

A REPORT

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# ONLINE LOK ADALAT FOR MAHARASHTRA

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MAHARASHTRA STATE LEGAL SERVICES  
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OFFICIAL TECHNOLOGY FACILITATOR

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## MEDIA COVERAGE

*The success was widely covered by media houses.  
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**Maharashtra: Almost 3 lakh cases, including 1.27 lakh pre-litigations disposed in Lok Adalat**

*Times of India*



**Settlement of Whopping Rs 1,313 Crores in Lok Adalat, Highest in Maharashtra So Far**

*LiveLaw*

**Lok Adalat to sit online on Aug 1, 56,000 cases to settle**

 **Hindustan Times**

*Hindustan Times*



**लातूरमध्ये आता लोकअदालतीचे कामकाजही ऑनलाइन**

*Esakal*

## A SPECIAL THANKS



**Hon'ble Shri Justice Dipankar Datta  
Chief Justice, Bombay High Court  
and Patron-in-Chief,MSLSA,Mumbai**



**Hon'ble Shri Justice A. A. Sayed  
Executive Chairman,MSLSA, Mumbai**



**Shri Dinesh P. Surana  
Member Secretary, MSLSA, Mumbai**



**Shri Milind Todkar,  
Deputy Secretary,  
MSLSA**

# LOK ADALAT IN THE DIGITAL AGE

On 1st August 2021, the first-ever Online Lok Adalat was conducted in Maharashtra under the aegis of Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority. The technical support in facilitating online settlement discussions for pre-litigation and post-litigation cases was provided by Sama.

This unique and innovative Lok Adalat was held due to limited judicial physical functioning amidst the Covid-19 outbreak.

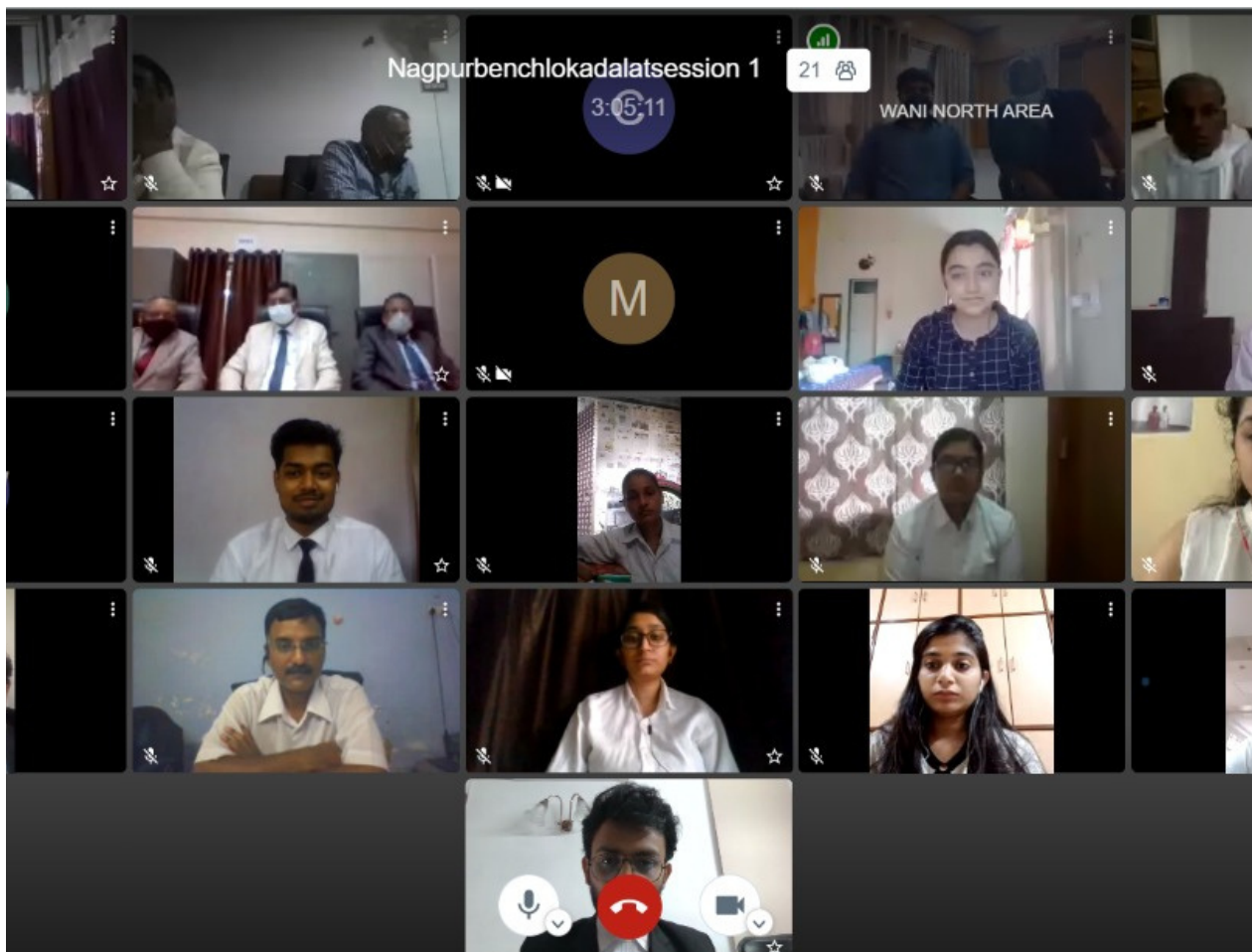
This online Lokadalat leads us to conclude that the online functioning of the judiciary can in the future be an alternative to the traditional judicial functioning. This Online Adalat was a success despite the physical mode of

