

## LOK ADALAT REACHES PINNACLE: OVER ONE CRORE CASES SETTLED IN A SINGLE DAY



*“Lok Adalat has been instrumental in channelizing the development of an inclusive society by making justice accessible at the fulcrum of the society”.*

*- Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit, Chief Justice of India  
Designate and Executive Chairman of NALSA*

The third National Lok Adalat of the year 2022 was conducted in all the 35 States/ Union Territories except Delhi on 13 August'22 under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). Lok Adalat in Delhi would be organised on 21 August'22.

Lok Adalat has assumed multiple proportions in terms of its growth, efficacy and bringing about a change in the justice dispensation system since Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lalit's appointment as the Executive Chairman of NALSA. His Lordship has always highlighted the efficacy of Lok Adalat as a catalyst of change in reducing the huge pendency on courts incurred during the pandemic.

To ensure a cordial organisation of Lok Adalat throughout the country, His Lordship himself interacted with the State Legal Services Authorities to keep a track on the progress of the developments, giving his invaluable contribution in success of the Lok Adalat.



This Lok Adalat witnessed a historic moment wherein a criminal appeal was resolved through video conferencing. This matter was presented before the Division Bench No-24 of Presiding Officer, Ankita Tigga. In this case one of the accused had died and the applicant had also died. The legal heir of the deceased applicant, his daughter, who was currently residing in "Scotlad", was interrogated through video conferencing after which the case was closed on the basis of an amicable settlement.

It is welcoming to note that more than 75 lakh pre litigation cases, 25 lakh pending cases has been disposed of and this Lok Adalat has breached the 1 crore mark in

settling disputes along with recording a settlement amount to the tune of Rupees 90 billion, thus creating history by breaking the records of previous years.

This year the objective of NALSA which has always been to promote speedy and affordable justice for common man has reached one step ahead by recording such figures and this has been made possible only due to His Lordship's relentless efforts and motivation. There is no hesitation about the fact that Justice Lalit's tenure as the Executive Chairman of NALSA would leave a rich legacy behind as His Lordship's vision manifested the idea of 'access to justice' working with the underlying approach of believing that access to justice is not a mere slogan but an objective to be pursued with undying spirit.