

# 3rd National Lok Adalat held across Valley

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SRINAGAR: In pursuance to the directions of National Legal Services Authority, the National Lok Adalat was on Saturday conducted across all the districts of Kashmir division. The Lok Adalat was organised to settle Pre-litigation, pending cases in the courts particularly MACT, matrimonial, family disputes, labour disputes, civil and criminal cases, bank recovery cases, electricity and water bills besides cases related to other civil matters. In Srinagar, the National Lok Adalat was organized by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar and was inaugurated under the Chairmanship of Jawad Ahmad, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Srinagar. A total of Nine Benches were constituted on the occasion. At Budgam, National Lok Adalat was inaugurated by Mohammad Ashraf Malik, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Baramulla in collaboration with Tehsil Legal Service Committees today organised Special Lok Adalats across the district. Others places where Lok Adalats were held included Sopore, Tangmarg, Rafiabab, Uri, Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam etc. At Pulwama, The National Lok Adalat was organised by DLSA Pulwama and was inaugurated by Ab. Rashid Malik, Chairman DLSA in presence of all judicial officers posted at Pulwama headquarter and bar members. While interacting with media persons, the Chairman DLSA told them regarding the benefits of referring and settlement of cases in these

Lok-Adalats. A total of nine benches were constituted out of which four benches were constituted for holding of National Lok Adalat at District headquarter and three benches at Tehsil Levels of the District Pulwama.

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Indian National Flag

**Q. Is the use, display and hoisting of the National Flag guided by any overarching set of instructions?**

Yes- the 'Flag Code of India 2002' and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.

**Q. Can I display the National Flag at my home?**

As per paragraph 2.2 of the Flag Code of India, a member of the public, a private organization, or an educational institution may hoist/display the National Flag on all days or occasions in accordance with the dignity and honour of the National Flag.

**Q. What is the timing for flying the National Flag in the open/at the home?**

The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 20th July, 2022 and clause (xi) of paragraph 2.2 of Part-II of the Flag Code of India was replaced by the following clause:-

(xi) "where the Flag is displayed in open or displayed on the house of a member of public, it may be flown day and night;"

**Q. What should I keep in mind to avoid incorrect display of the National Flag?**

- The National Flag shall not be displayed in an inverted manner; i.e.; the saffron band should not be the bottom band
- A damaged or disheveled National Flag shall not be displayed
- The National Flag shall not be dipped in salute to any person or thing
- No other flag or bunting shall be placed higher than or above or side by side with the National Flag; nor shall any object including flowers or garlands, or emblem be placed on or above the flagmast from which the National Flag is flown.
- The National Flag shall not be used as a festoon, rosette, bunting, or in any other manner for decoration
- The National Flag shall not be allowed to touch the ground or the floor or trail in the water
- The National Flag shall not be displayed or fastened in any manner as may damage it
- The National Flag should not be flown from a single masthead (top part of a flagpole) simultaneously with any other flag or flags
- The National Flag shall not be used to cover a speaker's desk, nor shall it be draped over a speaker's platform
- The National Flag shall not be used as a portion of costume or uniform or accessory of any description which is worn below the waist of any person nor shall it be embroidered or printed on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, undergarments or any dress material.

**Q. Are there any rules for prevention of insult to the Indian National Flag?**

Yes. In accordance with explanation 4 to section 2 of "the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971", the following should be observed:

- The National Flag shall not be used as a form of drapery in any form whatsoever, including private funerals
- The National Flag shall not be used as a portion of costume or uniform or accessory of any description which is worn below the waist of any person nor shall it be embroidered or printed on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, undergarments or any dress material
- There shall be no lettering upon the National Flag
- The National Flag shall not be used to wrap, receive, or deliver things
- The National Flag shall not be used to cover the sides, back, and top of any vehicle.

**Q. Should the National Flag be flown at half-mast?**

The National Flag shall not be flown at half-mast except on occasions instructed by the Government of India. When flown at half-mast, the National Flag shall be hoisted first to the peak/top of the staff, then lowered to the half-mast position. Before lowering the National Flag for the day, it should be raised again to its peak.

**Q. What is the correct way to display the National Flag in the open/on public buildings?**

As per Section III of Part III of the Flag Code of India, if the National Flag is flown on public buildings, it should be flown on all days from sunrise to sunset, irrespective of the weather conditions. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly.

- When the National Flag is displayed flat and horizontal on a wall, the saffron band shall be upper most and when displayed vertically, the saffron band shall be to the right in reference to the National Flag i.e., it should be to the left of a person facing it.
- When the National Flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a windowsill, balcony, or front of a building, the saffron band shall be at the farther end of the staff.

**Q. How should the National Flag be disposed?**

- As per paragraph 2.2 of the Flag Code of India, if the National Flag is damaged, it shall be destroyed as a whole in private, preferably by burning or any other method considering the dignity of the National Flag.
- The National Flag, if made of paper, is waved by the general public, these flags should not be discarded on the ground. These should be discarded in private, keeping in mind the dignity of the National Flag.

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