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A Step Towards Accessible Justice: Successful Conduct of National Lok Adalat at Durg District Court in the Gracious Presence of Hon'ble Chief Justice Shri Ramesh Sinha

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Shri K. Vinod Kujur

Principal District & Sessions Judge, Durg.

It gives me immense pleasure to note the successful organization of the National Lok Adalat in Durg District under the aegis of the District Legal Services Authority Durg, in coordination with the National Legal Services Authority and the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority. The occasion assumed more significance as it was graciously inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice of the High Court of Chhattisgarh, whose august presence inspired the entire judicial fraternity, members of the bar, litigants and the general public. The ceremony was also graced by the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Shri Justice Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi, Judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh and Portfolio Judge for Durg District, whose presence added more encouragement to the proceedings.

Lok Adalats have emerged as a powerful and effective instrument for delivering speedy, affordable, and amicable justice to the people. They embody the true spirit of access to justice by providing an opportunity for disputing parties to resolve their conflicts through dialogue, mutual understanding, and compromise, thereby preserving relationships and promoting social harmony.

The National Lok Adalat is not merely a forum for settlement of cases; it represents a movement aimed at bringing justice closer to the common citizen. By resolving disputes in a timely and efficient manner, Lok Adalats help reduce the burden on regular courts while ensuring that litigants receive prompt and satisfactory relief.

I appreciate the dedicated efforts of the judicial officers, members of the Bar, staff of the District Judiciary, volunteers, and all stakeholders who have contributed to the success of this initiative. I also commend the participation of law students and the various awareness programmes organized alongside the Lok Adalat, which play an important role in spreading legal literacy among the public.

I sincerely hope that the spirit of cooperation and commitment demonstrated during this National Lok Adalat will continue to inspire us in our collective endeavour to strengthen the justice delivery system and ensure that justice remains accessible to every citizen.

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K. Vinod Kujur

**Principal District & Sessions Judge
Chairman, District Legal Services Authority
Durg (Chhattisgarh)**

National Lok Adalat: A Step towards Accessible Justice

The spirit of accessible and people-centric justice was vividly reflected as the **National Lok Adalat** concluded with remarkable success in Durg District. The event, organized by **District Legal Services Authority Durg** under the aegis of the **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)** and under the guidance of **Chhattisgarh State legal Services Authority (SALSA)**, witnessed enthusiastic participation from judicial officers, legal professionals, law students, and members of the public. The proceedings were further elevated by the august presence of **Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice of the High Court of Chhattisgarh** who graciously inaugurated the programme and was further graced by the presence of **Hon'ble Shri Justice Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi, Judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh and Portfolio Judge for Durg District**.



The programme commenced with the arrival of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Portfolio Judge at the district court premises. The dignitaries were warmly received by the Officers of the District Judiciary, members of the District Bar Association, District Legals Service Authority and Officials of Durg Administration. As the Hon'ble Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Portfolio Judge arrived at the Court premises, they were ceremoniously escorted to the venue by a smartly turned-out and disciplined contingent of **NCC cadets**, whose impeccable coordination and bearing added solemnity and distinction to the occasion.



Inaugural Ceremony

The event commenced on an auspicious note with the traditional **lighting of the ceremonial lamp**, symbolizing the illumination of justice and the commitment to resolve disputes through amicable and expeditious means. Following this solemn beginning, the Hon'ble Chief Justice delivered an inspiring **inaugural address**.



During the inaugural address, the **Hon'ble Chief Justice** highlighted the importance of Lok Adalats as one of the most effective mechanisms for ensuring speedy and affordable justice. Emphasizing the philosophy of compromise and mutual understanding, His Lordship observed that Lok Adalats help reduce litigation, restore relationships between disputing parties, and strengthen public faith in the justice delivery system.

His Lordship also appreciated the proactive efforts undertaken by the District Legal Services Authority, Durg, and encouraged citizens to make full use of Lok Adalats for resolving disputes in a peaceful and harmonious manner.



