

# 3rd National Lok Adalat held at District Court Complex Shopian

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The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Shopian, today organized the 3rd National Lok Adalat of the year 2026 at the District Court Complex, Shopian, with the objective of facilitating the amicable settlement of cases and ensuring accessible, speedy and cost-effective justice.

The Lok Adalat was inaugurated by Chairman DLSA (Principal District & Sessions Judge), Shopian, Mehmood Ahmad Chowdhary in the presence of judicial officers and advocates of District Court Shopian.

For the National Lok Adalat, six benches were constituted by the DLSA to take up a wide range of cases. Besides advocates and litigants, a large number of citizens also participated in the proceedings.

The first bench was presided over by Mehmood Ahmad Chowdhary, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shopian, along with Adv. Parvaiz Ahmed Malik. The second bench was presided over by Reyez Ahmed Chowdhary, Chief Judicial Magistrate,



Shopian, along with Adv. Gulzar Ahmad Najar.

The third bench was presided over by Mudasar Farooq, Secretary, DLSA Shopian, along with Adv. Iftikhar Ahmad, while the fourth bench was presided over by Bazila Bashir, Principal Magistrate, JJB Shopian, along with Adv. Shah Nawaz Ahmad Raina.

The fifth bench was presided over by Rameen Rashid Khan, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, along with Adv. Rafi Ahmad Ganie, while the sixth bench was presided over by Anjum Bashir Khan Khatak, Tehsildar, Shopian, along with Adv. Ajaz Ali Dar.

A total of 485 cases relat-

ing to recovery suits, traffic challans, civil cases, MACT cases, matrimonial matters, criminal compoundable cases and other civil cases were taken up during the National Lok Adalat. Out of these, 396 cases were amicably settled, involving a total settlement amount of Rs 37,86,225.

# CTTIK Delegation Meets LOP Sunil Sharma, Raises Key Tourism and Business Issues

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A delegation of the Chamber of Tourism, Trade and Industry Katra (CTTIK) comprising president Raj Kumar Padha secretary Atul Sharma and executive member Neelam Singh met Sh. Sunil Sharma Hon'ble Leader of Opposition in the J&K Legislative Assembly in the presence of MLA Sh. Baldev Raj Sharma, MLA Sh. Kuldeep Raj Dubey and BJP reasi district president Sh. Rohit Dubey. During the meeting, the delegation apprised the Leader of Opposition of various pressing issues concerning tourism, hospitality, infrastructure and the business community of Katra and Jammu Division.

The CTTIK delegation strongly emphasised the need to end the comparative overlooking of Jammu Division in tourism promotion and sought a dedicated long-term promotional policy for Jammu as an independent tourism destination. The delegation highlighted the vast potential of Jammu in religious, spiritual, heritage, leisure, adventure and nature tourism and stressed the need for greater participation in major tourism platforms such as TTF, OTM, national and international roadshows, FAM tours and digital campaigns. It also proposed an integrated Jammu religious and tourism circuit covering Katra, Jammu, Patnitop, Sanasar, Sudhmahadev, Mantalai, Bhaderwah, Mansar, Surinsar, Shiv Khori and other important



destinations along with dedicated funds for promotion and destination branding.

The delegation also raised the issue of inadequate water and electricity supply to accommodation units in Katra stressing the need for a long-term water security plan, exploration of additional water sources, uninterrupted 24-hour power supply and augmentation of transformers and distribution infrastructure. CTTIK further demanded restoration of industrial power tariff and other eligible industry benefits for hotels considering hospitality as a vital component of the tourism economy besides seeking a Power Amnesty Scheme for commercial consumers to enable genuine businesses to settle outstanding dues through a structured mechanism.

The delegation also urged intervention for the early implementation of the PRASHAD Scheme in Katra including expeditious finalisation of the revised DPR and release of

the sanctioned funds for tourism infrastructure. Another major demand was the establishment of a dedicated Tourism Skill Development Centre at Katra to provide practical training in hospitality, front office, housekeeping, food and beverage, customer service, travel trade, tourist guiding and other tourism-related skills thereby creating employment opportunities for local youth.

