and responsible citizenship.

Demonstrating his commitment to child safety, he also initiated a State-wide School Bus Safety Inspection Campaign, involving Judicial Officers in monitoring compliance with

prescribed safety standards to promote safer transportation for school-going children.

Advancing Public Safety Through Legal ServicesFurther reinforcing public safety, Shri Attri launched the State-wide Special Road Safety Campaign—"RSLSA for Road Safety" in July 2026, in coordination with the Transport Department, Police authorities and other enforcement agencies.

Initially implemented in 12 districts and subsequently expanded across the State pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the campaign focused on enforcing statutory safety standards for sleeper and luxury buses.

During the first two weeks of the campaign alone, 638 vehicles were inspected, 474 challans were issued, 251 vehicles were seized, and penalties amounting to ₹75.26 lakh were imposed, demonstrating a proactive, preventive and results-oriented approach to enhancing road safety through effective enforcement and institutional coordination.

Promoting Peace Through MediationThe successful organisation of the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference stands among the significant institutional initiatives coordinated during Shri Attri's tenure.

Through careful planning and coordinated efforts, the Conference brought together judicial institutions, governmental agencies, professional bodies and international partners committed to advancing peace through mediation.

The successful organisation of the Conference reflected effective institutional coordination and collaborative engagement among all stakeholders, while further strengthening Rajasthan's profile as an emerging centre for mediation dialogue and peaceful dispute resolution.

Administrator and Institution Builder

Shri Hari Om Attri has contributed significantly to strengthening mediation, legal services and institutional capacity in Rajasthan. His tenure has been characterised by sustained efforts towards expanding access to justice, promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution, enhancing legal awareness and encouraging community participation in the justice delivery system.

The initiatives undertaken during his tenure have strengthened institutional mechanisms, broadened the reach of legal services and reinforced Rajasthan's position as one of the leading States in mediation and people-centric justice. Through his leadership, administrative experience and continued commitment to institutional development, he continues to contribute to a justice delivery system that is more accessible, inclusive and responsive.

Meet our Global Thought Leaders



Sh. R. Venkataramani
Attorney General for India

Shri R. Venkataramani, a distinguished constitutional lawyer and senior advocate of Supreme Court, who has held the office since October 2022, has been reappointed for a two-year term until 2027. He has recently presided over the virtual meeting of 2026 BRICS Heads of Prosecution Services guiding discussions on best practices in criminal adjudication.

In this role, Shri R. Venkataramani stands at the intersection of law, policy and national interest, guiding the union government on complex constitutional and legal questions that shape the country's governance.

He has represented the Union of India in several landmark constitutional and commercial disputes, including high-profile natural resources litigation involving the matter of Reliance Industries Ltd.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.H.M.D. Nawaz
Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

Elevated to the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in July 2023, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.H.M.D. Nawaz brought with him extensive judicial experience and a distinguished record of service.

He has emphasised that the Right to be Forgotten is not absolute right. Courts must balance: an individual's right to privacy and reputation, freedom of expression and press, and the legitimate public interest in accessing information.

In 2026, Justice Nawaz himself approached the Karnataka High Court in India seeking removal of allegedly defamatory and outdated online articles and Google search results, relying on the Right to Privacy and the Right to be Forgotten recognized under Indian constitutional jurisprudence.



Hon'ble Ms. Justice Abha Nayar Patel
Judge, Supreme Court of Zambia

Hon'ble Lady Justice Abha Nayar Patel, is a Judge of the Supreme Court of Zambia, appointed on 27th May 2026. Prior to her current appointment, she served as a Judge of the Court of Appeal, having been appointed to that Court on 3rd April 2023. Prior to her appointment to the Court of Appeal, she served as Judge-in-Charge of the Commercial Division at the Kitwe High Court. She was appointed Judge of the High Court on 7th March 2019.

