

## **HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Successful conclusion of the 90 Days' Mediation Drive – “Mediation For the Nation” organized by NALSA and MCPC**

Delhi High Court successfully concluded the 90 days' nationwide Special Mediation Drive, “*Mediation For the Nation*”, conceptualized by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in association with the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) under the guidance of Chief Justice of India and Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Executive Chairman, NALSA and Chairman, MCPC, which was conducted from 01.07.2025 to 30.09.2025. The drive aimed at promoting amicable settlement of pending disputes through structured mediation across all Taluka Courts, District Courts and High Courts of India, thereby significantly reducing case pendency and delivering timely justice to litigants.

Under the able guidance of Mr. Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Mr. Justice Navin Chawla, former Chairman, Overseeing Committee of *Samadhan* — the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of the Delhi High Court (for short ‘Centre’) and Mr. Justice Hari Shankar, former Chairman, Mediation Monitoring Committee for the Delhi District Courts, this initiative of Supreme Court of India was successfully carried forward by the Delhi High Court and the Delhi District.

Wide publicity was given to the drive through advertisements, posters, banners and display of public notices on the websites of the Delhi High Court, District Courts and of *Samadhan*. To make sure that the normal functioning of the High Court does not suffer, Registrars and Joint Registrars of the Delhi High Court were assigned the task of identifying the suitable cases for mediation and conduct referral proceedings and for effective coordination and smooth management of the drive, Nodal officer was appointed.

The Mediation Centres witnessed enthusiastic participation of parties, advocates, and trained mediators, working in a collaborative spirit to ensure effective resolution of

civil, family, and commercial disputes. Innovative measures such as online mediation sessions, focused settlement drives, and personalized case follow-ups were instrumental in achieving this outcome. With large number of cases being listed daily before Mediation Centres, effective strategies were implemented to manage the huge inflow of cases and to facilitate litigants throughout the drive.

Within a short span of about three months of this special drive, 28,141 matters were referred for mediation in the Delhi High Court and the Delhi District Courts out of which, 4,316 matters were settled and 13,938 matters referred during the drive are still pending for settlement. These figures show that the mediation drive was a huge success. Mr. Justice Nitin Wasudeo Sambre, present Chairman, Overseeing Committee of the Centre and Mr. Justice Vivek Chaudhary, present Chairman, Mediation Monitoring Committee for the Delhi District Courts, also gave their invaluable inputs so that the drive is concluded on a positive note.

The Special Mediation Drive has set a strong precedent in demonstrating the effectiveness of mediation in addressing the growing pendency in the judicial system while empowering parties to resolve disputes amicably. The success of this Special Mediation Drive is a testimony to the collective vision, leadership, and dedication of all stakeholders, reaffirming mediation as a robust mechanism for dispute resolution and a significant step in reducing pendency of cases in courts.

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