The CTTIK delegation also discussed the proposed Tarakot-Sanjichhat Ropeway Project making it clear that the Chamber is not opposed to modernisation of pilgrimage infrastructure but strongly believes that the project should not bypass Katra and its traditional markets. CTTIK suggested that the ropeway should preferably originate from within Katra near the Old Bus Stand with ticketing waiting and allied facilities located in the town.

The delegation stressed that pilgrim movement should continue to pass through Katra and that lo-

cal entrepreneurs and youth should receive meaningful participation and employment opportunities in the project and its allied services.

The delegation requested the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition to raise these important matters with the Government and concerned departments and extend his support for the legitimate interests of the tourism, hospitality and business community of Katra and Jammu Division.

Sh. Sunil Sharma listened sympathetically to the issues and concerns raised by the CTTIK delegation and assured the members that he would take up the matters with the concerned authorities and make all possible efforts for their early consideration and redressal. The CTTIK delegation expressed gratitude to the Leader of Opposition the MLAs and the BJP reasi district president for giving them an opportunity to present the concerns of the Katra business and tourism fraternity.

# 3rd National Lok Adalat held across Kupwara

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The 3rd National Lok Adalat of the year 2026 was successfully held across District Kupwara, providing a platform for the amicable, speedy, and low-cost resolution of disputes.

The National Lok Adalat was formally inaugurated by Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Manjeet Singh Manhas in the presence of judicial officers. The inaugural session was also attended by the President and members of the Bar Association, Kupwara, Legal Aid Defence Counsels (LADCS), Panel Lawyers, court staff, and Para-Legal Volunteers associated with DLSA Kupwara.

The primary objective of the National Lok Adalat was to ensure expeditious disposal of cases in a cost-effective and amicable manner while simultaneously reducing the pendency of cases in regular courts.

A total of 268 cases were identified and listed for settlement, covering a wide range of disputes, including civil matters, compoundable criminal cases, family disputes, recovery matters, motor accident



claim cases, and pre-litigation as well as post-litigation disputes across District Kupwara.

To facilitate smooth functioning, nine benches were constituted including four at District Headquarters Kupwara, two at Handwara, and one each at Sogam, Kralpora, and

Trehgam. With the efforts of judicial officers, lawyers, and parties to the disputes, a total of 105 cases were amicably settled, resulting in the realization of a settlement amount of Rs 57,89,417.

The successful conduct of 3rd National Lok

Adalat once again reaffirmed the commitment of the judiciary towards providing accessible, affordable, and speedy justice to the people. It highlighted the significance of Lok Adalats as an effective alternative dispute resolution mechanism, ensuring justice in its true spirit.

# Rana holds public outreach programme at Bhata Dhurian; assesses public grievances

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Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today held a public outreach programme at Bhata Dhurian, where he interacted with the local residents and listened to their grievances and development related concerns.

The people from the area apprised the Minister of various issues concerning road connectivity, water supply, basic infrastructure and other essential services.

The Minister assured them that their genuine concerns would be taken up with the concerned departments for timely resolution.

The people raised demands pertaining to construction and improvement of school buildings, upgradation of educational institutions, road connectivity, augmentation of water supply, healthcare facilities and other basic infrastructure requirements.

Rana emphasised that regular interaction with people at the grass-roots level is essential for understanding their concerns and ensuring that development reaches every section of society.

He said that the government is committed to strengthen the public



infrastructure and improving basic amenities, particularly in remote and hilly areas. He directed the concerned officers to examine the issues brought to their notice and take necessary measures for their early resolution.

The Minister also inspected the NH-144 road from Kallar to Shadhra Sharief via Kamlo Gali, taking stock of condition of the vital road link and the requirements for its improvement. He reviewed the road connectivity issues along the route and interacted with the officials regarding the measures required to ensure smoother and safer movement of people and traffic.

Rana stressed the need for close co-ordination among the concerned agencies to address the bottlenecks, expedite necessary works and ensure timely execution of road improvement measures. He called for sustained attention towards streamlin-

ing connectivity in the hilly and remote areas, noting that reliable road infrastructure is essential for facilitating access to essential services, supporting local livelihoods and improving the overall quality of life of the people.

He directed the concerned officers to remain responsive to the requirements of the area and ensure that works are taken up in a planned and time-bound manner, keeping in view the difficulties faced by residents due to challenging terrain and connectivity constraints.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma, briefed the Minister on various government schemes and welfare programmes being implemented by the different departments in the district. He also apprised the gathering about the benefits available under these schemes.