Justice Patel was conferred with the rank and status of State Counsel in 2016. She is the Chairperson of the Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Court Annexed Mediation and Delay Reduction and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Justice Patel is also a member of the Zambia Association of Women Judges.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vasheist Kokaram
Judge, Court of Appeal, The Bahamas

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vasheist Kokaram officially joined the Bahamas Court of Appeal as a Justice of Appeal in a swearing in ceremony at Government House on March 3, 2026. Highly recognised for his pioneering work in alternative dispute resolution, his landmark achievement is expanding his regional judicial career to help modernize the Bahamian appellate system.

He is celebrated as a regional expert in court-annexed mediation, having chaired pilot projects and shaped collaborative judicial frameworks across the Caribbean Commonwealth. His move is part of a broader ongoing push to leverage regional cooperation and structural reforms to reduce case backlogs and enhance the efficiency of the justice system in the Bahamas.



Shri Tushar Mehta
Solicitor General of India

As Solicitor General he was re-appointed by the Appointments Committee of the cabinet, reinforcing his position as the Union government's lead strategist and reliable law officer in major policy cases before the Supreme Court.

In May 2026, he achieved a milestone outside the courtroom by launching two books, ***'The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre' and 'The Lawful and The Awful'***, at an event in New Delhi attended by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Mr. Justice Surya Kant and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah.

His tenure has surpassed that of most of his predecessors, leaving him just two years short of the all-time record for the longest tenure as Solicitor General.



Mr. Steven Theru
President, Commonwealth Lawyers Association

Mr. Steven Theru is a Senior Malaysian lawyer and Managing Partner of Messrs. Steventheru Kuala Lumpur. Elected as president of Commonwealth Lawyers Association in 2023, he leads the premier international organization dedicated to upholding the rule of law, constitutionalism and human rights across 56 nations. Steven was ranked as a **"Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution"** by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019. Recently, Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025 inducted Steven in the Hall of Fame (Dispute Resolution) for Malaysia, with a testimonial that he is a "… strategic …brilliant lawyer".

Recently, Steven launched the "Caribbean Waves" Online mediation series on June 26th, 2026 delivering opening remarks on "Strengthening Justice through Mediation". Drawing on the UN and Commonwealth Charters, he emphasized dialogue and cooperative dispute resolution, while highlighting CLA's ongoing initiatives to promote culturally responsive approaches to mediation across Commonwealth jurisdictions.



Shri Vikas Singh
President, SCBA

Shri Vikas Singh serves as the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association, the apex representative body of advocates practising before the Supreme Court of India. A distinguished Senior Advocate, he has appeared in numerous landmark constitutional, commercial, corporate, and public interest matters before the Supreme Court and various High Courts. He has represented constitutional authorities, government bodies, public sector undertakings, multinational corporations, and eminent individuals in several high-profile cases.



Shri R. Santhanakrishnan
President, Nivaaran

As the Honorary Life President of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA), he has championed the global legal network. Under his leadership, Nivaaran and CLA partnered with the Singapore International Mediation Centre to launch successful international virtual summer schools. He served as a senior faculty member at the National Judicial Academy in Bhopal, training judges, lawyers, and mediators. He established and continues to lead Nivaaran's International Summer School, which draws hundreds of participants to learn mediation advocacy skills from global legal experts.



Shri Aruneshwar Gupta
Vice President, Nivaaran

Sr. Advocate Aruneshwar Gupta is a highly esteemed legal professional with over 47 years of legal practice. He has been actively practicing law in the Supreme Court of India & numerous High Courts across the country. The conference will witness the launch of his autobiography, **Death of my Mistress 'The Law', Birth of My Love 'Justice'**.

