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“Where disputes find resolution through dialogue”



Successful conduct of the National Lok Adalat at the Principal District & Sessions Court, Durg (C.G.)

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District Legal Services Authority, Durg (C.G.)

Message



Shri K. Vinod Kujur

Principal District and Sessions Judge

& Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Durg (C.G.)

The National Lok Adalat is a reflection of our collective commitment to making justice accessible, efficient and people-centric. It provides a unique opportunity where disputes are not merely adjudicated, but resolved through mutual understanding, dialogue and consensus.

The successful conduct of the National Lok Adalat at the Principal District & Sessions Court, Durg, under the aegis of the District Legal Services Authority, in association with the National Legal Services Authority and the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, is a testament to the spirit of conciliation and cooperation shared by all stakeholders of the justice delivery system.

Every settlement reached through this forum represents more than the conclusion of a case — it marks a step towards restoring peace, saving valuable time and resources, and enabling parties to move forward with dignity.

The importance of Lok Adalat lies in its ability to place the human dimension of justice at the forefront. By encouraging parties to find mutually acceptable solutions, it strengthens the confidence of citizens in the justice system and reinforces the principle that access to justice must be meaningful as well as effective.

I take this opportunity to place on record my sincere appreciation for the Judicial Officers, members of the Bar, court staff, Legal Services Authorities, para-legal volunteers and all other stakeholders for their wholehearted participation and dedicated efforts in making this initiative successful.

The awareness activities conducted alongside the Lok Adalat further contribute to empowering citizens with knowledge of their rights and the various avenues available for resolution of disputes.

May the success of this National Lok Adalat encourage us to carry forward the values of conciliation, cooperation and community-oriented justice, and continue our endeavour towards building a justice delivery system that is responsive to the needs of every citizen.

(Sd/-)

K. Vinod Kujur

Principal District & Sessions Judge, Durg
Chairman, DLSA, Durg

District Legal Services Authority, Durg (C.G.)

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the light of justice and the collective commitment towards the amicable, speedy and effective resolution of disputes. The lamp was lit jointly by the Principal District & Sessions Judge along with senior Judicial Officers, followed by members of the District Bar Association, Durg.

Lamp Lighting by the Principal District & Sessions Judge and Judicial Officers



Lamp Lighting by Members of the District Bar Association, Durg



"The light of justice — kindled in dialogue, carried forward in consent."

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COORDINATION MEETING OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS



Ahead of the National Lok Adalat, a coordination meeting of Judicial Officers was convened at the Principal District & Sessions Court, Durg. Presided over by the Principal District & Sessions Judge, the meeting reviewed preparedness across all Benches, discussed case allocation and pre-sitting progress, and ensured a common, litigant-friendly approach to conciliation on the day of the Lok Adalat. Judicial Officers from across the district participated, reflecting the coordinated institutional effort that underpinned the event's success.



NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

A Path from Prolonged Litigation to Peaceful Resolution

National Lok Adalat provides a simple, speedy and amicable forum for settlement of disputes. It transforms prolonged litigation into meaningful dialogue, mutual understanding and peaceful resolution. By encouraging compromise and reducing the burden on courts, it strengthens access to justice, promotes harmony, saves time and resources, and fosters a culture of reconciliation.

It gives parties an opportunity to resolve disputes with dignity and consent. It offers relief from the stress and uncertainty of prolonged litigation. Through collective efforts, Lok Adalat strengthens the spirit of cooperation and social harmony. It truly makes justice more accessible, participative and people-oriented.



Proceedings of the National Lok Adalat at the Principal District & Sessions Court, Durg

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LOK ADALAT PROCEEDINGS

The National Lok Adalat witnessed active and enthusiastic participation from litigants, advocates, judicial officers and members of the public, reflecting the collective commitment towards achieving expeditious and amicable resolution of disputes.



Settlement, counselling and conciliation of parties before the Benches at the Principal District & Sessions Court, Durg

"A case came to an end — but far more importantly, a relationship began afresh."



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OVER 4.10 LAKH CASES RESOLVED AT DURG

A Peaceful End to Disputes Worth Crores

For one, it was a family dispute that had dragged on for years. For another, an old rivalry. For someone else, a stolen motorcycle. And for yet another, dues owed to a bank, an electricity company or a telecom provider. On 12 September 2026, at Durg, all of these stories came to an end in one place — through dialogue, compromise and mutual consent. This is the real strength of the Lok Adalat.

4.10 Lakh+ Total cases disposed of	₹ 685.90 Cr. Total settlement amount
37 Benches constituted	13,851 Court cases disposed of

3,96,869 Pre-litigation matters disposed of

Under the directions of the National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, the guidance of the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Bilaspur, and the supervision of the Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Durg, the Third National Lok Adalat of the year 2026 was organised across the various courts and judicial institutions of Durg district.

