

# National Lok Adalats held across UT's of J&K, Ladakh

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SRINAGAR: J&K and Ladakh Legal Services Authorities organized National Lok Adalat throughout the UT's of J&K and Ladakh, on Saturday under the leadership of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Chief Justice and Patron-in-Chief, J&K and Ladakh Legal Services Authorities and under the guidance of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, Ladakh Legal Services Authority and Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee.

In order to have maximum response and settlements between the parties in cases like MACT, matrimonial, cheque bounce cases under NI Act, Money recovery cases, etc., it was advised to organize pre-lok Adalat sittings or pre-counselling sessions well before the date of National Lok Adalat so that parties may get one or more chances for entering into negotiation/dialogue with the opposite parties.

Apart from this, webinars were organized to sensitize the officers of Legal Services Authorities/Committees, Panel Lawyers and PLVs about the importance of Lok Adalat as a mode for Alternate Dispute Resolution.



Chief Justice, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey handing over a cheque to the concerned claimants at Srinagar.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Chief Justice and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority inaugurated the National Lok Adalat in District Court Complex Jammu. Thereafter, Justice Magrey, inspected different benches of the National Lok Adalat in District Court Complex as well as in the Srinagar Wing of the High Court to have first-hand information about the cases being taken up and disposed of in the National Lok Adalat.

As per the information received from the districts, out of a total

number of 94,839 cases taken up by 119 Benches in the day long National Lok Adalat at various courts across the UT of J&K, 83,082 Cases were disposed of and an amount of Rs. 128,62,87,728/- was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases in such a large number.

Meanwhile, a National Lok Adalat was held on Saturday in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Srinagar wherein a number of advocates and litigants participated to seek amicable settlement of their cases pending before the High Court. Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey handed over the cheques regarding various MACT cases, to the concerned claimants.

Later, the Advocates and litigants appreciated successful resolution of their disputes through such alternative dispute redressal system.

## Centre committed to dev of J&K, any assistance required to be extended: Union MoS

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ANANTNAG: Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), B L Verma on Saturday said that the Union Government is committed to the development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and any assistance required will be extended.

"Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has taken various steps for welfare of the common man and rapid development is being witnessed across J&K", the minister said while beginning his two day tour of Anantnag district as part of the ongoing public outreach programme of the Central Government and reviewed the development scenario of the district. The Minister also remarked that the UT administration under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has designed suitable interventions to address the problems



Union MoS DoNER, B L Verma interacting with people at Anantnag.

of the common man and has made unprecedented efforts at ensuring transparency and accountability in implementation of welfare measures.

On the first day of his visit, the Minister visited the Martand Sun temple, Ranbirpora here. During the visit, the Minister was apprised of the rich history of the sun temple and the fact that it is the oldest of the three sun temples in the country. The Minister on the

occasion also interacted with the employees and local populace of the area and gave patient hearing to them. Later, the Minister visited Pahalgam and held a detailed interaction with local delegations as well as District Development Council Chairman and members, BDC Chairpersons, President MC Pahalgam and Sarpanches there. The delegations included representatives of Association of Sunmo Stand Pahalgam as well as

local residents of Pahalgam. The delegations put forth several suggestions and the minister gave them patient hearing. The Minister while interacting with the delegations said that the suggestions put forth by the delegations will be taken into account and appropriate action will be taken.

During the interaction, DDC Chairman Anantnag, MY Gorski apprised the chair that development in Anantnag is progressing at a rapid pace. He said that the departments are organizing awareness camps throughout the district to ensure that every beneficiary is covered under the welfare schemes of the government. He said that there has been significant progress in coverage of people under PM Sehat, E Shram Cards, Social Security for old aged, widows, PM POSHAN and prosthetic aids for the specially abled. In the mean-

while, the Minister inspected the stalls erected by various departments like Industries and Commerce, Agriculture Production, Handicrafts and Handlooms, Fisheries, Health and Family Welfare, AYUSHI, ICDS and Social Welfare. He also distributed Golden cards among PM SEHAT beneficiaries, Artisan cards among craftsmen, sanction letters among industrial unit holders, PMMSY beneficiaries, etc. Interacting with the beneficiaries, he inquired about the process they had to follow for receiving the benefits and the time taken.

Later, the Minister also visited the under construction Sub District Hospital at Pahalgam being constructed at a cost of Rs. 19.9 crores. He also visited the under construction Court Complex of Munsif, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Pahalgam.

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The situation, that is unfolding in Kashmir, it is right time for the central government to announce a comprehensive package for return and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandit employees from valley in wake of "selective killings."

"We demand setting up of an apex committee headed by the Union home minister to formulate and implement the rehabilitation of KPs in the valley with "security, honour and dignity."

Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj (YAKS) said it is high time for government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring back the entire Kashmiri Hindu community living as "refugees in various parts of the country to valley and rehabilitate them with security, honour and dignity".

YAKS is a Jammu-based organisation advocating for interest of the youth, unemployed, educated persons from the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community.

The displaced Kashmiri Pandit employees working under PM special employment package in the valley are on the protest for the past over 6 months demanding relocation from valley to Jammu in wake of "their selective and targeted killings."

They also demanded relocation of employees till the entire community is rehabilitated back in the Kashmir.

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