Meet Our Esteemed Panelists



1. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. H. M.D. Nawaz** is a distinguished jurist of Sri Lanka and has served as a puisne justice of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka since 1st December 2020. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nawaz will serve as the session chair of the Working Session titled **"Building Nations Through Consensus"** (Mediation in Infrastructure, Construction and Public Projects)



2. **Hon'ble Lady Justice Abha Nayar Patel** is a Judge of the Supreme Court of Zambia, appointed on 27th May 2026, after serving on the Court of Appeal since 3rd April 2023. She is a qualified mediator and mediator trainer. Justice Patel will chair the Working Session titled **" From Retribution to Restoration (Reimagining Justice through Mediation in Criminal Law)"** Drawing upon her extensive judicial experience, she will lead deliberations on the transformative potential of restorative justice and mediation in criminal law, fostering dialogue, accountability, victim participation, offender rehabilitation, and community healing while advancing a more humane and effective justice system.



3. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vasheist V. Kokaram** is a distinguished Judge of the Court of Appeal of The Bahamas with a judicial career marked by depth, versatility and a strong commitment to access to justice. He will serve as the Session Chair for the Pre-Conference Panel Discussion on **"Mediating for the Planet: Environment Justice, Climate Responsibility, and Sustainable Coexistence."** and **"Advancing Peace, Inclusion and Sustainable Development."** He will guide discussions on the growing significance of mediation in resolving environmental and climate-related disputes while advancing collaborative, sustainable, and equitable solutions.



4. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. Sam Koshy** born on 30th April 1967, is a Hon'ble judge of the Telangana High Court with a long and distinguished career in civil, constitutional, service, and labour law. Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. Sam Koshy, Judge, High Court of Telangana, will chair the Working Session titled **"Grassroots Justice: Empowering Communities through Dialogue, Trust, and Local Resolution"** at the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference.

Drawing upon his rich judicial experience and commitment to accessible justice, Justice Koshy will lead deliberations on strengthening community-based dispute resolution through mediation.

5. **Hon'ble Dr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati** is a distinguished Judge of the Rajasthan High Court, widely admired for his humane, progressive, and solution-oriented approach to justice. His judicial philosophy places dialogue, dignity and reconciliation at the heart of dispute resolution. In a widely appreciated six-year-old child custody matter, he facilitated an empathetic, mediation-led resolution, describing the child's heartfelt gesture to the Court as a "Symbol of Strength of Mediation Law," underscoring the transformative power of mediation in preserving relationships.At the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference, he will chair the Working Session **"Workplace Harmony through Mediation, (Resolving Employment & Service Conflicts with Dignity)"** highlighting mediation as a catalyst for trust, collaboration and institutional well-being.



6. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Monga** is a distinguished Judge known for his progressive judicial outlook and steadfast commitment to efficient, people-centric dispute resolution. His judicial philosophy underscores fairness, dialogue, and institutional trust as essential pillars of justice. At the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference, he will lead the session **"Beyond Disputes to Settlements - Mediation as the Engine of Trust in Modern Commerce,"** where he will explore how mediation strengthens commercial relationships, enhances business confidence, reduces litigation costs, and fosters a predictable, collaborative, and investment-friendly ecosystem in an increasingly interconnected global economy. In a notable judgement His Lordship has set a significant precedent concerning the application of criminal law in cases related to commercial disputes.



7. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anoop Kumar Dhand** brings to this conference a career shaped by decades of legal practice and judicial service in the cause of justice. His Lordship practised for 26 years at the Rajasthan High Court, Jaipur Bench, specialising in Criminal, Service and Miscellaneous law, while serving as Standing Counsel for several public institutions including RIICO, RSRDC, the Rajasthan Financial Corporation, and the Rajasthan Housing Board. Alongside his practice, he worked as a pro bono lawyer with the Rajasthan State



Legal Services Authority and assisted the High Court as Amicus Curiae in suo motu Public Interest Litigations of public importance, reflecting an early and enduring commitment to accessible justice. His Lordship will serve as the Chair of the Working Session on **"Grassroots Justice: Empowering Communities through Dialogue, Trust, and Local Resolution."** He will guide the discussions and contribute his judicial perspective on the role of mediation in empowering communities, promoting dialogue and strengthening grassroots justice.

8. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashok Kumar Jain -** His Lordship rose through the judicial service to be elevated to the Bench of the Rajasthan High Court, where he has since delivered a number of significant judgments across civil, criminal and constitutional matters. Before being elevated as Judge His Lordship has also served as Member Secretary RSLSA and Member Secretary NALSA for significant time. Known for inclination towards IT in Judiciary Justice Jain has consistently emphasized innovative and technical approach towards justice delivery and to make it more accessible.It is this blend of judicial rigour and a deep appreciation for the value of dialogue and reconciliation over adversarial contest that makes his Lordship's presence on this panel especially meaningful. His Lordship will serve as the Chair of the Working Session on **"Peace Mediation as a Civilizational Tool: Advancing Peace, Inclusion, and Sustainable Development."** He will guide the discussions and contribute his judicial perspectives on the role of mediation in building inclusive, peaceful and sustainable societies.



9. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anuroop Singhi** is a distinguished Judge of the Rajasthan High Court, widely respected for his balanced judicial approach, commitment to the rule of law and emphasis on delivering justice with fairness and sensitivity. Mr. Justice Anuroop Singhi has been associated with the adjudication of matrimonial and family disputes, where the welfare of children, the preservation of family relationships and the possibility of amicable resolution have remained important guiding considerations. At the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anuroop Singhi will share his insights during the Plenary Session – **"Healing the First Institution: Strengthening Families through Mediation."** Drawing upon his rich judicial experience, he will speak on the transformative role of mediation in resolving family conflicts, promoting reconciliation, protecting children's interests and fostering enduring peace within the family—the first and most fundamental institution of society.



Our Other Distinguished Panelists

Working Sessions

Mediating for the Planet

(Environment Justice, Climate Responsibility and Sustainable)

- Mr. Jatinder Cheena, Senior Advocate
- Mr. Anil Changaroth (Singapore)
- Ms. Runa Purohit, Advocate
- Mr. Ajit Sharma, Advocate
- Mr. Naman Maheshwari, Advocate

Healing the First Institution

(Mediation for Family Harmony, Dignity and Continuity)

- Ms. Veena Ralli, Mediator/ Samadhan
- Mr. Gokul Naryan, Advocate/ Mediator
- Mr. Shirin Khajuria, Senior Advocate
- Ms. Priya Hingorani, Senior Advocate
- Ms. Prabha Swami, Advocate/ Mediator

From Retribution to Restoration

(Reimagining Justice through Mediation in Criminal Law)

- Mr. A.J. Jawad, Registrar, IAMC
- Mr. Prashant Barua, BD/UK
- Ms. Vimbai Niyemba, Legal Practitioner, Zimbabwe
- Mr. Jitendra Sharma, Senior Advocate
- Ms. Pragya Baghel, Advocate/ Mediator

Beyond Disputes to Settlements

(Mediation as the Engine of Trust in Modern Commerce)

- Mr. Jaideep Gupta, Senior Advocate
- Mr. Amirali (Hong Kong)
- Mr. Patrick McPhilamy (USA)
- Mr. Rajiv Dutta, Senior Advocate
- Mr. Siddharth Sijoria, Advocate

Workplace Harmony through Mediation

(Resolving employment and Service Conflicts with Dignity)

- Mr. Jonathan Rodrigues, Advocate
- Ms. Pooja Anand, Advocate
- Ms. Nilmani Gandhi, Advocate
- Ms. Sakshi Banga, Advocate/ Mediator

Building Nations through Consensus

(Mediation in Infrastructure, Construction and Public Projects)

- Mr. Joe Tiroda (UK)
- Mr. Vikas Singh President Supreme Court Bar Association
- Mr. Rishabh Gandhi Advocate
- Ms. Nandini Gore General Secretary Nivaaran
- Ms. Manjula Gupta Advocate/Mediator

