

Justice Rajnesh Oswal inaugurates 3rd National Lok Adalat-2026 at District Court Complex Jammu

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The 3rd National Lok Adalat for the year 2026 was conducted today in District Court Complex, Jammu, under the guidance of Chairman DLSA/Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu Tahir Khurshid Raina and overall supervision of Civil Judge Senior Division & Secretary DLSA Maleeka Sharma.

The event was graced by the presence of Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Administrative Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal along with DLSA Chairman Tahir Khurshid Raina inaugurated the National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Janipur.

Justice Oswal highlighted the importance of Lok Adalat in resolving long-pending disputes through mutually acceptable settlements. His Lordship emphasized the benefits of Lok Adalat including speedy justice, reduced litigation costs and preservation of relationships, making it an attractive option for litigants seeking efficient dispute resolution.

Later, Justice Oswal along with the Principal District & Sessions Judge inspected the Courts where the Lok Adalat benches were constituted. They also distributed cheques of the MACT settled compensation amounts to the concerned parties/claimants



during the Lok Adalat proceedings.

An amount of Rs. 1,15,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Ajay Misri (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd. An amount of Rs. 82,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Koushalya Devi (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank. An amount of Rs. 57,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Neeta Kanth (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank. An amount of Rs. 43,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Satpal Sharma (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance Company. An amount of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- was awarded

in favour of Darshan Lal (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by Liberty General Insurance. An amount of Rs. 85,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Mehnaz Akhter & Ors (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance Company. An amount of Rs. 25,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Shiwani Tahotra (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank. An amount of Rs. 20,00,000/- was awarded in favour of Chinta Devi (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank. An amount of Rs. 19,50,000/- was awarded in favour of Shaakeela Banoo (claimant) after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation through J&K Bank.

Many litigants participated in the Lok Adalat to avail the opportunity for amicable settlement of their disputes. A wide range of cases including Civil disputes, Bank Recovery cases, cases U/s 138 N.I. Act, Compoundable Criminal cases, MACT claims, Matrimonial disputes, Labour matters, Revenue cases and other compoundable cases were taken up.

Twenty Six benches comprising Judicial Officers along with Panel Lawyers/LADCs of DLSA Jammu were constituted at District Court Complex.

In all, 904 cases pertaining to different nature were taken up, out of which 409 cases were settled. The total Amount recovered stood at Rs. 22,16,27,013/-.

Similar National Lok Adalat sittings were held at Tehsil Legal Services Committee Bishnah, RS Pura and Akhnoor.

Farmers' Awareness Camp held at Ghordi

Director Horticulture Jammu interacts with participants

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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 12: Director Horticulture Jammu Gul Syed today visited Ghordi in Udhampur District, where a Farmers' Awareness Camp was organised at Dalsar Panchayat. He attended the programme as the Chief Guest.

At the outset, Chief Horticulture Officer Brij Vallabh Gupta briefed the participants about the various horticultural activities being undertaken in the district in the current financial year.

The Director interacted with the farmers and held detailed discussions on the development and promotion of horticulture in the area. He listened to the issues, requirements and suggestions put forth by the farming community and assured them of all possible technical support and assistance from the Department. He highlighted the importance of adopting modern horticultural practices, using quality planting material, scientific orchard management and crop diversification to enhance productivity and improve the farm income.

The awareness camp provided an effective platform for direct interaction between the Department and the farming community. The objective was to strengthen farmer-oriented services and promote the over-



all development of the horticulture sector in Ghordi and adjoining areas of Udhampur District.

The Director was accompanied by Assistant Director Horticulture, Sunil Gupta and District Horticulture Officer Vijay Kumar, Technical Officer, Sandeep Sharma, Horticulture Development Officers Rajesh

Gupta, Adarsh Kumar and Raman Thappa. Later, the Director inspected the PEQ Centre, Marta and took stock of the activities being carried out there. He reviewed the progress of the ongoing activities and directed the concerned officials to work with zeal, dedication and a result-oriented approach.

503 cases settled at National Lok Adalat Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 13: The 3rd National Lok Adalat 2026 was held today in District Udhampur under the chairpersonship of Principal District and Sessions Judge/Chairperson, District Legal Services Au-

thority (DLSA) Kalpana Revo and Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Sumati Sharma.

The Lok Adalat was inaugurated by the DLSA Chairperson Kalpana Revo and Additional District and Sessions Judge Yash

Paul Sharma by lighting the traditional lamp in the presence of judicial officers.

The National Lok Adalat was organized to promote the settlement of disputes through conciliation and mediation, deliver speedy

justice and reduce the pendency of cases. Six (06) benches, comprising judicial officers and panel lawyers, were constituted across District Udhampur. These benches worked diligently to resolve disputes amicably.

3rd National Lok Adalat held in District Kishtwar; 139 Cases Settled, Rs 3.05 Cr awarded to Claimants

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In pursuance of the the calendar of the National Legal Services Authority and under the directions of the J&K Legal Services Authority, the 3rd National Lok Adalat was organized today by the District Legal Services Authority Kishtwar here at District Court Complex.