Lok Adalat taking place simultaneously.

Data in this report strictly pertains to the cases which got settled through online mode. Parties from USA, UK also participated in the Online Mode of Lok Adalat and got their matter settled.

This Online Lok Adalat was made possible by Sama and its state-of-the-art Online Dispute Resolution(ODR) Platform and the ever-expanding team of experienced legal professionals and technical experts.

Sama is an ODR platform recognized by the Ministry of Law & Justice, that has taken great strides in dispute resolution across numerous states of which Maharashtra is the latest.



*A screenshot from one of our pre-litigation sessions.*

# FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

After the success of the Online Lok Adalat, we recorded reviews from the participants, pertaining to their experience with the Online Lok Adalat.

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*"Nice experience with SAMA, Great initiative by Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai Best wishes to SAMA for future task."*

*- Shri. V.S DHONDAGE, Civil judge Junior Division*

*"First of all thanks from my heart for taking forward/assisting/managing my case in Lok Adalat"*

*- Sameer Naik, Litigant, Pune*

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*"Thank you for making me feel so comfortable by talking in Telugu and carrying it out so smoothly, I feel so relieved now. Thank you so much"*

*- Salla Tirupati Rajama (Respondent in Bank of India case)*

*"आपण ऑनलाइन उपक्रम जो चालू केला आहे हा अत्यंत चांगला आहे यामध्ये वेळेची बचत तसेच कोरोना संदर्भात संपर्कात न येता यासाठी पण चांगला आहे आणि मी सर्व आपल्या टीमचे आभार मानतो धन्यवाद"*

*- Shriram Satao, Bank Manager, MU Coop. Soc. Bank.*

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*"Firstly Very thank you to all members of SAMA team. In this critical situation of covid-19, it becomes very difficult to all litigants to approached physically before court, in such situation SAMA online portal is very helpful to us. Video Conferencing with the help of SAMA portal is very helpful to litigants and court also...most of the cases are settled due to cooperation of members of SAMA team...Thank you."*

*Shri. D.M Gaikwad  
Panel Head  
Ambad, Jalna*

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*"The pre-counselling sessions and its facilitation by SAMA volunteers was very smooth. As a lawyer with multiple matters, I found the software and organisation to be very good and helpful."*

*- Akshay Kulkarni, Advocate*

*"It was very nice experience with you... thanks for your cooperation"*

*- Shri. Sandeep V. Swami, District Secretary, Raigad*

# STATISTICS

## A SUMMARY OF THE SESSIONS HELD ONLINE

- **18,212 cases were taken up.**
- **1,376 of these cases were settled.**
- **Total settlement amount = Rs. 14,72,07,417/- (Rupees fourteen Crore and Seventy-two Lakhs seven Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen Only).**

## A SPECIAL THANKS

**State Coordinators:** Anilesh Tewari and Ajitesh Priyadarshi

**Case Management Co-ordinators:** Ajitesh Priyadarshi, Divyesh Rao, Jishnu Veetil and Rohit Sharma

### **Sama Core Members**

Abhi Sharma, Ananya Singh, Ashutosh Gautam, Ataliya Kalam, Divyanshu Jain, Gautami Chakravarty, Hiranshi Shah, Kashvi Ail, Kaushal Jaisalmeria, Komal Bora, Nandini Hirani, Parneet Kaur, Pritesh Kumar, Renuka Mahajan, Richa Jha, Rifat Ansari, Rubinabi Inamdar, Sayani Gupta, Shambhavi Bhardwaj, Sneha Ranjan, Stuti Dhawan, Sushmita Sen, Syed M Tayyab, Tanishq Panwar, Tejal Kishanlal Deora, Tulja Sharad, Vidur Goyal, Yashvardhan Sharma

### **Sama Case Managers**

A special mention goes out to our 570+ case managers comprising law students and lawyers without whom this Lok Adalat would not have been possible.

### **Sama Team**

Pranjal Sinha, Co-founder  
Akshetha M. Ashok, Co-founder  
Vikram Kumar, Co-founder  
Paul Thomas Thottan  
Pushpendu Ghosh