



Samadhan Samaroh: Supreme Court's Landmark Step Towards Mediation

Introduction

The Supreme Court of India has launched a historic initiative — **Samadhan Samaroh 2026** — to embed mediation and consent-based dispute resolution into the heart of the justice system. With millions of cases pending across Indian courts, this program is a bold step toward faster, fairer, and more humane justice.

What is Samadhan Samaroh?

- **Full form:** *Supreme Court Action for Mediated Adjudication and Disputes Harmonization Across Nation (SAMADHAN)*
- **Launch date:** April 21, 2026
- **Culmination:** Special Lok Adalat held on **August 21–23, 2026** at the Supreme Court
- **Objective:** To resolve disputes through dialogue, compromise, and mutual consent rather than prolonged litigation

Key Highlights of 2026

- **400+ cases settled on Day 1** of the Special Lok Adalat
- **600+ cases listed before 16 Special Benches**
- **Bench composition:** Two sitting Supreme Court Judges, senior advocates, Advocates-on-Record, and other lawyers



The poster for Samadhan Samaroh 2026 features the Supreme Court of India logo at the top, followed by the text 'SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND PLANNING'. The main title 'SAMADHAN SAMAROH 2026' is prominently displayed in blue, flanked by golden laurel wreaths. Below it, a yellow banner reads 'SPECIAL LOK ADALAT'. The dates 'ON 21ST AUGUST 2026 | 22ND AUGUST 2026 | 23RD AUGUST 2026' are listed. A paragraph explains that advocates and litigants with pending matters before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India can submit them for consideration. A blue circle with a yellow handshake icon is accompanied by the text 'LET US RESOLVE. LET US SETTLE.' Below this, a section titled 'IMPORTANT POINTS' lists two key points: 'ANY PENDING MATTER AMENABLE TO SETTLEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED' and 'ADVOCATES AND LITIGANTS MAY SEND DETAILS OF CASES FOR CONSIDERATION'. Another section titled 'ADVANTAGES OF SPECIAL LOK ADALAT' lists 'STREAMLINED AND COST EFFICIENT ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES' and 'FINAL AND BINDING AWARDS'. At the bottom, it states 'PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSELS MAY SUBMIT THEIR REQUEST BY FILLING OUT THE PRESCRIBED GOOGLE FORM AT:' followed by a Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/jqxfqF4BCWzukoP6>. It also mentions that the form is available at <https://www.sci.gov.in/>. The bottom of the poster shows a small image of the Supreme Court building.

- **Types of disputes resolved:**
 - Matrimonial & property disputes
 - Land acquisition & compensation cases
 - Motor accident claims
 - Tax matters (direct & indirect)
 - Service & labour disputes
 - Consumer and RERA disputes
 - Negotiable Instruments Act (cheque-bouncing cases)
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Why It Matters

- **Participative justice:** Litigants actively shape the outcome.
 - **Reduced pendency:** India faces **4.81 crore pending cases**; mediation helps ease this burden.
 - **Cost & time savings:** Avoids years of litigation and heavy legal fees.
 - **Institutional push:** Justice P.S. Narasimha emphasized that mediation must become a *permanent institutional process*.
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Traditional Litigation vs. Mediation

Aspect	Litigation	Samadhan Samaroh Mediation
Duration	Years/decades	Days/weeks
Cost	High	Lower
Decision-making	Judge decides	Parties decide
Outcome	Binding judgment	Amicable settlement
Emotional impact	Adversarial	Collaborative

How to Participate

- **Google Form Submission:** Litigants and Advocates-on-Record can submit cases online.
- **One Stop Centre (War Room):**
 - Phone: 011-41829534

- Mobile:+91 9911633691
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✦ Conclusion

Samadhan Samaroh is more than a one-time event — it is a **vision for the future of justice in India**. By prioritizing mediation, the Supreme Court is showing that disputes can be resolved not just legally, but humanely. This initiative is a beacon of hope for millions waiting for closure in the courts.

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Thank You &

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