

# Conference on "Legal Awareness and Role of ADR"

Date : 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2011

A Conference on "Legal Awareness and Role of ADR" was organized by the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority at NYAYA Sadan on 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2011.

The programme marked the conclusion of the 5-Day Continuous Mega Lok Adalat that was initiated in all the Districts of Jharkhand starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> of Aug 2011 to 27<sup>th</sup> of Aug 2011 under the able guidance of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prakash Tatia**, the then Acting Chief Justice, Jharkhand High Court and Patron-in-Chief, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority. A large number of cases 20,000 (approx) have been disposed in total in all the districts of Jharkhand in the 5-Day Mega Lok Adalat.

The 5-day Continuous Mega Lok Adalat was a new vision given by Hon'ble the then Acting Chief Justice and Patron-in-Chief, JHALSA so that a large number of people could be benefited through this drive. The result emerging from the District Judiciary shows that people

have started reposing trust in the ADR System that gives quick justice to the people and brings the common Brotherhood amongst the people.

The programme at Nyaya Sadan started in the benign presence of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.J Mukhopadhaya**, the then Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat & presently Judge, Supreme Court of India, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice R K Merathia**, Judge, Jharkhand High Court and Executive Chairman, JHALSA, **Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Poonam Srivastav**, Judge, Jharkhand High Court and Chairman, HCLSC, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. I Dave**, Judge, Gujarat High Court, Mr. Justice N. P. Gupta (Retd), Rajasthan High Court and Hon'ble Judges of Jharkhand High Court, Judicial Officers of State of Jharkhand, Probationary Judicial Officers, Advocates, Bar Council Members etc. The programme comprised of Inaugural Session, Working Session and Interactive Session on the matter of problem and



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challenges faced by the State Authority and the way forward. The dignitaries exchanged their views on various aspects of legal services and legal awareness.

The Hon'ble Judges appreciated the hard exercise taken by the Judicial Officers all over the State and welcomed the common people and litigants who have come forward showing their trust in the ADR System.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.K. Merathia, Executive Chairman, JHALSA Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya, the then Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat & presently Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Poonam Srivastav, Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee called upon the Judicial Officers to continue with the exercise of Mega Lok Adalat in near future and also urged the advocates and common masses to cooperate in this movement so that the maximum number of people are able to get the benefits of the Lok Adalat System by way of which the Judiciary shall be able to achieve the goal as enshrined under Article 39A of the Constitution. The Executive Chairman, JHALSA Sri R.K. Merathia informed the august gathering at Nyaya Sadan, JHALSA that next Mega Lok Adalat may be held just after Dusshera Puja Holidays. The Hon'ble Judges thanked all the participants, High Court Judges, Judicial Officers, media people and litigants for their active participation in the Mega Lok Adalat.



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Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. K. Merathia, Judge, Jharkhand High Court & Executive Chairman, JHALSA lighting the lamp.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. J. Mukhopadhyay, the then Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat & presently Judge, Supreme Court of India addressing the participants



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