Launch of Lok Adalat Awareness Theme Song (Pandwani Style)

Adding a unique cultural dimension to the programme, a special Pandwani song based on the theme of **National Lok Adalat Awareness** was officially released by the **Hon'ble Chief Justice**. This artistic presentation was specially developed by the **District Legal Services Authority, Durg** and it beautifully merged the rich cultural heritage of Chhattisgarh with the ideals of justice and social harmony. The initiative aimed to connect the legal awareness movement with local cultural expression, thereby making the message of Lok Adalat more accessible and relatable to the masses.



Lyrics of the Pandwani Theme Song

बोल दे छत्तीसगढ़ महतारी की... जय!
न्याय-न्याय होथे भाई,
हव जी!
सुनथस रागी?
सुनथ हव दीदी!

जन-मानस ला जल्दी न्याय देबर,
हौ!
राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण,
अच्छा!

राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण,

हव जी!

अउ जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण के स्थापना करे गे हे।

अच्छा!

जेखर द्वारा हमर आपस के विवाद ला,

हव !

कचहरी में जल्दी सुलझाय बर,

अच्छा जी!

"मेडिएशन सेंटर" बनाये गे हे।

काहे के हे दीदी?

मेडिएशन सेंटर गा!

अच्छा-अच्छा- अच्छा...

ओखर बारे में आज आप मन ला,

हव !

बतावत हव रागी।

ले बता दीदी, बता।

जब हमर देश ला आजादी मिलिस ना,

अच्छा -अच्छा-अच्छा...

तब हमर नवा संविधान बनिस।

हव जी!

जेखर उद्देश्य रिहिस हे,

हव !

कि हम सब ला,

अच्छा!

शीघ्र अउ सस्ता न्याय मिल जाय।

अच्छा.....

ओही उद्देश्य ला, अच्छा!

पूरा करे खातिर बर, जी!

हमर विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण हा,

हव !

"लोक अदालत"

अच्छा!

अउ "मेडिएशन सेंटर" के माध्यम से,

हव !

जम्मो समस्या ला सुलझावत हावे।

अच्छा- अच्छा...

सही बात ला बताथस दीदी, हव !

गांव के झगड़ा ला गांव में सुलझाबो भैया,

कोट-कचहरी के बाहर गा संगवारी भाई।

गांव के झगड़ा ला गांव में सुलझाबो भैया,

कोट-कचहरी के बाहर गा संगवारी भाई।

समय बांच जाही, (हव जी!)

धन बांच जाही, (का बात हे!)

हारिही ना कोई, (हौ गा!)

मान बने रही। (अच्छा!)

समय बांच जाही, धन बांच जाही,

हारिही ना कोई, मान बने रही।

मिल-जुल के झगड़ा निपटाबो गा संगवारी भाई,

मिल-जुल के झगड़ा मिटाबो गा संगवारी भाई।

मिल-जुल के झगड़ा निपटाबो गा संगवारी भाई।

Youtube Link - https://youtu.be/CQ-cR_sx8IY?si=QETX7Z7OphIH1boU

Cultural Awareness Programme

The celebrations continued with vibrant cultural performances by the **Cultural and Nukkad Natak Team of District Court Bar**, who captivated the audience with an engaging street-play performance set to the theme of the Pandwani song. Through powerful storytelling and dramatic expression, the team effectively conveyed the message of dispute resolution through dialogue, compromise, and community participation—core principles that lie at the heart of Lok Adalats.

The performance took place within the court premises in the graceful presence of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and other esteemed guests who appreciated the bar members. The programme received enthusiastic appreciation from the audience and served as an effective medium for public legal awareness.



Lok Adalat Proceedings

The National Lok Adalat witnessed enthusiastic participation from litigants, advocates, judicial officers and members of the public.