A total of 37 Benches were constituted. Matters were taken up at the Family Court, Durg; the Principal District & Sessions Court, Durg; the Civil Courts at Bhilai-3, Patan and Dhamdha; the Juvenile Justice Board; the Labour Court; the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services); the Revenue Courts; and the Consumer Forum. In all, 13,851 court cases and 3,96,869 pre-litigation matters were disposed of, including a large number of pre-litigation disputes relating to banking and financial institutions, electricity and telecommunications.

These are not merely figures — they are more than four lakh stories of resolution.

BAR AND BENCH TOGETHER

A Shared Commitment to Justice

The Bar played a significant role in the successful conduct of the National Lok Adalat held on 12th September, 2026. Advocates actively encouraged litigants to opt for amicable settlement, facilitated meaningful negotiation between the parties, and extended their wholehearted cooperation to the Bench, thereby strengthening the spirit of conciliation and access to speedy justice.

A Lok Adalat succeeds only when the Bar and the Bench move in the same direction. It is the advocate who first explains to a litigant that a settlement arrived at today is final, binding and free from the burden of appeal; and it is the advocate who persuades a client to look beyond the immediate contest towards a lasting resolution. The District Legal Services Authority, Durg places on record its sincere appreciation for the members of the District Bar Association, Durg, whose cooperation remains indispensable to the success of every Lok Adalat.



Discussion between the Bench and members of the District Bar Association, Durg



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SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Justice + Care — Free Health Check-Up Camp

The distinction of this National Lok Adalat lay not merely in the disposal of cases. For the parties and the ordinary citizens who came to the court premises, a one-day free health check-up camp was also organised with the cooperation of the District Hospital, Durg. Medical Officer Dr. Nivedita Gardia and the staff of the Health Department conducted health examinations and provided the necessary services. Judicial Officers, advocates, litigating parties and a large number of citizens availed themselves of the facility.



The one-day free health check-up camp in progress at the Principal District & Sessions Court premises, Durg



"Justice for the case, Care for the person."



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A Story of Skill from Behind the Walls — Exhibition-cum-Sale of Jail Products

An exhibition and sale of products manufactured by the inmates confined in the Central Jail, Durg was also set up on the occasion of the National Lok Adalat. Those present appreciated these products warmly.



Exhibition-cum-sale of products made by the inmates of Central Jail, Durg

This initiative brings forward an important message — that the justice system is not confined to punishment alone. Reform, rehabilitation and a return to the mainstream of society are equally an essential part of justice.



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STALLS FOR ON-THE-SPOT RESOLUTION

Banking, Electricity and Telecommunication Institutions

To ensure that pre-litigation disputes involving public utility and financial institutions could be resolved on the spot, dedicated stalls were set up at the venue of the National Lok Adalat, bringing the concerned departments directly within reach of the parties.

Banking and Financial Institutions



For the convenience of parties concerned with banking and financial matters, special stalls were set up by the concerned banks and financial institutions at the venue. This gave parties the opportunity to communicate directly with the concerned officials regarding resolution of their pre-litigation disputes.

Electricity Department



A dedicated stall was set up by the Electricity Department for the swift resolution of pre-litigation matters related to electricity dues, where concerned consumers were extended necessary assistance towards settlement of their cases.

BSNL / Telecommunications Department



BSNL set up a dedicated stall for the resolution of pre-litigation matters related to telecommunications. Officials remained present throughout the day, providing concerned parties with the information and assistance required to settle their disputes on the spot.

SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

Some matters cannot be measured in figures alone.

STORY ONE — A decision that brought a family back together

In the Family Court, Durg, differences had persisted between a husband and wife over a long period of time. When the matter came up before the National Lok Adalat, the Bench encouraged both parties to reflect not merely upon their legal rights, but upon their future, their dignity, their trust in one another and their family life. Both of them decided to leave their old differences behind and to move forward with mutual respect and confidence. In the courtroom itself, the two garlanded each other. A case came to an end — but far more importantly, a family began afresh. Both parties returned home happily.



STORY TWO — An old family feud finds a new beginning

In another matter, long-standing bitterness among members of the same family had taken the shape of a criminal case. Pending for years, the dispute had created tension and distance within the family. At the National Lok Adalat, the Bench, keeping in mind the sentiments of the parties and the sensitivity of family relationships, created an atmosphere of dialogue. The result was that the old feud came to an end and the dispute was peacefully resolved by mutual consent. Five parties were concerned in the matter. Where personal presence was not possible for all of them, technology was not permitted to stand in the way of settlement — some of the parties participated through video conferencing and completed the process of compromise. Technology reduced the distance between places, and mediation reduced the distance between relationships.



STORY THREE — A motorcycle, a mistake and an apology

In another case, a man returning home at night dropped his earphone along the way. By the time he stopped and came back to pick it up, his motorcycle was no longer there. A report of theft was lodged and the matter reached the court. The motorcycle was subsequently recovered and handed over to the complainant. When the case was placed before the National Lok Adalat, the complainant expressed a willingness to compromise. After counselling by the Bench, the accused apologised to the complainant and undertook not to repeat such a mistake in future. The complainant too gave his consent. Once again, dialogue found the way where litigation could not, and the matter was brought to a close in a harmonious atmosphere on the basis of mutual compromise.