Grassroots Justice

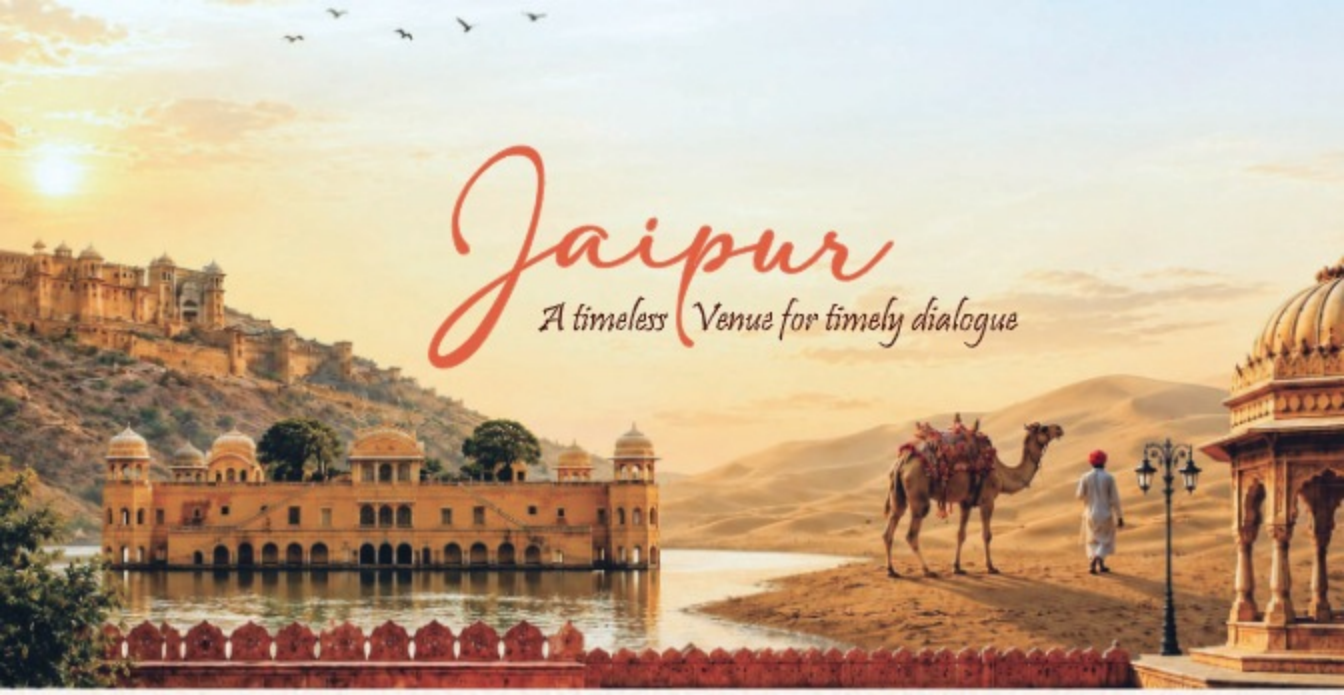
(Empowering Communities through Dialogue, Trust and Local Resolution)

- Mr. Rakesh Khanna Senior Advocate
- Ms. Susheela Senior Advocate
- Mr. Pushp Gupta Advocate
- Ms. Abha Sharma Advocate/Mediator

Peace Mediation as Civilizational Tool

(Advancing Peace, Inclusion and Sustainable Development)

- Ms. Gaythri Raman Malaysia
- Mr. Aruneshwar Gupta Senior Advocate
- Ms. Lungile Magagula Director of Legal Aid, Govt. of Eswatini.
- Ms. Mandakini Sharma Advocate/Mediator



The choice of Jaipur as the venue for the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference is both symbolic and strategic. As the capital city of Rajasthan, Jaipur embodies a unique blend of history, culture, governance and progressive judicial initiatives, making it an ideal destination for an international dialogue dedicated to peace, justice and mediation.