Four benches were constituted to take up Criminal Compoundable Cases, Matrimonial Cases, matters related to Maintenance, Civil Cases, Recovery Cases, Labour Disputes, MACT Cases, Pre-Litigation Cases and other cases.

The First Bench consisted of Principal District & Sessions Judge Sudhir Kumar Khajuria and Munsiff/JMIC Karan Bijjal.

The Second Bench consisted of Chief Judicial



Magistrate Deputy Kumar and Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Deepika Sharma. The Third Bench consisted of Secretary DLSA Meera Bangotra and Assistant LADC Sandeep

Kumar. The Fourth Bench consisted of ACR Moham-mad Idrees Lone and Assistant LADC Sanveer Singh. A total of 173 cases were taken up, out of which 139 cases of differ-

ent nature were settled.

An amount of Rs. 3,05,51,000/- was awarded to the claimants in MACT Cases, Bank Recovery Cases, Labour Disputes and other cases.

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After the successful conclusion of the annual Kailash Yatra, devotees and yatris have begun participating in the traditional Zajru/Zagara celebration at the revered Shri Vasuki Naag Ji Temple, Gatha-Bhaderwah.

In view of the large gathering of devotees and visitors expected during the celebrations, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal has put in place elaborate arrangements to ensure the smooth, peaceful and successful conduct of the event.

Comprehensive arrangements have been made by the administration, covering security and law-and-order, uninterrupted power and water supply, healthcare facilities, sanitation and cleanliness, traffic regulation and fire safety. Medical teams



along with ambulances have been stationed to meet any emergency requirement, while fire tenders have also been deployed as a precautionary measure.

To ensure effective coordination and crowd man-

agement, Magistrates have been deployed at strategic locations. Concerned departments have been directed to maintain close coordination and remain vigilant throughout the celebrations.

The coordinated

arrangements aim to ensure that the traditional Zajru/Zagara celebration is conducted in a safe, peaceful and orderly manner, while providing necessary facilities and assistance to the visiting devotees and yatris.

DLSA Samba successfully organises 3rd National Lok Adalat

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 13: Under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and pursuant to the directions of the J&K Legal Services Authority, Jammu/Srinagar, the District Legal Services Authority, Samba successfully organised the 3rd National Lok Adalat of the year 2026 today at the District Court Complex.

The National Lok Adalat was inaugurated by Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Samba and Principal District & Sessions Judge, Samba Ashwani Kumar Sharma, in the presence of judicial officers, members of the Bar, litigants, court staff and other stakeholders.

The National Lok Adalat was organised with the objective of providing an effective, expeditious and cost-free mechanism for amicable resolution of disputes, thereby reducing the

burden of litigation upon the courts and facilitating access to justice for all sections of society. The Lok Adalat mechanism enables parties to resolve their disputes through mutual consent and settlement in a cordial and non-adversarial environment.

For the effective conduct of the National Lok Adalat, seven benches were constituted at the District Court Complex, Samba. The benches comprised judicial officers and empanelled advocates, as under:

Chairman DLSA and Principal District & Sessions Judge Ashwani Kumar Sharma chaired the Bench No 1 with Advocate S.K. Khanmotra; Additional District & Sessions Judge Arvind Sharma chaired Bench NO 2 with Advocate Ganesh Sharma; Chief Judicial Magistrate Smriti Sharma with Advocate Ajay Gupta chaired



Bench No. 3; Secretary, DLSA (Sub-Judge) Shafeeq Ahmed with Advocate Rahul Sharma formed Bench No. 4; Additional Special Mobile Magis-

trate Rashi Verma, with Advocate Vijay Gupta led Bench No. 5; Munsiff Ritika Jamwal with Advocate Hitesh Sharma formed Bench No. 6 and Addi-

tional Munsiff Kritika Sethi with Advocate Rajeev Gupta led Bench No. 7.

In addition, suitable benches were also constituted by the

District Administration Samba, under the administrative side, for taking up and amicably resolving compoundable matters pending before the administrative authorities, as deemed appropriate.

The National Lok Adalat took up a wide range of matters, including cases pertaining to Motor Accident Claims (MACT), Land Acquisition, Traffic Challs, cases under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, criminal compoundable matters, civil cases, pre-litigation disputes and other matters amenable to settlement.

The National Lok Adalat witnessed encouraging participation from litigants and stakeholders. A total of 990 cases were taken up, out of which 864 cases were amicably disposed of, resulting in an overall settlement amount of ₹2,78,73,475/- (Rupees Two

Core Seventy-Eight Lakh Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five only).

The successful disposal of such a substantial number of cases reflects the efficacy of the Lok Adalat mechanism in providing speedy, inexpensive and accessible justice and in promoting a culture of consensual dispute resolution.

The initiative also contributes significantly towards reducing pendency and ensuring that litigants are able to obtain relief without undergoing prolonged litigation.

The successful conduct of the National Lok Adalat was made possible through the coordinated efforts of the judicial officers, members of the Bar, court staff, Legal Aid Defence Counsel, Para-Legal Volunteers and all other stakeholders associated with the legal services programme.