"Three cases, three very different disputes — and one common ending: a settlement freely chosen, not a verdict imposed."



COMMUNITY MEDIATION

DLSA Durg's Ground Level Efforts for a Dispute-Free Rural India From Courtroom Disputes to Community-Based Solutions

A peaceful and harmonious village is the foundation of a strong and progressive society. In rural India, disputes relating to land, family matters, neighbourhood issues, agricultural boundaries, money transactions and other day-to-day concerns can often disturb community harmony and, if left unresolved, may ultimately find their way into courts. Community Mediation provides an effective and accessible mechanism to resolve such disputes at the grassroots level through dialogue, mutual understanding and consensus.



The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Durg is making sustained ground-level efforts to promote a culture of amicable dispute resolution in rural communities. Through legal awareness programmes, mediation awareness camps, visits to villages, interaction with local communities and coordination with para-legal volunteers and grassroots stakeholders, DLSA Durg seeks to ensure that people understand that every dispute need not become a prolonged legal battle.



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PREPARATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

As reported in the Press



In the run-up to the National Lok Adalat, the District Legal Services Authority, Durg completed all the necessary preparations well in advance. Under the guidance of the Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman, DLSA, Durg, a comprehensive action plan was set in motion, a major focus of which involved extensive pre-sitting sessions across various case categories. These preliminary hearings were designed to identify the root causes of disputes, assess opportunities for mutual settlement, and counsel litigating parties on resolving their differences amicably through the Lok Adalat mechanism.

BEYOND THE COURT PREMISES

The Message Reaches Those for Whom it is Meant

The work of a Lok Adalat does not end when the last file is closed. Word of what happened at Durg on 12th September travelled well beyond the court premises — in Hindi and in English, in print and online — and reached homes far from the Principal District & Sessions Court.

For the District Legal Services Authority this carries a value of its own. Every citizen who learns what the Lok Adalat can do is a citizen who may bring a dispute to the next one, instead of carrying it for years. Spreading that awareness is as much a part of the Authority's duty as the constitution of the Benches itself.



District Legal Services Authority, Durg (C.G.)

PHOTO GALLERY

Judicial Officers at the Benches — National Lok Adalat, 12 September 2026



District Legal Services Authority, Durg (C.G.)



Judicial Officers of the Principal District & Sessions Court, Durg, and Lok Adalat Benches at Tehsil Level — Dhamdha and Patan, presiding over settlement proceedings at their respective Benches.



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AWARENESS

Beyond the settlement of cases, the National Lok Adalat also served as a platform for public awareness.

SELFIE ZONE

A dedicated Selfie Zone was set up by the District Legal Services Authority, Durg at the court premises, inviting Judicial Officers, members of the Bar, staff and visiting citizens to capture the spirit of the day and carry its message forward.



Judicial Officers, staff and visitors capturing the spirit of the National Lok Adalat at the Selfie Zone, District Legal Services Authority, Durg

Mediation 3.0 — "Samadhan ki Nai Disha"

To publicise the ongoing Mediation 3.0 campaign, special banners and awareness material were displayed at the Principal District & Sessions Court premises, Durg. The initiative aims to make citizens and litigants aware of the swift, simple and effective resolution of disputes — particularly monetary transactions up to ₹5,00,000 between two individuals — through mediation, with complete confidentiality and reduced burden on the courts.

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A Rangoli for Justice, Peace and Resolution



A special rangoli, prepared by the Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of the District Legal Services Authority, Durg, welcomed litigants and visitors at the venue of the National Lok Adalat. The rangoli depicted the spirit of justice, peace and mutual resolution, and drew the attention of all who entered the court premises — a fitting, creative prelude to a day devoted to dialogue and consensus.



Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and staff of the Principal District & Sessions Court, Durg extending support to the proceedings of the National Lok Adalat



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2. भूमि विवाद, सीमांकन, कब्जा, रकबा, पैमाइश से सम्बंधित मामले
3. चेक बाउंस, बैंक ऋण, उपभोक्ता मामले
4. मोटर दुर्घटना दावा, क्षतिपूर्ति संबंधी मामले
5. छोटे एवं मध्यम आर्थिक विवाद, श्रम विवाद, वेतन, पेंशन एवं सेवा संबंधी मामले
6. आपसी समझौते, मध्यस्थता, परिवारिक विवाद
7. उत्तराधिकार, संपत्ति बंटवारा, दहेज प्रताड़ना, महिला उत्पीड़न से सम्बंधित मामले
8. ऋण वसूली, वित्तीय दावे, व्यापारिक विवाद
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Publicity and awareness material displayed at the District Court, Durg

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