

# Pune district tops National Lok Adalat in case settlements

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Pune district has once again proven its prowess in dispute resolution by securing the top spot in settling the highest number of cases during the National Lok Adalat held on Saturday.

A staggering 1,10,192 cases were successfully resolved during the event, marking a significant milestone in the state's legal landscape. These settlements resulted in a recovery of Rs 396.02 crore in settlement charges.

Lok Adalat follows an informal procedure, allowing parties involved to settle disputes outside the formal courtroom setting. The decisions or awards issued during Lok Adalat are considered final and non-appealable, ensuring swift resolution.

The National Lok Adalat was organised by the Pune District Legal Services Authority (PDSLA), led by Secretary Sonal Patil, under the guidance of Principal District and Sessions Judge and PDSLA Chairman, Shyam Chandak. 137 panels were appointed to handle cases in both pre-litigation and post-litigation stages.

Among the cases presented, a staggering 2,15,006 were in the pre-litigation stage. 75,066 of these cases were successfully resolved, resulting in a substantial recovery of over Rs 76.21 crore in settlement charges. Additionally, 72,477 pending cases were brought forward, with 30,236 cases amicably settled, leading to an impressive recovery of over Rs 319.81 crore.

Sonal Patil, the Secretary of PDSLA, disclosed some statistics regarding the resolution of cases in Maharashtra.



## Top 3 Districts

### PUNE

1,10,192

CASES;

₹396.02 cr

settlement charges

### KOLHAPUR

99,480

CASES;

₹75.14 cr

settlement charges

### NAGPUR

1,42,562

CASES;

₹143.04 cr

settlement charges

Among the top-performing districts, Pune stood out with a staggering 2,18,563 cases resolved, amounting to a settlement charge of Rs 396 crore.

Following closely, Kolhapur resolved 99,480 cases with a settlement charge totalling Rs 75.14 crore, while Nagpur achieved a notable feat by settling 1,42,562 cases with a charge of Rs 143.04 crore.