

## Supreme Court of India Launches 90-Day Nationwide Mediation Campaign to Promote Dispute Resolution

On 26 June 2025, in a push to institutionalise mediation as a mainstream method of dispute resolution across India, the <u>Supreme Court of India</u>, through its statutory wings, the National Legal Services Authority of India (<u>NALSA</u>) and the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (<u>MCPC</u>), has launched a 90-day Pan-India Mediation Campaign titled "Mediation for the Nation." This nationwide drive, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Justice Surya Kant, Executive Chairman of NALSA and MCPC, aims to promote mediation as a people's friendly mode of dispute resolution.

The campaign will run from 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 and is aimed at settling suitable matters pending before courts across the country, from the Taluka level up to the High Courts.

The campaign will focus on cases that are suitable for mediation and are pending under the following categories:

- a. Matrimonial disputes
- b. Accident claims
- c. Domestic violence cases
- d. Cheque bounce cases
- e. Commercial disputes
- f. Land acquisition disputes
- g. Partition and family property matters
- h. Compoundable criminal cases
- i. Consumer disputes
- j. Debt recovery cases
- k. Eviction cases and other civil disputes with a settlement element

Cases listed before the courts during 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 with prima facie potential for settlement will be automatically referred to mediation.

The case identification and referral process will take place from 1 July 2025 to 31 July 2025. Specific dates being 4, 11, 18, 25 August 2025 and 1, 8, 15, 22 September 2025, have been earmarked for data transmission regarding settlements and referrals.

The final compilation of statistics on mediation outcomes is scheduled to be sent to MCPC by 6 October 2025. To strengthen the credibility and impact of this drive, the National Judicial Academy (NJA) Bhopal, in collaboration with select National Law Universities (NLUs), will undertake an in-depth study assessing the efficacy and sociolegal impact of this Pan-India Mediation Campaign.

## **Operational Modalities**

- a. All certified mediators, particularly those who have recently completed the 40-Hour Mediation Training, will be mobilised.
- b. Mediation will be conducted in offline, online, or hybrid modes.
- c. District Legal Services Authorities across India will facilitate online mediation wherever necessary.
- d. Each High Court's Mediation Monitoring Committee will supervise the initiative at the state level.
- e. Counsellors and subject-matter experts may be brought in as required to aid settlements
- f. Mediation sessions are to be conducted seven days a week, based on parties' availability.