# Kishtwar plans celebration of 6 Yrs of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan; DC reviews preparedness

**KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 12:** Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the preparedness for the celebration of six years of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) in the district.

The department also deliberated to chart a comprehensive strategy for attracting maximum public participation and effective implementation of the campaign.

District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Tariq Parvez Qazi, delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation, apprising the meeting about the objectives of the upcoming campaign, proposed activities and the roadmap for the district-level celebrations.

The DSWO informed the meeting that the dates for the National-level Event celebration are yet to be notified. He stated that the schedule would be communicated separately to all concerned as and when it is officially notified.

It was further informed that the main District-level event shall be organized at the Conference Hall New DC Office featuring live telecast of the National Level celebration. The live telecast would be organised in every government office, educational institution, health institution, Anganwadi Centre and other venues across the District.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments to ensure effective coordination, meticulous arrangements

and maximum participation. The meeting decided to chart a comprehensive District Action Plan and Calendar of Activities with the active involvement of the Rural Development Department (RDD), Education, Health, ICDS, Motor Vehicle Department (MVD), Revenue, Police, CRPF and other concerned departments.

The plan will encompass awareness, sensitization, community mobilization and outreach programmes across the district.

The DC laid special emphasis on the active involvement of youth, spiritual, religious and community-based organizations, besides Beopar Mandal, drivers, transporters and other community stakeholders.

The concerned SDMs were directed to monitor the implementation of activities at the Sub-Divisional level and ensure effective coordination among all departments and stakeholders.

The meeting was attended by ADC, Pawan Kotwal, PO ICDS, Rishi Kumar Sharma, CPO/DSEO Kishtwar, Suresh Kumar Sharma, EO Municipal Council Kishtwar, Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, ARTO Kishtwar, Tasleem Wani, Dy. SP Hqr, Dr. Is-han Gupta, Principal GDC Kishtwar, Lekh Raj Badyal, AD Planning RDD Kishtwar Ashraf Wani besides other officers, representatives from GDC Chatroo, GDC Paddar and concerned staff.

# DLSA Budgam facilitates amicable settlement of 260 Cases in 3rd National Lok Adalat

**BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 12:** Under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority (J&K LSA), District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Budgam successfully organized 3rd National Lok Adalat of the year 2026 at the District Court Complex Budgam and at the Taluka Courts across the district today.

The National Lok Adalat was inaugurated by O.P. Baghat, Principal District & Sessions Judge, ?Chairman, District Legal Services Authority), Budgam, in the presence of Judicial Officers posted at the District Headquarters, members of the Bar, panel advocates, staff of

DLSA Budgam and other stakeholders.

The Lok Adalat was conducted under the overall supervision of the Chairman and under the guidance of Tabassum Qadir Parray, Secretary DLSA Budgam with the objective of providing litigants with an effective, expeditious and accessible mechanism for resolution of disputes through mutual settlement and compromise.

For ensuring smooth and effective disposal of cases-matters amenable to settlement were identified in advance by the respective courts and placed before seven dedicated Lok Adalat Benches constituted by DLSA Budgam.

The Lok Adalat provided a

comprehensive forum for settlement of a wide range of disputes, including civil disputes, compoundable criminal cases, cheque bounce cases, bank recovery matters, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) claims, land compensation matters, matrimonial and family disputes, pre-litigation matters, social welfare disputes, labour disputes, revenue matters, BSNL-related issues, municipal matters and cases concerning various government schemes, besides other matters amenable to settlement in accordance with law.

During the Lok Adalat, a total of 439 cases were taken up before the seven benches, out of which 260 cases were amicably settled through mu-

tual consent and compromise.

A total settlement amount of ?24036591 was awarded/realized by way of compensation, recovery and settlement during the Lok Adalat.

The successful conduct of the National Lok Adalat reflects the continued commitment of DLSA Budgam towards strengthening access to justice and providing a people-centric platform for amicable resolution of disputes. Lok Adalats provide litigants with an opportunity to resolve disputes in a less formal, expeditious and cost-effective manner while also reducing the burden of prolonged litigation on the parties as well as the courts.