Jaipur is home to the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA), the principal institution responsible for promoting access to justice, legal aid and alternative dispute resolution across the State. The conference reflects RSLSA's longstanding commitment to strengthening mediation as an effective and humane mechanism for dispute resolution. Hosting this landmark event at the seat of the Authority enables seamless coordination and showcases Rajasthan's institutional leadership in advancing consensual justice.

Known worldwide as the Pink City and recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage City, Jaipur represents centuries of rich cultural heritage, architectural excellence and the timeless Indian philosophy of dialogue, coexistence and mutual respect. Founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the city was envisioned as a centre of learning, planning and enlightened governance. These enduring values resonate deeply with the principles of mediation, which seek understanding over confrontation and consensus over conflict.

The city's world-class infrastructure, excellent air, rail and road connectivity, internationally acclaimed hospitality and experience in hosting prestigious national and international events further reinforce its suitability as the Conference venue. Jaipur offers delegates not only a professionally equipped setting for high-level discussions but also an opportunity to experience India's vibrant heritage and renowned tradition of hospitality.

The Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference therefore finds its natural home in Jaipur—a city where history inspires wisdom, institutions uphold justice and the spirit of peace continues to flourish.

From Jaipur to the Commonwealth: A Shared Journey Towards Lasting Peace

Every meaningful journey begins with a single conversation. The Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference marks the beginning of such a journey—one that aspires not merely to resolve disputes, but to transform the very culture of conflict resolution across jurisdictions. Conceived through the collective vision of the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA), the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), Nivaaran – the Supreme Court Mediators Association, and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA), this Conference represents a shared belief that dialogue has the power to build bridges where differences once stood.

The significance of this gathering extends far beyond the sessions, deliberations, and declarations it encompasses. Its true legacy lies in the relationships it has fostered, the ideas it has ignited, and the collective resolve it has inspired. Every exchange of perspectives, every shared experience, and every commitment made during these deliberations contributes to a larger vision—a world where justice is not measured solely by judgments pronounced, but by harmony restored, trust rebuilt, and human dignity preserved.

Looking ahead, the Conference envisions the Jaipur Declaration as the foundation of a sustained global movement for peace mediation. The roadmap ahead calls for deeper institutional cooperation, stronger mediation ecosystems, greater investment in capacity-building, enhanced professional standards, collaborative research, technological innovation, and continuous exchange of knowledge among Commonwealth jurisdictions. It also envisages the development of enduring partnerships that will strengthen mediation in commercial, family, community, environmental, and cross-border disputes, making consensual dispute resolution an integral part of justice delivery systems.

RSLSA and its esteemed organising partners remain committed to transforming the momentum generated by this conference into meaningful and measurable action. The journey ahead includes expanding opportunities for mediator training, encouraging youth engagement and academic research, fostering international collaborations, sharing best practices across jurisdictions, and strengthening public confidence in mediation as the preferred pathway to justice and reconciliation.

Yet, beyond policies and institutions, the conference carries a more profound aspiration—to inspire a generational shift in the way societies perceive conflict itself. The future we seek is one where disagreement no longer inevitably leads to division; where dialogue prevails over discord, empathy triumphs over hostility, and consensus replaces confrontation. Such a future cannot be achieved by institutions alone; it demands the collective wisdom, compassion, and commitment of judges, lawyers, mediators, policymakers, scholars, and citizens alike.

As this chapter concludes, another begins. The conversations initiated in Jaipur are intended to resonate far beyond these halls, finding expression in courtrooms, mediation centres, communities, classrooms, boardrooms, and public institutions across the Commonwealth. The friendships forged, the partnerships established, and the shared vision articulated here will continue to guide future endeavours towards more peaceful, inclusive, and resilient societies.

May the spirit of Jaipur endure as a beacon of dialogue, compassion, and collaboration—reminding us that while conflicts may be inevitable, peaceful resolution is always a choice. Together, let us carry forward this shared commitment, ensuring that mediation becomes not merely a process of resolving disputes, but a universal language of justice, humanity, and lasting peace for generations to come.

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