Key Statistics

A total of **39** benches were constituted across the District Court Durg, Family Court Durg, Civil Court Bhillai-3, Civil Court Patan and Civil Court Dhamdha. Through the collective efforts of the Judiciary, members of the bar and various departments, a total of **10,13,826** case were taken and a total **10,13,730** of cases were successfully settled. These settlements resulted in the awarding of a total compensation and settlement amount of Rs **49,60,31,667** /-, providing immediate financial and legal relief to the parties involved.

Significant success was achieved in resolving a diverse range of cases through the Lok Adalat including civil disputes, motor accident claim matters, matrimonial disputes, compoundable criminal cases, bank recovery matters and several pre-litigation disputes. In a remarkable display of social reconciliation families were reunited after resolving their matrimonial disputes through counselling at the Family Court, Furthermore, **59** motor accident claim cases were settled, ensuring that victims received their compensation without further delay. In the pre-litigation category, **1,13,439** matters related to banks, electricity, and telecommunications were resolved, preventing them from entering the formal litigation process





Technology and Reach-out Programmes

In line with the visionary guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Justice, modern technological tools and innovative reach-out programs played a pivotal role in today's success. A noteworthy innovation during the event was the **Mobile Lok Adalat Van**, which reached out to members of the public and facilitated **virtual settlements** for individuals unable to physically attend the proceedings. This initiative ensured wider outreach and demonstrated how technology can complement the traditional mechanisms of dispute resolution.

The proceedings were conducted through both physical and virtual modes, allowing litigants from distant areas to participate via video conferencing. Additionally, the mobile awareness vans reached out to elderly and infirm litigants at their residences, facilitating their participation and ensuring that no citizen was deprived of the benefit of the Lok Adalat due to physical constraints.



Participation of Law Students

Law students from various law colleges attended the event and observed the Lok Adalat proceedings. The programme provided them with valuable practical exposure to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and helped them understand the importance of amicable settlement within the justice delivery system.

The event also served as an educational platform for the next generation of legal professionals. **Law students from various law colleges** actively attended the programme, observing the proceedings and gaining valuable insights into the practical functioning of Lok Adalats and alternative dispute resolution systems. Their participation fostered awareness and encouraged a deeper understanding of the judiciary's role in delivering accessible justice.



Community Welfare Initiatives

The event was not limited to legal proceedings but also reflected a strong commitment to community welfare.

Free Community Kitchen (Langar)

A community kitchen was organized during the event, serving food to attendees and volunteers and promoting the spirit of equality, service and collective participation.



Exhibition and Sale Stall

An exhibition-cum-sale stall was organized showcasing products prepared by inmates of Central Jail Durg. The initiative encouraged rehabilitation and self-reliance among prisoners and recorded a total sale of Rs. 10,200/- during the event.

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Free Health Check-Up Camp

A free health check-up camp was organized for the benefit of the public, providing medical consultations and basic health services to individuals.



All in all, Beyond legal proceedings, the event incorporated several community-oriented initiatives. A **free community kitchen (Langar)** was organized, reflecting the spirit of service and inclusiveness. Additionally, an **exhibition-cum-sale stall** showcased products prepared by inmates of the **Central Jail Durg**, promoting rehabilitation and self-reliance among prisoners and In the spirit of social welfare, a **free health check-up camp** was also organized during the event. These initiatives reinforced the broader objective of legal services institutions to promote overall community welfare alongside legal empowerment.

Durg District Court and District Legal Services Authority, Durg express heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Justice, the Hon'ble Portfolio Judge, judicial officers, members of the Bar, volunteers, cultural teams, law students and members of the public whose collective efforts ensured the grand success of the National Lok Adalat. The presence and guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Portfolio Judge greatly motivated everyone and reinforced public confidence in the justice delivery system.

The successful organization of the event stands as a testament to the commitment of the legal services institutions towards delivering accessible, inclusive and compassionate justice for all sections of society.

The programme stood as a powerful testament to the judiciary's commitment to **speedy, inclusive, and compassionate justice**, bringing legal remedies closer to the people and strengthening the foundation of an equitable society.

"Justice becomes meaningful when it reaches every citizen swiftly and without barriers. "

PHOTO GALLERY









