

10th All India Conference of Central Administrative Tribunal to be inaugurated by Chief Justice of India on 20th September at Bharat Mandapam

Conference to deliberate on reforms for faster and more effective justice delivery in service matters

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The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) will hold its 10th All India Conference on 20th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The Conference will be inaugurated by Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, Chief Justice of India, in the august presence of Justice J.K. Maheshwari, Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Justice Prasanna B. Varale, and Justice Vijay Bishnoi, Judges of the Supreme Court of India.

The event will also be graced by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science & Technology; Earth Sciences; MoS, PMO; Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions; Department of Space and Atomic Energy, and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Law and Justice & MoS, Parliamentary Affairs, along with Shri R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India. Judges of High Courts, senior government officials, and senior advocates will also attend the Conference.

Established under the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, as a sequel to the 42nd Constitutional Amendment inserting Article 323A, the Central Administrative Tribunal came into existence on 1st November 1985. It adjudicates disputes and complaints related to recruitment and service conditions of persons appointed to public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union, States, and other local authorities under the Government of India. The Tribunal also exercises jurisdiction over employees of 230 Public Sector Undertakings and organisations notified by the Government.

The Tribunal has its Principal Bench in New Delhi and 18 Outlying Benches across the country. It is headed by the Chairman—normally a retired Chief Justice of a High Court—and comprises 69 Members (35 Judicial, including the Chairman, and 34 Administrative).

Over the last 39 years, the Tribunal has played a pivotal role in providing inexpensive and speedy justice. From 1985 till July 2025, about 9,72,720 cases have been instituted in the Tribunal, of which 9,03,617 have been disposed of, reflecting an impressive disposal rate of 92.89%. The Tribunal functions guided by principles of natural justice, free from the rigid procedures of CPC, and empowers aggrieved government employees to file applications with a nominal fee of just ₹50.

The 10th All India Conference aims to deliberate on the way forward for strengthening the judicial and administrative system, with particular emphasis on enhancing efficiency, improving disposal rates, and ensuring timely delivery of justice to government employees. The deliberations are expected to contribute towards further improving CAT's role as a cost-effective, accessible, and effective forum for service-related grievances.

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